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# *Yakabout*

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*The Shire of Three Springs  
wishes everyone a very  
Happy Easter  
Stay Safe*



# SHIRE OF THREE SPRINGS



Due to the Coronavirus 2019(Covid-19)

pandemic, the

Shire of Three Springs

wishes to advise our clients that the

**Shire Administration Centre**

**will be closed**

to public foot traffic

from 4pm Wednesday **1st April 2020.**

Services will continue by appointment, from

**8am 2nd April 2020.**

## Pay your vehicle licence (rego)

You can pay for your vehicle licence (rego) online, including through your DoTDirect online account.

To make a payment, enter the account number without spaces, as printed at the bottom right hand corner of your account.

If you don't have an account number, you can look up your account using your driver's licence or vehicle plate number.

For additional payment methods, including registration for an online DoTDirect account, visit the [Department of Transport website](#).

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday

**By Appointment only (until further notice) 2nd April 202**

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**Services offered:**

Department of Transport Licensing

Dog and Cat Licensing, Boat Licensing

Photocopying Service

Ranger and Emergency Services

**Shredded paper available @Shire of Three Springs**

Also based at the Shire Offices on a part time basis:

Environmental Health Officer

**The Three Springs Aquatic Centre is Closed for the 2019/20 Season**

Services currently limited, Essential Services only.

**By Appointment only (until further notice)**

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[Yakabout@threesprings.wa.gov.au](mailto:Yakabout@threesprings.wa.gov.au)

The Shire of Three Springs would like to advise

that the following venues have been closed due to Covid-19



- Visitors Centre
- The Pavilion
- Three Springs Community Hall
- Eco Caravan Park
- Thrift Shop
- Old Nurses Headquarters
- Playgrounds
- Public Toilets (except Railway Road toilets where the Unisex/Disabled side is remain open.

## The Three Springs-Arrino RSL



Wish to inform the community that due to the restrictions impacting public events the 2020 ANZAC Day ceremony has been cancelled. However, we encourage you to please stand at the end of your driveway at 10.30am for a minute's silence, to show solidarity to those who have served our country, past and present. The flags will be flown at the Memorial in Jack Thorpe Gardens, and a wreath will be laid by a member of the RSL. If you would like to lay a wreath, you may do so later in the day.

Please remember to maintain social distancing when you do so.

**LEST WE FORGET**

Ray Morgan





# Community Calendar March/April 2020



30/03/20 Yakabout Published Badminton <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b>	31/03/20 Indoor Bowls <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b> Yoga <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b> Footy Training– <b>CANCELLED will be reassessed end of May</b>	1st APRIL WED New Licensing Hrs Tues–Thur9-3pm  Netball Training <b>CANCELLED will be reassessed end of May</b>	02/04/20 THURS <b>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ELECTRONIC MEETING</b>  Admin Office Closed Appointment Only Footy training <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b>	03/04/20 FRI	4/4/20 SAT
06/04/20 MON Badminton <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b>	07/04/20 TUES CAG Meeting <b>CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, will be reassessed end of May</b> Footy training <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b>	08/04/20 WED	09/04/20 Thurs YAKABOUT NOTICES CLOSE FOR PUBLISHING NOON Footy training <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b> Netball Training <b>CANCELLED will be reassessed end of May</b>	10/04/20 FRI GOOD FRIDAY	11/04/20 Easter Saturday
13/04/20 MON EASTER MONDAY	14/04/20 TUES Yakabout Published Footy training <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b>	15/04/20 WED	16/04/20 THURS Footy training <b>CANCELLED until further notice</b>	17/04/20	18/04/20 TS Winter Sports TS v MI @ TS <b>CANCELLED will be reassessed end of May</b>



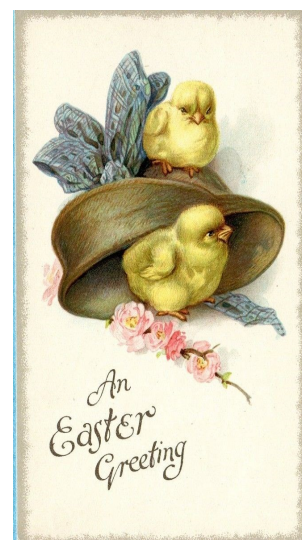
## PUBLIC HOLIDAY-

Friday 10th April (Good Friday) &  
Easter Monday 13th April 2020

**YAKABOUT** will be published **Tues14/04/20**

Please have notices in by Thursday Noon.

Many thanks



## FREE FLU VACCINE - OVER 65's

Are you, or somebody you know over 65 years old? You are eligible for a free influenza vaccine. These are available at the hospital. Please call 9954 3200 to book your appointment.

### Why social distancing matters

Social distancing of 1.5 metres decreases the exposure of coronavirus (COVID-19).

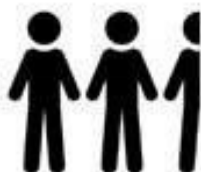
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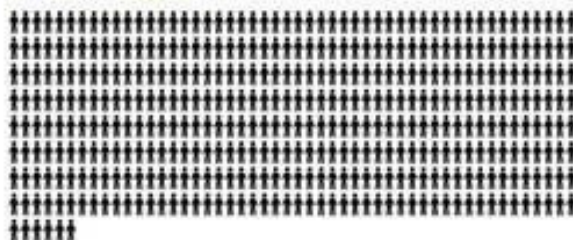
Infects

**5 Days**



2.5 People infected

**30 Days**



406 People infected

**50% less exposure**



1 Person

Infects

**5 Days**



1.25 People infected

**30 Days**



15 People infected

**75% less exposure**



1 Person

Infects

**5 Days**



.625 People infected

**30 Days**



2.5 People infected



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## Frequently Asked Questions

# DoTDirect online account

### What is a DoTDirect online account?

A DoTDirect online account is a free personalised account where you can manage information relating to your personal vehicle licence, driver's licence and boat registration, as well as pay bills associated with these licences.

### How can I register for a DoTDirect online account?

Visit [www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect) and select the 'Register' button, then follow the steps. There are two ways to register.

1. Using your driver's licence and vehicle licence details
2. Using a DoTDirect registration code. If you do not have a registration code, one can be requested during the registration process and mailed to you. This may take up to five days to be received.

Once you enter your licence details or your unique registration code, your personal details and username you will receive a temporary password via email. The first time you login, you will be required to create your own personalised password.

### What information do I need to register for a DoTDirect online account?

For security reasons you will be required to provide your driver's licence or learner's permit number; your licence or permit expiry date and your date of birth. If you wish to register immediately you will also need details of a vehicle licensed in WA that you own or a DoTDirect registration code.

### Can I access my DoTDirect online account from a mobile device?

Yes. Your DoTDirect online account can be accessed from phone and tablet devices.

### Can I use my DoTDirect online account outside business hours?

Yes, your DoTDirect account is available 24 hours, 7 days a week, excluding periods of scheduled maintenance or unexpected periods of service disruptions.

### What can I do when I login to my DoTDirect online account?

You can:-

- Securely pay vehicle licence renewals
- View vehicle licence expiry dates
- View your organisation's vehicle details
- Export your vehicle details to an Excel spreadsheet
- View and update your contact details, including change of address
- Change the National Heavy Vehicle (NHV) category for your vehicles
- Order auxiliary plates for your vehicles
- View recreational boat registration expiry dates
- Securely pay recreational boat registration renewals





**Will DoT store my email address and mobile number?**

Yes. Your email address (required) and mobile number (optional) will be recorded as part of your account. You can change these details at any time, through the "Profile" page.

