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PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNER



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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	\$225.00	\$112.50
6 Months	\$118.13	\$59.06
3 Months	\$59.06	\$30.38
1 Month	\$22.50	\$11.25



Access Fob Key Bond (Cash /Eftpos) \$100.00
Please Note: Bonds can now be paid in cash or Eftpos (preferred).

Three Springs Telephone Directory

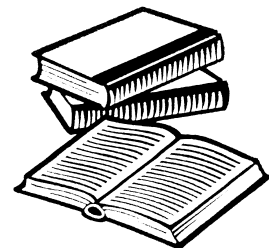
Are you in the local telephone directory?
Phone, fax, mobile numbers, UHF or e-mail addresses are welcome

If you would like to make an addition, alteration or deletion

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

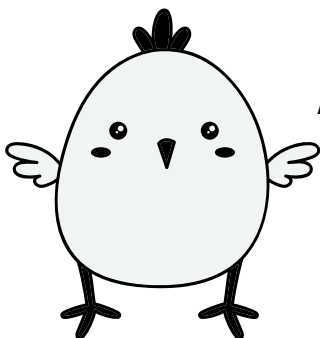


Hard copies of the latest Directory are
available at the Three Springs Shire Office



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: 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





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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

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Keith Woodward PSM
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Three Springs Community Hall Opening Event

The Three Springs Community Hall Opening Event on November 30, 2023, showcased the recent upgrades to the Community Hall Kitchen and ablutions. The event unveiled the enhanced facilities and provided a comprehensive overview of the Shire's history, present developments, and future projects.



Attendees were treated to a visual journey through time as the Shire displayed historic pictures, chronicling the community's evolution over the years. In the present segment, the focus shifted to the most recent developments, including the Revitalisation of Main Street, Dominican Park Development, Silo Projection Project, New Community Gym, and Main Street Banners.



Looking ahead, the Shire presented future projects coming into the Shire, such as the Strike Energy solar and wind farm, and investments by the mining industry. Furthermore, plans for expanding the community hall were displayed, featuring the addition of a teleconference centre. Another exciting project from Shire's Strategic Community Plan included the plans to transform Duffy's Story into a unique museum experience.

The Shire extends our gratitude to the enthusiastic participants for attending the event.





Shire of Three Springs

Disability Access and Inclusion Survey

The Shire of Three Springs is currently reviewing our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP), a necessary step under the Western Australian Disability Services Act 1993. The DAIP acts as our guide for ensuring that everyone in our community, regardless of ability, has equal access to services, facilities, and information.

At the heart of the Shire of Three Springs is our commitment to creating an inclusive community. To achieve this, it's crucial that our DAIP accurately represents the needs of our community.

Scan the QR Code to complete the online survey.

Alternatively, you can collect a printed copy from Shire Office or access the survey by visiting our website and Facebook page.



Your responses are confidential and will be used solely for this initiative by the Shire of Three Springs. If you or someone you know needs assistance with the survey, please contact Raman S Viridi at cdo@threesprings.wa.gov.au or call 08 9954 1001.

We also invite you to join us at the Community Workshop on January 15, 2023, at the Red Room (Community Hall) from 10 am to 12 pm. It's a chance to discuss the DAIP and share your ideas on making our community more inclusive.



Consumer Watch Column

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton WA 6530

Tel: (08) 9920 9800

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

Christmas plea to take care when giving to charity

As the festive season unfolds, the spirit of giving comes alive, prompting many of us to extend a helping hand to our community through charitable donations.

Before opening your wallet to support a cause close to your heart, it's important to watch out for scams and ask questions to find out if your full donation will be passed on.

Scammers may pose as a real charity or a cause that appeals to consumers, while third-party collectors usually receive a fee for every donation they secure. Online fundraising platforms may also charge a fee for their services, which in some cases can significantly impact on the value of your donation.

Whether you're approached at your doorstep, in a shopping centre, or over the phone, ask the collector if they are from the licensed charity itself and will receive your donation in full, or through a third-party collector who will likely take a fee.

Another benefit of dealing directly with your chosen charity, rather than through third-party collectors, is you avoid exposing your personal or financial details to an additional source. Protecting your information as much as possible during this time of frequent data breaches will go a long way to stop it falling into the wrong hands.

