



# ***Yakabout***

**Be Connected:**

## **Introduction to Getting Seniors Online**

We believe in a world where everyone benefits from digital. Unfortunately, more than 3 million Australians (58+) are still digitally excluded today. Are you one of them?

**Frightened of technology but need to learn about it?**

**Want to learn how to make use of your smart phone?**

**Have electronic devices (iPad or Tablet) but don't know how to use them?**

**My kids want me to video call them, but I don't know how?**

Then come down to the Shire of Three Springs Council Chambers for an introduction to Be Connected and be assisted in getting online.

- ◆ **Thursday 6 August 2020**
- ◆ **11.00am - 2.00pm**
- ◆ **Shire of Three Springs Council Chambers**
- ◆ **Lunch included**
- ◆ **Must be 55+**
- ◆ **Please bring along your smartphone or personal device if you have one**
- ◆ **Cost - FREE**

Contact Sharon on 9954 1001 to book your place (for catering purposes) or for further information.



Australian Government

**Be Connected**

Every Australian online.

# TO THE HOUSEHOLDER

The Shire of Three Springs is changing contractors for the household and business rubbish collection.

**The new collection day, starting 18 May is Monday mornings. Please put your bins out on Sunday evenings.**

For businesses that use a skip bin, the collection is Friday mornings.

Keith Woodward  
CEO  
Shire of Three Springs



# Three Springs Telephone Directory



*Are you in the  
local telephone directory?*

*Phone, fax, mobile numbers, UHF  
or e-mail addresses are welcome.*

*If you would like to make an addition, al-  
teration or deletion  
please call 9954 1001 or via email*

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

*Any changes need to be advised  
by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020*



## **REMINDER**

***Department of Transport (DoT) Services***

***Only Available 3 DAYS A WEEK***

***EFFECTIVE: 1ST APRIL 2020***

- Licensing Hours: **Tuesdays —Thursdays** 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Theory Test hours: **Tuesdays —Thursdays** 9:00am to 2:45pm
- Next Practical Driving Assessments (PDA) 9th July 2020
- PDA Assessor: Murray Moore Geraldton

# Shire Office Closed



The Shire Of Three Springs will be close on **Wednesday 8th of July 2020** due to a scheduled power outage. We apologise for any inconvenience.





## Council Notes

### SHIRE OF THREE SPRINGS



The Shire of Three Springs wishes to welcome back the public.

**In compliance with the COVID Safety Plan.**

**We can accommodate 6 patrons in the Admin Office at one time**

- Limit of 2 people in the Library
- Limit of 3 people being served at CSO workstations
- Limit of 1 person in the waiting area

**ALL PATRONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO :**

- To use hand sanitiser
- Fill in the daily record of attendance
- To maintain social distancing
- Comply with all directives from staff

With the lifting of some state restrictions, the Shire has reopened some facilities, including:

- Community Hall
- Pavilion
- Oval
- Hockey Field
- Playgrounds
- Eco Caravan Park

Please be aware that your organisation must complete a COVID Safety Plan before commencing activities.

The COVID Safety Plans can be sourced here:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-business-and-industry-advice#covid-safety-plan>

# Shire of Three Springs COVID Safety Plan Certificate



Premises name

Shire of Three Springs Admin Centre

## COVID Safety Plan Certificate

**Welcome.**

**We can accommodate**

Number:

**6**

**patrons and agree to**

**maintain the WA Government's safety measures**



**4sqm per person**



**Staff training**



**Frequent cleaning  
and disinfection**



**Contact tracing**

**We're doing our part to help keep you safe.  
Please respect the rules and our staff.**

**We're all in this** *together.*

Prepared by:

**Sharon Bell**

Date

**15/05/2020**

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## ***Shire of Three Springs***

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### ***Services offered:***

***Library: DVD's, Audio Books, Videos, Large Print Books***

Department of Transport Licensing  
(Tuesdays - Thursdays)

Community Hall & Sports Pavilion, Sports Amenities

Community Bus Hire,

Cat traps

Public Computer Internet Access

Dog and Cat Licensing

Boat Licensing

Photocopying Service

Ranger and Emergency Services

Visitor's Centre July to October

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**



## Media Release



### SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR COVID IMPACTED DURACK AG.

25 June 2020

The Morrison Government is spending \$36 million to support agricultural show societies recover from the effects of COVID-19, ensuring they can continue after the pandemic. The program will provide a one-off reimbursement to agricultural show societies to deal with cash flow pressures caused by COVID-19 related cancellation of agricultural shows.

