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"Light up the Dawn" Anzac Day 2020



Anzac 2020

With no Anzac Day Service allowed, I would sincerely like to thank the People of Three Springs for the way that this important Day was acknowledged.

At six o'clock, in the rain, some very clever people put some photos of past Anzac Day Services on the side of the silos. Thank you.

I would also like to thank those who stood in your drive way and lit the morning with your candles and or torches. It was appreciated by those further up the street.

At our normal time slot of 10.30, I laid a wreath, played a recording on my phone of the Last Post, had some silence and then said The Ode. At the suitable distance, I was followed by our Shire President, Chris Lane, who also laid a wreath on behalf of the Shire. Of particular pleasure, was the fact that there were already eight wreaths at the Memorial when I got there. Thank you to those responsible.

And then the ever dependable Davies, capped it off with a fly past of their Tiger Moth.

I would also like to acknowledge our Community Action Group for baking and selling Anzac Biscuits. \$340 was raised for the RSL. Thank you.

Also a proud moment, Con Kikeros has been awarded Life Membership of RSLWA

Ray Morgan

President

TS RSL





Thank you to the RSL, CAG & C. Barber for the pictures.

SHIRE OF THREE SPRINGS



Due to the Coronavirus 2019(Covid-19)

pandemic, the

Shire of Three Springs

wishes to advise our clients that the

Shire Administration Centre

is closed

to public **foot traffic**

Services will continue by appointment Only

Appointments can be made by calling 9954 1001 or
email general@threesprings.wa.gov.au

Pay your vehicle licence (rego)

You can pay for your vehicle licence (rego) online, including through your DoTDirect online account.

To make a payment, enter the account number without spaces, as printed at the bottom right hand corner of your account.

If you don't have an account number, you can look up your account using your driver's licence or vehicle plate number.

For additional payment methods, including registration for an online DoTDirect account, visit the [Department of Transport website](#).

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Shire of Three Springs

Office Hours: Monday to Friday

By Appointment only (until further notice) 2nd April 2020

132 Railway Road, Three Springs WA 6519

PO Box 117, Three Springs WA 6519

Telephone: 08 9954 1001 Fax: 08 9954 1183

Email: admin@threesprings.wa.gov.au

www.threesprings.wa.gov.au

Services offered:

Department of Transport Licensing

Dog and Cat Licensing, Boat Licensing

Photocopying Service

Ranger and Emergency Services

Shredded paper available @Shire of Three Springs

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

Environmental Health Officer

The Three Springs Aquatic Centre is Closed for the 2019/20 Season

Services currently limited, Essential Services only.

By Appointment only (until further notice)

99541 001 general@threesprings.wa.gov.au



Restrictions on the number of people at funerals

The State Government recently introduced provisions to restrict the number of people who could attend a funeral in WA. Further provisions were introduced on 7 April 2020.

Under the provisions:

No more than 10 people can attend a funeral.

- People who are needed to conduct the funeral, such as the funeral director and the funeral celebrant, are generally not included as part of the 10-person limit (unless in a small (indoor or outdoor) venue and impacted by prohibited gathering requirements).
- A person can apply to the State Emergency Coordinator (or delegate) for approval to allow more than 10 people to attend a funeral. This approval will only be granted if all proposed attendees at the funeral are *immediate family members* of the deceased.
- An *immediate family member* means only the partner or spouse (including de facto), parents, siblings and children (including stepchildren) of the deceased. Unfortunately, given current circumstances, immediate family does not extend to in-laws.

Social distancing requirements must still be observed at any funeral. A person can apply for approval for more than 10 people to attend a funeral, as long as at least four square metres of space for each person is maintained.

For more information on community activities such as funerals, please read the [Closure and Restriction \(Limit the Spread\) Directions](#) on the WA Government website.

Changes to applications for an approval

The process to apply for an approval to allow more than 10 people to attend a funeral has recently changed.

Applications for an approval will now be processed by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

An [application form for more than 10 at a funeral](#) is available on our website.

To obtain approval, a request must be sent as early as possible to funeral.exemption@dlgsc.wa.gov.au or telephone 6552 1541 with any queries.

Community information

The department has prepared a [fact sheet to help community members understand the restrictions that relate to attending funerals](#).

The Department of Health has prepared a fact sheet on funerals and Sorry Business during the coronavirus pandemic. The fact sheet is available on the [HealthyWA website](#).