According to national ScamWatch figures, Australians lost \$418,132 to fake charity scams, up 121 per cent on losses from 2021.

Scammers may seek to target victims via unsolicited emails, text messages and social media posts, so the best advice is to 'practice the pause', avoid clicking on any links and opt for safer methods, such as finding the charity's official website through a search engine or the charity register.

For face-to-face collections, legitimate representatives should carry an identity badge or document naming the charity and displaying the WA licence number. They must provide a receipt containing this information, and any cash collection boxes should be securely sealed.

To verify the legitimacy of a charity or not-for-profit organisation, consult the [licensed charity register](#) on our website at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au. The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) also maintains a [public register](#), providing official websites and contact details for all registered charities in Australia.



All students from Kindy to Year 6 in the Agricultural Region were asked to design an A4 or A5 sized piece of artwork with a 'Christmas in our Town' theme, to feature on his 2023 Christmas Cards.

Three winning students will each receive:

- A \$100 Dymocks egift card
- A \$100 Dymocks egift card for the school
- The winning artwork entries will be showcased on the Christmas Cards for Hon Steve Martin MLC.

Last week we were notified that Oliver Hunt had won the Year 5-6 category! Congratulations Oliver!

Special mention is also made to Jhonathan Butler-Grant for his entry of the Three Springs Hotel.

21 November 2023

Oliver Hunt, Year 6 Student
c/o Shirley MacLeod
Principal
Three Springs Primary School
Carter Street
THREE SPRINGS WA 6519

Dear Oliver,

Thank you for your exceptional entry in my 2023 Christmas Card Competition.

With so many outstanding submissions, the task of selecting the winners proved to be quite challenging, and each entry showcased remarkable creativity.

I am delighted to inform you that your submission has been chosen as the winning entry for the Year 5 to 6 category!

Your artwork beautifully depicts the "Christmas in my Town" theme and is the perfect fit for the design of my 2023 Christmas cards. Thank you for the time and effort you put in to create such great artwork.

For your outstanding achievement in this competition, I am thrilled to present you with a \$100 Dymocks e-Gift card for yourself, along with another for your school, Three Springs Primary School.

I hope you will select some amazing books to read over the Christmas break!

Congratulations on your well-deserved victory and thank you for dedicating your time and talent to participating in this year's competition.

Kind regards,

Hon Steve Martin MLC
Member for Agricultural Region





Shire of Three Springs

Christmas & New Year Administration & Office Hours

Closed from
Thursday 21st Dec at 2pm

REOPENING
Tuesday 2nd Jan 8am

Depot Hours

Closed from
Thursday 21st Dec at 2pm

REOPENING
Wednesday 3rd Jan

Three Springs Aquatic Centre

Closed from
Sunday 24th Dec

REOPENING
Thursday 28th Dec
As per normal hours...





**WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU
THE THREE SPRINGS DENTAL
CLINIC IS UNFORTUNATELY
CLOSED FOR APPOINTMENTS
UNTIL MID-JANUARY 2024**



**PATIENTS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT
'ALL IN ONE DENTAL CLINIC - SPEARWOOD'
(08) 9494 1223 WITH ANY QUERRIES OR
INFORMATION REQUIRED**



**WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED
& LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2024**



THREE SPRINGS AQUATIC CENTRE

EARLY MORNING SWIMMING

MONDAY

TUESDAY

FRIDAY



6AM - 7AM



Three Springs Primary School

Co3 Dance Incursion

ACT BELONG COMMIT
PRESENT

Co:3
CONTEMPORARY
DANCE AUSTRALIA

On Thursday 16th of November 2023, we had special guests arrive at our school. The Co3 Dance Company came to our school to have some fun teaching us about contemporary dance. First, we did a warm-up, to get our knees and arms nice and loose. They then taught us a dance-handshake with a partner. After we got it down pat, we got to make our own and show it to the class. Once we finished, we received our own The Chain Project book which is all about how you're feeling and ways to make yourself feel better. They got us to write down, 'Something I bring to the team'. Sammi brought: partnership, teamwork and good vibes. and Charllotte brought: encouragement, positivity, energy. Jose brought: goofiness and skills, Oliver brought: leadership and tactics and Shaye brought: snacks, humour and laughs.

