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THINKING OF NOMINATING FOR COUNCIL?

Nominations close September 4th 2025

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Shire of Three Springs



Administration

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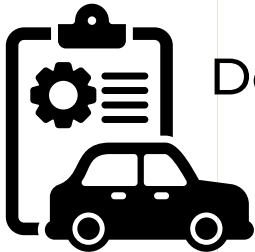
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT TRANSACTIONS



Department of Transport (DoT) Services

At Shire Admin Centre

only available three days a week

- * Licensing Hours: Tues - Wed - Thurs 9:00am - 3:00pm
- * Theory Test hours: Tues - Wed - Thurs 9:00 am - 2:00pm
- * Practical Driving Assessment Assessor: Geraldton

Shire Of Three Springs SMS Text Messaging

The Shire Of Three Springs offers a SMS text message system which sends out the latest Shire Notices via Text message.

Messages include Road closures, Fire bans, Harvest bands and important Shire related updates.

If you would like to make any changes or to be added to this list,

please call 9954 1001 or via email:

general@threesprings.wa.gov.au



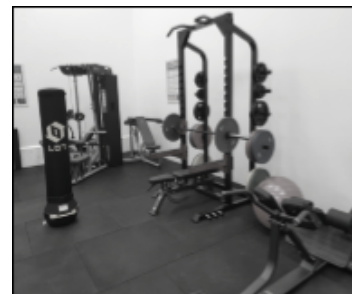


The Three Springs Gym Is Open



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	\$250.00	\$125.00
6 Months	\$131.25	\$65.65
3 Months	\$67.50	\$33.75
1 Month	\$25	\$12.50



Access Fob Key Bond (Cash /Eftpos) \$100.00
Please Note: Bonds can now be paid in cash or Eftpos (preferred).
Alternatively, you can setup Phone Key without any bond.
Please Note: You will be required to download an app to setup 'Phone Key'

Three Springs Telephone Directory

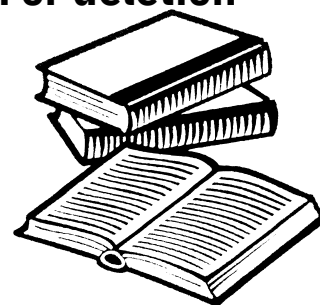
Are you in the local telephone directory?
Phone, fax, mobile numbers, UHF or e-mail addresses are welcome

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





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 2025 are as follows:

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME
January	No Meeting		
February	26	Wednesday	5.30pm
March	26	Wednesday	5.30pm
April	30	Wednesday	5.30pm
May	28	Wednesday	5.30pm
June	25	Wednesday	5.30pm
July	23	Wednesday	5.30pm
August	27	Wednesday	5.30pm
September	24	Wednesday	5.30pm
October	22	Wednesday	5.30pm
November	26	Wednesday	5.30pm
December	10	Wednesday	5.30pm

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

Keith Woodward PSM
Chief Executive Officer



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March	25	Wednesday	5.30pm
April	22	Wednesday	5.30pm
May	27	Wednesday	5.30pm
June	24	Wednesday	5.30pm
July	22	Wednesday	5.30pm
August	26	Wednesday	5.30pm
September	23	Wednesday	5.30pm
October	28	Wednesday	5.30pm
November	25	Wednesday	5.30pm
December	9	Wednesday	5.30pm

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COUNCIL NOMINATIONS



Nominations are now
open for shire council

What matters to you in your local area? Is it the state of the local park, the need for more activities for young people, improving services for older people, making the roads safer or ensuring that local businesses can thrive? Whatever needs changing in your neighbourhood, you could be just the person to initiate change by becoming a councillor. If you are passionate about your local community, we need you!

Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life for local people and how local issues are dealt with. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve to put themselves forward for the election. Councillors are at the heart of local government decision making. They play a vital role in representing the interests and views of local residents.

Nominations close September 4th 2025
Election 18th of October 2025



For more information

<https://walocalgovernmentelections.au/>



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION
CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS
Shire of Three Springs
ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025**

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 18 October 2025 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Three Springs.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Enrolment Forms

You can enrol or update your details online, or download an enrolment form, via the Western Australian Electoral Commission website (www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol). Forms are also available from the Australian Electoral Commission (www.aec.gov.au). Enrolments and updates must be completed and received by 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Three Springs and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Three Springs to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol and have paid rent for at least the prescribed amount.

Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are officers of the body corporate that are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

Enrolment forms can be obtained from local governments and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Three Springs.