Community Calendar March/April 2020



27/4/20 Mon Public Holiday	28/4/20 Tues Yakabout Published	29/4/20 Wed	30/4/20 Thurs	MAY 1st Fri	MAY 2nd Sat	MAY 3rd Sun
May 4th Mon	May 5th Tues	May 6th Wed	May 7th Thurs	May 8th Fri	May 9th Sat	May 10th Sun

Non-Business

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Business

Full Page B&W	\$30.00	Full Page B&W	\$40.00
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Half Page Colour	\$40.00	Half Page Colour	\$80.00
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Quarter Page Colour	\$40.00	Quarter Page Colour	\$40.00

Attachments (copies provided \$8.00)

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

Yakabout@threesprings.wa.gov.au

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Available at : **The Shire of Three Springs**

Great for worm farms, Compost heap, chooks and Garden Mulch



Community Group Information

Churches

Anglican / Uniting	Cancelled until further notice	See Church notices	Trinity Church Carter Street	Morris Van Buerle – 9954 5043 Peter Whale - 0427 541 080
Catholic	Cancelled until further notice	4pm	St Paul's Catholic Church Touche Street	Fr Brian Ahearn 9927 1451 0427 271 452

Community Groups

Community Action Group	3rd Tuesday of the month	4pm Cancelled until further notice	Council Chambers	9954 1001
Craft Group	Wednesdays	9am–3pm \$1.00	Old Nurses Quarters	
Friends of the North-Midlands Health Service				Brenda Bowman 0427 511 339
Historical Society				Judy and Roy Mutter 0427 547 733
Mingenew Painting Club	1st Wednesday of the month (Mar–August)	Cancelled until further notice		Terri Traylen-Witt 9954 1213
North Midlands Agricultural Society			Carnamah	Angela Dring 044 927 800
Returned Services League				Ray Morgan 9954 1014
RSL Women's Auxiliary				Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014
Tourists Information	CLOSED until further notice	10am - 2pm	Visitors Centre	Cathy Reed 9954 7012
			9954 1590	
Three Springs Lions Club	2nd			Jon Addison 0428 541255

Emergency Services

St Johns Ambulance				Merle Isbister 0428 511 030
Volunteer Fire Brigade	Training twice a month out of fire season			Rod Ennor 0428 246 531

Youth

Coderdojo	Carnamah			Richelle Essers 0428 921 464
Playgroup	CANCELLED Until Further Notice			Lauren Cruickshank 0429 620 201
Three Springs Parents & Citizens				President: Nadine Eva 0427 541 014 Catering Stacey Pajich 0476 659 612

Community Group Information

Sporting Groups				
Basketball			Coorow-Carnamah	Bruce Chisholm 0428 591 318
Bowls	Saturday - Pennants Sundays - Club events		Three Springs Sporting Club	Bill McGree 0459 057 580
Cricket	TBC			
Badminton	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	6pm—8pm	Three Springs Com- munity Hall	Phil Berry 0432 758 770
Golf	Friday - Scroungers Saturday - Pennants Sunday - Club Day	Scroungers - 3pm	Three Springs Golf Club	David Mutter 0427 547 035
Football			Three Springs Sport- ing Complex Pavilion	Jimmy Heal 0429 165 235
Netball			Three Springs Sport- ing Complex Pavilion	
Hockey			Three Springs Sport- ing Complex Pavilion	
Indoor Bowls	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	9am - 12pm	Three Springs Community Hall	Adele Metsemakers 0458 090 839
Rifle Club	Sundays			Chris Connaughton 0427 547 007
Sporting Clay Target Shooting	Summer - Saturdays Winter - Sundays			Gary Turley 0428 888 075
Squash				Bill McGree 0459 057 580
Tennis	Mondays	6pm Social member: \$5 12 mths Casual \$10	Three Springs Sports Club	Camille Stokes 0401 526 886
Yoga	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	2 - 3.30pm	Red Room Three Springs Community Hall	Lorraine Morgan 99541014



1800 CALL A DOC Now Available 24/7 in Three Springs

1800 CALL A DOC Now Available 24/7 in Three Springs Residents of Three Springs, Carnamah and Coorow will now be able to 1800 Call A Doc for their primary health care needs. This 24/7 service will enable local residents to make a doctors' appointment with an experienced, Australia-based HealthNow Doctor.

Call A Doc is a free telehealth service that provides diagnosis, prescriptions, referrals, care and treatment for a wide range of conditions where you would usually visit your regular doctor.

The Health- Now Doctor can also prescribe certain medications and provide specialist referrals where appropriate.

While the Shires recruit a new GP for the area, the Call A Doc service has been activated to provide health care to local residents.

