



2015-2016 Information Sheet



2015-2016 Budget Overview

At the beginning of each financial year a comprehensive budget setting process is undertaken, which attempts to match spending plans for the year to the total of all sources funding for that year.

The 2015-2016 budget has been based on an annual expenditure of \$33,256,514. This includes amounts received in the form of rates from the owners of properties within the Shire of Northam.

Key Projects

This year the Shire of Northam has a budget capital expenditure of \$12,952,092. Key infrastructure developments include:

\$2,100,000	Aboriginal and Environmental Interpretation Centre
\$1,027,386	Town Centre Drainage Stage 2
\$338,026	Bernard Park Drainage (SuperTown funded)
\$459,335	Area Drainage Various
\$262,645	Wundowie Stormwater Harvesting Project
\$194,032	Wundowie Skate Park
\$227,865	Playground Public Open Space Improvements
\$148,138	Avon Mall and Streetscape
\$241,123	Aerators (SuperTown funded)
\$611,151	Footpath Construction Works
\$200,000	Clydesdale Road Bridge
\$619,203	Gravel Road Sheeting
\$655,566	Asphalt Road Works
\$1,296,278	Resealing Road Works
\$249,244	Southern Brook Road
\$407,556	Road Works Various
\$280,000	Inkpen Fire Shed
\$500,000	Air-conditioning at Northam Recreation Centre

Your Council

The Shire of Northam is made up of four wards to ensure equal representation and enabling Council to work towards goals, strategies and outcomes that will benefit all residents and ratepayers.

Elections

Local government elections are held every two years with the next election due in October 2015.

Residents are automatically enrolled to vote if they are on the State Electoral Roll. If you are not on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form. Enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Northam Administration Centre, all Post Offices or the West Australian Electoral Commission (call WAEC on 13 63 06).

If you are not on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Northam you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the Shire of Northam last electoral roll prior to May 1997 and have owned or occupied property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact the Shire of Northam for details. Owners of land who were on the last roll of the Local Government continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates.

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Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Northam to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of application to enrol.

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at 5.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Council Chambers at the Shire of Northam Administration Centre located at 395 Fitzgerald Street, Northam.

Visit www.northam.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9622 6100 for the 2016 Ordinary Meetings of Council dates, which will be available after December 2015.

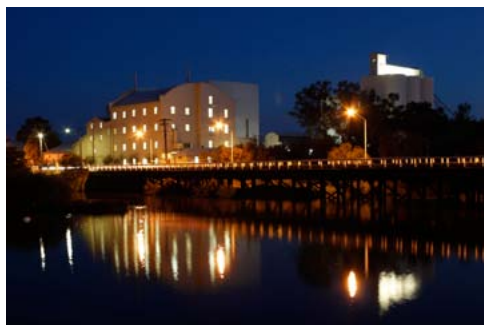
Meeting agendas and minutes are available from the Shire's libraries, or can be downloaded from the website.



Council Meeting Dates

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16	September 2015
21	October 2015
18	November 2015
16	December 2016
20	January 2016*
17	February 2016*
16	March 2016*
20	April 2016*
18	May 2016*
15	June 2016*
20	July 2016*
17	August 2016*

*date to be confirmed



Electors' Meetings

The Council holds a general meeting of electors once every year after receiving the Auditor's Report. Attendance is open to residents who wish to see how the Council has performed.

Community Consultation

The Shire of Northam values the input of its community on a broad range of issues. Regular advertising on issues open to community feedback such as projects, plans and proposals is conducted in local newspapers, on the website and in the Shire's Administration Centre and Libraries. The following community meetings are to be held:

Grass Valley Hall	5:30pm	3 September 2015
Wundowie Hall	6:00pm	26 November 2015
Bakers Hill Recreation Centre	7:00pm	23 March 2016

Community Grants

Grants are allocated each year for not-for-profit community groups to conduct activities for the benefit of residents in the Shire of Northam. Applications for grants open in February and funding allocations are adopted with the budget.

Council has committed \$115,000 to community groups in the 2015-2016 Budget.

Corporate Publications

The Shire of Northam produces a range of publications that provide further information to ratepayers and residents. Copies are readily available through the Administration Centre or can be downloaded from the website.

Annual Report

The Annual Report provides information about Council's activities, achievements, performance, priorities and financial position.

Northam News

Northam News is the Shire's newsletter for residents and ratepayers, produced monthly and published in the Avon Valley Advocate and Avon Valley Gazette, as well as placement on the Shire of Northam website. If you would like to be added to the Northam News email mailing list, please contact the Shire.