By Samantha Eva and Charllotte-Rose Sawyer



Room 4 Recycling Challenge

This Term Room 4 has been collecting milk and juice boxes during lunch and recess for the Schools Recycling Right Challenge. The Schools Recycle Right Challenge ran from 9 October to 17 November 2023. It aims to assist in planning school's National Recycling Week activities and build better recycling habits and build trust in recycling. Students from all classrooms have been placing their juice and milk boxes in the orange bucket. Room 4's Agent Earths have been counting the juice boxes then putting them into the cash for can's containers. This means we will be getting 10c for every eligible juice or milk box. Over the last 6 weeks Room 4 has collected a total of 211 empty boxed milk or juices. Room 4 will continue recycling box juices during recess and lunch until the end of the year! However, we will no longer be counting due to the Schools Recycling Right Challenge being over.

Three Springs Primary School students win share of \$20,000 prize in national schools competition

Year 5 and 6 students from Three Springs Primary School have won their share of \$20,000 worth of classroom stationery in a national school competition called 'Sticking Together', part of the popular Aussie of the Month primary school program, younger sibling to the Australian of the Year Awards.

The competition invited students to share how they stick together in their classrooms, school and community through words or photographs that reflect the Australian values of 'Fair go', 'Mateship', 'Respect' and 'Inclusion'.

Their entry said; "The year 5/6 class at Three Springs Primary School really know how to stick together! An in-school competition was held to raise money by recycling containers to purchase solar lights. Solar Buddy is an Australian charity that produces lights to send to energy poor countries. These children can use the light to complete everyday tasks such as homework and cooking.

With a combined effort, the 5/6 class won the competition by collecting 4341 cans which equates to approximately 14 lights to send to children in these countries. The students walked the streets after school collecting containers which were littering the town, as well as collecting from home. The competition was fierce between classes but with a united effort and the desire to win the 5/6 class triumphed. Not only did they help the environment by recycling containers but they also helped children in these energy poor countries and learnt the strength of team work."



"Their entry captured a wonderful sense of friendship and love of their school community," said Mark Fraser AO CVO, chief executive officer, National Australia Day Council.



The prize included erasable gel pens, refillable whiteboard markers, refills, erasable highlighters and Sellotape safety dispensers donated by Pilot Pen Australia, which has supported the Aussie of the Month program for almost 20 years.

Jarrad Murray, head of marketing, Pilot Pen Australia said; "With many schools doing it tough right now, we were delighted to offer up some of our most popular classroom stationery items. We very much enjoyed seeing all of the wonderful entries!"

Aussie of the Month recognises outstanding contribution to the primary school community and broader society, and rewards students who display values such as respect, inclusion, mateship and a fair go. The program is delivered in partnership with the Department of Home Affairs and the National Australia Day Council Network.

"Congratulations to the students for their fabulous entry. We were delighted they were winners in this fabulous initiative, part of the popular Aussie of the Month program, which gives recognition to students for their participation and contribution to the community," said Mark Fraser. "Thank you to Pilot Pen Australia for providing these generous prizes," he added.

Aussie of the Month runs during the school year from February to November and is easy for schools to implement with all program materials provided, including Aussie of the Month certificates, lapel pins and Pilot Pen stationery prizes. Register now <https://www.aussieofthemonth.org.au/register> to ensure you get your pack for the start of the 2024 school year.

Schools that register will soon receive details about next year's exciting school competition, launching in term three with some fabulous Pilot Pen prizes to be won.

THE SHIRE OF THREE SPRINGS YEAR 12 GRADUATING CEREMONY

The Shire of Three Springs hosted a Graduating Ceremony for Yr. 12 students at an afternoon tea on Tuesday 28 November.

Deputy Shire President, Cr. Nadine Eva presented the students, Gemma McLevie, Emily Traylen-Witt and Kody Kenworthy with certificates and pens. The students who were unable to attend received their Certificates in the post.



From left to right
Gemma McLevie, Emily Traylen-Witt and Kody Kenworthy

Congratulations to all the students on your hard work and best wishes for the future as you move into adulthood.