DENNIS O'REILLY
ACTING ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
13 63 06



ADVERTISEMENT



Risk Co-ordinator Shire of Three Springs \$147,998 to \$165,479 per annum

The Risk Coordinator reports to the Chief Executive Officer and plays a pivotal role in strengthening the Shire's governance by coordinating risk management, workplace health & safety (WHS), and emergency management across the organisation. You will support strategic objectives under the Shire's integrated planning framework and help build a safe, sustainable, and resilient community.

About our community

Enjoy a small, welcoming community with excellent lifestyle amenities: daycare centre, primary school, post office, Police Station, hospital, pharmacy and medical centre (including dentist). There's a well-stocked supermarket, an excellent hardware store, a new café opening soon, BBQ-equipped playgrounds, active sporting clubs, 24-hour gym access, and a nine-lane pool at the Aquatic Centre—all supporting a relaxed, family-friendly way of life.

Salary & conditions

To attract the right candidate, the Shire is offering an attractive base salary between \$100,000 and \$115,000 per annum, superannuation benefits, free housing (5 bedroom/1.5 bathroom), subsidised utilities, private use of a fully maintained Shire vehicle as per policy, four weeks annual leave, and RDO's.

How to apply

An application package (including the Position Description) is available from Erin Bean via (08) 9954 1001 or fo@threesprings.wa.gov.au

Applications should include a covering letter and a resume. Applicants must address the Qualifications and Experience listed in the Position Description.

Applications should be sent to: ceo@threesprings.wa.gov.au by 4.00pm, Wednesday 17 September 2025.



LOCAL SHOUTOUT



A big thank you from one of our local community groups.

The volunteers of the T.S. Thrift Shop would like to thank our community for supporting us throughout the year. With your help, it enables us to donate to the much needed services that make up our community.

We donate to St. John Ambulance, The Royal Flying Doctor Service on a yearly basis.

Other services we donate to when needed are;

- The Friends of the North Midlands Health Service with care packages and a much needed ECG machine
- Senior Citizens Christmas Party
- ANZAC Day
- Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (Cancer Council)
- Three Springs Primary School
- Three Springs Primary School P&C
- R.S.L.

Thank you once again to our community and to our dedicated team of volunteers who turn up every week to serve our community.

Three Springs Thrift Shop

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, contact National Debt Helpline via 1800 007 007.

WA Rent Relief Program
The WA Rent Relief Program is an initiative that aims to keep Western Australians with private tenancies in their homes.

What the Program offers

The WA Rent Relief Program offers a single payment of up to \$5,000 per household, supporting private tenants to continue their tenancy by:

- Clearing rental arrears.
- In some circumstances, providing a 50% contribution to future rent costs for up to three months.
- Paying rent relief directly to the landlord or property manager - if agreement is made to continue the tenancy.
- Facilitating access to financial, social and advocacy supports.

To apply, you must meet all criteria below (with evidence):

1. You must live in Western Australia.
2. You Privately rent on one the following formal agreements:
 - Residential Tenancy Agreement (Form 1AA)
 - Standard form on-site home agreement
 - Standard form site-only long-stay agreement
3. Your household is experiencing rental stress – your rent is higher than 30% of your gross household income and you have less than \$3,000 in the bank.
4. Your household is in rental arrears and risks eviction.
5. Your household has not previously received a Rent Relief Program grant from any partner.



Visitor centre is...

*Now
Open!*

Mon - Sunday

10am - 2pm

If flags are out - we are
open

Note: *subject to volunteers
and weather*



A MEAL 4 U

- Do you live alone & find it hard to cook for one?
 - Are you 65+ years young?
- Would you like a delicious home cooked hot meal and dessert for just \$10? **No cost!!**

RED ROOM RESTAURANT

Enjoy your meal with company at the Community Hall Red Room. Doors open @ 5:15pm.

Dinner served @ 5:30pm BYO drinks



Call Chris **0439 47 8800** if you have any questions & to place an order by 12pm Mon prior to meal.

If you are not 65+ but would like to help by buying a meal for a senior, please call Chris.

CBH GROUP PRE-HARVEST MEETINGS

The pre-harvest meetings are an opportunity to get involved with the planning for your local sites and hear about any important changes for the coming harvest. We encourage and welcome everyone to come along and provide their input.