Federal Member for Durack, the Honourable Melissa Price said the COVID-19 pandemic has hurt agricultural shows in Durack, with most being cancelled for 2020.

"Agricultural shows are an important part of the fabric of a large regional electorate like Durack, showcasing everything positive about our communities and local industries," Ms Price said.

"They create social bonds and, I believe, help improve mental health in parts of regional Australia where distance, and seasonal challenges and now COVID-19 cause significant hardship and distress. I am proud that the Morrison Government has recognised the importance of the continuation of these significant community events," Ms Price said.

Local agricultural show societies in the electorate of Durack could be eligible for a share of \$10 million in one-off payments to help them recover from the impacts of cancellations due to COVID-19. Eligible local shows could receive a reimbursement of up to \$70,000 under the Supporting Agricultural Shows program.

"The Morrison Government is reimbursing shows for costs incurred in 2020 and funds will be paid in 2021 and I encourage local show societies to check their eligibility and apply when the grants open," Ms Price said.

Funding is also being provided to support the cancelled agricultural shows in our capital cities to meet sunk costs and this is important as Royal Shows are a major opportunity for rural and regional Australians to showcase their produce and livestock to a wider audience.

For more information on the Fund, visit <https://www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/covid-19-relief-and-recovery-fund.aspx>.

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26 June 2020

## STOP PUPPY FARMING BILL HAS TAIL THAT WAGS THE DOG

Moore MP Shane Love MLA says the State Government's Stop Puppy Farming bill has turned into a dog's breakfast after amendments to recognise farmers' needs for working canines were rejected by Labor. Mr Love said he strongly supported stamping out intensive puppy farming.

The proposed legislation however, caught too many in its net, including farmers who, if the bill is passed, will have to get local government approval to breed pups and ensure a supply of working dogs.

"Puppy farming is reprehensible – it is important we push for improved welfare for all animals and despite what the Premier claims, The Nationals don't oppose this bill, we just want to make it better," he said.

"However, this bill presented by the Labor Government impacts on farmers' ability to breed the specific type of dog needed in their work.

"By ensuring farmers could be granted exemptions to produce farm dogs, which is what The Nationals are seeking, WA would be in line with other States and the legislation would also recognise the vital role working dogs play in our agricultural sector.

"A working dog can be worth as much as \$40,000 to a farm business so the changes were critical to ensuring breeding stock wouldn't be compromised by the legislation.

"While the amendments were defeated last night we will continue to fight for these changes in the Upper House."

Mr Love said it was disappointing greyhounds were specifically mentioned in the proposed legislation but the same courtesy wasn't extended to farm working dogs.

Also The Nationals WA local government spokesperson, Mr Love put forward the amendments in Parliament after consultation with Dogs West, Pastoralists and Graziers Association WA, WA Farmers Federation and WA Local Government Association.

He wanted the legislation to exempt working dog owners and Dogs West members from being forced to become registered breeders. Farm dogs would also not be required to be sterilised after two years of age to allow mature breeding.

"Dogs West owners and breeders represent the highest possible 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.

"In addition, the Minister hasn't engaged with Local Government properly to ensure ratepayers don't bear the financial burden of this legislation."



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# IN MOORE WITH LOVE

Phase 4 of eased COVID-19 restrictions took effect from 27 June in WA. This means a number of restrictions have been removed but please take care – wash your hands regularly and keep 1.5 metres apart from others where possible. More info: [www.wa.gov.au/covid19](http://www.wa.gov.au/covid19)

I welcome funding of \$223 million from the Federal and State Governments for road upgrades and road safety projects, for 'shovel-ready' infrastructure. The \$7 million upgrade of Toodyay Road is long overdue and something that I have long advocated for. I was however disappointed that there has been no allocation for the Northampton bypass, desperately needed for road safety, heritage and amenity reasons. The \$100 million Regional Safety Improvement Program aims to reduce run-off-road crashes with works locally on Toodyay Road, Brand Highway south of Badgingarra and Indian Ocean Drive between Cervantes and Jurien Bay and between Nilgen and Lancelin.