**Which web browser can I use to access my DoTDirect online account?**

The Transport web site supports a number of commonly used web browsers.

These include:

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Opera
- Apple Safari

For more information on how to make our website work for you and to upgrade your web browser to the latest version, visit [www.transport.wa.gov.au/our-website](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/our-website).

**There is an account showing for one of my vehicles, in the 'to-do' list. Can I pay my driver and vehicle licence accounts that appear in my 'to-do' list when logged in to my DoTDirect online account?**

Yes. Payment can be made by MasterCard or Visa card. To pay by credit card you will be required to provide the following specific details (as shown on the credit card):

Credit card payments	
Field name	What do I select or enter?
Card card type	Select the type of card you wish to use e.g. MasterCard or Visa.
Card holder's name	Enter the name as printed on the front of your card
Card number	Enter the numbers printed on the credit card – spaces are not required
Card expiry date	Select the month and year that match the card expiry date values
CSC	This is the 3 digit number on the back of the Master/Visa card

**Are my payment and credit card details secure?**

Yes. DoT has robust security for all online payments.

**What happens if I close the web browser midway through a payment?**

Closing the web browser effectively ends the 'session'. Unless a payment is completed and confirmed, details of that activity will be lost.

**I clicked a command and the spinning wheel is displayed but nothing seems to be happening. Why is this?**

From time to time the performance of the internet is affected by a range of factors including traffic loads, the specification of the device you are using and your method of connection (eg: direct to modem, local network or WiFi). During peak times you may experience slower response times to commands. If the service appears excessively slow try logging out, close and reopen your browser and log in again.



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Transport

## Frequently Asked Questions DoTDirect online account

**Will the existing applications and payment functions still be available on the Transport website?**

Yes. There are no plans to decommission any current application.

**What do I need to do if I notice information displayed on my DoTDirect online account is incorrect?**  
(E.g. My driver's licence expiry date, or vehicles listed under my name that should not be, etc.)

If the details relate to your address, email or mobile contact number you can update this yourself under the 'Profile' section of your account. Please contact Driver and Vehicle Services via the online help section of your DoTDirect online account and notify them of any issue with your details.

**I have attempted to log on 3 times or more and now I am locked out of my account, what should I do?**

The account will be locked for 1 hour after which you can log in using your user name and password.

**What happens if I have forgotten my username or password?**

Go to [www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect) and click on the "Login" button. This will take you to the login page for DoTDirect online account. Click on the 'Forgot password?' or 'Forgot username?' link to retrieve your password or username.

**Can I register if I do not have a Driver's Licence or Learner's Permit?**

You won't be able to register for the DoTDirect online account if you do not have a driver's licence or learner's permit.

**I have a business; can I register for DoT Direct online?**

Yes you can! For further information, go to:

[http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/DOTD\\_P\\_DoTDirect\\_Businesses\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/DOTD_P_DoTDirect_Businesses_FAQs.pdf)

**I have a boat but I cannot see it on DoTDirect, how do I add it to my account?**

1. Logging into your DoTDirect Online account
2. Click on the Tools menu
3. Click on Enrol my boat











If you still do not see your boat, you can click the "Missing a boat?" link and you will be required to submit the boat registrations for the boats you believe are missing from your account.

If you have a question which is not answered here, please contact Driver and Vehicle Services on [contactcentre@transport.wa.gov.au](mailto:contactcentre@transport.wa.gov.au) alternatively call 131156 and a consultant will assist you.



# COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS		COVID-19	COLD	FLU
		Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
<b>Fever</b>		Common	Rare	Common
<b>Cough</b>		Common	Common	Common
<b>Sore Throat</b>		Sometimes	Common	Common
<b>Shortness of Breath</b>		Sometimes	No	No
<b>Fatigue</b>		Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
<b>Aches &amp; Pains</b>		Sometimes	No	Common
<b>Headaches</b>		Sometimes	Common	Common
<b>Runny or Stuffy Nose</b>		Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
<b>Diarrhea</b>		Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
<b>Sneezing</b>		No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP  
THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.**

For more information about  
**Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



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## Department of Transport (DOT)

With effect from **1 April 2020**, the new **Licensing hours** shall be:

- Licensing hours: **Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm**
- Theory Test hours: **Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am to 2:45pm**

**Admin Office Hours still remain 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday.**

KEITH WOODWARD  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3 March 2020



## The Three Springs Medical Centre

will be open from 9am – 12 pm Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> April for any current patients who need access to their medical records.

Please send all record requests to [reception@tsmc.net.au](mailto:reception@tsmc.net.au),

alternatively call 9954 1013 and leave a message with your request.

Although we will be open strict social distancing still applies so please be mindful for your own safety and those in the office.

### *Media Release*

#### **AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DROUGHT COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVE (DCSI)**

The Salvation Army is delivering assistance through the Australian governments Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI–Round 2). The second round of this assistance commenced on 21 Nov 2019.

If you are a farmer, farm worker, farm supplier or farm contractor who is doing it tough due to the drought you may be eligible for a one off payment of up to \$3,000. To be eligible you need to be

- \*Over the age of 18 years : Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

- \*Live and / or work in the **Three Springs Shire** & Have not already received this payment from The Salvation Army or St Vincent de Paul since 21 November 2019

The maximum amount a household can receive is \$3,000. If more than one eligible household members reside in the same residence, the total assistance provided to the household cannot exceed \$3,000.

You can apply for the drought assistance online at [www.salvationarmy.org.au/drought](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/drought) (preferred method) or by calling the 24/7 Telephone Assistance Line on 1300 551 030. If your preferred method is to call the Telephone Assistance Line, please only use this line to make a new application and please leave a voice message with all the information requested.

The Salvation Army has distributed over \$28million of this funding to over 9,900 drought affected households since 21 November 2019, and as at 31 March 2020 were distributing over \$1.2million every three days. As you would appreciate, demand for this assistance has been high.

The Salvation Army will call you to complete your assessment as soon as they can. Please do not make a second application if you have already applied as they will get to you. The payment is not considered taxable income. I

f you had assistance in DCSI(Round 1) which

concluded on 30 June 2019 you are eligible to apply for assistance for DCSI(Round 2).







## SPECIAL COUNCIL EMEETING

A Special Meeting of Council has been convened by the Shire President which will take place:

**Date:** Thursday 2 April 2020

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Purpose:** To consider the following agenda items:

- 1. COVID – 19 Relief Package and Acting Chief Executive Officer**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this Special Council Meeting will be facilitated as an Electronic Meeting (eMeeting).

If you have a Public Question for Council can you please submit your question(s) to the Chief Executive Officer by 3.00pm on 2 April 2020.

