



October 2017

President's Message

Residents are reminded that firebreaks are due to be compliant by 1st of November. Permits to burn will be required from 1st October. Application forms are available on the Shire's website. Now is the time to prepare your property for bushfires. The more you prepare your property the better the chance it will survive a bushfire, even if you are not there. To ensure the safety of your property and avoid penalties see the Shire of Northam website and Fire & Burning Information Booklet.

The Local Government Elections will be held on 21 October 2017. This year will be a postal vote, which can be mailed back to the West Australian Electoral Commission or brought into the Shire of Northam Administration Centre and placed in the ballot box. If you are enrolled to vote we urge you to have your say this election and help shape the future of Northam.

Residents are reminded that rates are now due. Payment options are available, please refer to the Rates Notice or contact the Shire for further information. Rates that are not paid by the due date will incur a daily interest charge. Interest will be applied to instalments outstanding past the due date, or where the instalment option is not in place 35 days after the date the rate notice was issued. The interest rate is 11% pa, and this is calculated on a simple interest method.

Once again the National Ballooning Championships were a huge success. Congratulations to all connected with the Ballooning Championships including the overall winner, NSW's Mathew Scaife. Visit Northam ran a colouring in and a photo competition for spectators. Winners will be announced on Visit Northam social media.

The Shire will once again host a Pink Ribbon Day Walk starting from the Northam Library on the 27th October at 5:30pm. Dress in pink to walk around the river then head back to the Library for an afternoon tea. All donations will go to the Cancer Council.

Magpies will swoop during breeding season which is currently underway. Please be mindful during this time. If you are unfortunate enough to be the victim of a swooping magpie you can report this to www.magpiealert.com.

Shire President
Steven Pollard

Neighbourhood Watch Week

Neighbourhood Watch Week runs from the 2-8 of October. The Shire of Northam encourages residents to join a local Neighbourhood Watch Group. Neighbourhood Watch is simply neighbours getting to know neighbours, looking out for each other and reporting suspicious activity to Police. That is the smallest investment we ask of anyone that lives in our community. For more information head to the Shire's website.

Grass Valley Community Plan

The Shire and the Grass Valley Progress Association are calling for the thoughts & ideas of residents of Grass Valley to guide community planning and Shire budget allocations over the next 10 years. To commence the process a survey will be delivered to your postbox soon.

Cat and Dog Registrations are due 31 October

Dogs Registration

A dog owner is legally required to register his or her dog with the Shire of Northam if it is more than three months old. The registration period is from 1 November to 31 October the following year. It is an offence not to register your dog. Registration forms and fees can be found on the Shire of Northam's website, www.northam.wa.gov.au

Micro Chips

All dogs registered have to be micro chipped. Having your dog micro chipped will help local governments readily identify lost and stray dogs and quickly reunite them with their owners. Local Veterinary Clinics and some rescue organisations can perform microchipping. Please refer to our website for further information.

Dog Control

You have a legal responsibility to keep your dog under control, either confined within a fenced area on your property or on a leash when in public. Not having your dog on leash or if caught roaming can result in fines.

Number of Dogs

A maximum of two dogs per household are allowed. Applications in writing to the Shire of Northam can be made to have this number increased. In assessing an application consultation with adjoining landowners, previous history of the dogs and ensuring the dogs have a secure area are considered. Any approval issued is issued with special conditions.

Cats Registration

A cat owner is legally required to register his or her cat with the appropriate local government if it is more than six months old. The registration period is from 1 November to 31 October the following year. It is an offence not to register your cat. Registration forms and fees can be found on the Shire of Northam's website www.northam.wa.gov.au.

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Cat Control

You have a legal responsibility to keep your cat under control, either confined within a fenced area on your property. Not controlling your cat can result in it being deemed a nuisance and can result in fines.

Sterilisation

All cats excluding registered breeders are required to be sterilised. The Shire of Northam is currently offering a voucher for residents of the Shire to assist in the Veterinary costs of de-sexing and micro chipping of cats. With the agreement of our local veterinary clinics a reduced price for sterilisation is also offered. Information on the cat sterilisation program is available by contacting the Shire of Northam on 9622 6100.

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What's on in October

Saturday 7	Northam Community Markets Avon Colour Blast Northam Farmer Markets
Sunday 8	Back to Clackline Markets
Saturday 14	Northam Farmer Markets
Saturday 21	Dogs Day Out
Friday 27	Pink Ribbon Day
Saturday 28	Northam Farmer Markets

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 0-5 yrs
Every Friday 10-11am	Baby Rhyme Time
Monday 2 October 10am	Make a Minecraft Sword
Saturday 21 October	Cat's Day In
Tuesday 31 October 6-8pm	Library Trick or Treat
IT CLASSES	
Thurs 5 October 6pm	Online TV
Thurs 12 October 6pm	Online Documentaries
Thurs 12 October 6pm	Uni Student Night
Thurs 26 October 6pm	How to Edit Video
WUNDOWIE LIBRARY	
Tues 3 October 6pm	Skype
Tues 10 October 6pm	Online TV
Tues 17 October 6pm	Online Documentaries
Tues 24 October 6pm	Uni Student Night

All activities are open to all residents of the Shire of Northam free of charge. Bookings are essential for the IT classes at either the front desk or by calling the Northam Library on 9621 1600 or the Wundowie Library on 9573 6205.



Shire of Northam Ranger Services present...

Dog's Day Out Howloween

9am-12pm Saturday, 21st October
Bernard Park, Northam

- Prizes for best dressed dog and best dressed dog and owner
- Haunted hound house
- Chance to register your dog & chat to the Shire of Northam Rangers

- Dingo bingo
- Rally - O obstacle
- Duggie photographer
- Duggie show bags and lots and lots of prizes!

Shire of Northam
Enquiries to the Northam Visitor Centre
P: 9622 2100
E: events@northam.wa.gov.au
Visit Northam

Northam Central Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

The Shire of Northam is calling for expressions of interest for the Northam Central Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. Please email your details to records@northam.wa.gov.au