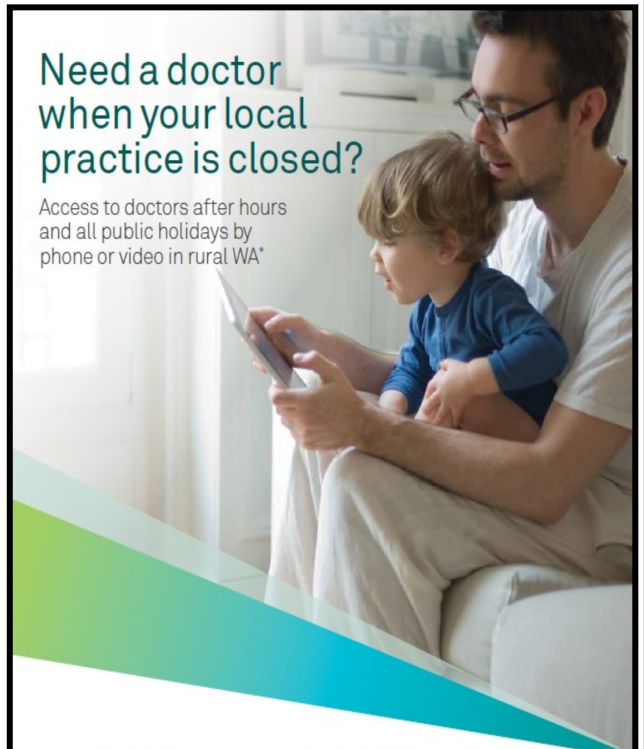
This service will initially run from Friday 10 April to Monday 8 June 2020, and residents are encouraged to make use of this health service while a permanent GP is recruited.

Call A Doc is a HealthNow service made possible by Telstra Health. Telstra Health was formed in 2013 with the belief that technology can create a better connected healthcare system and make healthcare easier for patients and providers, especially for rural Australians. In July 2014 they launched HealthNow, Australia's first purpose built telemedicine centre, hiring experienced Australian-based doctors to make personalised care more accessible, at lower cost, to deliver better health outcomes.

With the support of WA Department of Health, WA Primary Health Alliance and WA Country Health

Service, Call A Doc provides essential after hours and 24/7 health care to WA's Great Southern, Wheat-belt, South West, Midwest and Goldfields regions.

More information regarding the Call A Doc service is available at www.1800calladoc.com.au.



Need a doctor when your local practice is closed?

Access to doctors after hours and all public holidays by phone or video in rural WA*

Call A Doc is now available 24/7 for residents of Three Springs, Carnamah and Coorow.

1800 CALL A DOC

Find out more
1800 CALL A DOC (1800 225 523)
1800calladoc.com.au

This service is funded by
WA Primary Health Alliance | phn
PERTH | GERALDTON | SOUTH COAST
KIMBERLEY | DUNEDIN

The 1800 CALL A DOC service has been made possible by WA Primary Health Alliance through funding provided by the Australian Government under the PHN Program.
* This after hours service is available to specific postcodes in rural WA and is available 24/7 in some areas, to check your eligibility visit 1800calladoc.com.au or call 1800calladoc. In case of emergency, call 000

FREE FLU VACCINE - OVER 65's

Are you, or somebody you know over 65 years old? You are eligible for a free influenza vaccine. These are available at the hospital. Please call 9954 3200 to book your appointment.



Department of Transport (DOT)

With effect from **1 April 2020**, the new Licensing hours shall be:

- Licensing hours: **Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm**
- Theory Test hours: **Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am to 2:45pm**

Admin Office Hours still remain 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday.

KEITH WOODWARD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3 March 2020



How to register DOT (Department of Transport)



Go to www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect



Select the 'Register' button

You will need either: Your Driver's Licence and

- A DoTDirect registration code. If you don't have a registration code, one can be requested during the registration process and mailed to you. This may take up to five days to be received.
- Alternatively you can call 13 11 56 for further assistance in creating an account.
- Thank you for working with us during this time.



**The Shire of Three Springs would like to advise
that the following venues have been closed due to Covid-19**

- Visitors Centre
- The Pavilion
- Three Springs Community Hall
- Eco Caravan Park
- Thrift Shop
- Old Nurses Headquarters
- Playgrounds
- Public Toilets (except Railway Road toilets where the Unisex/Disabled side is remain open.

COVIDSafe app

The COVIDSafe app speeds up contacting people exposed to coronavirus (COVID-19). This helps us support and protect you, your friends and family.

The COVIDSafe app is part of our work to slow the spread of [COVID-19](#). Having confidence we can find and contain outbreaks quickly will mean governments can ease restrictions while still keeping Australians safe.