Find your local meetings here:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SITES
22/09/2025	0830-1030	Mingenew Recreation Centre	Mingenew
22/09/2025	1200-1330	Three Springs Community Hall	Three Springs / Arrino
23/09/2025	0730-1000	Northampton Community Centre	Northampton / Binu
23/09/2025	1130-1300	Yuna Community Centre	Yuna
24/09/2025	0830-1030	Coorow Everlasting Hall	Coorow / Marchagee
24/09/2025	1200-1330	Carnamah Bowling Club	Carnamah
25/09/2025	0900-1100	Morawa Oval Function Room	Morawa / Canna / Gutha / Pintharuka
25/09/2025	1300-1500	Perenjori Sports Pavilion	Perenjori / Bunjil / Latham
26/09/2025	0900-1100	Mullewa Sports Club	Mullewa / Tenindewa
26/09/2025	1300-1500	Geraldton Terminal Boardroom	Geraldton / Chapman Valley



For more information:

Contact your local
CBH office:

Ph | 99219 499

Monday to Friday
7am to 4.00pm

www.cbh.com.au



North Midlands Parish

All welcome - Come join with us!



Month, Date & Sunday	Time Jul-Dec	Church and Address	Notes
September 7th	10am	Trinity Church – 43 Carter Street, Three Springs.	Bible Study/Christian Fellowship Rev. Noel Oakey - Mandurah
September 14th	9am	All Saints' Church – 20 Commercial Street, Coorow	
	11am	Holy Apostles' Church– 1 Niven Crescent, Carnamah.	
September 21st	10am	Holy Apostles' Church– 1 Niven Crescent, Carnamah.	
September 28th	10am	Trinity Church – 43 Carter Street, Three Springs.	
October 5th	9am	Trinity Church – 43 Carter Street, Three Springs.	Bible Study/Christian Fellowship Rev. Claire Pickering – Uniting Faith Community.
October 12th	9am	All Saints' Church – 20 Commercial Street, Coorow.	
October 19th	10am	Holy Apostles' Church– 1 Niven Crescent, Carnamah.	
October 26th	9am	Trinity Church – 43 Carter Street, Three Springs.	
November 2nd	9am	Trinity Church – 43 Carter Street, Three Springs.	Bible Study/Christian Fellowship
November 9th	9am	All Saints' Church – 20 Commercial Street, Coorow.	
November 16th	9am	Holy Apostles' Church– 1 Niven Crescent, Carnamah.	
November 23rd	9am	Trinity Church – 43 Carter Street, Three Springs.	
November 30th	9am	TBA.	
December 7th	9am	Holy Apostles' Church– 1 Niven Crescent, Carnamah.	Rev. Noel Oakey - Mandurah Bible Study/Christian Fellowship Christmas Eve Family Service
December 14th	9am	All Saints' Church – 20 Commercial Street, Coorow.	
December 21st	9am	Holy Apostles' Church– 1 Niven Crescent, Carnamah.	
December 24th	Wed - 6pm	Trinity Church – 43 Carter Street, Three Springs.	
December 28th	9am	Trinity Church – 43 Carter Street, Three Springs.	

Contacts: Diana V. (Secretary) 0429 888 558, Phil T. 0428 226 581, Revd. Wayne Sutton 0414 521 984, Ian Billingham 0400 204 355, Brenda Bowman 0427 511 339, Revd. Noel Oakey 0427 170 556.

Note: Vision Christian Radio is available in our Parish on 88FM, and their WEB and APP.



DADAA Big Book PROJECT

with Francesco Geronazzo

All are invited to welcome back, and join artist Francesco Geronazzo for the DADAA BIG Book PROJECT! The aim will be to finalise the Ink & Thread 3-year project with the creation of a visual diary (big book) that tells the amazing stories captured over the last 3 years of work created across the Midwest and Wheatbelt with DADAA and Francesco.

Open Studio Details

Francesco will use traditional Intaglio materials to honour the quality of the memories made with regional communities and artists over the course of the project.



Department of
Creative Industries,
Tourism and Sport



North
Midlands
Project

Small Business Growth Grants



**Secure
your grant**

- Are you a WA small business that has been operating for 18 months or longer?
- Would you like to invest in professional services to improve your business performance, sustainability and profitability?

The Small Business Growth Grants program is a WA Government business support initiative to help small and medium businesses to develop, grow and expand.

Applications are now open, with \$1 million in matched funding available to help you access professional services.

You can apply for up to \$10,000 in matched funding vouchers to use towards business planning, digital marketing, cyber security, export readiness and more.

