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Community Christmas Tree & Silos Movie Night

The Shire of Three Springs hosted a successful Christmas Tree and Silos Movie event on 10 Dec 2022 , showcasing first ever public screening of the Silos Projection project. The movie of the night was "The Grinch."

More than 100 people attended the event, which was held in the heart of the community, and it was a sight to see the silos transformed into a movie screen. The atmosphere was festive, with the twinkling lights of the Christmas tree.



Community Christmas Tree & Silos Movie Night



A big thank you goes out to the volunteers, the Lions Club, CBH, Main Roads, ARC Infrastructure and everyone who helped make the event possible. The Shire of Three Springs is looking forward to many more memorable experiences like this in the future.

Shire of Three Springs Australia Day

The Shire of Three Springs held #AustraliaDay breakfast at the Three Springs Aquatic Centre on January 26th, 2023. The day began with a traditional Australian breakfast prepared by the Three Springs volunteers, Lions Club members and shire councillors, followed by a heartwarming address from Shire CEO Keith Woodward thanking local volunteers and an Acknowledgement to Country from Local Elder Elaine Walley.



Shire of Three Springs Australia Day



The community was honoured with the Citizenship Awards, with Gemma Mclevie receiving the Community Citizen of the Year - Youth, Cathy Reed being named Community Citizen of the Year, and Jack Antonio receiving an achievement certificate presented by Councillors Eva, Ennor, and Heal. The Australian National Anthem was performed by local talent Warwick Trent, and the formalities ended with award recipients cutting the lamington cake.



The Three Springs Gym Is Open



The Shire of Three Springs has an unsupervised gym, accessible to members 24/7.
Memberships can be purchased at the Shire of Three Springs Admin Centre. You must be over 18 to be a member of the gym.

Type	Full	Concession
12 Months	\$200.00	\$100.00
6 Months	\$105.00	\$52.50
3 Months	\$54.00	\$27.00



Access Fob Key Bond (Cash /Eftpos) \$50.00

Please Note: Bonds can now be paid in cash or Eftpos (preferred).

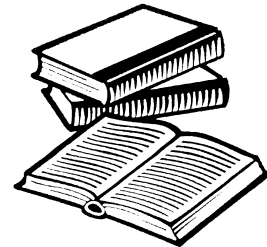
Three Springs Telephone Directory

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, alteration or deletion please call 9954 1001 or
via email: general@threesprings.wa.gov.au

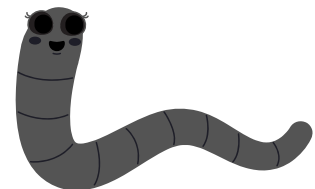
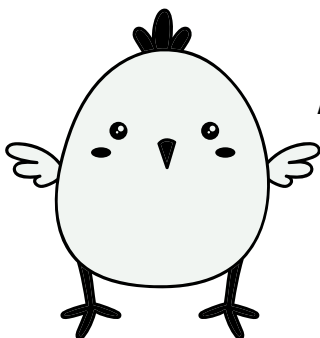
Hard copies of the latest Directory are
available at the Three Springs Shire Office



SHREDDED PAPER

Available at the Shire of Three Springs
Admin Office

Great for worm farms, compost heap,
chooks and garden mulch





Shire of Three Springs **Administration**



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
Website: www.threesprings.wa.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT **TRANSACTIONS**

Department of Transport (DoT) Services At Shire Admin
Centre only available three days a week

* Licensing Hours: Tuesdays —Thursdays 9:00am to
3:00pm

* Theory Test hours: Tuesdays —Thursdays 9:00 am to
2:00 pm

* PDA Assessor: Geraldton



Speed Limit Change

Midlands Road,

Shire of Three Springs

Main Roads WA advises road users that changes to the speed limit on

Midlands Road will occur on Wednesday 22 February 2023.

The 80km/h buffer zone will be removed and the 50km/h speed zone

will be increased by 200m. The proposed changes will be

implemented as part of Main Roads ongoing review of speed limits in

the Mid West region and commitment to road safety. Motorists are

reminded that speeding is an offence. Further information can be

obtained by contacting Main Roads on 9956 1200.

