



Yakabout

Top & Middle Pic: TS Bombers 1999–2000 Back to Back Premiership

Bottom Pic: 1999/2000 Premiership players gathering at the Belmont Racecourse on Saturday 19th September 2020



Council Comments



Council Comment



Reminder!

SHIRE RATES NOW OVERDUE

The last day for payment of 20/21 Shire land rates was the 14th of September 2020.

Please ensure that your full rates amount or your first instalment amount has been received at the Shire Office by the 02nd October 2020 to avoid any debt collection proceedings.

If you have any queries about your rates notice or to arrange a payment plan please contact Council's Rates Officer, on 9954 1001





Glyde St Rail Crossing

Rail renewal work is being carried on the

12th to 14th October 2020

by ARC Infrastructure.

Hours of work are 6am – 6pm.

- **12th October** – Crossing open as site preparation carried out
- **13th October** – Crossing / road closure as rehabilitation of the crossing, including removal of asphalt and rail, and reinstatement of rail is carried out. Crossing open to traffic overnight
- **14th October** – Crossing / road closure as asphalt sealing of crossing and welding of rail carried out.

Please use Slaughter St crossing.



Shire of Three Springs

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8am- 4:00pm

132 Railway Road, Three Springs WA 6519

PO Box 117, Three Springs WA 6519

Telephone: 08 9954 1001 Fax: 08 9954 1183

Email: general@threesprings.wa.gov.au www.threesprings.wa.gov.au

Services Offered:

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

Department of Transport Licensing, Boat Licensing

(Tuesdays - Thursdays)

Community Hall & Sports Pavilion, Sports Amenities

Community Bus Hire,

Public Computer Internet Access, WIFI Hotspot

Dog and Cat Licensing, Cat Traps

Photocopying Service

Ranger and Emergency Services

Visitor's Centre opens approx. July to October (CLOSED for 2020)

Shredded paper available @Shire of Three Springs

Three Springs Aquatic Centre is Closed

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

Environmental Health Officer



NOW CLOSED

Enquiries: Shire of Three Springs on 9954 1001



Shire of Three Springs Notices

Fire Breaks

Notice is hereby given to all landowners / occupiers within the Shire of Three Springs that fire breaks must be installed on or by 1st October and maintained of flammable material up to and including 15th March as per requirements in relation to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$400 and a person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work in this notice, if it is not carried out by the Owner or Occupier by the date required in this notice.

Emergency Text Messaging Service

The Shire of Three Springs has a text messaging service that enables people to receive important notifications, including road closures, harvest bans and emergency warnings from the Shire. If you would like to receive this service, please call into the Admin Centre or email general@threesprings.wa.gov.au to register your mobile number.

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Pre-Harvest Meeting

The BFAC Pre-Harvest meeting is being held on Tuesday 29 September at the Fire Shed on Franklin St, commencing at 7pm. This enables local emergency services and agencies to identify any potential hazards as we move into fire season.

COVID-19

A reminder to the community that WA is still in a state of emergency, and that social distancing and hygiene measures are still in place. If your community group or organisation is in need of hand sanitizer please call into the Admin Centre to collect a bottle.

Keith Woodward PSM
Chief Executive Officer

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Sept				
29th	Tues	Badminton	5-7pm	Community Hall
29th	Tues	Pre Harvest Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting -Fire Shed	7pm	Fire Shed
Oct				
1st	Thurs	Fire Breaks to be installed		
2nd	Fri	Shire Rates Due		
10th	Sat	TS Bowls Season Commences		Sporting Club
12th	Mon	TSPS School resumes Term 4 Week1		TSPS
12th -14th	Mon-Wed	Rail renewal work	6am—6pm	Glyde Street
21st	Wed	Ordinary Council Meeting	5pm	Shire Chambers

2020 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Do you have an event that you would like to add to the community calendar?

