

# SEPTEMBER 2019

## FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

What a great time to be either living in, or visiting, the Shire of Northam. We are moving from the cool and crisp mornings to longer, sunnier days and warmer evenings. This time of the year is traditionally known as "Djilba" – The Transitional Season. What we can expect is warmer days, cool nights and a lot of wildflowers. For locals and tourists alike, the bright yellow flowers of Canola are now clearly visible.

During the month of September, there continues to be plenty of functions and events within the Shire of Northam. Already I have been invited to the Northam Art Show, The Northam Farmers Show, a number of Horse events, and a Career Expo for youth and school students, to name a few. Keep an eye out for events on the Shire of Northam Calendar or Facebook Page.

At this time of year, there are traditionally many winter sporting codes heading toward finals. I wish all local and regional teams all the best during finals, and I hope you have enjoyed your season. Good luck with the new spring and summer sporting seasons starting soon.

With the number of private developments having just opened, or nearing completion, I'm noticing a number of new jobs being advertised. These provide some additional opportunities for both current and potential locals for employment. Whilst here, there are not only plenty of facilities to enjoy, but walks and trails around the Avon River.

If you are passionate for our Shire, there is still time for you to nominate to become a Councillor for the Shire of Northam. Nominations open on the 5<sup>th</sup> September and close on the 12<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested or curious, head to the Shire of Northam website, speak to the Shire staff, or even a current Councillor to see how you can add to our community. I am available to you if you would like to know more.

I've been asked a few times recently about how to report anything that you might see out of order. This might be a damaged footpath, a blocked drain, or even a damaged road sign. The Shire of Northam has an "app", Snap Send Solve – which looks like this -

This allows you to take a photo of what you see, and then report it directly to the Shire of Northam. You will then be issued with a tracking number and what will happen going forward in order to repair or fix what you have seen. If you want to check on the progress, you can use your tracking number as a reference. Any photo you take will have a GPS reference, so the location point is clearly identified.



Enjoy the return to longer and warmer days, and remind yourself that within the Shire of Northam, we live and work in an incredible place

Take care

Shire President Chris Antonio

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES	
Gardener/general Maintenance worker	Closes: Friday September 6
Lifeguard & Community Services Office (Casual)	Closes: Friday September 13
Safety Officer	Closes: Friday September 13

For more information about employment opportunities within the Shire of Northam refer to the Shire of Northam website <https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/employment/>

## WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

**THURSDAY 5**  
Northam Race Day

**FRIDAY 6**  
DrumMuster

Facebook Advertising Workshop

**SATURDAY 7**  
Lions Community Markets

**WEDNESDAY 11**  
Council Forum  
Career Expo Directions

**TUESDAY 17**  
Managing Conflict & Challenging Behaviour

**WEDNESDAY 18**  
Council Meeting

**SATURDAY 21**  
Northam Fringe writers & Friends Fest 2019

**MONDAY 30**  
Kids Big Day Out  
Visit [www.northam.wa.gov.au/events-calendar](http://www.northam.wa.gov.au/events-calendar) for more information.



**SET FOR SOCIAL SPORTS**

**SUMMER COMPETITION**

NORTHAM RECREATION CENTRE

Small text: Social Sports for Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020. Numbers are limited so get in quick! For nomination forms please call into the Rec Centre or email [recreation@northam.wa.gov.au](mailto:recreation@northam.wa.gov.au)

Sports on offer are:  
• Volleyball  
• Floorball  
• Netball  
• Touch Rugby

For more information, call 9622 5153  
[www.northam.wa.gov.au](http://www.northam.wa.gov.au)  
@northamrecreationcentre

## CREATE 298

Create 298 is the Shire of Northam co-working space. It is a central working and meeting place that offers individuals the opportunity to work both independently and collaboratively in a shared environment. If you would like to find out more about Create 298, contact Shire of Northam's Community Development Officer, Michelle Blackhurst on 0437 139 158 or [cdo@northam.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@northam.wa.gov.au). <https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/develop-build/business-industry-support/create-298-co-working-space.aspx>

## POOL INSPECTION ADVICE

Drownings in backyard swimming pools occur every year and all too often the child finds their way into the pool because of an inadequate pool fence or gate. It is the law in every Australian state and territory that swimming pools must be correctly fenced and inspected every four years to ensure compliance. Local Government (Shire of Northam) is responsible for the periodic inspection and of pool barriers in WA.

A barrier design that meets the standard:

- Has no gaps or clearances that are wide enough for a toddler to squeeze through (must be less than 100mm)
- Has no climbing footholds (horizontal bars and gate hinges spaced 900mm or more apart.)
- Is at least 1.2m high with no more than 100mm ground clearance
- Strong enough that a child can't force a gap in the bars or mesh and withstand a heavy knock.

- Have a gate which swings outwards from pool area, self-closes from any position and has a latch with an effective height of 1500mm.

For more information <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/>

## FIREBREAKS

Are you on track to meet your Firebreak/Fuel load requirements? If not doing the work yourself, book in with your gardener/contractor or view our contractor list on our website (see link below) to ensure you don't risk a \$250 infringement for missing the deadline. **Fuel Loads in town?** Are you aware that you must reduce your fuel load? Depending on the size of your property, you may be required to reduce all grass to less than or equal to 10cm. For the specific requirements applicable to your property please visit our website at <https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/council-business/fire-and-emergency-management/firebreaks-and-fuel-loads.aspx> or request a copy of our 2019/20 Firebreak Notice from the administration office.

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The Shire of Northam Newsletter will no longer be in the Newspaper on a monthly basis. As of September 4, it will be available on the website, it is recommended to subscribe to receive the newsletter by email. If you wish to view the Newsletter via a hard copy, they will be available at the Shire Administration office and all council facilities.