

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Congratulations to everyone involved with the planning, construction and official opening of the Northam Aquatic Facility. This is a fantastic asset, and I encourage you, your friends and family, to check out this facility for yourself.

Thank you to all community members who were involved with various Australia Day activities around the Shire. Every nominee for the Australia Day Awards deserves recognition. Well Done to each of the Category winners.

As the school year begins, I urge you to be careful around built up areas, particularly school zones. It remains important to take care of our future generation.

Traditionally, this is the time of year when new families and workers move to our Shire. Please take the time to make all new residents feel welcome. Not only will this leave a positive impression but may also assist you if you're looking for volunteers for your group or organisation.

The devastating bushfires experienced and being experienced in many places in Australia is a reminder to thank our tireless volunteers. If you're thinking of becoming a volunteer, for example, a bushfire volunteer, contact either the Shire office or your local bushfire group. You may be able to assist in one of many ways.

The local events organised by our community to raise funds for those affected by the recent bushfires have been amazing. Not only did we see local businesses and community volunteers drive these fundraising events, we also experienced large sections of the community attend, assist and fundraise where they could.

Throughout 2020, the Shire of Northam is continuing to meet at various locations. This year, meetings are scheduled at Bakers Hill, Grass Valley, Wundowie and Southern Brook.

If you're looking for activities during the month of February, there are a few ways to find out what's going on. Two examples are heading to the Shire of Northam Website Events Page, or by heading to the Visit Northam Facebook page. Examples of events include the Lions Community Markets in Northam, a Volunteer Information night in Wundowie or local music by semi local Michael Dunstan at the Link Theatre.

Take Care and enjoy many of the great facilities or services that the Shire of Northam offers.

Shire President Chris Antonio



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DRUMMUSTER

The next DrumMuster in the Shire of Northam is scheduled for Friday, 27 March 2020 at the Old Quarry Road Landfill Site in Northam. DrumMuster is aimed at recycling clean and dry drums from growers, farmers and chemical users throughout Australia. Eligible containers are those with the DrumMuster logo, which have been triple rinsed or cleaned with high pressure and left to dry with lids removed. The collected containers 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.org.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.



FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS



After 6 years and almost 100 shows in the eastern states the folk music Festival of Small Halls is coming to WA and to Northam for their inaugural Western Australian tour. The tour is presented in partnership with the Fairbridge Folk Festival and will be recognising the Year of Scotland in Australia, featuring Scottish musicians. Tour dates, line up and ticket sales information will be released this month. Keep an eye out for details.

There will also be an opportunity for community groups and/or sporting associations to fundraise at the event by providing catering and running the bar. Interested groups can contact Jaime Hawkins for further information by emailing cdo1@northam.wa.gov.au or calling 6608 0232

BACK TO SCHOOL

The Keeping Kids in School program is a coordinated approach to increase participation in school and reduce truancy involving the entire community working together to address the issue.

Students are required to provide a leave pass to show that they have permission to be away from school during school hours. Shop owners may request to view a leave pass if faced with school-aged customers during school hours.

Our community is working together in a bid to encourage students to gain a better start in life by attending school every day. Information packages, including posters to display in shop windows are available for download from the Shire of Northam website.

Parents are encouraged to talk with their children and ensure they understand that the local shops are not a place that students can spend their day if they decide they won't be attending school without a valid reason. This program is a community effort with commitment from the Shire of Northam, the Department of Education, WA Police and local businesses.

With students returning to School this month, please remember to slow down to 40km/hour in all School Zones, between 7:30 to 9:00am and 2:30 to 4:00pm.



WHAT'S ON IN NORTHAM

FEBRUARY



Visit our website for full details - www.northam.wa.gov.au

SATURDAY 1 FEB 2020

Lions Community Markets

SATURDAY 8 FEB 2020

Northam Bushfire Appeal Variety Night

WEDNESDAY 12 FEB 2020

Council Forum Meeting

SATURDAY 15 FEB 2020

Bushfire Mental Health Support Fundraiser

SUNDAY 16 FEB 2020

Northam Vintage Vehicle Swapmeet

WEDNESDAY 19 FEB 2020

Ordinary Council Meeting



WUNDOWIE*BAKERS HILL*CLACKLINE

The Community Bus to Northam runs every Thursday.

To book your seat call 6608 0234.

Cost: \$5, \$2.50 concession (return trip)

WUNDOWIE TO NORTHAM
(VIA BAKERS HILL & CLACKLINE)

Community Transport

Operating every Thursday (except public holidays) to assist residents to access services in Northam.

Fare: \$5 or \$2.50 concession (return trip)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!

To book please call 6608 0234 to book.
More information is available from the Wundowie Library or go to www.northam.wa.gov.au

The Shire of Northam encourages residents to support business and service providers in their own community.

Shire of Northam
Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Manager Recreation & Youth Services—Closes Friday 14th February 2020

Casual Customer Service Officer/s BKB Centre—Closes Friday 14th February 2020

Casual Customer Service Officer/s Recreation Centre—Closes 14 February 2020

Casual Lifeguards—Closes 14 February 2020

For more information refer to the Shire of Northam

Website <https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/employment/>