If so, please contact the Shire Office on 9954 1001

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

DOCTOR	9954 1013
FIRE REPORTING	000
SHIRE OFFICE	9954 1001
A/H – C.E.S.M.	0400 42 4545
HARVEST BAN INFORMATION	9487 6519
HOSPITAL	9954 3200
INFANT HEALTH CLINIC.....	9954 3213
MIDWEST MENS HEALTH.....	9690 2277
<i>(Talk to a mate) Mensline Australia</i>	<i>1300 789 978</i>
POISONS INFORMATION	PMH 13 1126
POLICE	
EMERGENCY	000
NON EMERGENCY	9954 4222 OR 13 1444
SCHOOLS	
THREE SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL	9954 3700
THREE SPRINGS PRE-PRIMARY.....	9954 3700
CARNAMAH DISTRICT HIGH	9951 1266
MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	9971 0900
SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	9954 1001
VETERINARY (DONGARA)	9927 1329
RSPCA (MAUREEN ROGERS)	0411 079 376
WATER CORPORATION.....	13 1375
WESTERN POWER	13 1351

Police News

Congratulations to WA Off-Road Racing Association and all those who contributed to this years Inland Mechanical Three Springs 360. Events like this allow us to show case our wonderful town of Three Springs, create a great experiences for locals and provide financial opportunities for local businesses. The three day event ran smoothly without an issue and no arrests or need for police intervention.

On a less positive note we have recently received a number of complaints of both adults and children riding unlicensed off-road motorcycles around the town. I wish to clarify that any person (adult or child) riding an unlicensed motor cycle (without a permit) on a road is guilty of an offence. It is also important to note that a road is the area between property lines which includes foot paths and the verge.

If you choose ride an off-road motor cycle on a road you will be liable for significant financial penalties and likely receive a court summons. It is also probable that your motorcycle will be seized and result in permanent confiscation.

If you happen to see a person riding an unlicensed/off-road motorcycle on a road please contact us at Three Springs Police as it is happening. At times we may not have mobile phone reception and your call may be diverted through to Geraldton. If this happens please be patient, stay on line and provide the details what you have witnessed.

Finally, on a more positive note we find ourselves in the school holidays. These are good times to take a break and spend some family time together prior to the commencement of harvest. As per usual if you are going away please secure your valuables and lock your doors. Either drop into the Police Station or give us a call if you plan on being away from town for an extended period of time and we can keep an eye on your house. Most definitely, if hitting the road, buckle up, don't drink and drive, stay off the mobile phone and be patient.

Stay Safe

Sgt Vance Davison

Officer in Charge – 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	Aquatic Centre Function Room	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 0458 246 531

Youth

Coderdojo	Carnamah	Richelle Essers 0428 921 464
Playgroup		Lauren Cruickshank 0429 620 201
Three Springs		President: Nadine Eva 0427 541 014
Parents & Citizens		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	Tuesdays	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 Thursdays	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Three Springs Sporting Complex Pavilion	Jimmy Heal 0429 165 235
Netball	Training Wednesday		Three Springs Sporting Complex Pavilion	
Hockey	Training Thursady		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 Target Shooting	Summer - Saturdays Winter - Sundays			Gary Turley 0428 888 075
Squash Tennis				Bill McGree 0459 057 580
Yoga		2 - 3.30pm	Red Room Three Springs Community Hall	Lorraine Morgan 99541014

YAKABOUT



That the Yakabout is now free of charge? & it will be on the website! There will be limited number of printed copies available from the Shire office and Post Office.

Check out the new webpage with the issues from 2020. To place an advert please email the Three Springs Shire Yakabout yakabout@threesprings.wa.gov.au , Or call the Shire on 9954 1001.

Yakabout Issue Dates & Charges 2020

12/10/20 Issue #203, 26/10/20 Issue #204, 09/11/20 Issue #205,
23/11/20 Issue #206, 7/12/20 Issue #207

Non-Business	Attachments (copies provided \$8)	Business
Full Page B&W	\$30.00	Full Page B&W \$40.00
Full Page Colour	\$80.00	Full Page Colour \$160.00
Half Page B&W	\$15.00	Half Page B/W \$20.00
Half Page Colour	\$40.00	Half Page Colour \$80.00
Quarter Page B/W	\$8.00	Quarter Page B/W \$10.00
Quarter Page Colour	\$40.00	Quarter Page Colour \$40.00

Adverts need to be in by noon the Friday before publishing on the Monday.