Shane LOVE MLA

Your State Member for Moore

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe festive season. Merry Christmas



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1 December 2023

One less seat for regional Western Australia under the hands of Labor

Opposition and Nationals WA Leader Shane Love has expressed his deep disappointment with changes to the state's electoral boundaries, branding them a loss of fair representation for regional voters.

District boundaries are reviewed every four years to maintain similar populations in each electoral seat with the WA Electoral Commission considering communities of interest, land use patterns, Local Government boundaries, means of travel and distance from Perth.

Mr Love, also the Member for Moore, said the changes by the Commission, which amalgamate the seats of Moore and parts of North West Central into a giant seat of Mid West to make way for an additional metropolitan seat, Oakford, is a move that undermines regional voices.

"These changes, which take effect at the 2025 election, compound Labor's attacks on regional representation," Mr Love said.

"In a massive blow to regional communities, the 547 objections to the planned changes have today been set aside, with the Commission handing a win to WA Labor's blatant attacks on regional democracy."

Today's devastating result comes just two years after the WA Labor Government stripped 18 regional members from the Parliament when it abolished the upper house regions in 2021 and four months after they refused to support an amendment to the Electoral Reform Act 1907 to increase the Large District Allowance from 1.5 percent to three percent, which would have had the effect of retaining the current number of regional electorates.

Mr Love said the changes follow WA Labor's submission to the commission, which outlined their plan to abolish another regional voice, making it infeasible for equal representation. "Regional West Australians are suffocating under the hands of Labor," Mr Love said.

"Mid West is a huge electoral seat that will stretch from Muchea to Meekatharra, leaving communities voiceless to make way for yet another metro seat in Perth.

"This giant seat covers 420,000km² – more than five times the current seat Moore, double the size of Victoria and half the size of New South Wales.

"WA Labor have now stripped 19 members from the regions, botched cultural heritage laws, failed to support logging jobs and cowered behind the Federal Labor Government's live export ban.

"Today's changes mean when regional West Australians go to the ballot box, the voices of local schools, hospitals, councils and communities will be lost under Labor."



The Medical Centres Opening Times over the Christmas/New Year break:

Our doors will be closing at the end of business
Friday 22nd December in Coorow at 11am.

Over the holidays, patients will have access to requesting
regular scripts on our Health Engine website
& booking appointments as usual.

Reception services will re-open Monday 8th of January 2024
to plan our 2024 calendar.

Regular clinics will recommence Wednesday 10th January 2024
with Dr Thi Nguyen running the clinic for the week.

Dr Thi's last day of posting with us is Friday 12th January 2024.
***We appreciate his service to our community in the last year he has been
with us and wish him all the best at his next posting!!***

Dr Lotsu will recommence regular clinics
(Three Springs- Mon, Tues & Thurs, Carnamah - Wed and Coorow - Fri)
from Monday 15th January 2024.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A

Merry
CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR





Our 3G closure in 2024

Just in case you're not already aware: we will be closing our 3G network on 30th June 2024.

When 3G launched in 2003, we used our mobile devices for calls, texting and accessing very basic information online.

When we say basic, we mean clicking your phone's buttons through a text-only menu, choosing 'footy scores' then waiting 30 seconds for a list of numbers to show up. It was a simpler time!

Today - 20 years later - we use our mobile devices for many data-heavy tasks, and data is central to our experience on them. Demand for mobile data is growing by around 30 per cent every year.

As our technology and our use cases change, we need a network that's fit for today and for the future. That's why we continue to upgrade the technology that underpins our mobile network from 3G to 4G, and now 5G, and in future we will do so again for 6G.

Once we've closed the 3G network, we'll repurpose the radio spectrum that it used to expand the capacity and reach of our 5G network.

We started talking to our customers about saying goodbye to 3G back in October 2019 to make sure they had enough time to understand what changes they need to make.



Do you have any questions?
Scan QR Code to read about
our 3G shutdown FAQs.





Regional Tech Hub

WHAT WE DO



Provide free, independent advice and support for rural, regional and remote individuals, businesses and communities on internet and voice options.

WHO WE ARE



Australian Government initiative run by the National Farmers' Federation. Regionally-based team located around Australia.

HOW WE HELP



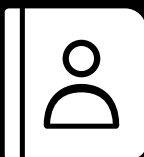
Free advice on getting connected, improving a connection, switching to a better or cheaper service, or finding out how to boost or get better internet and mobile coverage.