The new COVIDSafe app is completely voluntary. Downloading the app is something you can do to protect you, your family and friends and save the lives of other Australians. The more Australians connect to the COVIDSafe app, the quicker we can find the virus.

What COVIDSafe is for

The COVIDSafe app helps find close contacts of COVID-19 cases. The app helps state and territory health officials to quickly contact people who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

The COVIDSafe app speeds up the current manual process of finding people who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19. This means you'll be contacted more quickly if you are at risk. This reduces the chances of you passing on the virus to your family, friends and other people in the community.

State and territory health officials can only access app information if someone tests positive and agrees to the information in their phone being uploaded. The health officials can only use the

app information to help alert those who may need to quarantine or get tested.

The COVIDSafe app is the only contact trace app approved by the Australian Government.

How COVIDSafe works

When you download the app you provide your name, mobile number, and postcode and select your age range (see [Privacy](#)). You will receive a confirmation SMS text message to complete installation. The system then creates a unique encrypted reference code just for you.

COVIDSafe recognises other devices with the COVIDSafe app installed and Bluetooth enabled. When the app recognises another user, it notes the date, time, distance and duration of the contact and the other user's reference code. The COVIDSafe app does not collect your location.

To be effective, you should have the COVIDSafe app running as you go about your daily business and come into contact with people. Users will receive daily notifications to ensure the COVIDSafe app is running.

The information is encrypted and that encrypted identifier is stored securely on your phone. Not even you can access it. The contact information stored in people's mobiles is deleted on a 21-day rolling cycle. This period takes into account the COVID-19 incubation period and the time it takes to get tested. For more, see [Privacy](#).



Australian Government

Department of Health



media statement

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Date of issue: 31 March 2020

New restricted burning periods in place for April

Land owners in the southern half of the State who plan to burn on their properties in April will need to obtain a permit from their Local Government.

As of tomorrow, 1 April 2020, new Restricted Burning Times will come into effect for all 129 Local Governments from the Midwest Gascoyne through to the Great Southern.

The new timeframe extends through to 30 April 2020.

Residents in Local Government areas that planned to cease their Prohibited Burning Time on 30 April 2020 are unaffected by the changes.

Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM said in these uncertain times the new timeframe would help reduce the potential of out of control burns for volunteer firefighters.

"We are still in the grips of an active bushfire season, and this risk is not likely to ease for a number of weeks," Commissioner Klemm said.

"Over the past two years fire crews have faced significant bushfires across southern WA at this time of year, many of which were caused by private burns that got out of control."

Commissioner Klemm said by obtaining a permit, and therefore registering burning intentions with Local Government, land owners would be helping their communities easily and quickly identify fire activities in their area.

"These restrictions mean Local Governments can ensure land owners who need to undertake burns, such as those in the agricultural sector for primary production purposes, can continue to do so while not putting unnecessary pressure on our firefighters," he said.

Dependent on the circumstances of the offence, land owners who undertake burning without the required permit can face fines of up to \$10,000.

For more information about obtaining a permit, contact your Local Government.

Media Contact: DFES Media and Corporate Communications 9395 9543

Church Notices

Anglican/Uniting Church. Parish of North Midlands.

Trinity Church, Carter St, Three Springs

Sadly, as from 22 March 2020, all churches were closed.

Parishes may not hold outdoor gatherings, either.

Funerals can be held with no more than 10 people in attendance: the social/physical distancing rules apply.

Weddings are limited to 5 people only: the required hygiene and social/physical distancing rules are to be followed.

We will let you know what form of worship could be undertaken as it evolves. There is a Bible Study group.

Contacts: Diana Van Buerle 9954 5043 Hendrik Greyling 0497 224 00

In the towns of Three Springs, Carnamah, Coorow you can tune in to **88.0 FM Vision Christian Radio**





WA's travel restrictions: COVID-19 coronavirus



Restrictions are in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus around Western Australia.

Travel restrictions apply in Western Australia

- △ Travel across **regional borders**
- △ Travel to **Esperance**
- △ Travel to and around the **Kimberley**
- △ Travel to remote **Aboriginal communities**
- △ Travel to **Biosecurity areas**

You may qualify for an exemption

If you work in the transport, freight or logistics industries which continue to operate under these restrictions, or if you believe you fall within an exemption category, before travelling, you can apply for pre-approval to travel via the G2G PASS app.

Step 1 Go to WA.gov.au - Read about the travel restrictions and check if you are approved to travel to or around WA.



