PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020.

Following, what I hope, was a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year, I know that you will be looking forward to the excitement and challenges of 2020. If you're taking a well -deserved break during January, I know it be enjoyable for you and I encourage you to be safe on the roads.

We start 2020 with two major events. Firstly, we will be having the new Northam Aquatic Facility Official Opening. Details will follow in due course through the Shire's communication channels.

The second major event is Australia Day celebrations. Apart from the activities right across the Shire, there will also be a citizenship ceremony and the Shire of Northam Community Citizen of the Year awards.

Early in the year, we will also se the opening of new private businesses within the Shire.

During January, I urge to continue to shop locally. Right across the Shire of Northam, you have many businesses and trades offering great service and products. Whether it is in Wundowie, Bakers Hill, or closer to the Northam Townsite, there is so much on offer. Apart from the retailers, there are many successful commercial and service-providing businesses within the Shire. If you are unsure of who they are, contact either the Shire of Northam Chamber of Commerce, or one of the Wundowie, or Bakers Hill Progress Associations.

If you're looking for details on any of the Shire of Northam Australia Day events, head to the Shire of Northam or Visit Northam websites or social media pages. Additional details can be found via your local Progress or Community Association.

Well done to all nominees and winners for the Shire of Northam Community Citizen of the Year award. The nominees and winners of the individuals and organisations will be announced on Australia Day.

Remember that we are still in the prohibited fire season. Have a Bushfire plan ready. In the case of a Bushfire; know if you are going to defend your property or leave. Thank you to all the Bushfire and other emergency volunteers during the Bushfire Season. For more information on Bushfires, look at either the Shire or the Department of Fire and Emergency Service's website.

As school approaches towards the end of January, you may be looking for school uniforms and supplies. Many of our businesses within the Shire can assist you with your back to school needs.

Take Care and welcome to 2020 in the Shire of Northam

Shire President Chris Antonio

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DOG RESPONSIBILITIES

Who is responsible for a dog?

Apart from the owner of the dog, a responsible person includes the occupier of any premises where the dog is ordinarily kept or permitted to live, or a person who for the time being has the dog in his or her possession or control.

Dog control

If you own a dog, you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control, either within a fenced area on your property or on a leash when in public.

As the owner, you can be given an on-the-spot fine of \$200 for not having your dog on a leash, or for allowing it to roam (except at designated dog exercise areas). If the matter goes to court, the penalty could be as high as \$1,000.

Dogs barking

You are also responsible for ensuring that your dog is not creating a public nuisance by barking excessively. The on-the-spot fine for allowing your dog to bark persistently is \$200. If taken to court, the fine could be up to \$2,000. Please consider the impact of your dog's behaviour on your neighbours.

Removal of dog droppings

Dog droppings are a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. Shite of Northam has local laws that require the person in charge of the dog in a public place to remove their dog's droppings and adequately dispose of it. There are penalties for not doing so.

Any plastic bag may be used to pick up dog droppings. However, Shire of Northam provides "poo bags" to the public.

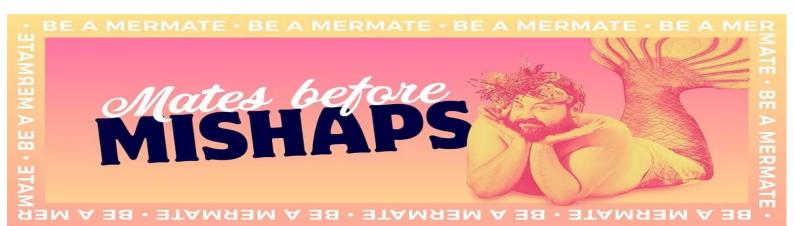
Dog droppings in the garden should also be removed daily to reduce fly and health related problems.

DON'T DRINK AND DROWN

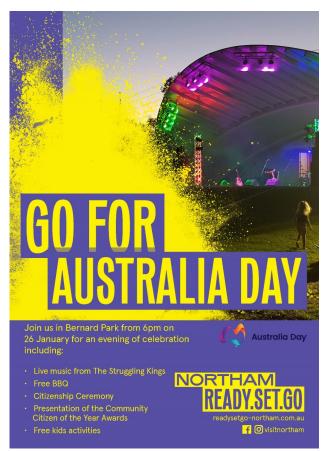
Drinking alcohol in, on and around water will significantly increase the risk of drowning. The alarming number of deaths among 15-24 year olds led to the Royal Life Saving Society WA establishing the Don't Drink and Drown campaign in 2004. The campaign aims to reduce the number of alcohol related drowning deaths and injuries in this high-risk age group by educating and promoting the Don't Drink and Drown messages.

When a young life is cut short due to drowning the impact of that death is felt throughout the community, with their friends and family living with the aftermath every day. Drowning as a result of excessive alcohol consumption is preventable and it is the role of both the person themselves and their friends to reduce the risk.

https://royallifesavingwa.com.au/programs/dont-drink-and-drown



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AUSTRALIA DAY

Join us in Bernard Park from 6pm on 26 January for an evening of celebration including:

- Live music from The Struggling Kings
- Free BBQ
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Presentation of the Community Citizen of the Year Awards
- Free kids activities



DATE SET FOR NORTHAM AQUATIC FACILITY OPENING

The Northam Aquatic Facility is set to officially open on Saturday, 25th January 2020 at 1.00pm. The Hon. Christian Porter MP will officially open the Facility which will be open for swimming immediately following the official opening.

The project has been under construction over the past 12 months by Cooper and Oxley who were awarded the contract to build the new facility worth \$10 million. This followed an extensive planning process with the design being undertaken by Donovan Payne Architects. The facility includes an eight lane 50 metre outdoor heated swimming pool, four water slides, a heated learn to swim area, BBQ facilities, as well as a heated leisure / 'tots' pool and shaded water play area.

For more information about the opening day can be found on the Shire website <u>https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/.../date-set-northam-aquati.../296</u>

Shire of Northam Council Chambers

Wundowie Hall

Southern Brook Hall

WHAT'S ON IN NORTHAM

JANUARY

MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020 Council Forum 5:30PM-6:30PM WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020 Annual Electors General Meeting 5PM Ordinary Council Meeting 5:30PM SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 2020 Northam Aquatic Centre Opening 2PM **SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2020** Australia Day Breakfast in Bakers Hill 8-10AM Australia Day at the Pool 9AM Australia Day Concert 6PM Australia Day Celebration in Wundowie 5-9:

2020 COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The 2020 Council Meeting dates can be found the Shire of Northam Website, all meetings are commence at 5:30pm.

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	Forum	Ordinary Council	Location
<u>etings/</u>	20 January 2020	22 January 2020	Shire of Northam Council Chambers
	12 February 2020	19 February 2020	Grass Valley Hall
	11 March 2020	18 March 2020	Shire of Northam Council Chambers
	8 April 2020	15 April 2020	Bakers Hill Recreation Centre

20 May 2020

17 June 2020

15 July 2020

19 August 2020

16 September 2020

18 November 2020

16 December 2020

21 October 2020

Visit our website for full details - <u>www.northam.wa.gov.au</u>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Planning Officer

closes 24/01/2020

For more information refer to the Shire of Northam Website https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/ employment/

13 May 2020

10 June 2020

12 August 2020

9 September 2020

14 October 2020

11 November 2020

9 December 2020

8 July 2020