OUR SERVICES



Individualised connectivity reports Escalations service
Online Connectivity Resource Hub Attend community events. Book-in service to discuss issues

CONTACT US



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Australian Government
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts



National
Farmers
Federation



Little Lions
Empowering Kids, Equipping Parents

Country Services

Speech + Occupational Therapy

Little Lions is coming to the country!

Starting
February 2024



Little Lions is excited to be offering services across country Western Australia.

Little Lions understands the growing need for Speech and Occupational Therapy in both the city and the country — and we intend to be part of the solution.

That's why, we will be offering services across three clinics, starting with initial assessments/screenings on the below dates:



**Coorow
Medical Centre**

Monday,
5 February 2024



**Carnamah
Medical Centre**

Tuesday,
6 February 2024



**Three Springs
Medical Centre**

Wednesday,
7 February 2024



Contact us

✉ info@littlions.com.au

☎ (08) 6406 1985

🌐 littlions.com.au

*Register your
interest today!*





PLAYGROUP

@ Three Springs

ALL WELCOME!

**BRING A HAT, DRINK BOTTLE
AND PIECE OF FRUIT TO SHARE**

**TUESDAY
DEC 12TH
9:30-11:30**

4 Mayrhofer St, Three Springs



Sugar Cookies



INGREDIENTS

- *2 and 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- *1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- *1/4 teaspoon salt
- *3/4 cup (1.5 sticks) unsalted butter
- *3/4 cup granulated sugar
- *1 large egg, at room temperature
- *2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- *1/4 or 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- *Royal Icing or Easy Glaze Icing



INSTRUCTIONS

- *Whisk flour, baking powder & salt together in a medium bowl. Set aside.
- *Beat butter & sugar together on high speed until creamy.
- *Add wet ingredients & mix until combined.
- *Divide into 2 equal parts & roll dough out in 1/4 inch thickness.
- *Place a piece of parchment on top of each piece, stack, cover & refrigerate for 1-2 hours.
- *Once chilled, place dough pieces onto baking sheets covered with parchment paper.
- *Using cookie cutters, cut the dough into shapes.
- *Arrange cookies 3 inches apart.
- *Bake at 350 for 11-12 minutes.



Decorate & Enjoy!



CHRISTMAS

WORD SEARCH



A	F	A	M	I	L	Y	B	L	X
S	O	N	T	B	O	X	G	V	D
I	C	G	H	O	L	L	Y	A	O
E	A	E	D	W	F	E	S	Y	L
B	E	L	L	S	N	O	E	U	I
A	O	O	H	F	A	N	I	L	G
T	T	O	A	S	M	E	K	E	H
N	F	D	T	I	I	H	O	E	T
A	I	V	H	S	H	W	O	N	S
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|-------|-------|---------|--------|------|
| HOLLY | SANTA | ELF | LIGHTS | GIFT |
| ANGEL | BOX | COOKIES | SNOW | YULE |
| BELLS | HAT | BOOTS | FAMILY | WISH |
| BOWS | NOEL | CHIMNEY | CANDY | |



MERRY CHRISTMAS



What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?



Santa Clues

What did the gingerbread man find on his bed?



A cookie sheet

What did Mrs. Claus say when she looked up in the sky?



Looks like rain, dear (reindeer)

Which one of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?



Rude-olph

What do elves learn at elf school?



The ELFabet

What's red, white and blue at Christmas time?



A sad candy cane

Why did the elf put his bed into the fireplace?



He wanted to sleep like a log

What holds the gingerbread woman's dress closed?



Ginger snaps

Why are Christmas trees bad at sewing?



They always drop their needles



**Desert Blue
Connect**

Holiday Office Closure Dates

***Our Morawa Office will only be
closed on the Christmas Day,
Boxing Day and New Year's Day public
holidays. Otherwise we will be
operating as usual.***

***From all of us at Desert Blue Connect we wish you
and your family a safe and festive holiday!***



Sal's Pharmacy

Your Gateway To Healthier Tomorrows

CHRISTMAS BREAK

- THE PHARMACY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 22/12/23 (AT NOON) & SHALL RE-OPEN ON 22/01/24.
- THE PHARMACY WOULD LIKE TO URGE EVERYONE TO ENSURE THAT HE/SHE HAS ENOUGH MEDICATIONS UNTIL 31/01/24 IN ANTICIPATION OF UNFORESEEN JANUARY MARKET SHORTAGES.
- WE WOULD LIKE TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT & WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!!



