



Shire of Northam  
Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle



## March 2019

### FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

Now that we are at about mid-term into the 1<sup>st</sup> term of the new school year, I hope that all students, with their friends and families, have settled in well, and have positive learning experiences from both in school and out-of-school lessons and activities.

For the Shire residents and ratepayers, this is an opportunity to keep an eye out for new faces. The new people could range from new teachers at any of our schools, to students at TAFE, or have just started an apprenticeship. Invite both existing and new residents to your community, sporting or service group. Make them feel welcome.

The Shire of Northam Community Grant applications for the 2019 / 2020 year are open from the middle of February to the middle of April. To check for eligibility, head to the Shire of Northam website under Community Grants. Grants can apply, and may be eligible, to assist with club sponsorship, events or projects. On the Shire website, there are also links to other forms of available grant funding.

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. A quick look at the Shire events calendar for March shows a range of activities. These include, the Lions Markets on the first Saturday of the month, the Wheatbelt Relay for Life Mini Relay, Clean-up Australia events, events at El Caballo and Wundowie, and the "Green Experience" on Friday evenings in Northam to name a few.

During March we have one public holiday. Labour Day Holiday at the start of March. Please take the time to enjoy the short break, catch up with friends and family, and make sure that you travel safe.

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 Green Experience. Remember to follow me in 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 the rest of 2019.

Take Care and enjoy all that the Shire of Northam has to offer

Shire President Chris Antonio

### FREE MULCH AVAILABLE

The Shire of Northam is continuing its environmental initiative of mulching green waste 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](mailto:records@northam.wa.gov.au)

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Shire of Northam 2019/2020 Community Grants round is open until the 18th of April.

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 [cdo@northam.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@northam.wa.gov.au)

### CREATE 298

The Shire of Northam Co-working Space 'Create 298' is a shared office space that is available to be used by private enterprises.

Located in Northam's centre, the space provides a very affordable and flexible opportunity for entrepreneurs to access modern work spaces, communal spaces, business networks and member services.

If you would like to find out more about the Shire of Northam Co-working Space and how it can benefit you, contact Shire of Northam's Community Development Officer, Michelle Blackhurst on 96226100 or [cdo@northam.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@northam.wa.gov.au)

### BUSHFIRE MITIGATION ACTIVITY FUND & RECRUITMENT

The Western Australian government has established the Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) to proactively treat extreme, very high and high bushfire risks in combination with the progressive rollout of the Bushfire Risk Management (BRM) Planning framework.

These bushfire mitigation activities are supported by Royalties for Regions and the Department of

### Fire and Emergency Services

The Shire of Northam's local Bushfire Brigades are looking for volunteers to join the team, so if you're interested in joining the team and helping out come and join the family, you'll never look back!

If you would like to find out more, please contact our Community Emergency Services Manager Brendon Rutter on 0458 08 08 18.

### AT THE LIBRARY

**Mondays 10:30am-11am** STEAM Activity Time for 0-5yrs - robots, science, engineering and art for little people.

**Wednesdays 10:30am-11am** Story Time with Craft 2-5yrs; 1000 hours of being read to before kindergarten gives your child a proven step up.

**Thursdays 3pm-4pm** (beginning March 14) Seniors IT - Training with the Be Connected program, and staff will answer your IT queries. BYO device, or let us know if you need one.

**Thursdays 4.30pm-7pm** Northam Music Sessions. Open to all, whatever your musical skill. Play Celtic traditional music, or come along to listen.

Is your child interested in coding? We're looking to restart CoderDojo on Saturdays - please let us know if you'd like to take part at [libstaff@northam.wa.gov.au](mailto:libstaff@northam.wa.gov.au)

All activities are free of charge.

### RECREATION CENTRE

There has been a lot going on at the Northam Recreation Centre over the past few weeks, with the new pool entering its 6<sup>th</sup> week of construction. The centre was also lucky to receive a visit from the West Coast Eagles, who enjoyed a few rounds of carpet bowls!

### WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

**FRIDAY 8, 15, 22, 29**  
The Green Experience

**WEDNESDAY 13**  
Council Forum

**FRIDAY 15**  
Be Brave & Shave

**WEDNESDAY 20**  
Council Meeting

Visit [www.northam.wa.gov.au/events-calendar](http://www.northam.wa.gov.au/events-calendar) for more information.

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