The State Government must ensure motorists using the new Ellenbrook to Muchea section of the Tonkin Highway are not financially disadvantaged if their vehicles are damaged by the new road. My electoral office and Facebook page have been inundated with calls and comments from angry motorists whose vehicles had been chipped or dented by loose stones after this section of the NorthLink road was opened on 23 April. Main Roads has admitted the highway's secondary seal was carried out soon after the primary seal in cooler weather, resulting in stone dislodging from the chip seal. Damages of \$88,000 has been paid to 125 motorists with vehicle damage because of this section of road, with a total of 417 claims lodged to 10 June. Please contact my office if you are having trouble making a damages claim through Main Roads.

With intrastate travel restricted for many weeks due to COVID-19, Country Age Pension Fuel Card holders may well have not used all funds on their card before the 30 June deadline. The Nationals WA wrote to the Regional Development Minister, requesting that unspent funds be rolled over to next year's 2020-21 card. This would not involve any additional expense to the government - these funds have been budgeted for each year. The Minister has ruled this out, citing a diversion of State Government funding to help businesses survive and rebuild had been prioritized. The latest government quarterly financial report shows a \$200 million underspend in Royalties for Regions this year - unspent fuel card funds will add to this figure.


The opening of the Kalbarri Skywalk on 12 June was a fantastic event and a great celebration of a project made possible with Royalties for Regions funding. The Skywalk is accessible to prams and wheelchairs and offers magnificent views of the Murchison River Gorge. Designed so that it is compatible with the local environment and with input from the local Nanda people, the completed Skywalk is an absolute credit to all those involved and will be a great drawcard for tourism in the Mid West.

**Shane Love** MLA Member for Moore

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# Media Release

## Shane Love MLA

Member for Moore

### REGIONAL WA PALLIATIVE TO BE PUSHED INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

30 June 2020

The Nationals WA have welcomed the establishment of a Joint Select Committee into Palliative Care in Western Australia.

Nationals WA Deputy Leader and Member for Moore Shane Love MLA is a member of the Committee that will inquire into and report on a range of issues including the delivery of palliative care in regional WA. The deadline for written submissions to the committee is 10 July 2020.

Party Leader Mia Davies said the Committee would also look at recommendations for palliative care that arose during debate of voluntary assisted dying (VAD) legislation last year.

"The VAD legislation was monumental and our scrutiny of the bill put a spotlight on the vast discrepancy in resources and reach of palliative care in regional WA compared to the city," she said.

"Regional West Australians living with terminal illness and their families are regularly confronted with inadequate end-of-life services, meaning at a time they need support networks close by they often have to travel elsewhere in search of palliation.

"The formation of this committee gives our communities, health sector workers, advocacy groups and specialist stakeholders a chance to provide feedback on palliative care experiences so Members of Parliament better understand where investment can strengthen these important services."

Its terms of reference include inquiring into the progress of measures to ensure greater equity of access to palliative care services between metropolitan and regional areas and implementation of recommendations contained in the Joint Select Committee into End of Life Choices.

Mr Love said he was pleased to join five other Members of Parliament on the Committee, which is due to report back to Parliament in November 2020.

"We want people from all walks of life to be part of this important conversation and I congratulate the State Government on meeting its commitment to look closely at palliative care in WA," he said.

"When we leave Perth, the levels of disadvantage and restriction of access to medical treatment quickly emerge so I'm encouraged by this inquiry's focus on regional and remote WA.

"I have no doubt about the need for palliative care and for it to be equally available to people in regional areas as it is in other areas."

For more information about making a submission before 10 July, go to

[https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/\(EvidenceOnly\)/2A02885A10F932684825857B0028CFAD?opendocument#Details](https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/(EvidenceOnly)/2A02885A10F932684825857B0028CFAD?opendocument#Details)

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# MEDIA RELEASE

29 June 2020

## **Crop estimates vital for harvest planning**

The CBH Group is calling on growers to help with vital harvest planning by providing crop estimates for the 2020-21 season as we improve the functionality of our online estimates technology, Paddock Planner.

The annual call for crop estimates signals the commencement of harvest preparations for CBH, with the information assisting with planning that will ultimately benefit growers with services and segregations that match the crops grown in their local area.

CBH Chief Operating Officer Ben Macnamara said understanding the commodity and size of crops being grown in each area helped CBH make the best decisions about what services to offer at receival sites during harvest.