Integrated Planning

The Shire of Northam's integrated planning documents include the Strategic Community Plan which, as the principal planning document, provides the basis for Council and staff to plan, manage and deliver services that will enhance the social, environmental and economic sustainability of our community. Identified objectives include:

- Provide efficient and effective corporate management
- Create an environment that provides for a caring and healthy community
- Provide services and processes to enhance public safety
- Provide active and passive recreation facilities and services
- Protect and promote the Shire's diverse culture and heritage
- Support business and investment opportunities
- Facilitate further development of regional tourism
- Provide and support an effective and efficient transportation network
- Enhance the health and integrity of the natural environment
- Management and protection of water resources

Administration Centre

The Shire of Northam Administration Centre is located at 395 Fitzgerald Street, Northam and is open Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

The Shire is an agent for the Department of Transport and provides services related to vehicle, drivers and firearm licences. These services are available, from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Community Events

Every year the Shire of Northam presents a wide-ranging calendar of events. While individual events and themes can change from year to year, the annual events that include the Avon River Festival, Movies by Twilight, Dog's Day Out and Christmas Festival are designed to be enjoyed by all ages.

For an up to date calendar of events, please visit the Shire website.

Northam Visitor Centre

The Northam Visitor Centre develops and promotes the local tourism industry and attracts tourism visitation to the region. The Visitor Centre is your one-stop-shop for everything in and around the Shire of Northam and the Avon Valley.

Providing the latest and most up to date information and offering a range of local produce and souvenirs - drop into the Visitor Centre today.

2 Grey Street, Northam
T (08) 9622 2100

Northam & Wundowie Libraries

At the Shire of Northam Libraries, located at Northam and Wundowie, you can borrow books, talking books, videos, DVDs and magazines; find information; read newspapers; surf the internet or join in storytime and other activities.

Northam Regional Library

298 Fitzgerald Street, Northam
T (08) 9621 1600

Wundowie Library

54 Boronia Avenue, Wundowie
T (08) 9573 6205



Recreation Services

Recreation Services provide you with advice and assistance to arrange booking a host of Shire facilities such as the Recreation Centre, the Town and Lesser Halls as well as the playing fields at Jubilee and Bert Hawke Ovals.

Recreation services offer a wide range of sport and leisure programs and can help you plan your activity.

T (08) 9622 5153

Killara Adult Day Care & Cottage Respite Centre

Killara provides flexible, centre based day care, respite (including overnight) and social support services to frail aged and disabled (over the age of 18) persons and their carers. Killara aims to maintain the independence of individual clients through a personalised care plan and support for their carers.

2 Burgoyne Street, Northam

T (08) 9622 5765

Swimming Pools

The Northam and Wundowie Swimming Pools are open from November to March and include lap/leisure pools, infant and medium sized toddler pools and play equipment.

The pools host a number of swimming carnivals and events and offer vacation swimming lessons and water exercise programs.

Northam Swimming Pool
Mitchell Avenue, Northam

T (08) 9622 1535

Wundowie Swimming Pool
Wandoo Parade, Wundowie

T (08) 9573 6344

Town Planning

Planning plays a fundamental role in creating a high quality urban and rural environment by ensuring that development and land use proposals are appropriate for the area. All properties in the Shire of Northam are zoned under the Local Planning Scheme No 6.

The Scheme sets out the types of use and development allowed in the different zones and the requirements for planning approval. Before a decision is made to construct any type of building or change current land uses, please contact the Planning Department.

Building

In order to provide for the proper use and development of land and buildings, the Shire of Northam requires an application for a building permit prior to building work commencing on the majority of building projects including housing, commercial or industrial developments, garages, carports, patios, sheds and swimming pools.

Health Services

Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) undertake varied duties to safeguard the communities, including inspections of food premises and monitoring of the wastewater reuse schemes and landfill sites. The EHOs also process septic tank applications and investigate food poisoning and infectious disease notifications.

Ranger Services

The Rangers are responsible for the enforcement of State Government legislation and Council's Local Laws for controlling dogs, cats, off-road vehicles, litter and parking. In cases of emergency or when life is threatened, assistance may be given to the removal and relocation of wildlife.

T (08) 9622 7267

Engineering Services

Engineering Services is responsible for infrastructure asset management services which include construction and maintenance of over 700km of sealed and unsealed roads, footpaths, drainage, crossovers, bridges, roadside furniture, parks, sporting fields, reserves, verges, weed management, street trees as well as maintenance of Northam cemetery and airport. Engineering services also perform project and contract management of major projects, contracted services as well as overseeing sub-division development projects ensuring compliance with Shire requirements.

T (08) 9621 2263

Emergency Services

Emergency Services is responsible for the development, implementation and coordination of emergency mitigation. This includes fire hazard reduction strategies for reserves, community safety education and awareness campaigns and coordination of the Bush Fire Brigade Services. For further information, contact the Community Emergency Services Manager.

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