



January 2019

FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2019. I trust that everyone has enjoyed a great festive season. January is a time when many people take a well-deserved break. If you are travelling, please do so safely, and enjoy every possible moment.

2019 promises to be an exciting year for the Shire of Northam.

You will notice the continued development of the Youth and Family Park in the Jubilee Precinct. This should be ready for residents to use in the first quarter of the year.

Once the tender for the new pool has been awarded, construction is due to start soon afterwards, and will continue throughout the year. This major development will provide additional recreation opportunities.

During January, aim to shop local. Within the Shire of Northam, you have the opportunity for great service and products starting in Wundowie, also in Bakers Hill, and then within the Northam Townsite. Apart from the retailers, there are many successful commercial and service-providing businesses within the Shire. If you are unsure of who they are, contact one of the Shire's Chamber of Commerce or Progress Associations.

The Shire of Northam holds a number of events on Australia Day. If you're unsure of when and where these events are, head to the Shire of Northam website, or your local Progress Association.

This National day also provides the chance for the recognition and contribution by individuals and organisations to the Shire during the Australia Day Awards. Well done to all nominees and winners. The names of the individuals and organisations will be announced on Australia Day.

I remind all residents that we are still in the prohibited fire season. I continue to 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 for 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.

Towards the end of January, you may be planning for the school year ahead. There are a number of businesses within the Shire that can assist you with your back to school needs.

Keep an eye out for what new activities will be

occurring right across the Shire. The Shire continues to attract many types of investments with a number of exciting events as well.

Take Care and welcome to 2019 in the Shire of Northam,
Shire President Chris Antonio

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

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Looking forward to a trip away and a chance to escape the day-to day and relax these school holidays? Give yourself some peace of mind by ensuring you have properly secured your home for the duration of your holiday.

Lock up before you leave: It's often a rush of last minute organisation when you are leaving on a trip and one idea is to lock everything up the night prior to departure, particularly if you are leaving early in the morning.

Avoid the dark: Having exterior lights activated by motion sensors can light up the dark areas around your home at night.

Interior activity: Put some lamps on timers inside rooms that can come on in the early evening and switch off at bedtime.

Regular check-ups: You may wish to leave your house keys with trustworthy friends or family so that they can conduct regular check-ups on your property.

Don't let mail pile up: Contact Australia post to have your mail held.

Comings and goings: Consider asking a family member, friend or neighbour to park in your driveway.

SNAKE SEASON

The Shire of Northam would like to remind the community that this time of the year there are a lot more snakes about. If you feel you would prefer to have the snake relocated call Ray Adams - 0429 910 321 as the Rangers are not authorised to deal with them.

HARVEST/VEHICLE MOVEMENT/HOT WORKS BANS

Please be advised that the Shire of Northam has imposed a Harvest, Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Bans for the following periods:

NEW YEARS:

6pm Monday 31st December 2018 until 12am Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

AUSTRALIA DAY:

From 12am Saturday 26th January 2019 until 12am Tuesday 29th January 2019.

Harvest, Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Bans means;

The use of vehicles in paddocks is not permitted unless using a diesel vehicle for the purpose of watering and tending of livestock. The use or operation of any engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery is not permitted in the area likely to cause a bush fire or contribute to the spread of a bush fire.

Any "hot works" (e.g. welding, grinding, cutting, heating etc.) in the "open air" is not permitted.

The above bans are imposed in an attempt to mitigate the risk of fire during these public holiday periods.

If you have any queries in relation to this information or would like to be on the Harvest Ban SMS list, please contact the Shire of Northam on 9622 6100.

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

Saturday 26

Australia Day Celebrations

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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