PLEASE SEE BELOW

LICENSING CLOSED MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

Department of Transport (DoT) Services

Only Available 3 DAYS A WEEK

- * Licensing Hours: **Tuesdays —Thursdays** 9:00am to 3:00pm
- * Theory Test hours: **Tuesdays —Thursdays** 9:00am to 2:45pm
- * Next Practical Driving Assessments (PDA) 1st October 2020
- * PDA Assessor: Murray Moore Geraldton



Change of Meeting Times and Date

In accordance with section 5.25 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 12 (2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Notice is hereby given that Ordinary Council Meetings (OCM) for the remainder of 2020, previously scheduled for 4pm will now **commence at 5pm**.

In accordance with section 5.25 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 12 (2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, NOTICE is also hereby given that the Shire of Three Springs will be amending the date for its Ordinary Council Meeting from 9 December 2020 to **16 December 2020** commencing at 5pm.

Keith Woodward PSM
Chief Executive Officer

19 August 2020



January Program 1, 2020/21 Country Early Start Country Centre - Three Springs Swimming Pool

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the December/January school holidays.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Dates: 18 Dec 2020 to 24 Dec 2020 (7) days Time: 09:00am - 11:55am

Lessons duration: **45 minutes** Stages available: **1 - 16 at most venues**

Enrolment Fees		
Children	Standard	Concession
1	\$30.00	\$20.00
2	\$60.00	\$40.00
3 or more ⁽¹⁾	\$81.00	\$54.00

Enrolments close on **Sunday 1 Nov 2020**

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412

THREE SPRINGS SPORTING CLUB

BOWLS OPENING DAY

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020

NEW AND OLD BOWLERS WELCOME

NAMES IN 1PM FOR A 1.30PM START



First Football Team 1909



Behind the Scenes

Noongar Enterprise to Spring from Astrotourism

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Wheatbelt has recently funded an innovative project to build Yued Aboriginal enterprise through its Noongar Enterprise Development Support (NEDS). The initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and aims to build capacity, cultural knowledge and new Astrotourism businesses in the Shires of Moora and Dandaragan.

The project will deliver a series of workshops, training sessions and campfire stargazing events involving Yued Aboriginal students, their families, Elders and the broader communities in the Shires of Moora and Dandaragan.

Mr Terry 'Tuck' Waldron, Chair of the RDA Wheatbelt Committee said, "The NEDS program is unlocking hidden talents that will lead to new enterprise in regional WA. The Yued Aboriginal Astronomy project is highly collaborative and is going to connect Noongar Enterprise with visitors to the Wheatbelt region."

Stargazing events in Astrotourism Towns have been incredibly popular. The next step is to develop local astro-experiences for visitors. Aboriginal Astronomy is one such experience that will be very attractive to WA's intrastate market not to mention the international market in a post-pandemic world.



Stargazing Tip - Bright Mars

Mars is our most visited planet. Every two years, Mars and Earth come together close in their orbits. It provides a window of opportunity to send more robotic adventurers to explore the red planet. Another NASA rover called Perseverance is right now, on its way and due to land on February 18, 2021. Visit <https://www.nasa.gov/perseverance> to find out more.

There are more stargazing tips at www.astrotourismwa.com.au/stargazing/. Or follow your Shire Facebook page where latest news is shared.

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100% AMBULANCE TRANSPORT COVER – ARE YOU COVERED ?.

Ambulance Benefit Fund Membership



St John



St John

Effective 01.07.2020 AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PRICE RATES WILL BE:

\$434.00 call out fee & 1st 50 kms travelled, plus \$5.26 per km for every km after 50 kms.

Town post Office to receiving Health Centre transport charge:-

Three Springs to North Midlands Health service - \$434.00

Carnamah townsite to North Midlands Health Service - \$434.00

Coorow Townsite to North Midlands Health Service - \$707.52

Coorow townsite to Moora Health Service - \$1117.80

Eneabba townsite to Eneabba Silver Chain - \$434.00

Eneabba townsite to Dongara Health Service - \$1044.16

NB: Distance Calculation includes the distance travelled to return to Sub Centre Depot

If you have Private Health Insurance, please check to ensure ambulance transport is covered

Your annual membership fee : \$95. 00 Family or \$57.00 Single

If you are not sure of your ambulance benefit fund membership status please phone Merle 99511030/ 0428511030

Email: Merle.Isbister@bigpond.com to confirm your membership

Benefit Fund Application

Surname Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms First Name Initial Date of Birth

1.....