"It is vital growers let us know what their plans are so we can estimate how much grain may be produced in a region and provide growers with the storage and handling services they expect at harvest," Mr Macnamara said.

"Estimates are particularly important this season given that some growers may have adjusted their barley cropping plans, and if so, we need to make sure that we're accommodating for those changes.

"We've also had examples in the past where estimates haven't been returned to us which means we weren't aware of additional volumes delivered to particular sites and this has impacted our service during harvest.

"As a result, this can cause frustration for growers and transporters during a really busy period and the potential for additional costs for both CBH and other growers."

This season, growers will have the option of submitting their estimates through Paddock Planner or the estimates form, both of which are accessed through our secure online portal LoadNet.

Mr Macnamara said CBH encouraged growers to use Paddock Planner because the technology enables growers to manage their cropping plans and submit estimates for each paddock delivered to CBH.



"We have added even more features to Paddock Planner this year including the ability to transfer property or paddock information to another account or to another grower, and the option to download information so growers can use this with other software," he said.

With growers estimates in Paddock Planner, CBH's planning capability is boosted so growers are provided with:

- segregations that match the grain types grown in their local area
- quicker deliveries at harvest, and
- additional storage, if it's needed

"Overall, Paddock Planner helps us provide growers with a more efficient network from paddock to port," he said.

Mr Macnamara said CBH would not offer an incentive to growers who use Paddock Planner this year.

"The incentive was offered last year to encourage growers to participate in the new technology and we subsequently achieved a high participation rate with over 70 per cent of hectares sown inputted into Paddock Planner," Mr Macnamara said.

"The information we were provided by growers in Paddock Planner helped greatly with our planning for last year's harvest and provided us with insights into where investment is needed in the network for the long-term.

"I can't emphasis enough how much our planning depends on the information that growers provide us in their estimates. I encourage all growers to please take the time to do theirs this year."

CBH is encouraging growers to submit their estimates before 31 July 2020. Growers who would like assistance with their Paddock Planner estimates are encouraged to call our Grower Service Centre on 1800 199 083.

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**About CBH Group:**

CBH Group is Australia's largest co-operative and a leader in the Australian grain industry, with operations extending along the supply chain from storage, handling and transport to marketing, shipping and processing. Owned and controlled by approximately 3,900 Western Australian grain growing businesses, CBH is Australia's largest exporter of grain, with a market share of approximately 30 per cent of aggregated bulk exports.

