



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The weeks pass so quickly that the Rams grand final win seems like much longer ago than just a few weeks. Congratulations to the Rams on winning the GNFL flag. After a string of well-earned individual and club awards and achievements over the last couple of years, this is the big prize! Congratulations to coaches Grady, Popeye and to all involved. Team success is about each and every person who contributes along the journey to the overall goal. Damien, you have done an amazing job of making the Rams' success something the whole community can share in. Don't underestimate the power of the club shirts and the part Sam has played, in the process of belonging and community pride. The post-game party at the community was a fantastic night and the red wine stains on my green shirt that wouldn't come out, I will treasure as a reminder! Also, special congratulations to Barry Mitchell on being awarded life membership to the GNFL. Thank you for all that you do for sport and community in the Midwest.

Congratulations to Fred Porter and the Ag Society committee for another fantastic Northampton show. I understand the crowd was every bit as large as 2022. The speed shears was a great success at a time when the sheep industry is copping a hard time, so well done Midwest Shearing. Congratulations Michelle Marshall and your Exhibition Hall committee on all the work required to transform the downstairs stadium into a celebratory display of community talent.

Along with other Councillors and CEO, Andrew Campbell, we have just attended the WA Local Government Association annual conference in Perth. This is a chance to meet with representatives from other LGs across the state to attend the WALGA AGM and hear various presentations and forums. Andrew and several of the Councillors also took the opportunity, whilst in Perth to attend a number of meetings, including with the Minister for Housing, John Carey and other government organisations.

Also this month – I want to share my perspectives of two great women who have been in my thoughts this past few weeks – Mary Hasleby and Noelene Drage.

Mary passed away last month, at Brookview Northampton, having reached the vintage age of 103, which would make her the one of the oldest, if not the record holder, in the age category of Northampton identities. Mary's life can be broken into 3 stages. Mary, originally from Victoria, served in WWII in a number of Middle Eastern countries, working as a nurse. After the war she returned to Australia and eventually found herself in Northampton in charge of the local hospital. So, she had already had a services career and many life experiences when she married her Hasleby

husband, Arnold and subsequently had her family and became a "farmer's wife". Tragically, Arnold was killed in a car accident and Mary continued to run the farm with her family until her son, Chris got married to Pam, herself a nurse. Mary moved to Geraldton and began a new 'service' chapter, volunteering in many organisations, in Geraldton and Northampton.

When I was a little girl, I remember my Dad, Mary and others working tirelessly to establish an aged care facility adjacent to the Northampton hospital, which was at that time, largely managed by the community, rather than the state government. After almost 50 years as a widow, Mary came a full circle and ended up a resident of the Brookview facility she helped to create – and which all regional towns would love to have.

Noelene Drage, author and gardener, also recently passed away in her own Northampton home, aged 93. Noelene was married to Geoff Drage, where Robin, Mick and Simon were born in Northampton, before she moved to Perth. I remember as a young girl, going with my Mum to visit Noelene's florist shop in Risely St, Applecross, and I'm sure this helped spark my love of flowers and floral art. My particular favourites are old fashioned roses and green flowers, which were also very fond favourites of Noelene. In the early 1990s, Noelene spent her life savings on the deposit of the purchase of a camp reserve at Araluen in the Darling Range, which was in danger of being sold to overseas investors for a property development. Noelene and others managed to lobby the state government to pay the balance and save the reserve. It has become a state botanic garden, particularly stunning during the spring Tulip Festival. When Noelene returned to Northampton in the late 1990s, she with others, developed the Botanic Line, restoring the railway line that runs through Northampton to be free of weeds, planted to native species and a significant walking trail. My other special memory of Noelene was her coming to visit our house, which was built by her son Mick, at a time when Mick and Simon were about to build her a house in Northampton - and of her teaching my 8 or 9 year old son, Preston how to pour champagne 'onto the thumb' and into the glass! I still think of her fondly every time I partake in a glass.

These women share some admirable characteristics, in that they were independent, determined (some would say at times, fierce!), visionary and generous community members. Our Shire is the poorer for their passing, we are grateful for their contribution and I extend my sympathy to the Hasleby and Horstman families, and also to Mick and Simon Drage and families and to Robin Simkin and families in Kalbarri.

Finally, to all the school aged children and their families, enjoy your school holidays before Term Four unravels into Christmas!