2.....

[Spouse/Partner]

Address

Suburb/Town PostCode

Contact Phone Number [Home] Work.....

DEPENDANT CHILDREN

First Name Surname Date of Birth.

3.....

4.....

5.....

Please forward this form and your membership payment to :

North Midlands Sub Centre, PO. Box 95, Carnamah 6517

Family Membership covers your spouse/partner and all dependent children until they turn 18

The above membership prices are valid until 30/6/2021

08/09/20

Please note: this is not Australian Wide coverage as SJA WA does not have a reciprocal agreement with QLD., ACT., or SA.



North Midlands Agricultural Society presents...

A COUNTRY CARNIVAL DANCE

Saturday, 10 October 2020

Carnamah Sports Complex

CARNIVAL GAMES



LIVE MUSIC FROM
MUCKY DUCK BUSH BAND
& JUST JAMMIN



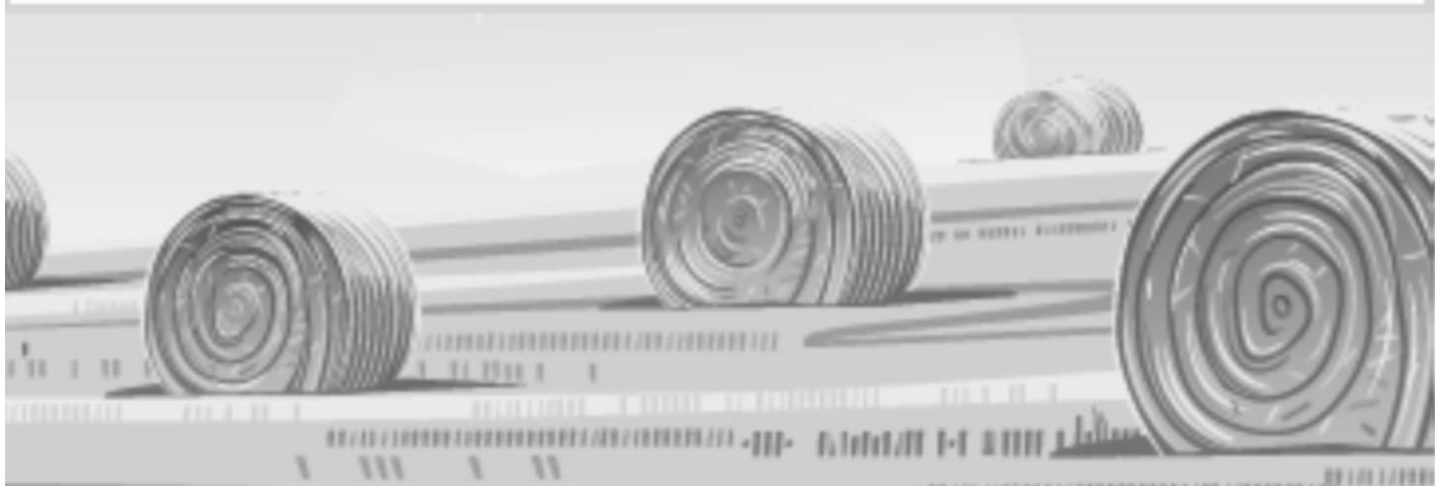
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FULL BAR



\$10 ENTRY AND FREE FOR AGES 12 & UNDER



DOORS OPEN 5PM. For tickets contact Barb 0459 222 235

DRESS IN YOUR COUNTRY BEST! 

09 September 2020

WILD DOG CONTROL BY VOLUNTEERS ON GOVERNMENT LAND

The Nationals spokesperson for Agriculture, Colin de Grussa has expressed his alarm at the recent actions by the McGowan Government to effectively transfer all legal liability and risk for the control of wild dogs on government land to Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG).

Under a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) issued to RBGs by the Department of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the RBGs will be required to take on the responsibility for all permits related to dog control activities on land managed by the Department.

Since the inception of RBGs, these permits have always been held by DBCA, as they are ultimately responsible for controlling wild dogs on the land they manage, including unallocated crown land.

"What the McGowan Government is essentially doing is forcing a group of volunteers to take on all legal responsibility for wild dog control activities on land that is owned and managed by the government" Mr de Grussa said.