For eligibility criteria or to apply visit:
www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/growth

The Small Business Growth Grants are proudly administered by the Small Business Development Corporation



Hi we are travellers from Melbourne. We were looking for a place to stay overnight whilst exploring the area and based on WikiCamps reviews chose your lovely town.

We camped in the overflow area and enjoyed the bonus of a fantastic communal fire and live music, silo projector and lions Bbq and got to meet some amazing local people who are working so hard to make your town an outstanding place to visit.

We stayed on and visited the flower festival and arts show that was so well organised and a pleasure to see the wonderful displays.

Thankyou Three Springs for your amazing hospitality and friendship. We will definitely be back! Word of mouth is priceless too. Cheers.

Regards
Graeme Arthur APM
Ringwood North
VIC



MY FIRST SPEECH 2025



Calling all Australian students in years 10 to 12.

If all of Parliament was listening, what would you say?

Entries are now open!

Find out more at mfs.houseofrepresentatives.gov.au

The My First Speech competition is run by the Department of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia



Three Springs Lions Club

Are you interested in how the Lions Club interacts within our local community?

If you would like to meet with community minded friends talk to Leah.

Leah - Mob: 0473 915 755
or any Lions Member for more details.

Lions
Cakes
Available



Buy Yours from
the Shire office
or our Visitor
Centre

Three
Springs
ECO
SHORT
STAY



Caravan Park
Up to 3 nights FREE
Toilets and Showers



THREE SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

ISSUE: **13**
Term 3 - Week 7

COMING UP...

TUES 9 SEPT
FACTION
ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL

FRI 12 SEPT
YR 1/2/3
ASSEMBLY

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MEET THE TEACHER

Miss Fisher

INTRODUCTION

'Hi, my name is Jessica Fisher and I am a Flying Squad Teacher. I have spent the past four years teaching at a school in Perth, however this year I decided to embark on a new adventure - teaching across our beautiful state of Western Australia. It's been a wonderful experience so far, and I've really enjoyed getting to know the students, staff, and communities in each place I visit, as well as exploring the unique local areas.

For the remainder of Term 3, I'll be based in Three Springs, primarily working with the Kindy to Year 1 class. A big thank you to everyone who has already made me feel so welcome - I'm excited to be part of your community!'



We Persevere

We are all Responsible

We Care

We Achieve

We Respect

Room 4's Magical Storytelling Adventure Story Mapping by Yr 1, 2 & 3 Students

Today in Room 4, our Year 1, 2 and 3 students had a wonderful time diving into the world of stories and imagination. Miss Brett began the day by reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. We listened to Chapter 7, where George mixes up his incredible potion and accidentally turns his grandma into a giant balloon! The students were completely engrossed, hanging on every word.

After the reading, we split into our year groups and set out to create our own imaginative stories. Mrs Denny worked with the Year 1's, Miss Brett with the Year 3's and Mrs MacLeod with the Year 2's. Each group carefully planned their tales, making sure to include a beginning, build-up, problem, resolution, and ending. Their stories were full of creativity and suspense! Later, we came back together as a class to combine our ideas into one big Room 4 story. Together, we built a magical adventure all about a potion of our own creation. The students loved working collaboratively, sharing their ideas, and letting their imaginations run wild.

It was a morning full of creativity, teamwork, and storytelling magic!

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THREE SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

DADS VS KIDS

FATHERS DAY EVENT

RELAYS, FLAGS, EGG & SPOON RACE

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR THE DADS

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2025

1PM - 2:30PM

WHILE WE SAY 'DAD', THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL THE AMAZING UNCLES, GRANDADS, STEPPADS AND FATHER FIGURES IN OUR STUDENTS' LIVES.



This event is now LIVE on Compass! Please let us know who will be attending so we can cater for everyone. If you're having trouble accessing the app, please call the front office on 08 9954 3700. We can't wait to see you there!

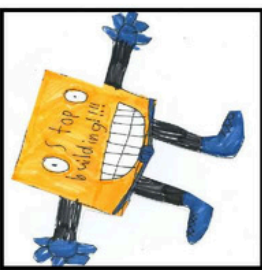
Home Reading Awards

25 NIGHTS
Arran & Krish Hume

- 50 NIGHTS
Kiana Mawson
Anastasia Reed
- 75 NIGHTS
Bobby Denny
- 100 NIGHTS
Emelia Haeusler
Zoe Bone
Liam Bone
- 150 NIGHTS
Ezra Mills

This week our PBS focus was all about **bullying** : what it is, how it affects others, and why it's important to always treat people with kindness and respect.