Liz Sudlow
Shire President

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

- 20 October 2023 – Council Chambers Northampton
- 17 November 2023 – Allen Centre Kalbarri
- 15 December 2023 – Council Chambers Northampton

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

In this edition I would like to raise the issue of statutory compliance. It is quite apparent in the short period of time I have been CEO that a number of people in the community either do not understand or are ignoring their legal obligation to comply with rules and requirements established by statute and administered by the Shire of Northampton. Areas of concern where I have observed issues include development, building construction, building dilapidation, events, animals, camping, activities on public land, and waste disposal.

Recently the Shire has provided a degree of tolerance to statutory non-compliance issues and has worked with people to achieve compliant outcomes. However, ignorance of the law is not an excuse and the obligation to comply with the law is an individual responsibility. Some of the legislation administered by the Shire of Northampton can carry substantial penalties with proven serious breaches in the order of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I would ask that everyone in the Shire district comply with their statutory obligations and if you are in any doubt about your obligations, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire and ask for advice.

At the meeting 15 September 2023, Council resolved to adopt the following Local Planning Policies for public consultation:

- Renewable Energy Facility
- Social Impact Assessment

Both policies have been advertised for a statutory 21 day period closing on 13 October 2023 and submissions are welcome.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the returning Councillors on re-election and welcome new Councillor Karl Suckling. We have some busy times ahead and look forward to working with Council to evolve and implement strategy that benefits the community.

Andrew Campbell
Chief Executive Officer



NOMINATE

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place?

Every community has local heroes. Auspire – Australia Day Council WA, Community Citizen of the Year Awards is your opportunity to acknowledge those making an outstanding contribution to your local community.

Outstanding contribution and community service includes areas such as: education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, social inclusion or any other area that contributors to the advancement and wellbeing of a community.

We encourage you to provide as much information as possible about your nominee to provide them with the best opportunity for consideration during the shortlisting and selection process.

Reflect, Respect and Celebrate community contribution across our state. We are all part of the story.

Nominations for 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Awards are now open. To nominate, please go to – <https://citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/>

2023 COUNCIL ELECTIONS Election Results

After the close of nominations for the 2023 Shire of Northampton Council Election on Thursday 7 September 2023, there were five nominations for five Councillor positions.

The following Councillors were elected for the Northampton district:

- Richard BURGES
- Liz SUDLOW
- Karl SUCKLING
- Roslyn SUCKLING
(elected until 16 October 2027)
- Des PIKE
(elected until 18 October 2025)

All new positions will take effect when Councillors are sworn in after 21 October 2023.

FIRE SEASON

The start of the warmer weather is the time to be looking at how ready you are for the hot, dry, and windy conditions.

Firebreaks

In line with the Bush Fire Act and as detailed in the First and Final Firebreaks Notice sent out with the Shire Rates Notices, firebreaks must be completed by the 15th October 2023 and maintained until the 14th February 2024. Firebreaks need to be a minimum of 3 metres wide, or if the lot is under 0.2 ha, cleared of all flammable material.

The purpose of firebreaks is to stop a fire spreading to neighbouring properties, allow entry and exit routes for firefighters and to provide a break from which back burning can take place to control a fire. Where the land owner fails to comply with the requirements of the notice, Council or its duly authorised officers will carry out the required work at the cost to the owner. The owner may also be issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted.

Permits are required for the burning of bush and grass at any time between 1st September to 14th October 2023. However, burning rubbish or green waste is not permitted within the town sites of Kalbarri and Horrocks unless in an approved Incinerator. All fires, including solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are prohibited on Very High, Extreme or Catastrophic rated fire danger days. These ratings can be found at www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Please consult the notice or contact the Shire if you are unsure of what is required. This is also a good time for residents to clear their yards of flammable material. Remove long grass, leaves and debris which may also harbour snakes.