"This is an extraordinary set of circumstances. In May the Government was lauding the important role played by RBGs in protecting the State's \$1.6 billion sheep industry from wild dogs whilst, at the very same time, treating them with absolute disdain by forcing them to take on a responsibility which is absolutely inappropriate for a group of volunteers".

Mr de Grussa also said the government seems to have forgotten that these volunteers are essentially doing work that the DBCA should really be doing. However, they are caught in a no win situation, knowing that if they don't control the wild dogs on government land, nothing will be done and the horrendous injuries inflicted by the dogs on livestock will not only continue, they will increase.

"The Minister for Environment needs to sort this mess out as a matter of priority. RBGs and the volunteers involved need the Minister's support, not bureaucratic buck passing where the Government has completely walked away from their responsibilities." Mr de Grussa said.



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THE NATIONALS *for Regional WA*

24 September 2020

GOVERNMENT REVERSES ITS DECISION TO TRANSFER PERMITS FOR WILD DOG CONTROL TO VOLUNTEERS

The Nationals spokesperson for Agriculture, Colin de Grussa has welcomed the announcement today that the Government's had reversed its decision to effectively transfer all legal liability and risk for the control of wild dogs on government land to Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG).

Under a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) issued to RBGs by the Department of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the RBGs would have been required to take on the responsibility for all permits related to dog control activities on land managed by the Department.

Since the inception of RBGs, these permits have always been held by DBCA, as they are ultimately responsible for controlling wild dogs on the land they control.

Mr de Grussa wrote to the Minister for Environment on this matter in August, after Regional Biosecurity Groups had contacted him outlining their concerns. Mr de Grussa also highlighted the issue in Parliament in early September and had been working constructively with the Minister on a solution.

"The Nationals have pushed hard for this outcome since being contacted by RBGs, as we strongly believed that legal responsibility for wild dog control activities on land that is owned and managed by the government should not be carried by volunteers" Mr de Grussa said.

"I thank the minister for his efforts to find a way forward in the short term while working towards a longer term solution to the issue" Mr de Grussa said.

DBCA will continue to hold the permits for the next 12 months to allow ensure the spring wild dog control program can proceed. This should also allow time for a workable longer term solution to be negotiated between RBGs and the Government.

Ends

Uncorrected Hansard – Member's Duplicate

[Council – Tuesday, 8 September 2020]

Hon COLIN de GRUSSA

WILD DOGS — CONTROL questions Topic

Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to my letter sent to the minister on 24 August 2020 regarding wild dog management on land managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

- (1) What is the current status of all restricted chemical product permits issued to DBCA for the purpose of wild dog
- (2) management activities on land under its management control in the Esperance region?
- (2) In the event that any of these permits have lapsed, is it DBCA's intention to renew the permits pending the conclusion of the current negotiations with recognised biosecurity groups, or RBGs?
- (3) If no to (2), what activities will be undertaken by either DBCA or RBGs to manage wild dogs pending the
- (4) conclusion of the abovementioned negotiations?
- (4) What entity, agency or organisation is ultimately responsible for the management of wild dogs on land managed by DBCA?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question, and, indeed, his correspondence on the matter.

- (1) All permits previously held by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for wild dog management in the Esperance region have expired.
- (2)–(3) DBCA is currently working with other relevant government agencies and the recognised biosecurity groups to clarify the arrangements for the permits that are required to undertake wild dog control for agricultural protection purposes on DBCA-managed lands.
- (4) DBCA.

THREE SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL P & C

Canteen Roster for Term 4 2020

WEEK 1	Monday 12 th October 2020	Linda Mutter	Camille Stokes
WEEK 2	Monday 19 th October 2020	Chontelle Nichols	Anne-Marie Connaughton
WEEK 3	Monday 26 th October 2020	Nadine Eva	Kylie Dennis
WEEK 4	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Chontelle Nichols	Camille Stokes
WEEK 5	Monday 9 th November 2020	Linda Mutter	Linley Green
WEEK 6	Monday 16 th November 2020	Chontelle Nichols	Kylie Dennis
WEEK 7	Monday 23 rd November 2020	Stacey Pajich	Chris Lane
WEEK 8	Monday 30 th November 2020	Chontelle Nichols	Anne-Marie Connaughton
WEEK 9	Monday 7 th December 2020	Nadine Eva	Linley Green
WEEK 10	Monday 14 th December 2020	Chontelle Nichols	Chris Lane

******* *If your name is not on the roster but you would like to volunteer in the Canteen, please contact Chontelle Nichols on - 0427 442 661. ****

DENTAL VAN

We have received notification that the dental van will be at Three Springs PS from the first week of Term 4.



