



March 2018

President's Message

Now that we are a few weeks into the new school year, I hope that all students have settled in well, and have positive learning experiences from both in school and out-of-school lessons and activities.

For both current and new to town people, keep an eye out for a range of available community activities. There may be a sporting event or cultural activity which suits your interests. Start with the Shire of Northam website, Facebook page, or visit the Northam Recreation Centre.

For Grass Valley Residents, we have our community meeting at the start of March. This meeting will cover how to get involved with the planning for the new Grass Valley Community Plan. Please think about how you want to see Grass Valley over the next few years, and feel free to come along and to be involved.

The Shire of Northam Community Grant applications for the 2018 / 2019 year are open. If you think you may be eligible, head to the Shire of Northam website for more details. There are also links to other websites which may be able to assist you with funding for your club or event.

There is always something happening in the Shire of Northam. Some of the new activities in town include the approval of an application for a new Roadhouse at the corner of Yilgarn Avenue and Great Eastern Highway, the work being done at the Commercial Hotel site. We have the two main shopping centres completed or nearing completion, and the Shire recently adopted a new Northam Town Centre plan – so keep an eye out for changes.

Keep looking at the Shire of Northam website or Visit Northam Facebook Page to see what local events are coming up. The Shire and Local Community Groups regularly hold events, many of which you might enjoy.

During March we have two public holiday periods, Labour Day Holiday at the start of March, and Easter at the end of March. Please take the time to enjoy the short breaks, catch up with friends and family, and make sure that you remain safe if you are travelling.

Keep an eye out for you local Councillor at many events and functions, and feel free to say hello. There will always be a Councillor or two at the Lions Markets or the Northam Farmers Markets. Remember to follow me on Instagram, maybe even get a "selfie" with me. Look for shire_of_northam_president and use #snaptheprez.

The Shire of Northam continues to be an exciting place. It's a great place, and I encourage you to be part of what's happening, now and during 2018.

Take Care

Shire President
Chris Antonio

Adopt-a-Spot

Registered Adopt-a-Spot groups are eligible for funding through the Waste Authority.

For more information visit the Shire of Northam website.

DrumMuster

The next DrumMuster in the Shire of Northam is scheduled for Friday, 13 April 2018 at the Old Quarry Landfill Site in Northam. DrumMuster is aimed at recycling clean and dry drums throughout Australia. Eligible containers are those with the DrumMuster logo, and they must be clean i.e. triple rinsed or cleaned with high pressure and left with lids off to dry.

Once the containers are received, they are crushed or shredded and transformed into practical items such as plastic cable covers, wheelie bins, bollards and irrigation pipes. More information is available from the DrumMuster website at: www.drummuster.com.au

To participate in the Northam DrumMuster please contact Susan Burley at the Shire of Northam on 9622 6113 to arrange a drop off time and advise of the number of drums you will be delivering.

Stallholders Wanted

We are actively seeking stallholders and local businesses/ groups wishing to be involved in the Motorsport Festival held 7-8 of April.

Stalls are free or charge. Stallholders will be supplied with a marquee. For information on how you can be involved in one of our upcoming events, please call our Tourism & Events team on 9622 2100, search for Visit Northam on Facebook, or email events@northam.wa.gov.au

Community Grants

The Shire of Northam 2018/2019 Community Grants round is now open.

Community Grants are available to non-profit community based organisations, sporting groups and schools that implement a project or an event that is of benefit to the community. The Shire of Northam will favourably view initiatives that clearly demonstrate their benefit to the community, have additional funding partners and have a degree of sustainability.

As well as applying for small non-recurring Community Grants for one-off initiatives, groups can apply for sponsorships, scholarships, donations, prizes or other support and assistance through this program.

Applications can be submitted online or by downloading the relevant forms through the Shire of Northam website. For further information email csadmin@northam.wa.gov.au

Bakers Hill Storm Damage

On the 25th of February Bakers Hill was hit with a severe rainfall event causing damage to a number of subdivisions in the area. The Shire is currently in the process of assessing the extent of the damage and programming the appropriate remedial works.

These remedial works will be addressed as quickly as possible, prior to crews returning to their regular drainage improvement programs.

Hazard Perception Test

Bookings are essential for the Hazard Perception Tests due to the limited number of computers. To ensure minimum waiting times, please contact the administration office on 9622 6100 to make a booking.

What's on in March

Friday 9	HatchOUT Meet UP Relay for Life Dive in Disco
Saturday 10	Northam Farmers Market Relay for Life The Sun Rising Band Southern Cross Bush Band
Saturday 17	RSL Trot Day RSL Club - Poppy Making Don Neander Classical Guitar Recital
Thursday 22 Friday 23	Northam Farmers Market
Saturday 24	

Visit www.northam.wa.gov.au for more information.

At the Library

NORTHAM LIBRARY	
Every Monday 10.30-11am	Activity Time for 0-5 yrs
Every Wed 10:30-11am	Story Time with Craft 2-5 yrs
Every Friday 9:30-10am	Baby Rhyme Time 0-2 yrs

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

Round 3 has opened - Agriculture and Aquaculture Entrepreneurship Program

The WA Government's Agriculture and Aquaculture Entrepreneurship Program Round 3 opened this week. It offers scholarships of up to \$30,000 to farmers or other innovators working in the WA agriculture or aquaculture sectors. Scholarships are available once each year over four years through a competitive funding round, and the current round will close for applications at 12pm (noon) on 3 April 2018.

For more information, visit: www.jtsi.wa.gov.au/agriculture-and-aquaculture



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