FAREWELL TO BUSHTRACKERS OWNERS GROUP

Farewell, safe travels and thank you to the Bushtracker Owners Group members who attended their 2023 annual muster at Horrocks. Around 119 people in 61 caravans attended with members kept busy visiting local points of interest including farm visits, local arts and museum groups, to name a few. Also many other local groups fundraised by catering for the BOG at one of the many functions they held for their members throughout the 10 day visit. In addition, the group raised funds to the sum of \$10,500 which they generously gave back to the community as follows:

Northampton Motors and Machinery Restoration (Towards new shed)	1,400
Horrocks Community Centre (Towards pavilion upgrade)	700
Indigenous Art Group (Sewing machines)	1,400
Northampton Botanic Line (Additions to rail line project)	700
The Friends of the Northampton Cemeteries (Service insignia on returned soldiers graves)	700
Northampton Creative Obsessions (Refrigerator)	1,400
Ogilvie Progress Association (Hall repairs)	1,400
Northampton RSL Sub-Branch (Towards outdoor dining area)	700
Kalbarri Development Association (Playground equipment)	1,400
Royal Flying Doctor Service	700
Total	\$10,500



PET REGISTRATIONS (DOGS AND CATS)

There is State Government legislation in place to ensure control and registration of dogs and cats in our community. The State Government also sets all of the registration fees associated with the control and registration of dogs and cats. The registration period for 1-year and 3-years expires on 31 October. Each year from 1 June, new one-year pet registrations are half price. This registration is only valid through to 31 October, at which time it will be due for renewal. The Shire of Northampton is responsible for enforcing and administering State Government legislation in our community. Registering and microchipping your pet makes it easier for our Rangers to help return your pet to you if they become lost.

WHEN TO REGISTER YOUR PET?

Dogs aged over three months are required to be microchipped and Cats aged over six months must be registered, microchipped and sterilised

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST AUSTRALIANS

Welcome to our new Australians who all took the Oath of Allegiance at a Citizenship Ceremony held in Council Chambers on 8 September 2023. The three new Australians were sworn in by the Shire President Liz Sudlow and witnessed by the CEO Andrew Campbell. Acquiring Australian Citizenship is a public declaration of commitment to Australia and enables those doing so to participate fully in our inclusive society, realise aspirations and achieve their full potential, regardless of their race, background, gender, religion, language or place of birth. Citizenship is a public commitment to embracing Australian values and institutions. Citizenship brings responsibilities and duties - to obey the laws, to register on the Electoral Roll and vote, to serve on a jury if called to do so, and to defend Australia should the need arise. Citizenship also brings civil and social rights, the right to express people's cultural heritage and beliefs coupled with a responsibility to accept the rights of others to express their heritage and beliefs.

NEW DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING POLICY (LPP) – RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

The draft Renewable Energy Facility LPP has been developed in response to the growing number of green energy proposals being developed/discussed within the Shire and to establish clear guidelines for the assessment and approval of these facilities. The Shire invites comments on the LPP by Friday 13 October 2023 and a copy of the policy can be found on the Shire's website: www.northampton.wa.gov.au.

NEW DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING POLICY (LPP) – SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The draft Social Impact Assessment LPP has been developed in response to a number of development proposals being discussed within the Shire and to ensure the social, economic and environmental consequences of land use and development deliver a better quality of life for communities and future generations. The Shire invites comments on the LPP by Friday 13 October 2023 and a copy of the policy can be found on the Shire's website: www.northampton.wa.gov.au.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY



For our Shire workers, the road is their workplace. They are real people with real families and every worker deserves to get home safe and well. It is your responsibility to slow down and take care of our roads to ensure the safety of our Shire workers.

It is the law in WA to slow down to the posted speed limit when passing roadside workers. Road work speed limits are designed to keep both drivers and road workers safe. Reduced speed limits are in place around road works and while there are people working along the roadside. You may see temporary speed signs showing lower speed limits when approaching roadworks or other works that are being undertaken.

When nobody is working on the road there can still be dangers from the work underway. These dangers can include:

- Narrow lane widths.
- Barriers very close to traffic lanes.
- Deep trenches.
- Loose gravel on the road.
- Soft road surfaces.
- Humps and drops in the road.

Please take care when driving past our Shire workers or through road works areas.



REFUSE SITE OPENING TIMES

Kalbarri

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
and Sunday
9-00am to 2-00pm

Northampton

Wednesday 1-00pm to 5-00pm
Saturday & Sunday 8-00am to 5-00pm

COUNCILLORS

NORTHAMPTON WARD

Cr Liz Sudlow, President – 0427 362 025
Cr Rob Horstman, Deputy – 0418 795 368
Cr Roslyn Suckling – 0429 200 143
Cr Tim Hay – 0488 212 566

KALBARRI WARD

Cr Trevor Gibb – 0417 920 125
Cr Des Pike – 0417 919 814
Cr Richard Burges – 0417 912 901

(please note that after 21 October 2023 the Shire of Northampton will have no Wards and a new Councillor Karl Suckling will commence)

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