Ride On Lawn Mower for Tender Three Springs Primary School

We currently have a Yardman Ride On Lawn Mower (2007) open for tender. Engine is in working order, Cutter bar requires some repairs.

All expressions of interests / offers are due in by Tuesday 13 October 2020.

Please call the front office on 9954 3700 or e-mail your name, contact details and tender price to: threesprings.ps@education.wa.edu.au





Consumer Watch

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton 6530

Tel: (08) 9920 9800 Fax: (08) 9964 5678

Email: Danni.Bloomfield@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Show salespeople the door with a 'Do Not Knock' sticker

It's a scenario many of us are familiar with – you're at home and there's a knock on the front door, which you open to be greeted by a salesperson wanting to sell you something.

This may not be a welcome sight, so it's worth knowing that there's a simple way to stop uninvited salespeople showing up on your door-step – by displaying a 'Do Not Knock Sticker' at your front door or gate.

Consumer Protection created 'Do Not Knock' stickers following a 2013 Federal Court ruling in South Australia that found ignoring a 'do not knock' sign was a breach of the law.

More recently, a Western Australian resident was fined \$400 by his local council when his dog bit a door-to-door salesperson, who was within their rights to knock, as the property only had a 'beware of the dog' sign on the front gate and not one to indicate that salespeople weren't welcome.

Displaying a 'Do Not Knock' sticker sends a clear message to salespeople that they should leave without knocking on your door. Ignoring such a message means they are in breach of the Australian Consumer Law and can be reported to Consumer Protection.

It's important to realise the signs don't prevent approaches from people seeking donations for licensed charities or those promoting religion, but they should deter people from selling goods and services.

Consumer Protection hands out hundreds of free 'Do Not Knock' stickers every year – either from our city and/or regional offices, through mail-outs when requests come to the contact centre, or via our Community Education team when they are visiting communities.

Please investigate whether your neighbours, friends, family are also interested before lodging a mail-out request as it's more economical for us to post out a bundle of stickers. Send a request containing your postal address to consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or call 1300 30 40 54.

Did you also know that there are restrictions on when uninvited salespeople can visit you? They must not come on a Sunday or a public holiday, before 9am or after 6pm on a weekday or before 9am or after 5pm on a Saturday.



Consumer Watch

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton 6530

Tel: (08) 9920 9800 Fax: (08) 9964 5678

Email: Danni.Bloomfield@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Rent scams on the rise

There's a lot to weigh-up when hunting for a rental home, such as your budget and the location, but one important thing to investigate is whether the property is actually available.

Scammers are taking advantage of WA's tight rental market by posting fake adverts, or responding to 'rental wanted' posts, on classified sites and pretending to be landlords with vacant homes for lease.

WA ScamNet is aware of nine victims who have lost more than \$27,060 to rental scams in the first nine months of this year – a whopping 320 per cent increase on 2019's figures, when four victims lost \$6,440 in the whole 12 month period.

The scam works like this: the hopeful tenant is sent pictures of the property and answers a few questions, before being informed that they are the successful applicant.

They are even invited to drive-by the property to view it externally, but excuses such as COVID-19 or the owner being overseas are provided as to why they can't go inside at this point in time.

Then the money-grab begins – in order to 'secure' the property, the victim is told they need to pay the bond and rent upfront via bank transfer.

A time is then arranged to meet at the property to receive the keys and that's when the penny drops it's a scam. The property is either occupied, not available, or is in-fact for sale instead of being available to rent.

How to protect yourself:

- Be suspicious of properties being rented for well below the current rental value.
- Never solely rely on photos being provided to you – do a reverse image search to see if they have been used previously.
- Search the address given online to see if the property is listed by a different agency.
- Only deal with landlords you can meet face-to-face or go through a registered real estate agent or property manager.
- Never hand over money until you have inspected the property, completed a rental agreement and received the keys.

