



June 2018

President's Message

As we approach the start of June and the WA day public holiday, it's time for all of us to reflect on what WA day means and what part the Northam Shire and its people have played as part of our great state.

The Shire of Northam has produced 4 State Premiers, either representing the seat of Northam or having been born in the town of Northam; being George Throssell, Sir James Mitchell, Albert (Bert) Hawke and Carmen Lawrence.

Two of our local Olympians have been Shirley Strickland and Rechelle Hawkes, representing Australia in Athletics and Hockey respectively.

A number of the service clubs hold their changeover nights throughout June. There are many ways in which the service clubs support the Shire, including offering student exchanges, public speaking and running community events.

Now that we're officially in Winter, there are a number of tireless volunteers that strive to keep both you and your properties safe. Thank you to the SES ad St John's Ambulance Volunteers who are highlighted this month. Think about how you can support the wide range of volunteers. I hope that you, along with myself, celebrated the contribution of the volunteers during National Volunteer Week in late May.

What's happening around the Shire

The Clackline community came together, along with the support of the Northam Shire Council to initially set up and now volunteer for the provision of a Clackline Postal Service.

The Shire Councillors last month took the Forum and Ordinary Council Meetings to Wundowie and a Community Meeting at Bakers Hill. This is a continuation of taking the Councillors to all parts of the Shire

Well done on all of the community fundraising events held, including the annual Purslowe Tinetti Greatest Morning Tea held in late May.

Reconciliation week was held over the week running from the 26th May to the 1st of June.

Major Projects Update

The Bilya Koort Boodja Centre is nearing completion. This will provide an excellent opportunity for locals and tourist alike to be able to experience local history and culture.

Funding for the Youth Precinct has been secured from both the support of the Shire and Lotterywest. This will result in a great youth / family precinct located near Jubilee Oval. With tenders being sought for the construction and installation currently, construction of this exceptional facility is expected to start soon.

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

Take Care

Shire President
Chris Antonio

The Bilya Koort Boodja Centre Website

The BKB Centre has launched its new website. The site has been designed to provide the ultimate user-friendly experience. The website will be updated with all the latest events, workshops and progress updates for the Centre.

Visit www.bilyakoortboodja.com for more information.

Stallholders Wanted

The time is almost here for our annual Avon River Festival on August 3rd. We are now looking for stallholders to attend this event, and we are offering a free 3x3 marquee (complete with light) to the first 30 accepted applicants, so get in quick to ensure you don't miss out!

Having a stall is free (food stalls incur a small fee) and forms can be found on the Shire of Northam website or by contacting the Northam Visitors Centre on 9622 2100.

Enquiries and completed forms (along with your current certificate of currency) can be sent to events@northam.wa.gov.au

Community Safety

Fire Safety

Building a nice, toasty bonfire in the backyard is a great way to take some of the chill out of the frosty air. Of course, where there's fire, there's also the potential risk of a disaster occurring. The following tips can ensure a safe, fun evening while gathered around the bonfire with family and friends:

- Choosing a fire pit: Unless you have multiple acres of property, you'll probably be using some type of fire pit for building your fire. Whether you prefer a built-in or portable model, be sure to select one that isn't too large for the area. The pit should be at least 3 metres away from structures and combustible materials. Also make sure you have room for a seating area that is large enough for proper comfort and ventilation.

- Check the weather: Make sure you check the forecast before lighting your fire, avoid starting a bonfire during extremely windy conditions.

- Have proper fire extinguishing equipment nearby: Make sure you have a fire extinguisher, garden hose and water source nearby in case of an emergency.

- Closely monitor children and pets: Kids and pets are likely to be attracted to your bonfire.

Road Safety During Wet Weather

You should prepare and frequently maintain your vehicle to make sure you will always be as safe as possible when driving in wet conditions.

To get your vehicle ready for driving in wet weather make sure:

- You have good tyre tread (at least 1.5mm deep across the whole tyre width)
- All of your vehicle's lights work well
- Your windscreen and lights are clean.

In wet conditions:

- Drive slowly—to avoid aquaplaning and skidding
- Use your air conditioner or demister to keep your windscreen clear of condensation
- Double the distance between you and the car in front.

What's on in June

Saturday 2

Tuesday 5

Sunday 9

Friday 15

Saturday 23

Sunday 24-29

Lions Community Markets
Afternoon Tea Northam
RSL
Northam Farmers Market
Poppy Making
HatchOUT Meet UP
Northam Farmers Market
That's Amore
Northam Performing Arts
Festival

Visit www.northam.wa.gov.au for more information.

In the new term the Northam Recreation Centre will be running the next Social Sports competition, Netball and Floorball. Contact the Rec Centre on 9622 5153 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.

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

Old Quarry Road Landfill

Please be advised due to break-in's at the Old Quarry Road Landfill, there will no longer be cash facilities on site. Cheque, Eftpos and Credit Card are available at the site and no other forms of payment are to be accepted.

The Shire of Northam apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

Silver Wings Knit-In

For around 15 years now, the Wundowie Silver Wings Seniors Club have been knitting warm creations for the homeless and needy. This year the Knit-In once again attracted a good crowd of knitters who presented several scarves, beanies, blankets and mittens to representatives of the Salvation Army.

Community Reconciliation Morning Tea

The rain cleared and the weather settled to make for perfect conditions for the Shire of Northam Reconciliation Working Group inaugural Community Reconciliation Morning Tea. The event was held in celebration of 2018 National Reconciliation Week.

The morning tea was hosted by the Shire of Northam with generous support from several local businesses and volunteers. Shire President Cr Chris Antonio said it was pleasing to see a large crowd of people in attendance and showing support for reconciliation.