

Community Newsletter

Pink Up Northam Edition
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Presidents Message

I hope you are enjoying your School holiday break if you're involved with any of our number of our excellent local schools. These school holidays offer a good chance to reflect on your successes during the year and to get ready for your final term.

For some, this will be your last term of school, and all you have left is exams. Whatever you choose to do, be it further studies, work or travel, good luck. You know in yourself you can enjoy life and be successful. Remember that there are opportunities for you here in the Shire of Northam. There are many people and organisations who are more than happy to assist you with your endeavours.

Thinking of someone who you believe has contributed greatly to our Shire, or to the community in general, please nominate them for the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards. There are a number of categories in which nominations are available, with finalists and winners announced on Australia Day. Nominations close on the 31st October. Further details can be found on the Council website.

The Shire of Northam has been nominated as a finalist in the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award. Winners of the awards are being announced on the 25th October. It is fantastic recognition to be nominated as a finalist and provides a great opportunity for our Shire to be promoted across all of Western Australia.

Thank you to all people who have nominated to be a Councillor for the Shire of Northam. Within the Central and East Wards, the sitting Councillors have been re-elected unopposed. There are 2 nominees for 1 position in the West Ward, and 10 nominees for 2 positions in the Town Ward. Good luck to all candidates. With successful candidates being announced at the Shire of Northam Chambers on the 19th October, I remind everyone to not only keep a look out for your voting forms in the post, but to complete and return them in the reply-paid envelope prior to this election date.

Check out the events calendars on the Shire of Northam Website, or the Visit Northam webpage, and see what exciting activities are available for you. Examples of what's on in October include the Wundowie Iron Festival, and number of events around "Pink up Northam", and the hosting of the Avon Valley Business Excellence Awards.

Major Projects Update

The Aquatic Centre continues progress toward completion. The due date for opening remains as January 2020. The construction of the new water slides is expected to commence soon.

There are a number of private developments nearing completion or opening soon. These developments show that the private sector sees what our Shire has to offer and provides additional employment opportunities.

Take Care

Shire President Chris Antonio



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Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Each year the Community Citizen of the Year Awards allow us to recognise individuals and organisations who have made notable contribution within the Shire of Northam. It is these people who help make the Shire of Northam such a great place to live and visit.

Outstanding contribution and community service includes areas such as; education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, social inclusion or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of a community.

There are four categories for the 2019 Awards:

- Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year – Youth
- Citizen of the Year – Senior
- Award for Active Citizenship

If you know someone who helps make our community a better place, please head to: <https://www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/>
Nominations close 31st of October.



Aussie Backyard Bird Count 21 – 27 October 2019

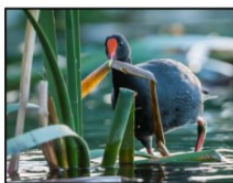
Calling all bird watchers!!! Join thousands of people across Australia and take part in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count between the 21st and 27th October. Get to know your local birds, record what you see and help Birdlife Australia collect data across the country to provide a picture of what bird populations and species are doing. Anyone can join and there are Apps and booklets to help you identify what we have locally.

This is the 5th year that Birdlife Australia has run the Aussie Backyard Bird Count and the program is gaining momentum becoming one of the largest citizen science projects run in Australia. Anyone can join and it gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors for a 20 minute period to observe what birds exist in your immediate surroundings. You can partake anywhere there are birds including:

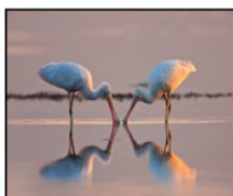
- Your backyard
- A local park or nature reserve
- Playground area at school
- A local wetland
- A paddock area

The national total will be updated in real time, and the App allows you to see which species are being counted in your local area. Start spreading the word with #AussieBirdCount.

Most Common Birds



Of The Avon River Pools



Beverley, York, Northam
& Toodyay

Bird Book for Beginners



of the Avon River Pools



Beverley to Toodyay
Western Australia

Restricted Burning Period

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 18 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, as amended, the Shire of Northam RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD commences 1 October 2019, until midnight on 30 November 2019.

The burning of garden refuse or rubbish on the ground or in an incinerator that would otherwise be permitted under Section 24F is prohibited on all land under 2000m² (square metres) in size during the Restricted Burning Time, without a Fire Permit issued under Regulation 15 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*. (Permits will only be issued to fire brigades to conduct controlled burns on properties of this size).