Step 2 Go to

www.g2gpass.com.au
fill out the online form for pre-approval to travel, and submit.



Step 3 Application Reviewed

Your application will be reviewed by WA Police. Wait for an email confirming your exemption.



Step 4 Receive QR Code

Download the G2G PASS application and receive your QR code directly to your mobile phone.



Prefer no App?

- Exempt travellers **who choose not to download the app** should continue to assist police at intrastate checkpoints by producing documentation to support the exemption, where possible.

Paper form

- For interstate travel and travel to Biosecurity areas of the Kimberley. Anyone who believes they meet the exemption criteria can still download an exemption application form from WA.gov.au if they choose not to use the app.

Checkpoints

- Checkpoints and mobile police patrols are in place to monitor travel across boundaries and ensure people are doing the right thing.

The WA Government would like to thank you for your continued cooperation, support and patience during the State of Emergency. **For more information visit WA.gov.au**

Three Springs Commercial Hotel

Three Springs Hotel Wholesale Price List commercialhotelthreesprings@gmail.com 08 9954 1041

Order Name Phone number

Code	Price GST Free	Bread & Rolls	Code	Price GST Free	Cakes	Code	Price GST Free	Quiches
1	\$1.00	White Knot Roll	217	\$3.00	Custard Puff	85	\$4.50	Ham and Cheese Quiche
2	\$1.00	Wholemeal Knot Roll	23	\$3.00	Custard Tart	88	\$4.50	Spinach and Cheese Quiche
3	\$1.00	White long Roll	222	\$3.00	Doughnut Delight	86	\$2.50	Mini Ham & Cheese Quiche
4	\$1.00	Wholemeal Long Roll	27	\$4.00	French Vanilla	87	\$2.50	Mini Spinach & Cheese
5	\$4.00	White Sliced Bread	53	\$4.00	Fruit Tart	209	\$3.00	
6	\$4.00	Wholemeal Sliced Bread	56	\$3.00	Fruit Snail	Code	Ex GST	Pies
7	\$1.00	Hamburger Bun	29	\$3.00	Jam Doughnut	66	\$4.00	Beef Pie
8	\$1.00	Vietnamese Roll	31	\$3.00	Lamington Slice	75	\$4.00	Beef & Chilli Pie
					Lemon and Ginger Slice	70	\$4.00	Beef & Cheese Pie
Code	Ex GST	Cakes	204	\$3.00	Marsh mellow Slice	76	\$4.00	Beef Cheese & Bacon Pie
38	\$3.00	Apple Danish	223	\$3.50	Passionfruit Cheese Tart	194	\$4.00	Beef Cheese & Sundried To
36	\$3.00	Apple Muffin	193	\$3.00	Raspberry Danish	64	\$4.00	Beef & Curry Pie
50	\$3.00	Apple Pie	41	\$3.00	Rock Cake	65	\$4.00	Beef & Kidney Pie
11	\$3.00	Apple Slice	34	\$3.00	Vanilla Slice	67	\$4.00	Beef & Mushroom
12	\$3.00	Apple Strudel	44	\$9.00	Whole Banana Cake	68	\$4.00	Beef & Onion
43	\$3.50	Apple turnover	45	\$9.00	Whole Carrot Cake	71	\$4.00	Beef & Pepper
13	\$3.00	Apricot Danish	289	\$9.00	Family Apple Pie	69	\$4.00	Beef & Potato
49	\$4.00	Bee sting	332	\$2.00	Mini Croissant	220	\$4.00	Breakfast Pie
42	\$3.00	Banana Cake slice	330	\$2.00	Mini Custard Tart	63	\$4.00	Chicken Veggie
14	\$4.00	Black Forrest Slice	338	\$2.00	Mini Lemon Tart	225	\$4.00	Veggie Lover Pie
15	\$3.00	Blueberry Muffin	331	\$2.00	Mini Passionfruit Tart	77	\$15.00	Family Beef Pie
54	\$3.00	Cage Latte Slice				329	\$15.00	Family Beef & Chilli Pie
17	\$3.00	Caramel Slice				326	\$15.00	Family Beef and Curry
18	\$3.00	Carrot Cake Slice	Code	Ex GST	Savoury Rolls	327	\$15.00	Family Beef & Onion
94	\$3.00	Cherry Delight	58	\$3.00	Plain Sausage Roll	328	\$15.00	Family Beef & Pepper
39	\$3.00	Chocolate Brownie	59	\$3.00	Spinach and Cheese Roll	312	\$15.00	Family Beef & Potato
55	\$3.00	Chocolate Chip Muffin	60	\$3.20	Bacon and Cheese Roll	218	\$15.00	Family Chicken and Veggie
19	\$3.50	Chocolate Éclair	61	\$1.50	Mini Sausage Roll	73	\$1.50	Mini Beef Pie
20	\$3.00	Chocolate Fudge	62	\$1.50	Mini Spinach and Cheese roll	316	\$1.60	Mini Beef and Pepper
46	\$7.00	Chocolate Mud Cake				317	\$1.70	Mini Beef and Potato
21	\$3.00	Cinnamon Bun		Ex GST	Pasties and Curry Puffs	159	\$1.70	Mini Chicken and Veggie
33	\$1.50	Cinnamon Ring Doughnut	80	\$4.00	Meat & Vegetable Pasties	340	\$1.70	Mini Veggie Lover
24	\$4.00	Cream Apple Strudel	81	\$4.00	Vegetarian Pasties			
25	\$3.50	Cream Doughnut	82	\$1.50	Mini Meat and Veg Pasties			
26	\$3.50	Cream Lamington	83	\$1.50	Mini Vegetarian Pasties			
89	\$3.00	Croissant	74	\$3.50	Chicken Curry Puff			
37	\$3.50	Custard Horn	84	\$1.50	Mini Chicken Curry Puff			