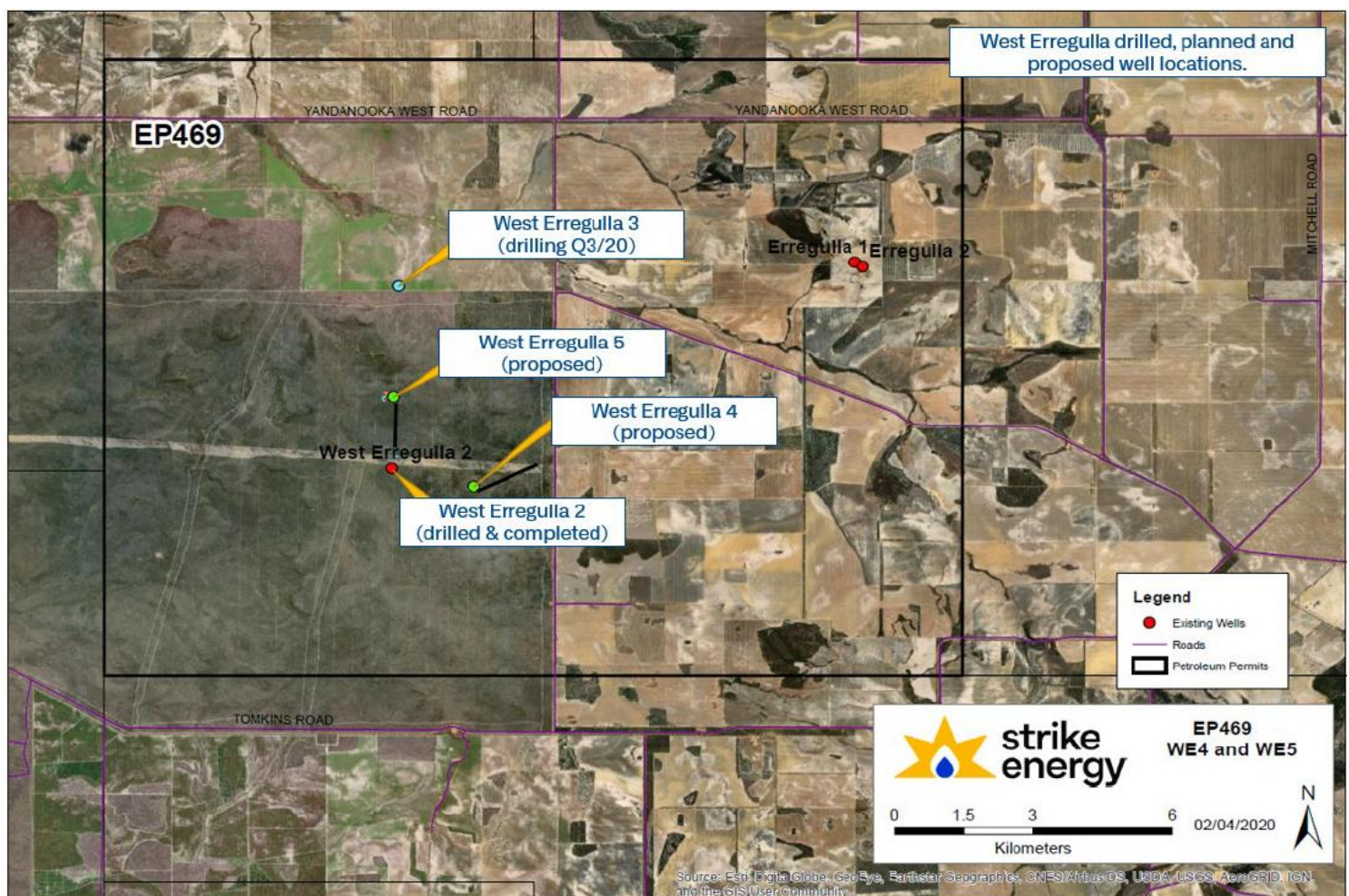
## West Erregulla 3 (WE 3) Conventional Gas Well Drilling Civil Works to Commence in The Shire of Three Springs

As part of the Appraisal Plan for the West Erregulla field, Strike Energy will be drilling WE 3 during the second half of 2020. The Geraldton based contractor Lenane Nominees has been awarded the Civil works for the preparation of the drilling pad and access track at WE 3 commencing on 30 June 2020.

Strike Energy Ltd is Operator and holds of a 50% interest in the EP469 Joint Venture with Warrego Energy Ltd holding the remaining 50%. Most of the Permit is contained in the Shire of Three Springs (see map). Strike is also planning to drill up to two additional wells within the permit to broaden its understanding of the reservoir and provide the basis for the Phase 1 gas project.

Strike recently announced that it has selected leading Australian gas infrastructure provider AGIG to commence FEED for a build, own and operate 50 terajoule-a-day gas plant (Phase 1) to process West Erregulla raw gas for sale into WA's wider gas network. The conventional gas wells have the potential to provide affordable natural gas to domestic markets and realise the option agreement with Wesfarmers for their fertiliser facility in Kwinana. During construction this project anticipates creating more than 100 jobs.

Please check out the website <https://strikeenergy.com.au/> for information such as the Quarterly Report or the Environmental summary or sign up for ASX updates. Anyone interested in email updates with local content please contact [susanne.levett@strikeenergy.com.au](mailto:susanne.levett@strikeenergy.com.au) or call me on 0428 921 010 and provide your email address.







## Consumer Watch

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### Don't get taken for a ride by tow trucks

It's hard to keep your wits about you following a car accident – you're often in shock, the traffic behind you starts piling up and all you want is to get the car off the road and away from the scene.

Sighting an approaching tow-truck can therefore be a great relief, but there are things you should know before a breakdown or bingle occurs to avoid being stung financially.

The first tow truck on the scene does not have an automatic right to your car – you have the right to decide who tows your vehicle and where it is taken.

Tow truck drivers are legally obliged to give you a completed standard Authority to Tow Form before towing, so always make sure to read the fine print and never sign it if parts have been left blank, such as the total cost of towing and storing your vehicle.

Some consumers have been caught-out by signing forms that lock them into having the car repaired by a particular repairer or giving a lawyer permission to act on their behalf.