We had some great conversations in class about how bullying can really hurt others and the kinds of consequences it can lead to. Students were encouraged to think about how their actions impact those around them. As part of the conversation, students were asked to create their own **"No Bullying" posters**. This gave everyone a chance to get creative and share their own messages about standing up against bullying and making our school a safe, welcoming place for everyone. Awesome work to all the students who took part. Your posters and ideas were thoughtful, powerful, and really showed what it means to be kind.



BAND
PERFORMANCE
MORAWA DISTRICT
HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY
10 SEPTEMBER

THREE SPRINGS SHIRE HALL
132 Railway Rd, Three Springs

12:40PM – 1:15PM
PLEASE BE SEATED BY 12:30PM

- ANNUAL SCHOOL TOUR
- FREE ENTRY
- ALL WELCOME



7	SEP	1	2	3	4	5
8		8 School Psych Visit	9 FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	10 Morawa DHS Band Performance	11	12 ASSEMBLY YR 1/2/3
9		15	16	17	18	19 INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL @ PJ
10		22	23	24	25	26 LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Term 4: Monday, 13 October 2025

VacSwim

Fun swimming lessons over the school holidays. Enrol now!

VacSwim enrolments for both October and summer (December/January) holidays are now open! Secure your child's spot for essential school holiday swimming lessons. Book early to avoid missing out, as venues close once at full capacity.

2026
Kindergarten

Enrolments Now Open!

Is your child turning 4 by 30 June 2026?

They're eligible to start Kindergarten at Three Springs Primary School in 2026!

Enrolment packs are available from the school office, or we can post one out - just give us a call.

We look forward to welcoming your child to our school community!

Three Springs 360 Event Cancellation Notice



Total Asphalt Three Springs



After consultation with local farmers, the club has made the difficult decision to cancel Total Asphalt Three Springs.

The recent heavy rainfall has made the track impassable and unsafe for competition, and competitor safety remains our top priority.

We understand this news may be disappointing and truly appreciate your understanding and support.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the event, including our event sponsors, the Shire of Three Springs, and our hardworking committee.

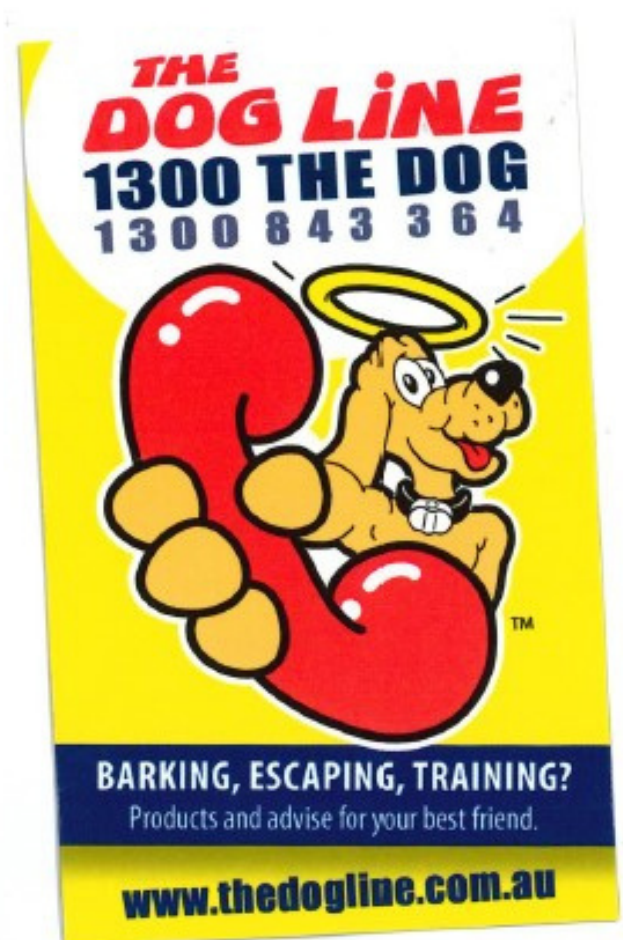
Stay tuned for updates on future events — we look forward to seeing you soon!

