



August 2017

Deputy President's Message

Main Roads WA are progressing with the upgrade works along Great Eastern Highway in Bakers Hill. Council has initiated the process for the permanent closure of Yates Street, Bakers Hill and submissions in relation to this matter are currently being sought and will be received until 2nd August 2017.

Council is finalising its budget process, with more detail to be provided in the coming weeks. In deliberations earlier in July Council endorsed a general 3.5% increase in rates. It is important to note this is an average increase across all properties within the Shire, consequently there will be variances in the increase between individual properties.

Main Roads and its contractor SRG are currently on track to complete improvements to the Avon Bridge on Newcastle Road in Northam by the end of July 2017. The bridge has been closed since the beginning of December 2016 and had a significant amount of work undertaken to increase community safety and the overall lifespan of the bridge.

The Avon Descent and River Festival will be held on 4th and 5th August. I encourage you all to experience and support this great event however please be mindful of the road closures in place.

More information in relation to these matters can be obtained on the Shire's website.

Deputy President
Terry Little

Keep Australia Beautiful Week

Keep Australia Beautiful Week 2017 will take place from 21 – 27 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.

Northam Balloon Fiesta Colouring-In Competition

To get your copy so that you can show us your creative side, pop into the Northam Visitor Centre, or visit our website. Entries close 1st September, and the winner will be announced at the Balloon Fiesta on September 2.

Northam Balloon Fiesta
Henry Street Oval, Northam
2nd September - 4pm

- LIVE STAGE SHOW
- BALLOON GLOW
- BALLOON DISCOVERY ZONE
- CARNIVAL RIDES
- GAME ZONE
- SHOW BAGS
- MARKETS
- FOOD & DRINKS
- GRAND FINALE- 7.30PM

Newcastle Road (Avon Bridge) Opening

Main Roads wishes to advise that the Avon Bridge will be officially opened to pedestrians on Friday 4 August 2017 at 5.40pm. Everyone is invited to come to the opening of the Avon Bridge at the corner of Fitzgerald Street and Newcastle Road. It will be possible to walk over the bridge and have a look at the improvements.

The Avon Bridge will be opened to traffic on Friday 4 August 2017 from 7.00pm (following the Avon River Festival parade).

The improvements have been delayed by a week due to further structural works being required and unforeseen at project commencement.

Main Roads thanks road users for their patience during this project. For further information please contact Main Roads on 138 138.

Road Closures - Avon Descent 2017

Please be advised that the following Road Closures will be in place during the Avon River Festival and the Avon Descent. There will be no access for through traffic during these periods.

Friday 4th August 2017

10:00am to Midnight - Broome Tce (between Stirling St and Ord St), Ord St (between Broome Tce and Forrest St), Hampton 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 Beavis Pl and Grey Streets, Minson Ave (between Beavis Pl and Grey St) and Newcastle St Bridge (Avon Bridge) for the Avon River Festival and Newcastle St Bridge (Avon Bridge) official opening.

Saturday 5th August 2017

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 and Weld St.

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

Event Participants Wanted

We are actively seeking stallholders for and local businesses/ groups wishing to be involved in the following events this year:

- Northam Balloon Fiesta (September 2nd)
- Pink Ribbon Day (October 27th- No stallholders needed, but activity suggestions and participation are welcomed)
- Seniors Week Silver Fair (November 10th)
- Christmas on Fitzgerald (December 8th)

Stalls are free or charge. Stallholders will be supplied with a marquee. For information on how you can be involved in one of our upcoming events, please call our Tourism & Events team on 9622 2100, search for Visit Northam on Facebook, or email events@northam.wa.gov.au

What's on in August

Save the Date

Friday 4	Avon River Festival
5-6	Avon Decent
Saturday 5	Northam Community Markets
	Night Hoops
Saturday 12	Northam Farmer Markets
Saturday 26	Northam Farmer Markets
	Night Hoops

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

At the Library

Book Week runs from the 19th to the 26th of August. To celebrate the Northam Library have organised for local author, Katie W Stewart to present on Saturday 26th August 10am to 11am. Head to www.katiewstewart.com to see Katie's work.

NORTHAM LIBRARY	
Every Monday 10.30-11am	Children's storytime & craft for 0-5 yrs
Every Wednesday 10-11am	Activity time 0-5 yrs
Every Friday 10-11am	Baby rhyme time
Monday 14 August 2:30pm	Book Club
Saturday 26 August 10-11am	Katie W Stewart Author Talk
Monday 28 August 2:30pm	Book Club
IT CLASSES	
Thursday 3 August 6-7pm	Buying and selling safely on eBay
Thursday 10 August 6-7pm	Selling your craft online
Thursday 17 August 6-7pm	Editing photos without Photoshop
Thursday 24 August 6-7pm	Reading books without paper
Thursday 31 August 6-7pm	How to make your own blog
WUNDOWIE LIBRARY	
Tuesday 8 August 6-7pm	Buying and selling safely on eBay
Tuesday 15 August 6-7pm	Selling your craft online
Tuesday 22 August 6-7pm	Editing photos without Photoshop
Tuesday 29th August 6-7pm	Reading books without paper

All activities are open to all residents of the Shire of Northam free of charge. Bookings are essential for the IT classes at either the front desk or by calling the Northam Library on 9621 1600 or the Wundowie Library on 9573 6205.

At the Recreation Centre

SOCIAL SPORTS	
Every Monday 6pm	Floorball
Every Wednesday 6pm	Soccer
Every Thursday 6pm	Netball

Cost per game is \$7.50. Register to play by emailing commsoff@northam.wa.gov.au

Night Hoops

Night hoops is a free late night basketball tournament with skills training, workshops and a meal for anyone who lives in the Avon Valley Area, aged 12-18. Players and volunteers can register at: nighthoops.org

July 22-August 26
Saturday Nights 7pm-Midnight
At the Northam Recreation Centre