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NORTH MIDLANDS ANGLICAN UNITING PARISH GRAIN DONATION INVITATION

Since we are all enjoying a bumper harvest, great crops and great prices we thought you might like to share it around.

Funds shared is pleasure squared!

Since the first days of the districts and towns of Three Springs, Carnamah and Coorow, the Church has been offering its ministry of worship, baptisms, funerals and care for all who need a minister's help.

The North Midlands Parish welcomes all grain and other donations to continue with its endeavours to support those in need in our community.

If you would like to make a grain donation please use the following details:

North Midlands Anglican Parish
Grower Number 61200234

Three Springs Anglican Uniting Church also has a separate Grower Number 84420090

Thank you for your consideration.

We wish you a safe, trouble free harvest and a joyous festive season

Brenda Bowman
Secretary
North Midlands Anglican Uniting Parish

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WE ALSO SUPPLY AND FIT

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Anglican/Uniting Church. Parish of North Midlands.

Sunday 5th February 2023 9:00am Trinity Church THREE SPRINGS Service led by Phil Tomkins. Followed by a cuppa + cake.

Sunday 12th February 9:00am All Saints' Church COOROW

Christian Fellowship led by Nev Bothe and Ian Billingham. Followed by a cuppa.

Sunday 19th February t.b.a.

Sunday 26th February t.b.a.

Contacts: Diana V 0429 888 558 Ian B 0400 204 355

Phil T 0428 226 581 Nev B 0427 131 457

Peter W 0427 541 080 Brenda B 0427 511 339

In the towns of Three Springs, Carnamah, Coorow you can tune in to 88.0 FM Vision Christian Radio or listen through their website.

Online Banking Session

11am Thursday 16 Feb | The Exchange Carnamah | Free | No Booking Required



Do you want to know more about online banking...
How to get started? What banking tasks can you do?

Come along to a free online banking introduction session.

Thursday 16 February 11am to 12:30pm

The Exchange, 4 Macpherson Street, Carnamah

No booking required.

The session is for all community members + community groups.

Further assistance and resources are available beyond the introduction session at Thursday's Tech Coaching sessions.

For more information email richelle@northmidlands.org.au





Government of Western Australia
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



Consumer Watch Column

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton WA 6530

Tel: (08) 9920 9800

Email: candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au

With A/Senior Regional Officer for the Midwest, Cheryle Dennis

Dramatic increase in used motor vehicles complaints in WA

Consumer complaints for defective used motor vehicles in Western Australia (WA) skyrocketed over the last five years, increasing 730% and peaking in 2022.

With 777 complaints lodged to Consumer Protection in 2021 and 2022 compared to a total of 287 complaints in 2018 to 2020, the surge in demand for used vehicles was primarily due to long delivery delays on new vehicles during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other contributing factors to the rise in complaints is believed to be flood-affected written-off vehicles from the eastern states being sold in WA, as well as a strong demand for used four wheel drive vehicles due to travel restrictions keeping families grounded in WA.

Many of the complaints over the last five years were for used vehicles that broke down within days of being purchased, some shortly after being driven out of the car yard.

This rise in demand for used vehicles in WA means some sellers may be enticed to off-load vehicles that may be defective. Consumers should be vigilant when shopping around in this over-heated used vehicle market and make sure to get the vehicle inspected to check it is mechanically sound.

It is also recommended before purchasing, to check the used vehicle's history on the Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR) website to see if it has been written-off or has money still owing on it.

Specific warranties may not apply or may have expired on some used vehicles, however consumer guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) may still apply.

Consumers should not take no for an answer when asking a seller for a refund, repair or replacement if defects are discovered.

Unfortunately private sales are not covered under the ACL, so buyers should be extra vigilant and do the same checks before making a purchase, as you could be out of pocket if something goes wrong.

The dramatic increase in complaints over the last two years in particular, has seen a total of \$6.1 million being successfully returned to consumers who lodged complaints with Consumer Protection.

Complaints relating to vehicle sales can be lodged via the Consumer Protection website or enquiries can be made by email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or by calling 1300 30 40 54.