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*** Cash or card pick up or delivery – no credit



MELISSA PRICE MP

Federal Member for **Durack**



Best National Outcome for Mobile Coverage in Durack

21 April 2020

Forty four Durack areas will benefit from new and improved mobile coverage.

The Federal Member for Durack, the Honourable Melissa Price is thrilled that Australia's largest electorate with some of the most remote Australian communities has been so successful.

It has been announced today that Durack has been the most successful Australian electorate receiving funding for 44 new base stations under Round 5 of the Morrison Government's highly successful \$380 million Mobile Black Spot Program.

"Durack regions can be confident that their business and community interests are receiving the attention they deserve benefitting from funding for improved mobile connectivity provided by these 44 new base stations," Melissa Price said.

"From Cunderdin North in the Wheatbelt to 3 Abrolhos Islands and Drysdale River Station on the Gibb River Road in the remote Kimberley, it is important that these communities receive the best 21st century connectivity available despite their isolation," Ms Price said.

"It's particularly good news at this challenging time of the coronavirus pandemic when I know technology is proving even more vital for Durack families to connect, to access quality education, health services, and to do business globally," Ms Price said.

The Federal Government is contributing a total of \$34 million to Round 5 of the Program, which will deliver total new investment of more than \$73 million together with co-contributions from the funding recipients and state governments.

The announcement of successful Round 5 locations today brings the total number of base stations being funded under the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program to 1,229.

Round 5 base stations are scheduled to roll out in the coming months with the first new base stations expected to be activated by the end of the year.

To view the full list of Round 5 locations visit, or to provide feedback on the discussion paper on the design of future rounds, visit: communications.gov.au/mbbsp

The Government intends that the next step in the Mobile Black Spots program will be to conduct a Round 5A, which will be used to test a range of different program designs. Funding for round 5A will be drawn from the unused portion of the funding allocated to Round 5.

Ends;

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MELISSA PRICE MP

Federal Member for **Durack**



West Coast Crays Get Wings

16 April 2020

A new agreement will see Western Australia's Geraldton Fisherman's Co-operative pack 18 flights full of Western rock lobster onto planes out of Perth over the next two months.

The major boost to the local west coast live crayfishing industry has been assisted by the Morrison Government, helping to secure an agreement that will see around 500 tonnes of local rock lobster headed for China.

The Federal Member for Durack, the Honourable Melissa Price believes it's an agreement that recognises the importance of the local seafood industry following the severe and sudden interruption to exports due to coronavirus.

"I welcome the swift response from the Morrison Government. This will keep many family businesses in Durack afloat and many local people employed in a much valued west coast industry," Melissa Price said.

"With demand from China starting to pick-up again, it's crucial our fishers can get their high-quality product back into these export markets so we can keep more Western Australians in jobs and generate extra export dollars for the state," Ms Price said.

Federal Trade Minister Simon Birmingham said the new agreement would be a job saver for an industry that had been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis.

"We recognise the current crisis is placing immense pressure on Western Australia's seafood exporters, many of whom felt the earliest impacts when overseas demand began to dry up," Mr Birmingham said.

This initiative is part of the Government's \$1 billion Relief and Recovery Fund to support regions, communities and industry sectors that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

For more information, refer to the [International Freight Assistance Mechanism fact sheet \[PDF\]](#).