Know your rights as a tenant. Information can be found here on the Consumer Protection website - www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/renting-home

- If in doubt – contact WA ScamNet on 1300 30 40 54.

Advertisements



Badminton

Tuesday Nights

5pm – 7pm

Three Springs Community Hall

\$2.00

Racquets available

No Children

Covid Regulations Apply

Phil Berry: 0432 758 770

DONGARA



DONGARA TYREPOWER. 44 MORETON TERRACE. PH 99271177. Email dongara@tyrepower.com.au

TYRES



WHEEL ALIGNMENT



BATTERIES



BRAKES

EXHAUST



SUSPENSION



MECHANICAL REPAIRS



KUMHO TYRES



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AGRICULTURAL TRUCK EARTHMOVING and INDUSTRIAL TYRES

ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS USING 1080



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

September 2020

1080 baiting: a must for pest control but a risk to domestic pets

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development advises that essential baiting programs using 1080 are carried out all year round across the state. While these programs are aimed at controlling wild dogs, foxes, feral cats, feral pigs and rabbits, they do pose a risk to domestic dogs.

Keeping your family's best friend safe is your responsibility. If you have to take your dog with you when you travel in WA's regional areas, keep it on a leash or use a muzzle. The safest option is to not take your dog at all, but leave it in the safe hands of a carer or at a boarding kennel.

1080 baiting is **essential** for pastoralists and farmers, and to conserve our wildlife. Without baiting, stock are targeted by wild dogs and can be killed, causing emotional and financial distress to producers. Introduced predators also eat many native fauna. Over the past 100 years, more mammals have become extinct in Australia than anywhere else in the world.

About 1080

1080 is a naturally occurring poison found in 40 plant species. Western Australia has 39 of the 40 plant species growing naturally in the south-west. Native species have developed a tolerance to 1080 making it a more selective poison pest control option. However, **your domestic pet is not safe without your help.**

Baiting of pastoral leases, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) reserves, unallocated Crown Land and freehold farms can be carried out at any time. The poison baits remain toxic for many months. You **must** exercise caution when working within or visiting these areas. Warning signs are placed at entrance points on all land where baiting is being carried out and at other relevant places where applicable on pastoral, DBCA, and unallocated Crown Land.

However, **do not rely upon the presence of warning signs.** Signage may not be in the immediate vicinity and can be weather damaged, removed or destroyed. Please consult with individual pastoralists, DBCA and/or farmers prior to entering their lands. Domestic pets **must** be kept close and under control at all times. If your pet wanders when you are travelling throughout regional WA, you may need to consider a muzzle for your pet.

For further information drop into the local DPIRD office or contact DPIRD on **9368 3333**.

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(or dates as advertised)

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10th November & 8th December 2020

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(Large animal visits can be arranged)

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Three Springs Shire Office

Chief Executive Officer* 9954 1001

Tree plantations of more than 3 hectares but less than 10 hectares

Construct a 10m wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high; clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation (adjacent areas of the same property subject to provisions as for rural land)

Plantations larger than 10 hectares

Must comply with the Code of Practise for Timber Plantations in the Western Australia Guideline for Plantation Fire Protection, A copy is available from the Shire of Three Springs upon request

PERMITS

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Craig Morgan

9955 2001

0429 377 991

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Christian Haeusler

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Grant Fidock*

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Fire Break Notice Section 33 B F A

Prohibited Burning Period

1st November to 28th February

STRICTLY NO BURNING

Restricted Burning Period

15th October to 31st October

1st to 15th March

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED



FIRST AND FINAL notice is hereby served to
all residents and ratepayers

Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in
accordance with this notice may result in a \$5,000

PENALTIES

Failure to maintain a firebreak as per firebreak order	\$250
Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open air	\$250
Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning period	\$250
Failure of Occupier to extinguish a bushfire	\$250
Refusal to state name and abode or stating a false name and abode	\$100
Failure to produce permit to burn	\$100

Fire Control Officers are not obliged to issue permits. Permits cannot be issued over the phone and should a Fire Control Officer refuse to issue a permit, it is a breach of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to request a permit from another Fire Control Officer.