The CEO's email address is [ceo@threesprings.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@threesprings.wa.gov.au)

KEITH WOODWARD  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Tuesday 31 March 2020



WILDFLOWER COUNTRY

# Community Group Information

## Churches

Anglican / Uniting	Cancelled until further notice	See Church notices	Trinity Church Carter Street	Morris Van Buerle – 9954 5043 Peter Whale - 0427 541 080
Catholic	Cancelled until further notice	4pm	St Paul's Catholic Church Touche Street	Fr Brian Ahearn 9927 1451 0427 271 452

## Community Groups

Community Action Group	3rd Tuesday of the month	4pm Cancelled until further notice	Council Chambers	9954 1001
Craft Group	Wednesdays	9am–3pm \$1.00	Old Nurses Quarters	
Friends of the North-Midlands Health Service				Brenda Bowman 0427 511 339
Historical Society				Judy and Roy Mutter 0427 547 733
Mingenew Painting Club	1st Wednesday of the month (Mar–August)	Cancelled until further notice		Terri Traylen-Witt 9954 1213
North Midlands Agricultural Society			Carnamah	Angela Dring 044 927 800
Returned Services League				Ray Morgan 9954 1014
RSL Women's Auxiliary				Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014
Tourists Information	CLOSED until further notice	10am - 2pm	Visitors Centre	Cathy Reed 9954 7012
			9954 1590	
Three Springs Lions Club	2nd			Jon Addison 0428 541255

## Emergency Services

St Johns Ambulance				Merle Isbister 0428 511 030
Volunteer Fire Brigade	Training twice a month out of fire season			Rod Ennor 0428 246 531

## Youth

Coderdojo	Carnamah			Richelle Essers 0428 921 464
Playgroup	CANCELLED Until Further Notice			Lauren Cruickshank 0429 620 201
Three Springs Parents & Citizens				President: Nadine Eva 0427 541 014 Catering Stacey Pajich 0476 659 612



# Community Group Information

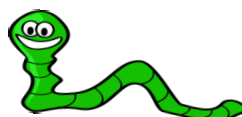
## Sporting Groups

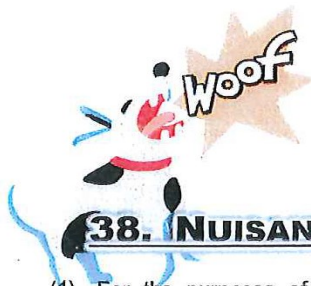
Basketball			Coorow-Carnamah	Bruce Chisholm 0428 591 318
Bowls	Saturday - Pennants Sundays - Club events		Three Springs Sporting Club	Bill McGree 0459 057 580
Cricket	TBC			
Badminton	<b>CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>	6pm—8pm	Three Springs Com- munity Hall	Phil Berry 0432 758 770
Golf	Friday - Scroungers Saturday - Pennants Sunday - Club Day	Scroungers - 3pm	Three Springs Golf Club	David Mutter 0427 547 035
Football			Three Springs Sport- ing Complex Pavilion	Jimmy Heal 0429 165 235
Netball			Three Springs Sport- ing Complex Pavilion	
Hockey			Three Springs Sport- ing Complex Pavilion	
Indoor Bowls	<b>CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>	9am - 12pm	Three Springs Community Hall	Adele Metsemakers 0458 090 839
Rifle Club	Sundays			Chris Connaughton 0427 547 007
Sporting Clay	Summer - Saturdays			Gary Turley 0428 888 075
Target Shooting	Winter - Sundays			
Squash				Bill McGree 0459 057 580
Tennis	Mondays	6pm Social member: \$5 12 mths Casual \$10	Three Springs Sports Club	Camille Stokes 0401 526 886
Yoga	<b>CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>	2 - 3.30pm	Red Room Three Springs Community Hall	Lorraine Morgan 99541014

## **SHREDDED PAPER**

Available at : **The Shire of Three Springs**

Great for worm farms, Compost heap, chooks and Garden Mulch





## NUISANCE DOGS

### 38. NUISANCE DOGS

- (1) For the purposes of this section, a dog is a nuisance if the dog —
  - (a) makes a noise, by barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any place; or
  - (b) is shown to be allowed to behave consistently in a manner contrary to the general interest of the community; or
  - (c) makes a noise, by barking or otherwise, that exceeds —
    - (i) a prescribed noise level measured by a prescribed method over a prescribed period of time; or
    - (ii) a prescribed number of times of occurrence during or over a prescribed period of time.
- (2) A person may lodge a complaint in a prescribed form with an authorised person, alleging that a dog is a nuisance.
- (3) If an authorised person is satisfied that a dog is a nuisance as alleged in a complaint, the authorised person may issue an order to a person liable for the control of the dog requiring that person to prevent the behaviour that is alleged to constitute the nuisance by a time specified in the order.
- (4) An order has effect for 6 months after the day on which it is issued.
- (5) A person to whom an order is issued must comply with the order during the period in which it has effect.

Penalty:

  - (a) for an offence relating to a dangerous dog —
    - (i) a fine of \$10 000, but the minimum penalty is a fine of \$500;
    - (ii) for each separate and further offence committed by the person under the *Interpretation Act 1984* section 71, a fine of \$500;
  - (b) for an offence relating to a dog other than a dangerous dog, a fine of \$5 000.
- (6) This section does not apply to a dog while that dog is kept at an establishment licensed as an approved kennel establishment under section 27.

[Section 38 inserted by No. 18 of 2013 s. 46.]



### HOW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT

If you wish to lodge a complaint against a "Nuisance Dog", you are required to attend the Local Shire Office and fill out a Complaint Form so that action can be taken to prevent further nuisance behaviour.

Before you do this, there are certain items of information that are required to ensure your complaint can be processed as soon as possible.

- A Positive ID on the Dog creating a nuisance
  - The Type or Breed of dog
  - The Colour of the Dog
  - The Gender of the dog
  - Any identifying marks
- Type of nuisance
- Dates and Times on or between which the nuisance occurred (Where possible)
- Where the dog was at the time of the nuisance
- Name and Address of the person believed to be the owner
- Address where dog is ordinarily kept
- Name and Address of Person(s) making the complaint

Without the necessary detail, the Ranger is unable to proceed in neutralising the complaint, so the above information is absolutely necessary for the Nuisance Dog(s) to be dealt with as quickly as possible.

**It is a legal requirement that a "Complaint as to a Nuisance Created by a Dog" form is filled out before any action can be taken to resolve the problem.**

After lodging your complaint with the Local Shire, the Ranger is contacted and made aware of the problem. When he is next available, he will get in contact with the owner of the alleged Nuisance Dog and speak to them about the issue. They will be given two weeks in which to resolve the issue.

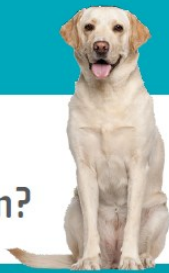
After the owner of the alleged Nuisance Dog is spoken to, the Ranger will then speak to the complainant(s) regarding the conversation with the dog owner. On doing so, he will give you a diary with which you will be asked to formally note down the times that you are disturbed by the nuisance dog. This will act as evidence should the complaint proceed to court.







## Where can I get more information?



Department of Local Government and Communities

## Laws for Responsible Dog Owners *The Dog Act 1976*

For more information, including tips for being a responsible dog owner, visit the Department of Local Government and Communities Responsible Dog Ownership web page at:

[www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/dogs](http://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/dogs)

or contact your local government.