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Media Release



THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP

Federal Member for Durack
Minister for Defence Industry

Coronavirus Care – caring for others in our community

The coronavirus is a major global public health challenge that is having a significant impact on the daily lives of many in our community.

All levels of government are taking strong and carefully considered steps to reduce the spread of coronavirus and to protect all Australians, particularly the elderly and the vulnerable.

While the government focuses on the social and economic challenges the global pandemic is causing, it is important we step up as a community and help those around us who may need support over the coming weeks and months.

Although social distancing and self-isolation are important tools in the fight against coronavirus, they can pose challenges for those in our community without a support network.

Together with my staff in my three Durack regional offices, we are working hard to find answers to your questions and offer reassurance to you all in Durack during this challenging time. You are most welcome to call my Geraldton office on 9964 2195 if you require any assistance or get in touch with me via email at melissa.price.mp@aph.gov.au. I know there is a lot of wonderful community care being undertaken in Durack and I thank you for all your efforts and kindness. If you would like to help out in your community and would like to know more about what is happening in your town or region, please call my office and we will gather the information for you.

I will continue to share the latest coronavirus information on my Facebook page 'Melissa Price MP' and through email updates. If you would like to receive those email updates and you are not a subscriber, please email or call my office and they will put you on the list. I would also encourage you to keep in touch by regularly monitoring the advice from the Federal Government at www.australia.gov.au.

By working together we will get through this difficult time.

Please take extra care of yourself

Kind regards,

Melissa Price
Federal Member for Durack
Minister for Defence Industry

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2020 farmer awards open in April

Kondinin Group and ABC Rural announce nominations for the 2020 Australian Farmer of the Year Awards open on 1 April.

Nominations can be completed online at www.farmeroftheyear.com.au and close 24 May 2020.

Ben White, General Manager of Research at Kondinin Group, said that while the last 12-months have been a challenge for some of our farming communities, the Awards offer an opportunity to acknowledge the resilient and enduring spirit of rural and regional Australia.

"Farming is an industry full of highs and lows," Ben said.

"It's the never-give-up attitude, the striving for the best outcome we can achieve, that keeps us going and focused on the future."

This was clearly demonstrated by 2019 winners Sue and Gerard Daly, who operate an innovative and successful farming model, despite being impacted at the beginning of 2013 by the Dunalley Bushfires. The Tasmanian potato farmers were also the recipients of the 2019 Award for Excellence in Innovation.

"The Daly's won the 2019 Australian Farmers of the Year because of their focus on sustainable farming and their family's innovative approach to reducing food waste," Ben said.

"They are an inspiration and are a shining example of that incredible resilient attitude we celebrate through the Awards."

The 2020 Awards are supported by Platinum Sponsor WFI, a company that has stood behind rural and regional Australia for more than 100 years.

WFI Executive Manager Andrew Beer said that as an insurer of many farms across the country, WFI is proud to support the Australian Farmer of the Year Awards and continue to be part of the farming community.

"We have strong relationships with our customers and we're proud that we've been able to offer face-to-face service to Australian farmers for more than 100 years," Mr Beer said.

"Australian farmers make a significant contribution to our economy and our communities, and we're glad to be part of celebrating their innovation and achievements."

The Kondinin Group and ABC Rural 2020 Australian Farmer of the Year Awards are supported by Platinum Sponsors WFI; Award Sponsors McDonalds, Corteva, AgriFutures, Telstra and New Holland; Leadership Program supporter the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources; Media Partner RM William's OUTback; and Industry Supporters the National Farmers' Federation, AgSafe, Goldacres and Blundstone.

2020 Award categories include:

- Australian Farmer of the Year
- Young Farmer of the Year, sponsored by McDonald's Australia
- Farming Legend of the Year
- Community Leader of the Year
- Rural Consultant of the Year, sponsored by Corteva Agriscience
- Agricultural Student of the Year, sponsored by AgriFutures Australia
- Award for Excellence in Innovation, sponsored by Telstra
- Award for Excellence in Technology, sponsored by New Holland
- Award for Excellence in Diversification
- Award for Excellence in Agricultural Research

Nominations for all categories can be completed at www.farmeroftheyear.com.au
Follow the Awards on social media @ausfarmerawards

Regional Travel Update

Intrastate travel restrictions in place

Intrastate travel restrictions will be in place from 11:59pm Tuesday 31 March 2020 to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These restrictions will prevent non-essential travel across regional boundaries.