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Stay safe this Australia Day

The Australia Day public holiday is coming up, with many families and friends planning to get together to make the most of the warm summer day.

We all want to have a safe Australia Day, but many summer products can be unsafe if left unattended, not used or stored correctly, particularly with the hot weather expected.

For those backyard BBQ gatherings, a portable or in-ground pool may be used to keep cool but they hold significant drowning risks to children, if not used properly.

It's important to remember that children need to be supervised around any source of water, and a fence is required for any pool with more than 30 centimetres of water.

Pool fences should be checked regularly to make sure there are no holes or a broken gate. During gatherings, furniture should not be propped up around the fence and the gate should not be propped open, giving children easy access to the pool while parents are busy entertaining.

Another risk to younger children is swallowing button batteries which can cause severe internal burns and may be found in Australia Day novelty items that light up or produce sound.

Before using any product with button batteries, parents should check the battery is secured properly such as with a screw, and dispose of the product immediately if the battery is not safely contained, in an outside bin away from children.

If a button battery does come loose in a product, or you need to replace an old button battery in a product, wrap the battery in sticky tape before disposing of it in an outdoor bin.

With many firework displays and local events planned all around the state this Australia Day, people may travel in on an eRideable such as an eScooter or eBike.

As most events will be held outdoors in the hot sun, there is a risk that eRideable lithium-ion batteries may catch fire in the heat.

Lithium-ion batteries should not be exposed to excessive heat or moisture, or be charged near flammable materials like mattresses, wood, paper and plastic.

If a lithium-ion battery is swollen, punctured, very hot to touch, leaking or omitting smoke or odour, do not continue use and do not dispose of it in your household recycling or garbage bin as it could catch fire.

Visit the [recycling near you](#) website to find out where to dispose batteries safely in your local area and only buy replacement lithium-ion batteries from reputable suppliers.



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Eddie Kamil / Perth City Apartment Hotel consumer alert

Consumer Protection is raising a consumer alert about a Perth hotel proprietor who allegedly incorrectly retains security bond payments from guests, either wholly or partially.

According to a number of customers, Eddie Kamil, trading as Perth City Apartment Hotel in West Perth, has been accepting security bonds of \$150 to \$300 on top of the nightly tariff.

Complaints from guests received by Consumer Protection stated that Mr Kamil retained their bonds, incorrectly accusing them of damaging property, staining towels/linen and smoking in non-smoking rooms.

Between 27 July 2020 and 29 August 2022, 17 complaints were lodged with Consumer Protection that remain unresolved.

The public now needs to be aware that these issues are being raised about the hotel proprietor's business practices while investigations continue.

Mr Kamil may be incorrectly retaining security bond payments. For guests who pay this security bond, there appears to be some risk that they may not get it returned. Whilst Mr Kamil says he wants to cooperate with our investigation, he has so far not supplied sufficient evidence to back up his claims.

FURTHER INFO: Complaints against Mr Kamil or Perth City Apartment Hotel can be lodged on the Consumer Protection website or enquiries can be made by email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or by calling 1300 30 40 54.



In accordance with section 5.25 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 12 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* Council wishes to advise that the Ordinary Council meetings for 2023 are as follows:

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME
January	No Meeting		
February	22	Wednesday	5.30pm
March	22	Wednesday	5.30pm
April	26	Wednesday	5.30pm
May	24	Wednesday	5.30pm
June	28	Wednesday	5.30pm
July	26	Wednesday	5.30pm
August	23	Wednesday	5.30pm
September	27	Wednesday	5.30pm
October	25	Wednesday	5.30pm
November	22	Wednesday	5.30pm
December	13	Wednesday	5.30pm

Meetings are held in Council Chambers, 132 Railway Road, Three Springs.

Keith Woodward PSM
Chief Executive Officer



MELISSA PRICE MP

Federal Member for **Durack**

NAIDOC LOCAL GRANTS OPPORTUNITY

16 January 2023

Federal Member for Durack, the Hon Melissa Price MP, welcomes the announcement of the NAIDOC Local Grants Opportunity round that will support events to be held as part of NAIDOC Week activities in 2023.