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140 William Street  
PERTH WA 6000

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PERTH WA 6844

Telephone: (08) 6551 8700  
Facsimile: (08) 6552 1555  
Free call: 1800 620 511 (Country Only)  
Translating and Interpreting Service  
(TIS) - Tel: 13 14 50  
Email: [info@dlgc.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@dlgc.wa.gov.au)

Shire of Three Springs  
PO Box 117  
Three Springs WA 6519  
(08) 9954 1001



[www.dlgc.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au)

## Laws for Responsible Dog Owners

The *Dog Act 1976* is administered and enforced by local governments within their respective districts. The Act addresses the control and registration of dogs; the ownership and keeping of dogs; and the obligations and rights of dog owners and others.

Everyone who is a dog owner has a responsibility to ensure that his or her dog is well looked after.

In addition, it is important that dog owners respect other people in the community. This can be achieved by keeping dogs adequately confined on their properties, on a leash in public places, preventing aggressive behaviour and controlling excessive barking.

As a nation of pet lovers, we rely on dog owners to responsibly look after their dogs to ensure that we can all live together peacefully and without fear.



### Your responsibilities

**Dog control** **Penalty: \$200 to \$5,000**  
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.

**Dogs barking** **Penalty: \$200 to \$5,000**  
As a dog owner, you are responsible for ensuring that your dog is not creating a public nuisance by barking excessively. Nuisance barking also covers public places adjoining the premises.

**Removal of dog droppings** **Penalty: Varies**  
Dog droppings are a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. Most local governments have 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.

**Penalties for dog attacks** **Penalty: \$3,000 to \$20,000**  
**Potential imprisonment**

A dog attack is a very serious matter. If your dog attacks a person or another animal, you will be held responsible even if you are not there at the time.

**Dog registration** **Penalty: \$200**  
A dog owner is legally required to register his or her dog with the appropriate local government if it is more than three months old. Contact your local government for a registration form and list of applicable fees.

**Registration tags** **Penalty: \$200**  
Your dog is required to wear a collar to which must be attached a valid registration tag. This tag will be issued by your local government when you pay your registration fee.

### Microchipping has been introduced for all dogs from the following dates:

- From 1 November 2013, dogs must be microchipped when they are registered for the first time or when a change of ownership occurs.
- By 30 November 2013 all dangerous dogs, which includes restricted breeds, and commercial security dogs, must be microchipped.
- By 1 November 2015, all dogs must be microchipped.

### Dangerous dogs

Dangerous dogs can be of any breed; however, some breeds are more prone to attacking than others.

Measures are in place to increase the safety of the community and to ensure that the owners take increased responsibility for dogs that are known to be potentially dangerous.

Some breeds have been declared restricted in Australia and Western Australia.

### Local laws

Each local government is able to introduce local laws on a range of matters for dog control including specified dog exercise areas and the number of dogs allowed to be kept at a premise. For further information on the laws relevant to your district, contact your local government.

# The Dog Act 1976

## Your Responsibilities

There have been a few reports of wandering dogs in public and private property. If you own a dog, you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control, within a fence area or your property or on a leash when in public. Ensure your dog is well secured before leaving your home.

Your dog must always be on a leash in public, except at designated dog exercise areas.

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. If the matter goes to court, the penalty could be as high as \$5,000.

You are also responsible for ensuring your dog is not a public nuisance (i.e. by excessive barking).

There may be an on – the – spot – fine applicable for allowing your dog to bark persistently. If taken to court, the fine could be up to \$5,000.

## People and animals have rights

Everyone is entitled to walk in the neighbourhood without being harassed or attacked by uncontrolled and often quite frightening dogs.

Even if your dog is well behaved, it can be very frightening to other people if it is roaming unattended.

Although you may think your dog is unlikely to attack a person, roaming dogs will often approach and sometimes attack other dogs. Responsible pet owners and their dogs are often targets of these attacks.

## Dog Attacks

A dog attack is a very serious matter. If your dog attacks a person or another animal, you will be held responsible even if you were not there at the time. The only exception is where the dog was provoked to attack. A dog attack now includes a dog aggressively rushing at or attempting to attack a person or animal, as well as tearing clothing, biting or causing physical injury.

There are very substantial penalties of up to \$10,000 for a dog attack and \$10,000 and / or 12 months jail for inciting a dog attack.

The dog owner is also liable for any injury or damage to property resulting from a dog attack.

Council could also seek a court order for the dog to be destroyed.

Item	Provision of Act	Nature of offence	Penalty for dogs other than dangerous dogs \$	Penalty for dangerous dogs \$
1.	s. 7(1)	Unregistered dog	200	400
5.	s. 21(1), (2)	Failure to ensure dog is micro-chipped	200	
12.	s. 26(4)	Keeping more than the prescribed number of dogs	200	400
14.	s. 30(2)	Dog not wearing collar with attached registration tag	200	
15.	s. 31(3)	Dog not held or tethered in certain public places	200	
18.	s. 33A(3)	Dog in place without consent	200	400
19.	s. 33D(1)	Dog attack or chase causing physical injury	400	
20.	s. 33D(2A)	Dog attack or chase causing no physical injury	200	400
42.	s. 38(5)	Failure to comply with a nuisance dog order	200	400

## Police News

I think we would all now be aware that football in Western Australia has been postponed until the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2020. We are told as that date draws closer the situation with Covid-19 will be re-assessed and then a decision will be made about the future of the competition. This means the Mighty Three Springs Bombers cannot play, train or have functions and our premiership campaign is on hold until that date.

I think it's important to acknowledge the super efforts of the playing group and the committee over the summer period. The committee had built a solid foundation for the club and the playing group had worked hard on increasing their skill and fitness levels. There were also obvious signs within the group that they were growing together developing a strong, positive culture which will continue when we return to football whenever that may be.

Moving forward for the players, no matter what restrictions are put in place try and find a way to maintain that fitness and skill level you have developed over the past few weeks. Be creative and maybe even look online for some inspiration. Fitness is one of those areas that it can take a long time and a lot of hard work to build but can disappear very quickly. Who knows we may be back in June for a reduced season.

If you make the effort now to maintain and even increase your fitness you will be ready to go and we could still be premiership bound in 2020. If the season doesn't go ahead you have still made some positive life choices, be far healthier and better for it.

To maintain the levels of communication I will continue with the Bombers Footy news and player profiles over the break.

Stay Safe

Vance Davison

Bombers Coach



## Church Notices

Anglican/Uniting Church. Parish of North Midlands.

***Trinity Church, Carter St, Three Springs***

*Sadly, as from 22 March 2020, all churches were closed.*

*Parishes may not hold outdoor gatherings, either.*

*Funerals can be held with no more than 10 people in attendance:  
the social/physical distancing rules apply.*



*Weddings are limited to 5 people only: the required hygiene and social/physical distancing rules are to be followed.*

*We will let you know what form of worship could be undertaken as it evolves.*

*There is a Bible Study group.*

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In the towns of Three Springs, Carnamah, Coorow you can tune in to **88.0 FM Vision Christian Radio**

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## ***Church Notices* - A message from Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy for Clergy and Community 24 March 2020**

Hello everyone, the prayer for this week: Almighty God in Christ you make all things new, transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace. And, in the renewal of our lives, make known your heavenly glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What an incredible week, or weeks it's been for us all. On Sunday, for the very first time in living memory, our churches were closed for Sunday services. Later that day, it was made clear that the requirement for all places of worship is for our doors to be closed. I know that many of you had wanted to be able to keep the doors of your churches open through the week so that people could come in for personal and private prayer. That is no longer possible.