A MEAL 4 U

- ❖ Do you live alone and find it hard to cook for one?
- ❖ Are you 65+ years young?
- ❖ Would you like a delicious home cooked hot meal delivered to your home for just \$10?

A new community-based service is starting
in Three Springs – meal will be

Apricot Chicken on Tuesday 9th January &
Lasagna, Salad & Garlic Bread Tuesday 23rd January.

Please call Chris **0439 478 800** if you have any questions
and place an order by 12pm Monday prior.

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



A HUGE thank you to the Community ladies and gents that donated their time, effort, food or prizes for the night.

It was amazing what a small group of community members could do to help one another.

See you all next year!



I would like to thank all Senior's who attended the

'Senior Glamours and Glitters Superiors Christmas Dinner 2023'

for allowing myself (Heidi) and Joy to host such an incredible event, the night was a huge success with quizzes, games, dancing and jokesters.

A special thank you to;

Three Springs Thrift Shop - \$500

Strike Energy - Meat

Shire of Three Springs - Hire of the hall and Bus

DJ Benji for Donating his time

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A

MERRY
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thankful



Christmas Stargazing!

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

With Christmas just around the corner, it's a hectic and crazy time. So why not take a breather, head outside and look up at the beauty of a star-filled night sky. Stargazing is awe-inspiring and yet peaceful and calming at the same time. It's bound to refresh your spirits and get you ready to tackle the Christmas preparations with renewed vigour.

This month, stargazers will be treated to a special display from the Geminids Meteor Shower. On a dark night, away from artificial light pollution, you might see up to 120 meteors (or "shooting stars") an hour!

The Geminids meteor shower is generated from asteroid 3200 Phaethon and is one of the most active and best meteor showers to see.

When and where to look: The best time to watch is after midnight until early morning on 13th and 14th December. Look to the northeast and north about 45 degrees above the horizon.

Throughout December the planets are also celebrating Christmas by putting on a 'Parade of Planets'! From our perspective here on Earth, as the planets continue their never-ending path around the Sun, their orbits can sometimes bring the planets together, along with the Moon, to form incredible conjunctions.

On Dec 24th, we have a special Christmas Eve treat. From 8pm, high in the north, the brightest star you can see is not a star at all – it's Jupiter! And to the east of Jupiter, a very bright moon lights up the sky!

To end our cosmic year on a high, early risers on New Year's Eve will be treated to quite a show in the low eastern sky. A bright Venus sits near to the constellation of Scorpio, while Mars and Mercury huddle together just underneath. Look from 4.30am-5.00am, 31st December.

Use the Quasar Publishing image as a guide. To find out more about what to see in the night sky, grab a copy of their latest Astronomy Australia almanac at Quasar Publishing.

Have a wonderful Christmas from the team at Astrotourism WA. We will have more stargazing tips and helpful hints coming up next year! Have a star-filled Christmas!

2024 New Year Stargazing!

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

2024 will bring a 'cosmic treasure trove' of stunning astro events throughout the year. We can look forward to more amazing meteor showers, a special line-up of planets, Super Moons and more!

To bring in the new year, January has two lovely conjunctions to look for, starting with brilliant Venus sitting only 5 degrees from the thin slither of the Moon. The time is 45mins before dawn on the 9th, looking to the east. This is followed by a stunning meeting of the half moon and Jupiter in the evening sky on the 18th.

For constellations, Orion the Hunter is a famous summer constellation and is up in the early evening to see now. First thing in the evening, look directly to the east. The brightest star you'll see is Sirius. Directly to the left of Sirius is what is often referred to as the "Saucepan". The "Saucepan" is part of the Orion constellation. There are three bright stars in a fairly straight line that make up the base of the saucepan and a handle stick out at the top right.

Orion has been known since ancient times. In Greek mythology, Orion is a hunter. His image is upside down in the southern hemisphere! The three bright stars of the base are Orion's belt, and the handle is his sword.