You **MUST** have a copy of the permit on you during the burn

Harvesting Operations

No harvesting operations are permitted on **Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day**. A separate fire fighting fire appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested, churning, raking stubble, straw baling and associated allied activities during restricted and prohibited periods. The fire fighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump and at least 15 metres of hose with a minimum diameter of 19 mm and capable of delivering water through an adjustable nozzle is to be readily available to any paddock being harvested. All vehicles or machinery operating in a paddock during Restricted or Prohibited burning times must have a Fire Extinguisher as defined in the Act. A Fire Extinguisher means a device which comprises— a. a container filled with at least 7.5 litres of water and a pump capable of discharging that water, and which is in a sound and efficient condition.

A Harvesting and Movement Ban and Use of Internal Combustion Engines (except for the watering and movement of stock) will be imposed when the actual weather conditions reach a Fire Danger rating of thirty five (35). All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a duly appointed person

HARVEST BAN INFORMATION LINE

9478 5677.

If a ban has been imposed, all persons registered will be sent a text message advising of details. All bans will still be broadcast on radio

ABC State wide AM

Note – Attention of landowners is drawn to the fact that this order allows for provision of firebreaks in situations other than immediately with property boundaries subject to approval. The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and appointed Fire Control Officers have been authorised to act for Council in this matter

Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this Notice may result in a \$5,000 fine.

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given to all landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Three Springs that fire-breaks must be installed on or by 1st October and maintained of flammable material up to and including 15th March as per requirements in relation to Section 33 of the above

PROPERTIES WILL BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE THEY COMPLY WITH COUNCILS REQUIREMENTS

1. TOWNSITES

On or before 1st October all town lots within the town sites of Three Springs and Arino are required to be treated as follows. Where the area of land is less than 3,000m², the property must be cleared, mowed, slashed to a MAXIMUM height of 7.5 cm of all flammable material.

Where the area of the land is 3,000m² or more, a firebreak must be provided not less than 3 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied and all flammable material must be cleared a distance of 2.7m from all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land and maintained free of such material until the 15th March.

FUEL STORAGE AREAS

On or before the 1st October all grass and similar material is to be cleared from such places where drum ramps are located and where drums, empty or full, are stored and such areas to be maintained cleared of grass and similar flammable material until 15th March

FARM BUILDINGS AND UNATTENDED ELECTRIC MOTORS AND HAY STACKS

Fire breaks at least 3 metres in width completely surrounding and not more than 20 metres from the perimeter of any building, group of buildings or haystacks, All flammable material must be removed from an area 2.7 metres in width immediately surrounding the building. All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended electric motor site

UNATTENDED FUEL OPERATED MOTORS

All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended fuel operated motor whether the motor is intended to be used or not.

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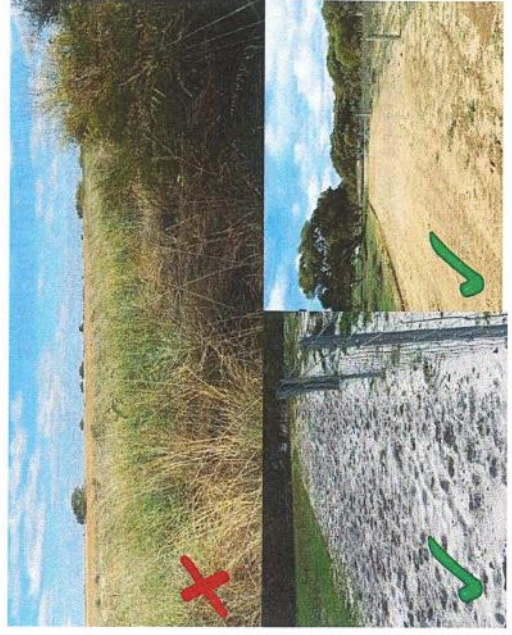
Firebreaks must be provided not less than 3 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied; where this is not practicable the firebreaks must be provided as near as possible to, and within, such boundaries

BARBEQUES AND INCINERATORS

Gas and electric barbeques are permitted any time. Solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are PROHIBITED on days of VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER or above.

PENALTY

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$400 and a person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work in this notice, if it is not carried out by the owner or Occupier by the date required by this notice



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