Permits to burn may be obtained from the Shire of Northam website <https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/services/fire-emergency-management/fire-permits.aspx>

Failure to comply with this notice may result in a penalty being issued.

Note: Restricted and Prohibited Burning Times may be varied due to seasonal changes. Due to seasonal weather conditions, permits may not be issued in some instances or further conditions may be imposed at the discretion of a Bush Fire Control Officer

To find out more information please visit the following link

<https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/services/fire-emergency-management/burning-times-and-fire-bans.aspx>

BURNING PERIOD	
OPEN PERIOD 1 MAY – 30 SEPT	BURN PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY NOW
RESTRICTED PERIOD 1 OCT - 30 NOV	PERMIT REQUIRED
PROHIBITED PERIOD 1 DEC – 28 FEB	NO BURNING
RESTRICTED PERIOD 1 MARCH – 30 APRIL	PERMIT REQUIRED

Your responsibilities as a dog owner

Dog control Penalty: \$200 to \$5,000

If you own a dog, you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control, either within a fenced area on your property or on a leash when in public.

Dogs barking Penalty: \$200 to \$5,000

As a dog owner, you are responsible for ensuring that your dog is not creating a public nuisance by barking excessively. Nuisance barking also covers public places adjoining the premises.

Removal of dog droppings Penalty: Varies

Dog droppings are a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. Most local governments have local laws that require the person in charge of the dog in a public place to remove their dog's droppings and adequately dispose of it.

Penalties for dog attacks Penalty: \$3,000 to \$20,000 Potential imprisonment

A dog attack is a very serious matter. If your dog attacks a person or another animal, you will be held responsible even if you are not there at the time.

Dog registration Penalty: \$200

A dog owner is legally required to register his or her dog with the appropriate local government if it is more than three months old. Contact your local government for a registration form and list of applicable fees.

Registration tags Penalty: \$200

Your dog is required to wear a collar to which must be attached a valid registration tag. This tag will be issued by your local government when you pay your registration fee.

DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 31ST

Your Home

Habitable building means a dwelling, workplace, place of gathering or assembly, a building used for storage or display of goods or produce for sale by wholesale in accordance with classes 1-9 of the Building Code of Australia. The term habitable building includes attached and adjacent structures like garages, carports, verandahs or similar roofed structures that are attached to, or within 6 metres of, the dwelling or primary building.

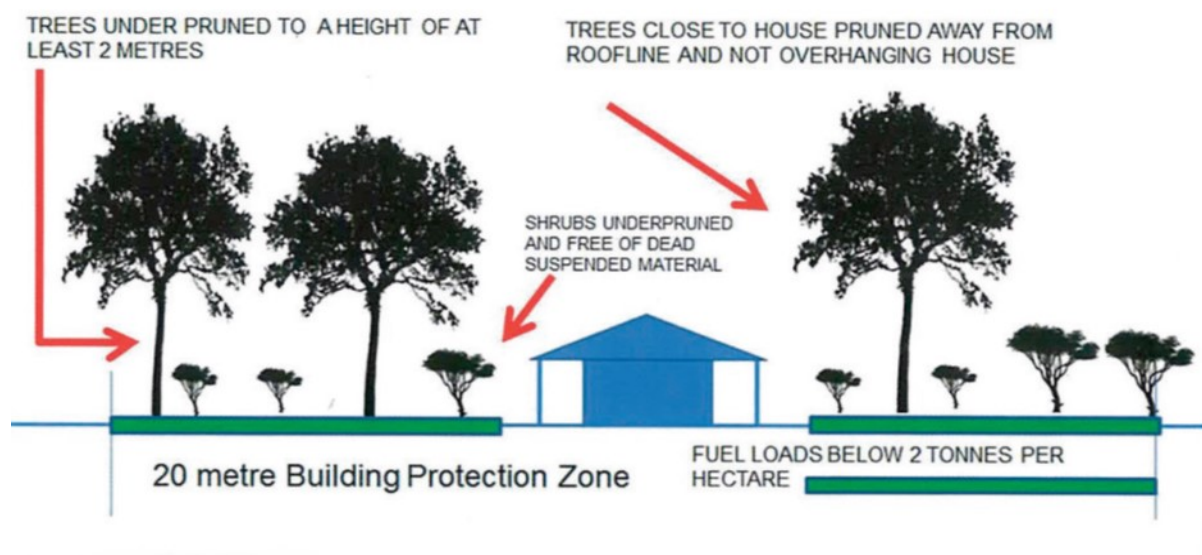
Building Protection Zones for habitable buildings must extend a minimum of 20 metres out from any external walls of the building, attached structures or adjacent structures within 6 metres of the habitable building.