All our buildings now need to be closed. That means that the creativity and imagination which has already begun and is underway – those opportunities for reaching out, for worship, pastoral care, communicating with members of our parishes and other communities – needs to be going on for quite a bit longer.

Last Sunday, people had a go at live streaming. I've seen some really terrific things and it was lovely to be part of a number of different communities in this way. I know that many of you are hoping and working this week towards getting better with that technology, I certainly need to do so! I joined a group in order to watch one particular prayer service and participate in it, only to discover that I'd invited a lot of people to join with me; they'd all seen it and I, somehow or another, got it wrong! So, I certainly need to get better at that, and plan to, by this coming Sunday.

I have heard such terrific stories from lay leaders and clergy who I know are carrying a particular burden of care and responsibility; who feel achingly that in some way or another because we are not able to reach out and touch (our natural inclination when we care for people); and when we are not able to act as the church in ways that we always have done; that people are feeling somewhat at a loss. It is great to know how many of you are connecting with each other, sharing ideas, sharing resources, sharing information.

I hope that over the coming weeks, as I continue to update you through this video and in other ways, you also will continue to update your parish communities. Last week I know that members of parishes particularly were contacted by letter or an email. I heard a great story of one place where, for those who are not in email contact, letters were delivered to houses and those who received them met the bearers with joy and gladness, with grief, but also with a great sense of hope.

This morning, the reading for morning prayer came from **Luke's Gospel in Chapter 18**, and it begins in this way:

'Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. And it's that parable of the widow who goes to the unjust judge and keeps on and on and on until he gives her what it is that she seeks. Please pray, keep on praying. Don't lose heart.'

Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend. Come and care for us all through the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus epidemic. To people who are sick, bring healing. To people who are displaced, isolated or cut off from family, friends or work, bring comfort and companionship. Work with medical staff as they care for the sick and protect them from harm. Give skill and fruitful research to scientists as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure. To public health authorities give wisdom to decide the best ways to manage both this crisis and our anxieties. When communities are fearful give a calm spirit and kindness to neighbours and strangers. Through this testing time and through all the risks we face together teach us once again how we can love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

The Lord be with you.





## media statement

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### **New restricted burning periods in place for April**

Land owners in the southern half of the State who plan to burn on their properties in April will need to obtain a permit from their Local Government.

As of tomorrow, 1 April 2020, new Restricted Burning Times will come into effect for all 129 Local Governments from the Midwest Gascoyne through to the Great Southern.

The new timeframe extends through to 30 April 2020.

Residents in Local Government areas that planned to cease their Prohibited Burning Time on 30 April 2020 are unaffected by the changes.

Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM said in these uncertain times the new timeframe would help reduce the potential of out of control burns for volunteer firefighters.

"We are still in the grips of an active bushfire season, and this risk is not likely to ease for a number of weeks," Commissioner Klemm said.

"Over the past two years fire crews have faced significant bushfires across southern WA at this time of year, many of which were caused by private burns that got out of control."

Commissioner Klemm said by obtaining a permit, and therefore registering burning intentions with Local Government, land owners would be helping their communities easily and quickly identify fire activities in their area.

"These restrictions mean Local Governments can ensure land owners who need to undertake burns, such as those in the agricultural sector for primary production purposes, can continue to do so while not putting unnecessary pressure on our firefighters," he said.

Dependent on the circumstances of the offence, land owners who undertake burning without the required permit can face fines of up to \$10,000.

For more information about obtaining a permit, contact your Local Government.

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## W.A. Travel Restrictions Covid-19 (Midwest)

WA travel restrictions came into place midnight

Tuesday 31/03/20

The Mid West is made up of 17 local government authorities:

Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary. Police have the power to enforce these restrictions if necessary, and fines of up to \$50,000 can be issued. Exemptions will apply in circumstances including employment purposes; medical or veterinary reasons; delivery of essential services including health or emergency services; people living across regional boundaries, who may not have access to groceries or supplies immediately within their region; transport of goods; compassionate grounds; a family member has primary care responsibilities; for school, TAFE or tertiary study reasons; to escape domestic violence or due to an emergency.

Additional restrictions to remote Aboriginal communities were announced by the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, to provide extra protection to these vulnerable communities .



## A word from the West Midlands Group: Our response to COVID-19 in 2020

In light of the unprecedented global public health crisis, we wanted to reach out and keep you informed of our response and the activities that we have planned in order to continue delivering value to our members, stakeholders and the community.

In this rapidly evolving situation, the West Midlands Group is guided by two priorities: ensuring employee and community safety and continuing to deliver relevant and timely information during this critical period.

The team at West Midlands Group has moved quickly to respond to the current and likely future changes to our working environment. The Seasonal Updates event on the 17<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled at the last minute in the best interest of the community and potential attendees. Since then, the recent Australian Health Protection Principle Committee (AHPPC) statement (17<sup>th</sup> March 2020) has advised that non-essential social gatherings should be avoided to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This restriction is likely to be in place for at least six months as a measure to 'flatten the curve' of infection to allow our hospital systems to manage the influx of sick people.

This restriction has a material impact on the delivery of a further six events and workshops planned by the West Midlands Group for the 2020 season. This includes this year's Spring Field Day event, although the main trial site will be established in the hope that favourable conditions later in the year may allow this event to be rescheduled. We plan to continue our trials program for 2020 as this can still be completed under the current social distancing measures.

The West Midlands Group is confident that we will be able to adapt as this situation evolves and continue to deliver timely and relevant information to our members. We encourage our members to become actively involved in the new methods of communication that will temporarily replace our events and workshops in 2020 to stay informed.

Future West Midlands Group communication activities may include:

- Monthly e-newsletter to deliver small bites of essential information
- WMG Quarterly technical newsletter will be printed and posted to members
- Webinars to deliver technical and capacity building workshops
- Forums for members to share their experiences online
- Podcasts with experts to talk in more detail on a range of topics
- Greater access to information on our website, including a member portal

If successful, these new methods will be integrated into our suite of communication channels. Our aim is to find the most effective and efficient method of communicating to our members in the current and future working environment.

We encourage our research and sponsor partners to consider how they can become involved in these new forms of information delivery. Discussions have already been held with potential partners to develop a series of webinars to replace our capacity building workshops planned for June and August.

I am confident that the West Midlands Group will continue to deliver highly relevant and timely information to our members. The West Midlands Group also takes its responsibility seriously to care for the health and well-being of our members and our employees. We ask our members to remain safe during the next few weeks as this pandemic unfolds, and to follow recommendations by the state and federal health departments

Yours Sincerely,

Nathan Craig,

# Important news regarding our services

## DESERT BLUE CONNECT

As most people know by now COVID-19 is causing disruptions to normal life across the

planet unfortunately, we are not immune in Geraldton. Desert Blue Connect are following the measures and restrictions provided by the government. At the moment we will stay open to provide essential services to people throughout this crisis. Family violence does not stop in the face of a pandemic, with research showing that it may worsen for victims due to

isolation and being forced to stay in close quarters for a long period of time with the abuser.

As of today, we are still available for face to face services with precautions and screening in place to protect staff and clients. This service will continue for as long as the government measures and restrictions allow. We understand that clients may wish to stay home and keep away from other people and crowds. If clients do not wish to use face to face services at Desert Blue Connect, we have phone or videoconferencing sessions available for

the following services:-

- \* Our adult counselling which includes services for sexual assault, family violence, women's health and rural support - (rural support is available for people in the shires of Mingenew, Morawa, Three Springs, Carnamah, Coorow, Perenjori and Yalgoo).