It pays to be prepared – check your insurance policy to see what it covers and for instructions on what to do if you are in an accident.

Better yet, keep the number of your insurer on your phone and in your vehicle so you can easily contact them for advice immediately following an accident.

In the past 12 months, we have received 14 complaints about tow trucks, mostly relating to 'excessive' fees and charges.

Our advice is to make sure you know the total cost of the service before you agree to have your car towed.

If you have a complaint related to the tow truck driver's behaviour, you may have rights under the ACL, so please contact us on **1300 30 40 54**, or [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au)

For more information on tow trucks, visit: [www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/vehicle-towing-after-accident](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/vehicle-towing-after-accident)



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Rounding issue is no small-change

The next time you're paying via 'tap-and-go' at the supermarket, petrol station or drive-through, double-check the machine to see if the retailer has rounded up the total price – if so, then this is a problem.

Rounding up or down to the nearest 5 cents was introduced for cash payments almost 30 years ago when the 1 cent and 2 cent copper coins were taken out of circulation.

But with cash payments now dwindling in favour of electronic transactions, there is no need for a retailer to round up your \$19.99 purchase to \$20, unless you are handing over a \$20 note.

The payment is occurring electronically when you're paying via debit or credit card, meaning the exact amount can be processed and debited from your account.

While one or two cents might not seem like a big deal to an individual, this extra money can add up for a business conducting hundreds or thousands of transactions each week.

It is an offence under Australian Consumer Law for a business to break the rules surrounding small change, as rounding-up (or down) on electronic purchases may suggest items are not available for the advertised price, which in turn breaches your consumer rights.

For cash payments only, the following rules apply:

1 & 2 cents – rounded DOWN to the nearest 10

3 & 4 cents – rounded UP to the nearest 5

6 & 7 cents – rounded DOWN to the nearest 5

8 & 9 cents – rounded UP to the nearest 10

If you spot a retailer breaching the rules for electronic purchases, you should ideally broach it with them at the point of sale. If you only notice after walking away, then go back and request a refund.

## *Police News*

This fortnight saw the retirement of Three Springs Police Officer; Senior Constable Peter “Smokey” DAWSON. Smokey served the people of Three Springs for only six months but he has served the people of Western Australia for 33 years. He has seen many changes within the communities he policed and also the way police go about their business. He is moving on to return to his farm in Northampton where he will pursue other passions. Smokey we thank you for your service and wish you the very best in this new direction.

As we enter the school holidays with no interstate and overseas travel permitted I expect that there will be many more people on our roads. Please be patient and abide by the road rules at all times, not just when it is convenient. Arriving at your destination safely is far more important than any time schedule you may have.

With many people heading out of town, vacant homes and businesses become easy targets for criminals. If you are going away for an extended period please ensure that you secure your property and belongings. Also feel free to come down and let us know at Three Springs Police so we can add you to our patrol list for a little extra security.

With the relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions the winter sports competitions are returning. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get out of the house and support their community either by participating, assisting or just supporting. Physical activity and social interaction is what most of us have missed during the period so let's all get out and support our Three Springs Teams.

Finally, I was recently fortunate enough to accept an award on behalf of the Three Springs Police Station. The award was for the “Most Outstanding Police Station in 2020” within the Mid-West Gascoyne District. The criteria for the award included crime reduction, sanction rates, budget management, community engagement and overall performance. This is recognition for all the great work that all members of the Three Springs Police Station have conducted in the last twelve months. Significant awards like this are not possible without great partnerships and assistance from our wonderful Three Springs Community. So, for that we at the Three Springs Police Station thank you all and we look forward to continuing these positive relationships.

Stay Safe and Go Bombers

Vance Davison

Officer in Charge of Three Springs Police Station







# ***“Inland Mechanical Three Springs 360”***

Western Australian Off Road Racing Association (WAORRA) is pleased to announce that with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the Three Springs 360 will be going ahead on the long weekend of 26-28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Expressions of interest** from community organisations or groups are being called for catering of breakfasts, lunches and evening meals, along with the running of the bar.

Please contact Shire Admin staff on 9954 1001 or email [general@threesprings.wa.gov.au](mailto:general@threesprings.wa.gov.au) to register your interest.