— WA Off Road Racing Association Committee

Desert Blue Connect Rural Services Support Feedback

This form is designed to gather valuable feedback regarding Desert Blue Connect Rural Services. Your input will play a crucial role in helping us organise more effective information sessions and improve the services provided to the community. Participation is anonymous, and we encourage you to select the option that aligns most closely with your views. Thank you for your contribution

Please scan to complete feedback form



Supporting Older People to Stay Independent at Home for longer



**Stay Home.
Stay Connected.**

If you or someone you know is over 65yrs and could benefit from the Staying in Place Programme or if you'd like more information, get in touch today with your friendly local Co-ordinator *Emma McKenzie* Available every Thursday 10am - 2pm @ the Perenjori CRC:

 (08) 9973-1071

 sip@perenjoricrc.net.au



The Staying in Place Programme is all about helping seniors live independently, stay connected, and make their own choices about the care they receive.

This long-term, sustainable programme is built around leveraging government-funded Home Care Packages, offering support that can continue right through to end of life—without having to leave home.

Delivered in partnership with **Homemade** (Service Provider), **Mable** (Recruitment of local care workers), and the **Perenjori Community Resource Centre**, this program gives you:

- ✓ Personalised In-home support tailored to your individual needs...
- ✓ Help with transport & shopping...
- ✓ More independence and quality of life..
- ✓ Access to mobility aids & home modifications...
- ✓ Social connection, community engagement & support...
- ✓ Increased access to care & flexible services that grow with you over time..





With Senior Regional Officer for Midwest – Natasha Pirrottina

REGIONAL COLUMN

29 August 2025

Consumer Protection 140 William Street Perth Western Australia 6000
Email: cpmedia@lgirs.wa.gov.au | www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au | www.wa.gov.au

Prime cut or prime con? Exposing meat scams

Scrolling on Facebook and spotting a deal for cheap bulk meat delivered to your door might feel like a win, especially with the cost of groceries these days, but it could be a sinister trap.

Earlier this year the WA ScamNet team started hearing from people who paid for bargain-priced bulk meat packs advertised through fake butcher and “farm-to-table” profiles, only to find themselves blocked after sending money via bank transfer. The meat never turned up, and their cash was gone.

Now the scammers have added a new dimension to their cooked scheme. In a final cash grab victims are asked to pay a delivery insurance fee on the day the meat is due to arrive. The scammers may even say the fee will be refunded after delivery.

Meat is a big expense for most households, which makes these too-good-to-be-true offers especially attractive and this scam very successful. Victims can lose anywhere from \$200 for a mixed selection of meat, up to nearly \$1,000 for a butchered cow.

WA ScamNet suspects more people are being ripped off by these meat scams than is being reported due to losses being “only” a couple hundreds of dollars. But because meat is a staple, even small amounts multiplied across many victims can generate substantial profits for the criminals behind it.

Genuine butchers or farm businesses are being caught up in it too as the scammers steal their names, logos and photos. They’re then left to deal with angry victims asking where the meat is.

The red flags to look out for in posts include claiming bulk meat is delivered “direct from the farm to you” at prices that seem too good to be true. It is illegal to butcher and sell meat directly to consumers without processing through a licensed abattoir due to food safety laws.

Scam pages often lack reviews, likes and comments, fail to list a business address, appear newly created, or show a history of name changes. Check Page Transparency in the About section to see when the page was created and whether it has changed names. This will often reveal a trail that can jump from car parts, to puppies, to meat.

Be wary of any seller demanding bank transfer, especially if multiple accounts are offered, the account name is personal rather than a business, or it does not match the contact person. It’s also worth spending a few minutes reverse image searching the images to check they haven’t been stolen from a real butcher.

If you’ve paid money to a scammer, contact your bank immediately and then report it to WA ScamNet at scamnet.wa.gov.au or 1300 30 40 54. Genuine businesses that are being impersonated by scammers are urged to get in touch as well so fake profiles can be removed quickly.

How Do I See the Total Lunar Eclipse? | 7th/8th September

Eclipses are wonderful examples of the extraordinary motion of the objects within our Solar System. For natural cosmic phenomena, you don't get more remarkable than a total eclipse of the Moon!

For a total lunar eclipse to occur, the Sun, Earth and Moon need to be perfectly aligned in their orbits, with the Earth in the middle. As the Moon travels around the far side of the Earth, it passes directly into the shadow of the Earth.

The great thing is, you don't need a telescope to witness this stunning celestial event. It's spectacular to see with the naked-eye. However, if you have binoculars and/or a telescope, you'll get a much closer look of course!

When to look: The total lunar eclipse starts late evening on 7th September and finishes early morning on 8th September.

