



Shire of Northam
Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle



JUNE 2019

FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

The public holiday at the start of June is a way for all of us to remember and commemorate the founding of the Swan River Colony in 1829. From a local Shire of Northam perspective, it is a chance to celebrate all of our local achievers, be it sport, academics or the arts. If you know someone or are a person who has achieved something of value, take the time to reflect and congratulate.

Last month, the Shire of Northam celebrated our cultural history, by hosting the inaugural Reconciliation Walk. Hopefully, this is the first of many. The motto for this year's Reconciliation Week is "Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage".

Over the last few weeks, you may have seen more around our new branding, Ready, Set Go. There are new banners and signs appearing all over the shire. This new branding will not only point to where interesting locations are, and what is on around the Shire, but allows all of us to promote the Shire in a positive manner.

As winter approaches, it is timely to thank out tireless volunteers. The SES is often called out over the next few months, and just last month, we saw many of the Bushfire staff and volunteers come together to fight a major fire at the far Western point of the Shire. Thank you, and all volunteers.

If you are seeking employment within the Shire, there are many ways to consider where to start. There are a number of Job Skill Training centres ready to help you, and there are some major employers, ranging in location right for the Western Portion of the Shire to a number of private new developments both in and to the East of Northam.

From major Shire-led developments, the aquatic centre continues to head toward planned completion in early 2020, and the Youth Precinct has been very well used since opening just a short time ago. It is really encouraging to see so many families and youth utilise this fantastic shire resource. Gordon Place redevelopment has almost finished. It looks great, and forms part of the Shire's CBD strategy and linking the centre or Northam to the Avon River

The dry start to the season has seen both the farming community and the Avon Descent participants hope for good rainfall from now to the rest of the winter and spring season. Let's hope that we receive sufficient rain over June onwards.

There continues to be a number of community events and functions happening around the Shire. Look at any number of advertising through the local paper, the local radio station, or social media sites to find out what's happening.

Your involvement only adds to the Shire of Northam being a positive and vibrant place.

As always, Take care

Shire President Chris Antonio

FREE MULCH AVAILABLE

The Shire of Northam is continuing its environmental initiative of mulching green waste at the Old Quarry Road Waste Facility and Inkpen Road Waste Facility. Mulch is available free of charge to householders in the Shire and is limited in size to two trailer or ute loads. Self-loading is required. This product may contain small amounts of plastic or metal. Any queries in relation to the proposal should be directed to the Shire Environmental Health Department on 9622 6100 or alternatively email records@northam.wa.gov.au

NATIVE TREE SUBSIDY PROGRAM 2019

The Shire of Northam is running a Tree Subsidy Program working with WA Farm Trees during the months of May and June for the 2019 up and coming winter season. Residents with a property size over 2000m² can take advantage of this program by purchasing trays of tube stock natives for \$22 which is half the normal price. One voucher will be available per rate payer. Selections of native species are available to cover a range of soil types and uses and can be viewed at https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/Profiles/northam/Assets/ClientData/species_available_for_subsidy.pdf

This special offer will be based on a first come first served basis with limited stock available for selection. Landowners can apply for their discounted tube stock natives by collecting vouchers directly from the Shire administration building on Fitzgerald Street or by emailing the Northam Shire on records@northam.wa.gov.au and providing owner details and location of property. Vouchers will need to be presented at WA Farm Trees to receive the discounted tray price.

For further detail on species available and how to claim your discounted native tube stock follow this link. <https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/council-business/environment/tree-subsidy-program-2019.aspx>

RECREATION CENTRE SOCIAL SPORTS

If you're 12 years or older and interested in soccer, then pop on down to the Rec centre Wednesday nights from 6pm-8pm. No set teams

or fixtures, just come on down and pick up a ball. Call or email the centre for Indoor Soccer and Floorball Nomination forms on 9622 5153 or recreation@northam.wa.gov.au

AT THE LIBRARY

Mondays 10:30am-11am STEAM Activity Time for 0-5yrs. Science, technology, engineering, arts and maths for little people.

Wednesdays 10:30am-11am story Time with crafts 2-5yrs.

Thursdays 3:00pm-4:00pm

Seniors IT -Training with the Be Connected program, and staff will answer your IT queries. BYO device, or let us know if you need one

Thursdays 4:30pm-7:00pm

Northam Music Sessions – Open to all, whatever your musical skill. Play Celtic and American tradition music or come along to listen.

Saturdays 10am-11am

CoderDojo for 7-12yrs. Program robots and learn a computer language

All activities are free of charge to library members

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

SATURDAY 1
Lions Markets

WEDNESDAY 5

Regional Leadership Masterclass

Developing Agribusiness Innovation Initiatives

WEDNESDAY 12

Council Forum

TUESDAY 11

Council Meeting

FRIDAY 21

HatchOUT Meeting

THURSDAY 27

Seniors Morning Tea

Visit www.northam.wa.gov.au/events-calendar for more information.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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| Engineering Administration Coordinator | Closes Friday 14 June |
| Seniors & Disability Services Officer | Closes Tuesday 4 June |

For more information refer to the Shire of Northam website

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

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