Driveways and access ways are to be a minimum of 3 metres wide with a vertical clearance of 4 metres to allow for the safe passage of a fire appliance to all buildings and assets on the land.

All grass in Building Protection Zones must be maintained to or under 5cm in height.

There must be no tree crowns or branches hanging over habitable buildings.

Trees are to be low pruned (or under pruned) to at least a height of 2 metres from the ground.



Community Safety Tips

Neighbourhood Watch Week runs for the first week of October each year. The Shire of Northam Community Safety Committee 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 and a list of the Neighbourhood Watch Groups within the Shire of Northam head to the Shire's website.

Rates Payments

Remember to pay your rates by 9th October to be in the running for one of our fantastic prizes donated by local businesses

Seniors week 2019 Morning Tea

Cost : Free entry to Bilya Koort Boodja (BKB centre) and morning tea for seniors

Date : Thursday 14th November 2019

Time : 10am –12 noon

Place : Bilya Koort Boodja (BKB centre)
Minson Avenue,
Northam WA 6401

Transport : Transport provided within the shire of Northam
Bookings essential by Tuesday 12th November
Killara 96225765

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

General Labourer Closes 18/10/2019

Duty Pool Manager Closes 11/10/2019

Volunteer Chief Bushfire Control Officer Closes 7/10/2019

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

WHAT'S ON IN NORTHAM

OCTOBER 8

PINK PCYC KIDS DISCO
PCYC 10-12PM

OCTOBER 16

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING—5:30pm
Shire of Northam Administration Office

OCTOBER 25

LUCYS TEAROOMS ANNUAL PINK
CUPCAKE DAY
Lucys Tearooms 8-3PM

PINK DISCO AEROBICS
Northam Town Hall 6:30PM

OCTOBER 9

KIDS OPEN DAY
Northam Heritage Forum 12-3PM

COUNCIL FORUM
Shire of Northam Administration
Office 5:30PM

OCTOBER 18

AVON VALLEY BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

OCTOBER 26

PINK UP NORTHAM FAIR
Village Green 8:30-1PM

OCTOBER 12

WUNDOWIE IRON FESTIVAL
Wundowie Community Hall & Wundowie
Oval 10-4PM

OCTOBER 19

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
Shire of Northam, 395 Fitzgerald
Street NORTHAM

OCTOBER 27

NORTHAM GOLD CUP
Northam Race Club 11-9:10PM



SENIORS WEEK 2019

Morning Tea at the BKB

Thursday 14 November 2019
10am - 12pm at the
Bilya Koort Boodja Centre
Minson Avenue, Northam

FREE ENTRY & MORNING
TEA FOR ALL SENIORS

INTER-GENERATIONAL &
CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Transport provided within the
shire of Northam
Bookings essential by Tuesday
12th November. Phone Killara
9622 5765 to book.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

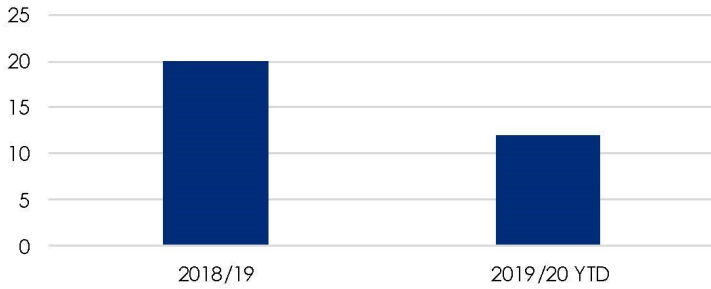


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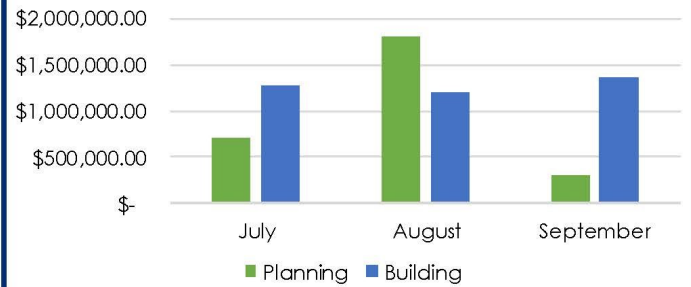
Shire of Northam Quarterly Report