- \* Family violence support, information, referrals and case management – this is if you need help in an immediate family violence situation, you feel unsafe or just want information around family violence.

- \* The men's intervention services; these are provided at our men's services office at 98a Chapman Road, up near Hungry Jacks. If you are at all unsure about what services are available, please phone to speak to one of our staff. We would also appreciate it if you phone us on 9964 2742 to make a booking rather than coming in to make a booking.

Given that the need for safe housing does not go away in a crisis, Chrysalis House Women's Refuge will be operating as per usual, but with additional safety precautions and screening to ensure the well-being and health of our clients and staff. Please phone before proceeding to the refuge on 9964 2173. Your safety is our priority.

We also have resources available for parents who wish to continue their children's learning in protective behaviours and resilience education. We have had to put our on-site sessions on-hold for the time being. These resources can be found on our website at

<https://www.desertblueconnect.org.au/educational-resources/>

Webinars on a variety of topics will be available throughout this period of changed service delivery from the Community Initiatives team and will be accessible via our Facebook pages, Women's Health Program Desert Blue Connect and the main Desert Blue Connect page. Please like and follow these pages for the most current updates.

We currently face a lot of uncertainty with many services having to change how they deliver programs on a daily basis. We appreciate your understanding and patience while we transition to a new way of working. For the time being, we will ensure to make our service delivery more effective and efficient, to develop new programs, and to look to the future of how Desert Blue Connect can adapt, not break, in times of change. We will always be here for you, in one way or another. Stay safe and stay well.

Everyone at Desert Blue Connect





# MELISSA PRICE MP

Federal Member for **Durack**



### Data boost for Sky Muster satellite broadband services in Durack

Thursday 25 March

Homes and businesses in Durack will soon be able to access more data on their Sky Muster satellite services, with NBN Co to provide additional broadband data from 1 April 2020.

NBN Co will offer permanent enhancements to its Sky Muster Plus offering, and a temporary increase to data allowances for standard Sky Muster plans to support the increased data needs of rural and regional Australians in response to COVID-19.

Federal Member for Durack, the Honourable Melissa Price has welcomed the decision.

"It's particularly important for an electorate like Durack as we all adapt to new ways of living working and educating our children, to help keep businesses, families and students connected. We anticipate higher than usual internet usage across the NBN, in regional and remote areas," Ms Price said.

The extra data that NBN Co is making available over the Sky Muster satellites – both permanent enhancements adding greater flexibility on Sky Muster Plus and the short term data boost on standard Sky Muster plans – will offer relief to regional and remote communities as their internet needs change over the coming weeks.

The NBN plays a critically important role in keeping rural and regional Australians connected, and this is particularly true as we face uncertain times," Ms Price said.

Sky Muster Plus currently offers unmetered usage for selected internet essentials including web browsing, emails and internet banking. From 1 April, unmetered activities will be expanded to cover all online content and applications, with only two exclusions – video streaming and VPN traffic – which will continue to be metered.

Under the new offering, approximately 70 per cent of all data use is expected to be unmetered compared to about 30 per cent under the current plans, and the product will support unmetered usage for education applications and apps such as Skype and FaceTime for the first time.

For more information about the Sky Muster Plus satellite service visit: [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au)

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## Shane Love MLA

Member for Moore

## MEDIA RELEASE

March 19, 2020

### Farm working dogs and responsible owners need consideration in puppy laws

The Nationals WA will seek to amend the Labor Government's proposed puppy farming laws to minimise impacts for farm working dogs and responsible dog owners.

Deputy Leader Shane Love said the Nationals WA were committed to stamping out intensive dog breeding.

"The Nationals WA find the practice of puppy farming to be unacceptable and we support improved welfare for all animals," Mr Love said.

"However, following consultation with the agricultural sector, the WA Local Government Association and Dogs West, it is clear the State Government has not done their due diligence with this legislation.

"Our amendments will be aimed at minimising the impacts of this Bill, if it passes, for owners of farm working dogs and responsible dog owners and breeders who are members of Dogs West."

The Nationals WA amendments will include:

- Defining farm working dogs within the legislation;
- Exempting farm working dogs from mandatory sterilisation after two years of age;
- Exempting farm working dog owners from needing to become registered breeders;
- Exempting Dogs West members from needing to become registered breeders.

"These exemptions are important in recognising the vital role that farm working dogs play in our agricultural sector, and are in line with exemptions offered by other States when introducing puppy farming legislation," Mr Love said.

"Over their lifetime, a working dog provides about \$40,000 worth of value to a farm business and important breeding stock could be restricted if farm working dogs are not exempted."

Mr Love said Dogs West members should also be granted an exemption.

"Dogs West owners and breeders represent the gold standard of dog ownership in Western Australia," he said.

"They already have rigorous processes in place to ensure their membership has the highest standards of animal welfare in place, including restrictions on the number of dogs a person can own and the number of litters a dog can safely have.

"None of these animal welfare standards exist within the Labor Party's proposed legislation," he said.

"We all support stamping out the abhorrent practice of intensive dog breeding under inadequate conditions, however the proposed legislation fails to do this."



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## Shane Love MLA

Member for Moore

## MEDIA RELEASE

10 March 2020

### THE NATIONALS WA ELECT SHANE LOVE AS NEW DEPUTY LEADER

Restoring the integrity of a Royalty for Regions program ravaged by the Labor Government will be a key focus for Member for Moore Shane Love following his election to deputy leadership of The Nationals WA.

Mr Love was elected to the position during a meeting of the Parliamentary National Party this morning.

Leader of The Nationals Mia Davies congratulated Mr Love, who will play a pivotal role in the party's preparations for next year's State election. Mr Love has served two terms as the Member for Moore and was recently The Nationals' whip.

He attended high school in Albany and completed a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Western Australia. Between 2004-2013 Mr Love was Shire President of Dandaragan, capping 12 years as a local government councillor.

"No one knows more about how much regional West Australians are hurting under Labor than Shane and he will be an asset to our fight to get a fairer deal for small businesses, workers and families across the State," Ms Davies said.

"As Deputy Leader and Member for Moore Mr Love will be a strong voice for all regional West Australians."

Mr Love thanked his Nationals colleagues for their vote of confidence and vowed to support Ms Davies in the campaign to get a fairer deal for the regions at next year's election.

"I've been in Parliament since 2013 and I saw how under the Nationals' stewardship Royalties for Regions projects transformed regional communities across the State," he said.

"Under Labor, the program has been ripped apart with \$1.6 billion cost-shifted to pay for Water Corporation and TAFE subsidies, school buses and other essential regional services so they have the money to pay for their pet Perth projects."

Ms Davies also recognised Member for Mining and Pastoral Jacqui Boydell for her service as Deputy Leader over the past three years.

"Jacqui has been an outspoken advocate for regional WA, working hard as an MP and behind the scenes with The Nationals WA for 15 years to ensure regional families and local issues are on the agenda in State Parliament," Ms Davies said. "She has been a warrior both on the frontline as an MP, and behind the scenes in our organisation.

"I have been proud to have her standing by me as my Deputy Leader and she is to be congratulated for her service to regional WA."

