



August 2018

President's Message

The Shire of Northam has many memorable events throughout the year.

During August, two of the major events are the Avon Descent (along with the Avon River Festival) and, this year, the Official Opening of Bilya Koort Boodja Centre for Nyoongar Culture and Environmental Knowledge. Thanks to everyone involved with these great events and facilities.

Not only is the official opening of Bilya Koort Boodja a milestone event for the Shire of Northam, it is also a state of the art facility. With residents receiving a free family pass, please take the opportunity to visit this great feature, and encourage family, friends and tourists alike to visit, not only here, but also across all of the places and activities available throughout the Shire of Northam.

Well done to everyone involved with the concept, the funding, the building of, and the running of Bilya Koort Boodja. There has been a major amount of effort put into this great resource, and all involved need recognition for their work.

Along with these major events, there are still a number of sporting and cultural events occurring during winter in the Shire of Northam. If in doubt about what's happening, go to the Shire of Northam website, or Facebook page, or contact the Northam Visitor Centre or the Recreation Centre.

Major Projects Update

Tenders for both the construction of the Youth Precinct and the new Swimming Pool are just going out. Once these have been reviewed, and a successful builder selected, you will be able to see these major projects underway.

There are also a continuing number of private developments occurring around the Shire. Keep an eye out for those and hopefully, once they are fully underway and completed, that they benefit the Shire in many ways.

With so much activity occurring in the Shire of Northam, make sure that you take the opportunity to be involved.

Take Care
Chris Antonio
Shire President

Banners in the Terrace

The Banners in the Terrace Competition is run by the WA Local Government Association as part of its annual Convention and Trade Exhibition at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

This year St Joseph's School will be submitting a banner on behalf of the Shire of Northam. Students have designed a banner based around the 2018 Convention theme, Ready and Relevant.

The Banners will be flown along St Georges and Adelaide Terraces in Perth between Sunday, 29 July and Saturday, 5 August. The annual exhibition of banners allows communities to represent themselves to thousands of people travelling along these streets each day. The winners will be announced during the WA Local Government Convention being held from Wednesday, 1 August to Friday, 3 August.

Bilya Koort Boodja

The Bilya Koort Boodja Centre for Nyoongar Culture and Environmental Knowledge will officially be opened in Northam on Saturday, 11 August 2018 with a cultural celebration to mark the beginning of a premier destination for people seeking the ultimate Aboriginal cultural experience.

Engagement with the local aboriginal community was an important focus of the Council to ensure that they have the opportunity to drive the stories which will be told in the Interpretive Centre. This project provides an opportunity to better reflect the Aboriginal culture in the region and will encourage an understanding of how to better develop our local environment.

The cultural celebration will provide the community with an opportunity to engage in some cultural activities that will appeal to everyone, and it will officially mark the opening of the Centre.

Further information about the Bilya Koort Boodja Centre visit the website www.bilyakoortboodja.com.

Keep Australia Beautiful Week

Keep Australia Beautiful Week 2018 will take place from 19 – 25 August.

Roadside litter is the leading type of litter found in Australia and hugely detrimental to our environment. Cutting litter requires everybody to be involved; waste contractors, shops, pubs, businesses, community members and travellers all have a role to play.

Road Closures Avon Descent

Please be advised that the following Road Closures will be in place during the Avon River Festival and the Avon Descent

Friday 3rd August 2018

10:00am to 12:00 midnight - Broome Tce (between Stirling St and Ord St), Ord St (between Broome Tce and Forrest St), Hampton St (between Broome Tce and Forrest St) and Weld St.

1:00pm and 11:59pm – Nind St and Minson Ave (between Grey St and Peel Tce) closed for the Avon River Festival.

3:00pm – 11:59pm - Grey St full road closure (between Fitzgerald St and Minson Ave) to allow safe access for the Avon Descent floats.

5:30pm – 7:00pm - Beavis Pl, Gordon Pl, Fitzgerald St (between Gairdner St and Grey St) and Minson Ave (between Beavis Pl and Grey St) for the Avon River Festival Street Parade.

Saturday 4th August 2018

12:00 Midnight to 12:00 noon - Broome Tce (between Stirling St and Ord St), Ord St (between Broome Tce and Forrest St), Hampton St (between Broome Tce and Forrest St) and Weld St.

7:00am – 2:00pm - Katrine Road Bridge will be closed to all traffic.

There will be no access for traffic during these periods.

The Shire of Northam apologises for any inconvenience.

What's on in August

Friday 3	Avon River Festival
	Local Art Exhibition
Saturday 4	Lions Community Markets
	Avon Decent
Sunday 5	Avon Decent
Friday 10	HatchOUT Meet Up
Saturday 11	Bilya Koort Boodja Opening Event
	Good Sammy's
Wednesday 15	Masquerade Ball
	Cancer Council 60 Year Anniversary
Saturday 18	VP Day Wreath Laying
	Vietnam Veteran Day Service
Friday 31	Mayla Day Wreath Laying

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 2-5 yrs
Every Friday 9:30-10am	Baby Rhyme Time 0-2 yrs

All activities are open to all residents of the Shire of Northam free of charge.

National Science Week

On the 11th of August a Robotics Morning for 9-12 year olds will be held from 10am to 11:30am to celebrate the start of National Science Week.

Children's Book Week

On the 22nd of August Special Storytime with morning tea will be held from 10:30am to 12pm to celebrate Children's Book Week.

At the Rec Centre

Winter Social Sports are back!

NORTHAM RECREATION CENTRE	
Monday	Floorball
Wednesday	Indoor Soccer
Thursday	5-Aside Netball
Friday	Basketball

\$7.50 Adults and \$6.00 Juniors. Games start at 6pm. For more information contact the Northam Rec Centre on 9622 5153 or recreation@northam.wa.gov.au

At The Northam Recreation Centre



JUST MOVE

Keep Active and Have Fun!

Weekdays

Tuesdays 6:30am-7:30am
Thursdays 6:30am-7:30am

Free!

Mixed Group, Fitness of All Ages

Commences 12th Jan '17



For more information
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