And how about looking at some galaxies! The Large and Small Magellanic Clouds (sometimes abbreviated to LMC and SMC!) are galaxies outside of our own Milky Way Galaxy and form a stunning spectacle. From Earth, they look like two faint clouds in the southern night sky. We are super lucky here downunder as they are only seen from the Southern Hemisphere.

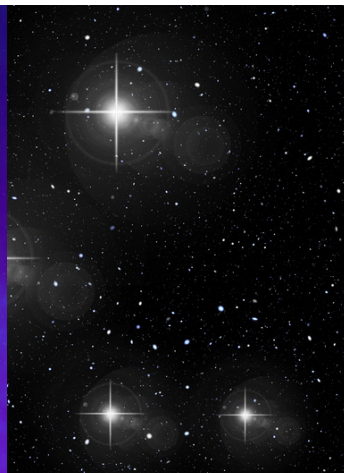
The best time to see the Magellanic Clouds is when there's no moonlight. Look to the south from 8.00pm, between 10–15th January.

Pop these dates into your cosmic diary and have a star-filled New Year!

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

ORION THE 'HUNTER'

THE GREAT ORION
NEBULA





Anglican/Uniting Church Parish of North Midlands

17th Dec - 10am - Holy Apostle Church CARNAMAH

"As for Christmas" Service Holy Communion led by Rev Raymond Molyneux.

If you're able, please bring a share plate for lunch.

6pm St David's Church MORAWA "As for Christmas"

Service Holy Communion led by Rev Raymond Molyneux.

Followed with an evening meal: meat and plum pudding supplied.

BYO salad and sweets.

Possibly... Sunday 24th of December (Christmas Eve)...p.m

Trinity Church Three Springs Carols TBA (to be advised)

(Please see updated paper notices on the town's noticeboards)

CONTACTS

Diana V - 0429 888 558	Phil T - 0428 226 581	Wayne S - 0414 521 984
Peter W - 0427 541 080	Nev B - 0427131 457	Hendrik G - 0497 224 004
Brenda B - 0427 511 339		

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

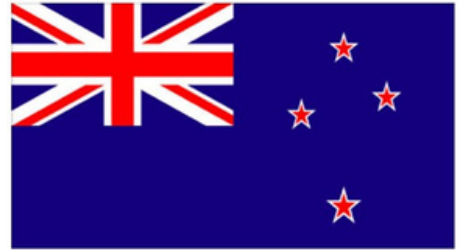


Driver & vehicle Owner's

Please be aware and take into consideration any pedestrians, particularly pram, wheelchair users and those who are disabled & partially sighted when parking your vehicle....Thanking you.

AT THE SHIRE OFFICE





THREE SPRINGS - ARRINO, CARNAMAH, COOROW



R.S.L. SUB BRANCH

PRESIDENT: Bruce Clampett
SECRETARY: Con Kikeros

PHONE: 0427 420 929
PHONE: 0487 822 105

Your local RSL Sub Branch has Australian Flags for sale. The Flags are woven, for strength & longevity.

\$65.00 per flag, available from Julia @ Nutrien, Three Springs, Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.

An Australian flag makes a great Christmas Present.





As we continue to tackle our national waste challenges and protect the environment, Clean Up Australia is calling on your support for **Clean Up Australia Day 2024 on March 3.**

Thousands of Australians will pull on their gloves and step up to join in Clean Up events across the nation, it is the largest volunteer led clean up event of the year and the most practical way to educate and demonstrate waste prevention.

Clean Up Australia Day is a great opportunity for communities to work together and take practical action. Everyone who gets involved tells us how rewarding the day is and how it has made a lasting impact, changing the way they think about their everyday habits and the changes we can all make.

- Business Clean Up Day – Tuesday 27 February 2024
- Schools Clean Up Day – Friday 1 March 2024
- Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 3 March 2024

For further information please visit <https://register.cleanup.org.au/>



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development



Microchipping and De-sexing



Are you a Health Care card holder or a Pensioner?

Assistance is available at the Shire.



\$50 Microchipping Voucher



\$150 Desexing Voucher

Visit the Shire Office
or call on 08 9954 1001 to enquire



Dongara Veterinary Hospital

Affordable and Practical **Farm** Safety

Are you aware there is another very affordable and practical farm safety option on the market? We are visiting a few other farmers in your region and wanted to let you know about the services we offer; in case you haven't heard about us. We are the fastest-growing safety business for many great reasons. Affordability, practicality and a 'friend in the know' to call if an incident occurs are just a few.