*“First in, best dressed”*



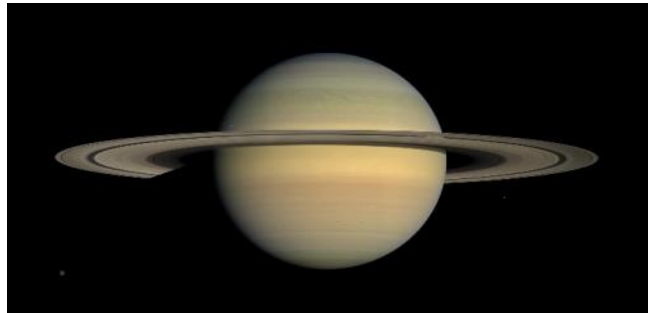
# A Visitor Comments

This week the team at Astrotourism WA received a wonderful comment from an Astrophotographer who visited WA late last year. We asked him what made him decide to travel to WA? Here's what Stanley from Malaysia had to say:

*"I'm an astrotourist. I decided to visit WA because I have been inspired by a website – Astrotourism WA. When I was doing travel research regarding astrophotography and stargazing in Australia, a website "Astrotourism WA" appeared at top on Google search result. The Astrotourism WA website provides a lot detail regarding stargazing in Australia, I noticed WA provide an "Astrophotography Friendly" starry night and may be lower light pollution compare to other regions suitable for astrophotography."*

It's exciting to get a taste of what is to come. Stanley said he visited Pinnacle Dessert, Nambung Station, Lancelin Sand Dune, Sugarloaf Rock, Chapman Valley, Mingenew and Wheatbelt. What was Stanley's tip for other visitors? *"Bring as many cameras as you can!"*

## Stargazing Tips



If you look to the stars in July, you'll see two beautiful gas giant planets shining at their brilliant best for observing. It's Jupiter and Saturn of course! This month, both will be at what astronomers refer to as "opposition".

"Opposition" is a word that astronomers often use. A planet is said to be in "opposition" when it is on the opposite side of Earth to the Sun. Opposition happens once a year and it means that the planet is as close as it gets to Earth for the year which makes for great viewing.

**When and where to look:** Both planets can be seen with the naked eye from 7.30pm. Jupiter is the brightest star-like object in the east and Saturn is just below on the horizon. Jupiter is at opposition on 14th July. Saturn comes into opposition a week later on 21st July.

Visit [www.astrotourismwa.com.au/stargazing/](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au/stargazing/) for more tips. Or follow your Shire Facebook page where latest news is shared.

## ***SPORTS - TS BOMBERS***

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Three Springs Bombers Committee and the other clubs within the North Midlands Football League for coming together and allowing the 2020 Football season to resume.

At 6pm on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July at the Sports Pavilion, we are having our jumper presentation and will also announce the 2020 Three Springs Bombers leadership group. Again, like always this will be a family friendly event and all are welcome. Cheap Beef and Gravy roles will be available as will be light refreshments.

Our first game is on the following Saturday at home being the 18<sup>th</sup> of July vs Mingenew. Our players have been working extremely hard over the break on their skills and fitness, gaining significant improvements across the entire playing group.

This year's team will be made up of approximately 90% local players with only a handful of talented recruits. We have seen a number of local players return to the club but we will also see a number of locals make their debuts having moved to town in recent times. We are fortunate to have compiled an exciting combination this year of reliable experience and electrifying youth.

After the game there will be an "International Booze and Bites Night" where there will be a variety of imported beers, wines and spirits from all over the world on offer. There will also be a number of international foods to enjoy as well as juice boxes for the kids.

Remember the Three Springs Bombers are your local team. You may have a son, dad, cousin, brother, mate, work colleague even neighbour wearing the mighty red and black this year. Please make an effort to get to the jumper presentation and or the game and I assure you, you will not be disappointed in the performances you see on the field or the family friendly environment in the club rooms after the games.

Be sure to check out this fortnights player profile. Paul "Guns" Ellison.

Go Bombers

Vance Davison, Senior coach.