The penumbral eclipse, which is the least spectacular part of the event, begins at 11.28pm on 7th September. For naked-eye observers, the real action is when the partial eclipse begins at 12.27am on 8th September. Then as the total eclipse begins at 1.30am, the Moon will turn a stunning red/coppery colour.

Here are the key times calculated for Perth:

11.28pm, 7th September – penumbral eclipse begins

12.27am, 8th September – partial eclipse begins

1.30am – total eclipse begins

2.11am – maximum eclipse

2.52am – total eclipse ends

3.56am – partial eclipse ends

4.55am – penumbral eclipse ends

Which direction to look: The moon will be high in the sky above the north eastern horizon when the eclipse begins and low on the western horizon when it ends.

Something Interesting

During a total lunar eclipse, the Moon becomes a red/coppery colour. As light travels through the atmosphere of Earth, blue light is scattered faster than red light, resulting in blue skies during the day and red/coppery skies at sunrise and sunset. This red/orange light then exits the atmosphere and travels through space, focused by refraction into a structure known as an umbra (Earth's shadow). When the Moon passes through the umbra the only light that reaches the Moon is the red/orange light left over from sunrises and sunsets the world around. Hence, why we see the red/coppery colour.

Remember

Here on Earth we are lucky enough to be able to witness two kinds of eclipses:

Solar eclipses, when the Moon moves directly between the Sun and the Earth and partially or completely obscures the disk of the Sun; and

Lunar eclipses, when the Moon moves directly into the shadow cast by Earth into space.

A lunar eclipse happens when the Sun, Earth and Moon are all in a straight line in space. A lunar eclipse is when the Earth is in between the Sun and Moon and the Earth's shadow moves across the Moon. A total lunar eclipse is when the Earth's shadow passes over the whole Moon.

Safety Warning – Are Lunar Eclipses Safe to Look at with the Naked Eye?

Lunar eclipses are safe to observe with the naked eye. Although lunar eclipses are safe to observe with the naked eye, solar eclipses ARE NOT. If you are fortunate enough to view a solar eclipse, ensure that appropriate safety precautions are taken to preserve your eyesight.

Remember: Never look at the Sun directly as it can cause permanent eye damage or blindness.



Microchipping and Desexing

Are you a Health Care card holder or a Pensioner?



Discount Vouchers
Available
at the Shire Office

Visit your local office to discuss



Dongara Veterinary Hospital



Banksian Vet



Department of
Primary Industries and
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TS SHIRE POUND UPDATE

We have updated our procedures for managing animals and the pound. These changes will make administrative processes easier for customers and the Depot Pound, while ensuring the well-being of the animals.

Please note the following changes:

MONDAY Wandering or feral trapped animals received on these days only.
TUESDAY

It is the responsibility of all animal owners to keep them within your property boundaries.

Adequate fencing for dogs to keep them from wandering and getting out of their home is important. If your pet is wandering it creates a risk for your pet but also to other people and their pets.

Cat Patios or Large Cat Cages are the best option for your cats comfort especially for their own safety. Failure to keep your animals in a safe environment will result in infringements' and impound fees.

Strictly NO Depot access, please come to the Shire Administration Office for all enquiries.

You can also see the updates on the Pound Page here >>>>>>>>>



Dog and Cat
Registrations
are due

is your dog
licensed?



Admin Office to Register



BADMINTON

When?

**MONDAY - 6-8PM
WEDNESDAY - 1 - 3PM**

Where?