We were recently announced State Finalists in the 2023 Telstra Best of Business Awards, beating over 20,000 businesses Australia-wide, so we know we are on the right track. We honestly believe that if safety is not affordable, practical, and quick to implement, it just won't happen. The feedback we are receiving is that our approach is very practical and supportive. We won't ask you to throw away any old equipment, just consider it comes with a separate set of instructions for those that use it.

After a 25-year policing career (but starting off as a farm hand when I first left school) I am committed to keeping people safe in my business called Regional Safety Services. As you can appreciate, I have seen all aspects of farming tragedies, and the new Industrial Manslaughter Legislation is not something to be taken for granted. Even if you do not hire staff, you can still find yourself subject to this legislation if something happens and you do not have the required safety systems or records in place.

Most farmers are doing the right thing to keep their team safe but lack the evidence to prove it. This is where we can help you! Unlike our competitors, we come to you and conduct a two-hour on-site safety appraisal for only **\$880.00**. We will arm you with lots of tips and knowledge, prepare the documentation for you with a clear overview of your position and actions to take. You will not be left guessing what you need to do.

To make life easier we have introduced our own online safety forms to help capture your current effort in this area. We have spent over two years developing our Plant and Machinery Risk Assessment forms, which include Harvester, Seeding, and other farm machines. These forms are only \$99.00 to access them for 12 months. These forms have been recommended by farmers like you and most can be done in 1-2 minutes. They can be done on your mobile device, and we provide QR codes for quick and direct access.

If you undertake a service like ours, it would be virtually impossible for someone to say you were grossly negligent, as you are doing something proactive and demonstrating an open commitment to safety. Too many farmers are saying they will plead ignorant if something happens. In light of the recent WorkSafe review of the agricultural industry, there is a massive target on the back of farmers and as such I urge you to help raise the bar of safety in your industry. The WorkSafe review into the agriculture industry is now complete and I look forward to helping my clients get on the front foot with the changes soon to be implemented.

If you have any further questions, I am available on my mobile or feel free to make contact via email and I can send you more details about what we will do when we attend your farm to conduct an appraisal. We also service many other businesses, not just farms.

Darren Slyn

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Regional Safety Services
Helping Make Regional Businesses Safer



BADMINTON

COME ON DOWN AND SHAKE A
TAIL FEATHER!

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

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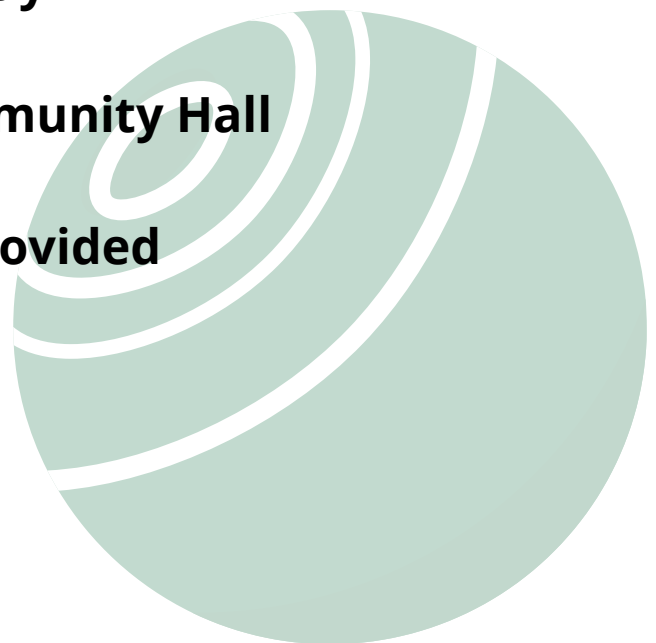
**THREE SPRINGS
COMMUNITY HALL**

Three Springs Indoor Bowls

**Session starts at 9 AM
Every Tuesday**

at Three Springs Community Hall

Morning tea is provided





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	Lexi Burgemeestre 0401 637 598
Three Springs Parents & Citizens	Rebecca Mills 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
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