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### **Weigh-up your rights as gyms close**

Fitness fanatics may be left wondering what will happen to their gym memberships with 'non-essential' services like gymnasiums now shutdown around the country as part of the State and Federal Governments' continuing efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus.

Consumers might be wondering whether they are still required to pay membership fees for sessions and classes they can no longer attend, and what their rights are to a refund or credit if they have already paid for these services ahead of time.

In ordinary circumstances, Australian Consumer Law prohibits businesses from taking payments when it is unable to supply a service, even when the contract specifies that payments can't be suspended. This means that if payments have already been deducted you are within your rights to approach the business for a refund.

However, when a service has been suspended due to government restrictions (such as in this instance), your right to a refund may be impacted.

We're aware that some gyms are looking to provide alternative services, such as online work-outs, in which case it may not be reasonable to expect to receive a full refund.

If your gym is not offering such alternatives, then you may wish to request a refund, credit note or voucher. You may also want to get confirmation in writing that the gym will suspend any further deductions until it is authorised to re-open.

Please remember that these are unprecedented times for everybody and consumers need to be patient while waiting for businesses to respond. It is more than likely your gym is dealing with dozens of similar enquiries.

If you have tried negotiating a refund or remedy and are unhappy with their response, feel free to contact us on 1300 30 40 54, or [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au).

Further consumer information can be found in our list of COVID-19 coronavirus FAQs, which are continually being updated: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-faqs-your-consumer-rights>





## COVID-19 – Frequently asked questions

### What is a coronavirus and COVID-19?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses known to cause respiratory infections. These can range from the common cold to more serious diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). This new coronavirus originated in Hubei Province, China and the disease caused by the virus is named COVID-19.

### How is this coronavirus spread?

COVID-19 is most likely to spread from person-to-person through:

- close contact with a person while they are infectious or in the 24 hours before their symptoms appeared
- close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes
- touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) contaminated from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

### Can I leave home?

All Australians are required to stay home unless it is absolutely necessary to go outside.

Australians are permitted to leave home for the essentials, such as:

- shopping for food
- exercising outdoors, avoiding contact with other people
- going out for medical needs
- providing care or support to another individual in a place other than your home
- going to work if you cannot work from home.

Attending barbers and hairdressers is allowed, but the four square metre rule per person must be strictly observed and personal contact during the patron's visit should be minimised where possible.

All international travel is banned. Domestic travel is to be avoided.

When out of your home it is even more important to practise good hand and cough/sneeze hygiene and social distancing.

You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues and wash your hands
- avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- exercise personal responsibility for social distancing measures.

## What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other colds and flus and include:

- fever
- sore throat
- cough
- tiredness
- difficulty breathing.

While coronavirus is of concern, it is important to remember that most people displaying these symptoms are likely suffering with a cold or other respiratory illness – not coronavirus.

## What do I do if I develop symptoms?

If you believe you have been exposed to, or have COVID-19, you should phone the National Coronavirus Helpline (1800 020 080) for advice.

## How can we help prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene and keeping your distance from others when you are sick is the best defence against most viruses. You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- if unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- exercise personal responsibility for social distancing measures.

## Should I be tested for COVID-19?

Your doctor will tell you if you should be tested. They will arrange for the test.

You will only be tested if your doctor decides you meet the criteria:

- You have returned from overseas in the past 14 days and you develop respiratory illness with or without fever.
- You have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 14 days and you develop respiratory illness with or without fever.
- You have severe community-acquired pneumonia and there is no clear cause.
- You are a healthcare worker who works directly with patients and you have a respiratory illness and a fever

If you meet any of these criteria, your doctor can request you are tested for COVID-19. It is important to remember that many people with symptoms similar to COVID-19 will not have the virus. Only suspected cases are tested to ensure our labs are able to cope with the demand. There is no need to test people who feel well and do not meet the criteria above.

## Who needs to isolate?

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19, you need to isolate as directed by your state or territory health department. See [this page](#) on the Health website for more information.

If you have arrived in Australia prior to Saturday 28 March 2020, you must self-isolate at home for 14 days from the day of your arrival.

In addition, from 11:59pm on Saturday 28 March 2020, all travellers arriving in Australia via air or sea ports will be required to undergo 14 days isolation in the city of their arrival.

Accommodation will be provided for the quarantine period.

If their final destination is in a different state or territory, they will still be required to complete their quarantine in the state or territory where they arrive, before returning home.

States and territories will be responsible for enforcing these requirements, supported by the Australian Government, including the Australian Defence Force and the Australian Border Force where necessary.

Air and maritime crews will be required to continue to undertake the existing precautions they are following where they must self-isolate in their accommodation when they enter Australia.

## Someone I live with is getting tested for COVID-19. Should I self-isolate and get tested as well?

If a household member is a suspected case, you may need to be isolated. This will be determined by your public health unit on a case-by-case basis. Your public health unit will contact you if you need to isolate. For more information, read our fact sheet on [home isolation](#).

## What does isolate in your home mean?

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you must stay at home to prevent it spreading to other people. You might also be asked to stay at home if you may have been exposed to the virus.

Staying at home means you:

- do not go to public places such as work, school, shopping centres, childcare or university
- ask someone to get food and other necessities for you and leave them at your front door
- do not let visitors in — only people who usually live with you should be in your home

You do not need to wear a mask in your home. If you need to go out to seek medical attention, wear a surgical mask (if you have one) to protect others.

You should stay in touch by phone and on-line with your family and friends. For more information, read our fact sheet on [home isolation](#).

## What is social distancing, and why is it important?

Social distancing includes ways to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. It means less contacts between you and other people.

Social distancing is important because COVID-19 is most likely to spread from person-to-person through:

- direct close contact with a person while they are infectious or in the 24 hours before their symptoms appeared
- close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes, or
- touching objects or surfaces (such as doorknobs or tables) contaminated from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.
- So, the more space between you and others, the harder it is for the virus to spread.

## Who is most at risk

In Australia, the people most at risk of getting the virus are:

- travellers who have recently been overseas
- those who have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
- people in detention facilities
- people in group residential settings

People who are more at risk of serious illness if they get the virus are:

- people with compromised immune systems (eg. cancer)
- elderly people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as they have higher rates of chronic illness
- people with chronic medical conditions
- people in group residential settings
- very young children and babies\*

\*At this stage the risk to children and babies, and the role children play in the transmission of COVID-19, is not clear. However, there has so far been a low rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases among children, relative to the broader population.

## How is the virus treated?

There is no specific treatment for coronaviruses. Antibiotics are not effective against viruses. Most of the symptoms can be treated with supportive medical care.

## Can I visit family and friends in aged care facilities?

The outbreak of any virus in aged care facilities can cause significant problems. For more information, visit [this page](#) on the Health website.

## What are the limits on public gatherings?

Find out what limits apply to public gatherings to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by visiting [this page](#) on the Department of Health website.

## What about public transport like planes, buses, trains, ride shares and taxis?

Non-essential travel is to be avoided.

The Government recommends that employers offer flexible working arrangements to minimise the number of people catching public transport at any one time. Long distance services carry a higher risk of infection and should be reconsidered at this time.

If possible sit in the back seat of taxis and ride share vehicles.

Group transport of at-risk people, including older people should be avoided where possible.



## What about working from home?

All Australians are required to stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary to go outside.

Australians are encouraged to work from home where they can.