"The National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is an annual celebration of the histories, rich cultures and ongoing contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," said Ms Price.

"I'm thrilled to announce the support for community organisations to hold local NAIDOC Week events right across the electorate, stretching from Kununurra in the north to Bullsbrook in the south and east across to Newman, with all towns in between.

NAIDOC Week will be held from 2 – 9 July, and this year's National NAIDOC Week theme is 'For our Elders', a theme which celebrates Elders as a fundamental part of Indigenous communities.

"I encourage all members of the community to attend a local event to celebrate and learn more about the culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples celebrating the oldest continuing culture in the world."

Local events have a significant role in educating and celebrating NAIDOC week each year including sporting events, cultural showcases and school activities.

Applications close on **17 February 2023**.

To check your eligibility and apply for funding visit Grant Connect - <https://bit.ly/3Xt55lw>

To find out more about NAIDOC Week, visit <https://www.aidoc.org.au/>

Ends.

Media Contact: Jackie Perry 0427 587 395, jackie.perry@aph.gov.au



MELISSA PRICE MP

Federal Member for **Durack**

CRITICAL MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

20 January 2023

Federal Member for Durack, the Hon Melissa Price MP, encourages entities across the Durack electorate to apply for funding under the recently announced Critical Minerals Development Program (the program).

The program provides funding for projects producing or planning to produce critical mineral(s) listed in Australia's Critical Minerals Strategy. This includes activities undertaken post-exploration and before final investment decision. The Critical Minerals Strategy is accessed through the Department of Industry, Science and Resources website at <https://bit.ly/3kzu1ti>

"My electorate of Durack is one of the richest areas in the world in relation to resourcing rare earth materials and critical minerals. Titanium, Graphite, Vanadium, Tungsten, the list goes on - are all accessible in our very own back yard. These important grants will go a long way towards helping our mining industry ensure they are extracting these minerals in the most sustainable and environmentally responsible way" Ms Price said.

Grants ranging from between \$1,000,000 and \$30,000,000 are available to eligible entities who are looking to promote economic development and jobs in regional communities, secure long term sustainable growth in the Australian critical minerals sector and lower risk associated with critical development activities.

The program also aims to support global transition to net-zero emissions by 2050 through the development of Australia's critical mineral resources, workplace gender equality and opportunities for First Nations people.

Applications for the current funding round close Monday 20 February 2023.

To check your eligibility and access more information visit Grant Connect at <https://bit.ly/3iPQPoi>

Ends.

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Country Stargazing

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

A Total Eclipse of the Moon! Coming to Your Skies 8th November!

Just as our daylight skies are ever-changing, with new sunsets and cloud formations, our evening skies are constantly changing too, as the star patterns move across the sky throughout the year. And amongst the stars are a few brighter ones that seem to wander on their own path. These are of course the planets of our solar system. The word planet means “wanderer”, given by the ancient Greek’s who studied the night sky and began to understand their orbits.

As the planets continue their never-ending path around the Sun, their orbits can sometimes bring the planets together forming incredible conjunctions, from our perspective here on earth.

Between the 22nd of February and 8th of March, head outside just after sunset and watch the planets in motion! Jupiter and Venus will approach each other before beginning to move further apart from our perspective! The Moon will even join in on the 22nd and 23rd!
Jupiter and Venus Conjunction.

Adding to the spectacle, on 28th Feb, Mars makes a close approach to the Moon. Visible as a red star, Mars can be easily seen with the naked eye. Don’t confuse Mars for the nearby Aldebaran and Betelgeuse stars however, as the three red objects and the Moon make a large triangle in the sky.

When to look: Just after sunset 22nd February to 2nd March

Which direction to look: Low to the western horizon for Jupiter and Venus. For the Moon and Mars, north north-west in the early evening.

We will have more stargazing tips and helpful hints coming up in our next article! Keep looking up and marvel at our clear, dark skies.

For more stargazing tips, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.



EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of an Emergency call 000

FIRE EMERGENCY	000
DOCTOR/HOSPITAL	9954 1013 / 9954 3200
TS POLICE	9954 4222 OR 13 1444
ST JOHNS AMBULANCE	MERLE ISBISTER - 0428 511 030
VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE	ROD ENNOR - 0458 246 531
HARVEST BAN INFORMATION	9487 6519
INFANT HEALTH CLINIC	9954 3213
VETERINARY (DONGARA)	9927 1329
WATER CORPORATION	13 1375
WESTERN POWER	13 1351

Community Group Contacts



Anglican / Uniting Church	Diana Van Buerle 0429 888 558 Peter Whale 0427 541 080 Hendrik Greyling 0497 22 4004
Catholic Church	Fr Brian Ahearn 9927 1451 0427 271 452
Friends of the North-Midlands Health Service	Brenda Bowman 0427 511 339
Historical Society - Geraldton	Judy and Roy Mutter 0427 547 733
North Midlands Agricultural Society - Carnamah	9951 1036
Returned Serviceman League - RSL	Bruce Clampett 0427 420 929
RSL Women's Auxiliary	Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014
Tourists Information	Visitors Centre 9954 1590
Three Springs Lions Club	Cathy Reed 0427 547 012
Playgroup	Lauren Cruickshank 0429 620 201
Three Springs Parents & Citizens	President: Vikki Thomas 9954 3700 Catering: Jess Van Veer & Shannah Balks 9954 3700



Sporting Group Contacts

Basketball	Bruce Chisholm 0428 591 318
Outdoor Bowls	Jack Antonio 0428 541 327
Badminton	Tai Plant 0427 754 832
Golf	David Mutter 0427 547 035
Football	Liam Mutter 0458 547 035
Netball	Bec Mills 0438 994 777
Hockey	President: Heidi Taylor 0429 051 428 Secretary: Kylie Dennis 0438 238 171
Indoor Bowls	Adele Metsemakers 0460 519 632
Rifle Club	Chris Connaughton 0427 547 007
Sporting Clay/ Target Shooting	Gary Turley 0428 888 075
Squash / Tennis	Jack Antonio 0428 541 327
Yoga	Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MONTH / YEAR: FEB 2023

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 1		Yoga by Lorraine Morgan @ Red Room	1	2	3	4	5
WEEK 2	6	Yoga by Lorraine Morgan @ Red Room Indoor Bowls Morning Tea Provided @Shire Hall from 9am	8	9	10	11	All Saints' Church COOROW Christian Fellowship from 9am
WEEK 3	13	Yoga by Lorraine Morgan @ Red Room Indoor Bowls Morning Tea Provided @Shire Hall from 9am	15	Online Banking Session @The Exchange Carnamah from 11am - 12:30pm	17	18	All Saints' Church COOROW Christian Fellowship T.B.A
WEEK 4	20	Yoga by Lorraine Morgan @ Red Room Indoor Bowls Morning Tea Provided @Shire Hall from 9am	Ordinary Council Meeting @ Shire Admin from 5PM	23	24	25	All Saints' Church COOROW Christian Fellowship T.B.A
WEEK 5	27	Yoga by Lorraine Morgan @ Red Room Indoor Bowls Morning Tea Provided @Shire Hall from 9am					

YAKABOUT

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

Check out the new webpage with the issues from 2020, 2021 & 2022.

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 2023

6/02/2023 - 20/02/2023 - 6/03/2023 - 20/03/2023 - 3/04/2023 - 17/04/2023 - 1/05/2023 -
15/05/2023 - 29/05/2023 - 12/06/2023 - 26/06/2023 - 29/07/2023 - 12/08/2023 - 26/08/2023 -
10/09/2023 - 24/09/2023 - 8/10/2023 - 21/10/2023 - 4/11/2023 - 18/11/2023 - 2/12/2023 -
16/12/2023 - 30/12/2023 - 13/01/2024 - 27/01/2024 - 10/02/2024

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\$31.00	Full Page B&W	\$41.20
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\$41.20	Half Page Colour	\$82.40
\$8.25	Quarter Page B&W	\$10.30
\$20.60	Quarter Page Colour	\$41.20

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