## Three Springs Bomber Player Profile



### Get to know your Three Springs Bomber

Name: Paul Grant Ellison

Nick Name: Ello, Guns, Muscles, Seafood, Locks

Age: 39

Place of Birth: Subiaco

Where did you go to school: St Maria Goretti (Redcliffe)

What do you do for a job: Police Officer

Marital Status: Partner with two girls

What AFL Team do you support: Geelong Cats

Who is your favourite super hero: Thanos

What is your favourite food: Tuna

What's your best party trick: Gene Simmonds tongue trick

What is your biggest fear: Losing a good fish

Who is the funniest in the club: Sherbs

Who is the smartest in the club: Not Sherbs

What do you like most about the Three Springs Football Club: Good community spirit

Which one of your team mates would be the first to get voted off Big Brother: Stu "Beef" Irwin

Which of one of your team mates would win Survivor: Jackie Legs (You owe me a beer Jackie)

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received: Believe half of what you see and nothing of what you hear.

What is your pet peeve: People not filling the kettle back up

What is the most useless talent you have: I'm good at tying knots

Who do you most admire: Mum

Do you scrunch or fold: Scrunch

What is one thing that people don't know about you: I have two twin brothers that also work at the Three Springs Police Station



# Community Group Information

## Churches

Anglican / Uniting	See Church notices	Trinity Church Carter Street	Morris Van Buerle – 9954 5043 Peter Whale - 0427 541 080
Catholic	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	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)			Terri Traylen-Witt 9954 1213
North Midlands Agricultural Society			Carnamah	Angela Dring 044 927 800
Returned Serviceman League				Ray Morgan 9954 1014
RSL Women's Auxiliary				Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014
Tourists Information		10am - 2pm	Visitors Centre	Cathy Reed 9954 7012
			9954 1590	
Three Springs Lions Club				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			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	Monday's	5pm–7pm	Three Springs Community Hall	Phil Berry 0432 758 770
Golf	Friday - Scroungers Saturday - Pennants Sunday - Club Day		Three Springs Golf Club	David Mutter 0427 547 035
Football	Training Tuesdays and Fridays	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Three Springs Sporting Complex Pavilion	Jimmy Heal 0429 165 235
Netball			Three Springs Sporting Complex Pavilion	
Hockey			Three Springs Sporting Complex Pavilion	
Indoor Bowls		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	Monday's	6pm Social member: \$5 12 mths Casual \$10	Three Springs Sports Club	Camille Stokes 0401 526 886
Yoga		2 - 3.30pm	Red Room Three Springs Community Hall	Lorraine Morgan 99541014

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# Community Calendar June/July 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>6 July</b> Yakabout Rubbish Collection	<b>7 July</b> Football training	<b>8 July</b> Netball Training	<b>9 July</b> Mobile Breast- screening in TS 9-15 July Football training Hockey training	<b>10 July</b> Breast-screening 9-15 July	<b>11 July</b> Breast-screening 9-15 July	<b>12 July</b> Breast-screening 9-15 July
<b>13 July</b> Rubbish Collec- tion Breast-screening 9-15th July	<b>14 July</b> Footy Training Breast-Screening 9-15th July	<b>15 July</b> Council Meeting Breast-screening	<b>16 July</b> Football training Hockey training	<b>17 July</b>	<b>18 July</b> Footy in TS	<b>19 July</b>
<b>20 July</b> Yakabout Rubbish Collection	<b>21 July</b> Football training	<b>22 July</b> Netball Training	<b>23 July</b> Football training Hockey training	<b>24 July</b>	<b>25 July</b>	<b>26 July</b>

## **REMINDER**

***Department of Transport (DoT) Services***

***At The Shire of Three Springs***

***Available 3 DAYS A WEEK***

***TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAYS***

***EFFECTIVE: 1ST APRIL 2020***

- Licensing Hours: **Tuesdays —Thursdays** 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Theory Test hours: **Tuesdays —Thursdays** 9:00am to 2:45pm
- Next Practical Driving Assessments (PDA) 9th July 2020
- PDA Assessor: Murray Moore Geraldton

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***Dongara Veterinary Hospital visits on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.***

***(or dates as advertised)***

***14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October,***

***10th November & 8th December 2020***

***Venue: Community Hall – End Closest To Shire Offices***

***(Large animal visits can be arranged)***

***For Appointments Telephone: 99271329***

***(24 hour emergency service available A/H 0428 966 163)***



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**No Children**

**Covid Regulations Apply**

**Phil Berry: 0432 758 770**



## TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

The Shire of Three Springs is in the process of creating a Health and Wellness Plan.

Visit our website

[www.threesprings.wa.gov.au](http://www.threesprings.wa.gov.au) to fill in the electronic survey, or call into the office to pick up a paper copy,.



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**10.00am 12 July 2020**



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