

## **SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON - PROFILE**

The Shire covers an area of 12,499 kms<sup>2</sup> and has a population of 3,319 (2016 census). It has the localities of Horrocks, Kalbarri, Northampton and Port Gregory.

Horrocks is located 23 kilometres to the west of Northampton. It is a small holiday cottage town that has the potential to experience growth in future. Horrocks is well known for its beaches and close community atmosphere. A general store provides adequate shopping facilities.

Port Gregory is located 47 kilometres to the north west of Northampton and is very similar in development to Horrocks, consisting mainly of holiday cottages. A general store provides reasonable shopping facilities. Tourist attractions such as the Pink Lake Lagoon and the Lynton Convict Hiring Station ruins can be found on the road to Port Gregory.

Kalbarri is located 120 kilometres to the north via the Kalbarri Ajana road. Kalbarri is a major tourist destination and has a population of 1,557. It is a well developed commercial centre in terms of tourism oriented ventures and has excellent shopping facilities. The Murchison River and the gorges in the National park are an attraction in themselves, with various popular scenic views accessible by road.

Northampton is situated 45 kilometres north of Geraldton and 480 kilometres north of Perth on the North West Coastal Highway and has a population of approximately 813. The picturesque Moresby Ranges to the south and the scenic coast line to the west make Northampton an attractive place to live. Northampton has good shopping facilities with a local supermarket, banking facilities, hardware and rural supplies stores. Health services are well catered for with a resident doctor, district hospital and resident chemist. Excellent recreation facilities are provided at the Northampton Community Centre, with indoor netball and basketball court, squash courts and badminton available. Football and cricket amenities are also located at the Centre club.

Other sports such as lawn bowls and golf are also well catered for.

Principal industries throughout the Shire consist of wheat and sheep farming, rock lobster fishing, mineral sands and other mining, and tourism.

Further information on the shire is available from our webs site <http://www.northampton.wa.gov.au>.

## **GENERAL EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Written applications need to address the selection criteria listed in section 9 of the position description, as they form part of the selection process for the position. Applications also need to include contact details for at least two current referee's, one of which can provide an account of the applicants work history.

Staff housing is not available for this position.

Council is an equal opportunity employer and provides a smoke free work environment.