



December 2018

FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Councillors and Staff of the Shire of Northam, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Heading toward the Christmas and New Year period allows us all to take the time to reflect back on the past 12 months. Personally, I think of all the great achievements by the number of volunteers within the Shire of Northam. It is the efforts of the volunteers, along with many others, who make our part of the world a great place to be.

During the Christmas and New Year season, I encourage all Shire of Northam Residents and Ratepayers to take care and be safe. Enjoy yourselves, but also be aware of your surroundings. If you are planning to attend celebratory functions, make sure you have an appointed "Skipper". I want to see everyone stay safe over the Festive Season and into the New Year.

In the period leading up to Christmas, remember to Shop Local. Keep the local retail and service providers at front of mind when doing your Christmas and New Years' Shopping. There are many ways you can do this. For helpful hints, head to the Northam Chamber of Commerce to see how you can support local businesses.

By checking the Shire of Northam events calendar, you will find there are a number of upcoming events and activities, these include the Link Theatre productions, Art Exhibitions, Community Christmas events in Bakers Hill, and local markets.

With us now being in the prohibited fire season, I urge all residents to be Bushfire Aware and plan ahead. In the case of a Bushfire; know if you are going to defend your property or leave. Be grateful to all the Bushfire and other emergency volunteers during the Bushfire Season. For more information on Bushfires, look at either the Shire's or the Department of Fire and Emergency's website.

The Shire of Northam Councillors will be attending any number of events in the lead up to Christmas and into the New Year. If you don't know one, or even any of the Councillors, please feel free to introduce yourself. For some background on the each of the Councillors, head to the Shire of Northam Website, under the "Our Council – Councillors and Staff" Tab. Remember to follow me in Instagram, maybe even get a "selfie" with me. Look for shire_of_northam_president and use #snaptheprez.

For the farming community, I hope that your harvest has gone well, and that you, along with all residents of the Shire of Northam, are able to enjoy a well-earned break.

If you're looking for what to do in Northam over the holiday season, head to either the Northam or Wundowie Pools, the BKB Centre, look at the Visit Northam Facebook page for local activities or check what activities there are at the Northam Recreation Centre.

Merry Christmas to all, and Happy New Year
Shire President Chris Antonio

SHIRE OPERATING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The Shire of Northam wishes to advise that some Shire of Northam Services will be closed over the Christmas & New Year Period. For a full list of Operating Hours please visit the Shire's website.

FREE MULCH AVAILABLE

The Shire of Northam is continuing its environmental initiative of mulching greenwaste at the Old Quarry Road Waste Facility and Inkpen Road Waste Facility. Mulch is available free of charge to householders in the Shire and is limited in size to two trailer or ute loads. Self-loading is required. This product may contain small amounts of plastic or metal.

Any queries in relation to the proposal should be directed to the Shire Environmental Health Department on 9622 6100 or alternatively email records@northam.wa.gov.au

CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS

If you are a Ratepayer and your postal address has recently changed please contact the Shire of Northam on 9622 6100 or via records@northam.wa.gov.au to update your details. When emailing please quote your property address on the subject line.

WUNDOWIE COMMUNITY BUS

The Shire of Northam is operating a community transport trial from Wundowie to Northam, via Bakers Hill and Clackline on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The trial is being supported by the Department of Communities and will run to around March 2019.

There is a cost of \$2 for a return journey. This is payable to the driver on the day. Booking are essential as seats on the bus are limited.

Bookings can be made by calling the Shire of Northam on 9622 6100 or the Wundowie Library on 9573 6205 or via the booking form on the Shire website.

For more information visit www.northam.wa.gov.au

ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY

The Shire of Northam Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) will be at the Bakers Hill Country Christmas Fair to answer all your questions about fire preparedness and to have the 5 Minute Fire Chat.

We are always looking for members of the public who would like to become street facilitators for the bushfire ready programme. If you would like to know more about establishing a group in your community/subdivision please head to <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au> or talk to the Shire's CESM by calling into the Bakers Hill Fair or calling 9622 6100.

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Friday 7

Northam Swimming Club - Quiz Night

Saturday 8

Northam Community Carols
Bakers Hill Country Christmas Fair
Northam Farmers Markets
Northam Country Club Christmas BBQ

Wednesday 12

Council Forum

Sunday 16

Splash & Dash

Wednesday 19

Council Meeting

Thursday 20

Seniors Morning Tea

Monday 31

NYE Celebrations @ El Caballo Resort

Visit www.northam.wa.gov.au/events-calendar for more information.

AT THE LIBRARY

Mondays 10:30am-11:00am

Activity Time for 0-5yrs

Wednesdays 10:30am-11:00am

Story Time with Craft 2-5yrs

Fridays 9:30am-10:00am

Baby Rhyme Time 0-2yrs

All activities are open to all residents of the Shire of Northam free of charge.

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