If you are sick, you must not attend your workplace. You must stay at home and away from others.

## Should I be taking my kids out of childcare or school?

It is safe to send your child to school or childcare.

The Government recommends continuing essential daily activities including school and childcare. If your child is unwell, you should keep them home to avoid spreading their germs to others.

So far, information from around the world indicates that children who develop COVID-19 have very mild symptoms and very little transmission appears to occur between children.

Schools should ensure their hygiene practices are appropriate and that children are educated about and encouraged to practice social distancing wherever possible.

## Should I wear a face mask?

You do not need to wear a mask if you are healthy. For more information on the use of surgical masks, visit [this page](#) on the Health website.

## More information

For the latest advice, information and resources, go to [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

Call the National Coronavirus Help Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

The phone number of your state or territory public health agency is available at [www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts](http://www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts)

If you have concerns about your health, speak to your doctor.

# Coronavirus COVID-19



Coronavirus  
**COVID-19**  
Public Health  
Advice

## Social Distancing Outside

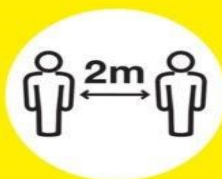
Spending time outdoors is good for our health.

**But social responsibility is essential for ALL our health.**



### Avoid

close contact  
with others



### Distance

yourself at least  
2 metres (6 feet) away  
from other people



### Small group

sizes should be kept  
to a minimum



## FREE - First Aid Training

# All Training Cancelled until Further notice

	<b>Railway Rd, THREE SPRINGS</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	This is a one day course (8.30am to 4.30pm)
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	Participants must complete pre-learning either online or paper questionnaire prior to class. Participants must be minimum of 14 years of age
<b>Registration:</b>	Registration is essential
<b>What to bring:</b>	Morning and afternoon tea is provided but please bring your own lunch.
<b>Class size:</b>	Classes are limited to a maximum 22 participants

To enrol or request further information or to enrol please contact course coordinator **Merle Isbister**, St John Ambulance North Midlands Sub Centre on **0428 511 030** or via email [merle.isbister@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:merle.isbister@stjohnwa.com.au) **I require your Christian Name, Surname Name, Date of Birth, Phone number and email address: please email me your registration**

Learning first aid provides you valuable skills that could save a life, book your spot now. Classes can be held on weekdays or weekends.



This training is provided thanks to the generosity of the Three Springs Police who raised \$25,000 in the 2019 Three Springs Police Charity Golf Day and subsequently donated this to the North Midlands Sub Centre to provide this valuable training to the local communities.



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*10th November & 8th December 2020*

***External Clinics suspended until further notice***

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# SPORT

## Three Springs Bomber



### Get to know your Three Springs Bomber

Name: Stuart Frederick Wilson IRWIN

Nick Name: Beef

Age: 35

Place of Birth: County Armagh, NI

Where did you go to school: Portadown College, Northern Ireland

What do you do for a job: Police Officer

Marital Status: Engaged

What AFL Team do you support: Eagles

What is your favourite TV Series: The Office (USA version)

What is your favourite food: Thai Green Curry

What is your favourite band or singer: Eric Prydz

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time: Walk the dogs / Camping

What don't you leave home without: Trousers / telling everyone I'm vegan

What do you like most about the Three Springs Football Club: St Patty's Day party

If you could have dinner with any three persons on the planet who would they be:

1. Dwight Schrute from The Office USA
2. Gareth Keenan from The Office UK
3. Kate O'Donnell from The Office Three Springs

If you were stranded on a deserted Island and you could take three things with you, what would they be:

1. A Boat
2. Signal Flares
3. Sat Phone

What is one thing that people don't know about you:

I'm Vegan



# SPORT

## MEN'S BBALL

The OCs and AFGRI have had some good contests all year, and as first and

second on the ladder and AFGRI were the only ones to defeat the mighty OCs all season. It was a bit of rough start with the score clock playing up, we did our best to let everyone know the time and score. OCs were dominate from the start led by Bruce Chisholm with 11 points for the first half, followed by Kendall on 6. Rylie Poultney led the charge for AFGRI with 9.

AFGRI struggled to narrow the margin and at the final buzzer it was OCs 40 to AFGRI 20. Congrats to OCs, 2019/20 premiers, 3 in a row!

## ASON RESULTS

### Top Scorers

Kendall Mow	OCs	53
Jordan Bentley	Vikings	57
Jake Beagley	AFGRI	58
Rylier Poultney	AFGRI	79
Bruce Chisholm	OCs	96



**BR:** Bruce Chisholm, Ted Opalinski, Kristian Kenworthy, Correy Brown

**MR:** Brendan Haeusler, Warrick Bussy Kendal Mow

**FR:** Kody Kenworthy, Cambell Brown

**Highest Game Scorer**—Bruce Chisholm

**Most 3 Pointers** – Jordan Bentley 15

**Most Fouls** – Bruce Chisholm - 16

Other notable achievements – Noah Armstrong got most 3 pointers in one game – 4 and AFGRI vs Vikings Mar 4 – each AFGRI player sunk a 3 pointer in second half before any regular shot was scored.

On behalf of the Carnamah Coorow Basketball Association committee, I would like to thank everyone that participated this season. I would also like to thank Sara Kenworthy for always scoring the men's games this entire season. Thanks to Brendan and Lydia for helping with the finals scoring. Thank you to our finals umpires, James and Lenny for travelling from Geraldton.

We hope to see you back next season and look out for AGM notices in

September as we are always looking for more helpers.

Stay healthy everyone!!

**Barb Smallwood** – Secretary





## CARNAMAH COOROW BASKETBALL

### ASSOCIATION

### GRAND FINAL RESULTS

It is hard to believe that this was 2 weeks ago. Outdoor gatherings of 500 and indoor gatherings of 100 were still an option, compared with current COVID 19 guidelines of 2. Our junior basketball wrapped up & I would like to thank everyone that participated. As well huge thanks to Jordan Bentley for coaching the year 3 and 4 group, and to his helpers Kody Kenworthy, Luke Smallwood and Tahj Armstrong, greatly appreciated. Another big thank you must go to Justine Camac for helping with the year 5 and up group!!

### WOMEN'S BBALL

A two team comp at times was tricky and the Lakers have been dominant all season. Hayley Clayton led the Lakers scoring with 19 points followed by Bertha on 10. The combination was too good for the Diamonds even with Stacey Brown scoring 21 points. 2019/20 Premiers are the Lakers with a 52 to 27 win. Well done to all players on the game and the season!!

BR: Shannah Balks, Raelene Clayton. Bertha McIntosh, Hayley Clayton, Katrina Clayton, Sara Kenworthy,

### Season Results:

Raelene Clayton	Lakers	41
Erin Kidd	Diamonds	48
Lydia Haeusler	Diamonds	52
Bertha McIntosh	Lakers	111
Hayley Clayton	Lakers	175



### Top Scorers:

### Highest Game Scorer Scorers:

FR: (Jenna Fleming), Heidi Taylor,

**Highest Game Scorer** – Hayley Clayton 22 pts 19.02.20

(Luke Smallwood and Jordan Bentley scored 24 points each helping out one night)

**Most 3 Pointers** – Bertha McIntosh 9 (3 in one game)

**Runner up**– Sara Kenworthy - 5

**Most Fouls** – Lydia Haeusler - 10