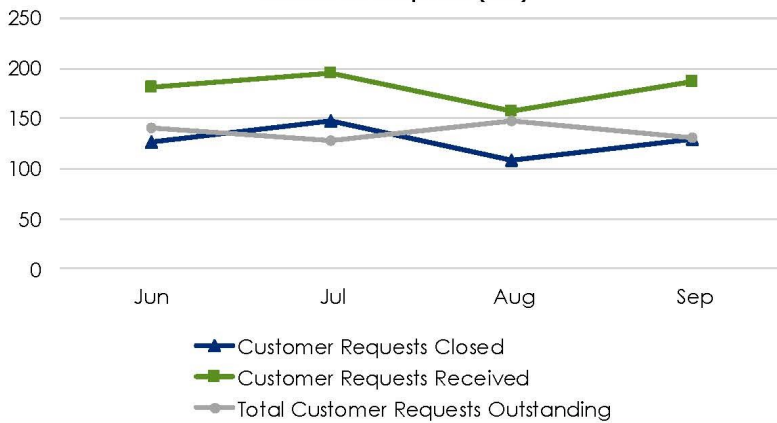
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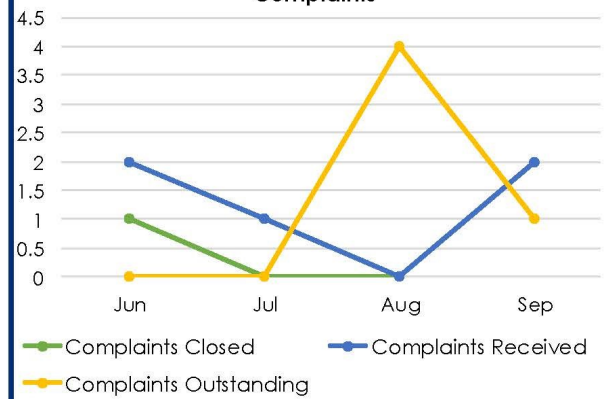
Value of Planning & Building Construction



Customer Requests (ICS)



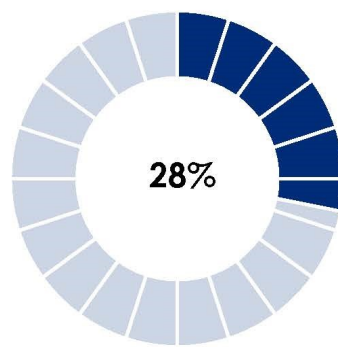
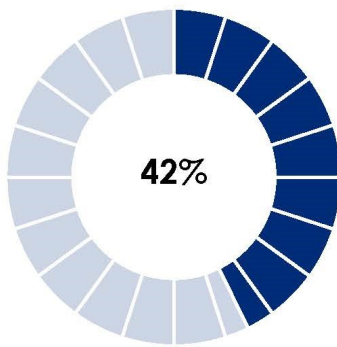
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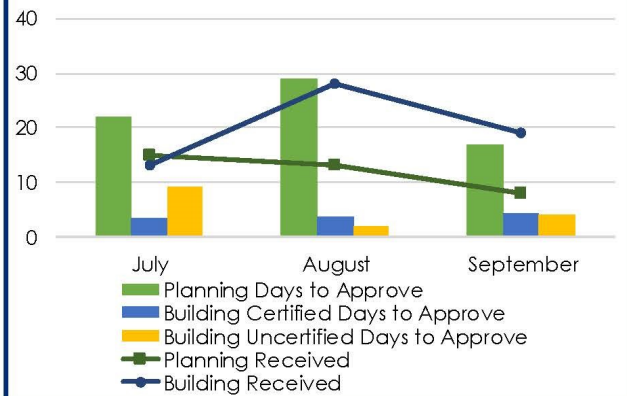
Road Grading

Grading Complete (Rd)

Grading Complete (km)



Building & Planning Applications



Property Sales



Council Payments July to September 2019