@

**THREE SPRINGS
COMMUNITY HALL**

**\$3 per
person**

Contact Tai Plant - 0427 754 832
for more information



THREE SPRINGS INDOOR BOWLS

Session starts at 9 AM

Every Tuesday

at Three Springs Community Hall

Morning tea is provided



2025 North Midlands Winter Sports Fixtures

Round 1 Saturday April 26 Dongara v Coorow/Latham Mingenew v Morawa Three Springs v Carnamah/PJ	Round 6 Saturday June 7 Coorow/Latham v Dongara Morawa v Mingeneu Carnamah/PJ v Three Springs	Round 11 Saturday July 19 Dongara v Coorow/Latham Mingenew v Morawa Three Springs v Carnamah/PJ	 
Round 2 Saturday May 3 Carnamah/PJ v Morawa @ PJ Coorow/Latham v Mingeneu Three Springs v Dongara	THINK MENTAL HEALTH Round 7 Saturday June 14 Morawa v Carnamah/PJ Mingenew v Coorow/Latham Dongara v Three Springs	Round 12 Saturday July 26 Carnamah/PJ v Morawa @ PJ Coorow/Latham v Mingeneu Three Springs v Dongara	FINALs 23/08 – 2 nd Semi Mingeneu 24/08 – 1 st Semi Morawa 25/08 – Medal Count Three Springs 30/08 – Prelim Perenjori 07/09 – Grand Final Coorow
PINK ROUND Round 3 Saturday May 10 Dongara v Carnamah/PJ Mingenew v Three Springs Morawa v Coorow/Latham	Round 8 Saturday June 21 Carnamah/PJ v Dongara Three Springs v Mingeneu Coorow/Latham v Morawa	Round 13 Saturday August 2 Dongara v Camamah/PJ Mingenew v Three Springs Morawa v Coorow/Latham	 
BELT UP. Round 4 Saturday May 17 Coorow/La v Carnamah/PJ Mingenew v Dongara Morawa v Three Springs	Round 9 Saturday June 28 Carnamah/PJ v Coorow/Latham Mingenew v Dongara Three Springs v Morawa	Round 14 Saturday August 9 Coorow/La v Car/PJ @Watheroo Dongara v Mingeneu Morawa v Three Springs	Other Dates 31/05 – Netball Country Week 14-16/06 – Hockey Country Week 10-13/07 – Nutrien Ag Champs 26/7 – Netball Regional Champs 15/08 PJ Show
Round 5 Saturday May 24 Carnamah/PJ v Mingeneu @ PJ Dongara v Morawa Three Springs v Coorow/Latham	Round 10 Saturday July 5 Mingenew v Carnamah/PJ Morawa v Dongara Coorow/Latham v Three Springs	Round 15 Sunday August 17 Carnamah/PJ v Mingeneu Dongara v Morawa Three Springs v Coorow/Latham	 

2025 North Midlands Winter Sports Fixtures

SPORTING NEWS



The North Midlands winter sports vote count night was held in Three Springs on Monday the 25th of September.

A night to celebrate the best in the league.

The Three Springs Bombers were celebrated for many achievements.

We wish all teams the
very best of luck in the
GRAND FINAL!

TS D GRADE vs Donagara
9:45pm

TS A GRADE vs Mingenew
12:45pm

TS Junior Hockey vs Carnamah/Perejori
3:15pm

Three Springs was named
champion town in the
North Midlands Region,
for having all teams make
it into finals

Reece Hutton was awarded Fairest &
Best for the North Midlands Football
League.

Jenna Flemming was awarded Fairest
& Best for the North Midlands Hockey
Association.

Hayley Clayton was awarded with the
runner up Fairest & Best for B Grade
in the North Midlands Netball
Association.



Sporting Group Contacts

Basketball	Justine Camac 0429 951 000
Outdoor Bowls	Jack Antonio 0428 541 327
Badminton	Tai Plant 0427 754 832
Golf	David Mutter 0427 547 035
Football	Kyle Lane 0408 942 449
Netball	Bec Mills 0438 994 777
Hockey	Tamara Sadler 0419 925 462
Indoor Bowls	Adele Metsemakers 0460 519 632
Rifle Club	Chris Connaughton 0427 547 007
Sporting Clay/ Target Shooting	Gary Turley 0428 888 075
Tennis	Jack Antonio 0428 541 327
Yoga	Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014
Zumba	Grete Pall 0461 344 007

Community Group Contacts



Anglican / Uniting Church	Diana Van Buerle 0429 888 558 Revd Wayne Sutton 0414 521 984
Catholic Church	Fr Brian Ahearn 9927 1451 Mob: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	Graeme Wall 0407 075 365
Tourists Information	Visitors Centre 9954 1590
Three Springs Lions Club	Cathy Reed 0427 547 012
Playgroup	Lexi Burgemeestre 0401 637 598
Three Springs Parents & Citizens	Rebecca Mills 9954 3700

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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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



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THREE SPRINGS

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WAYS TO PROMOTE YOUR PRODUCTS

<i>Non-Business</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Business</i>
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\$100.00	<i>Full Page Colour</i>	\$186.00
\$18.00	<i>Half Page B&W</i>	\$25.00
\$50.00	<i>Half Page Colour</i>	\$93.00
\$9.00	<i>Quarter Page B&W</i>	\$12.50
\$25.00	<i>Quarter Page Colour</i>	\$46.50

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2025 printing dates are on Mondays:

3/09/2025 - 15/09/2025 - 29/09/2025 - 13/10/2025 - 27/10/2025 - 10/11/2025 - 24/11/2025
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