Exemptions do apply to those travelling across regional borders for:

- work purposes;
- to transport freight;
- to attend medical appointments;
- to attend school or an educational institution (where necessary);
- to those who do not have access to groceries or supplies within their region
- caring for family members; and
- compassionate grounds.

The State Government would like to make it clear that the freight industry will continue to operate.

Main Roads Western Australia is supporting WA Police with the introduction of these new measures by establishing checkpoints, supplying lighting towers and toilets at required checkpoints and mobilising variable message boards (VMBs) to provide advance messaging to road users.

People are encouraged, where possible, to assist police by preparing documentation, such as a letter/email/SMS from an employer, to support their travel.

The WA public is advised to stay home, or if you are currently outside of your region, you should return home immediately.

National parks and temporary accommodation will also be closed to tourists.

Police have the power to issue fines to anyone who chooses to ignore the order.

Further information

For more information visit <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-travel-and-transport-advice>

Police News

Well Easter has been and gone, though I would like to express our gratitude to the CAG for organising the Easter bunny to visit our local children, in conjunction with Three Springs Police.

This Saturday we will be marking our respects for ANZAC day. I appreciate that it will be strange to have no public ceremony but I believe the minute silence at the end of your drive will be the next best thing in the current climate of COVID-19 and residents can lay their own wreath after 11.30am whilst complying with social distancing.

In regards to COVID-19 we appreciate the efforts of the town in social distancing and hygiene to avoid any spread of the virus, there have been very few issues from local residents.

The travel boarder restrictions are still in place between districts and we advise

residents that if they need to travel cross district, they apply for a permit through the G2G PASS app, which can be downloaded onto your phone and be shown to police on boarder points.

If there is any confusion over whether you can travel, please review the WA State

Government website or contact us directly for assistance.

Please remember to drive safely over the ANZAC weekend as double demerits will be in place until Monday 27th April 2020.

Thank you for your continued support in making Three Springs a great place to live and work.

A/Sgt Rich DENNY

A/Officer in Charge of Three Springs Police Station



W.A. Travel Restrictions Covid-19 (Midwest)

WA travel restrictions came into place midnight

Tuesday 31/03/20

The Mid West is made up of 17 local government authorities:

Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary. Police have the power to enforce these restrictions if necessary, and fines of up to \$50,000 can be issued. Exemptions will apply in circumstances including employment purposes; medical or veterinary reasons; delivery of essential services including health or emergency services; people living across regional boundaries, who may not have access to groceries or supplies immediately within their region; transport of goods; compassionate grounds; a family member has primary care responsibilities; for school, TAFE or tertiary study reasons; to escape domestic violence or due to an emergency.

Additional restrictions to remote Aboriginal communities were announced by the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, to provide extra protection to these vulnerable communities .





Consumer Watch

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New COVID-19 tenancy laws

Keeping a roof over everyone's head has never been more important as thousands of people suffer job losses due to the economic fall-out of COVID-19 coronavirus restrictions.

New laws are now in place to ensure renters can stay in their homes and businesses won't have to leave their premises, while recognising that landlords shouldn't be unnecessarily burdened. The emergency residential tenancy laws aim to provide some certainty during these uncertain times for those in private and public housing, residential long stay parks, as well as boarders and lodgers.

A six-month moratorium on evictions and rent increases is now law, meaning renters can't be evicted except in very limited circumstances such as causing damage to the property; posing a threat to the landlord or neighbours; refusing to pay any rent and refusing to make a rent repayment agreement; or if they abandon the property.

It is important to remember that this is a moratorium on eviction, not a moratorium on rent, meaning tenants who can afford to pay rent should continue to do so in order to avoid building up a debt that may need to be paid back when the moratorium ends.

Affected landlords and tenants are being urged to respectfully talk to each other and come to an acceptable agreement for the six-month period and beyond which could include a rent-free period, a decrease in rent or an affordable payment plan when the crisis is over.

If agreement can't be reached, Consumer Protection will be responsible for the mandatory conciliation of disputes between landlords and tenants.

It's useful for tenants to know that landlords do not have to carry out non-urgent repairs if they themselves are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 but still have to make urgent repairs and restore essential services like gas and electricity if these aren't working.

For small commercial tenancies, a rental agreement also needs to be reached for the moratorium period and a code of conduct will provide a framework for negotiations and help businesses to survive the current financial crisis.

If there is any evidence of tenants or landlords abusing the moratorium, the Government has stated that it will not hesitate to introduce further laws that will deal with those circumstances.

Further information about the other new relief measures and what they might mean for you is outlined on our FAQ page: www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/cpcovidfaq



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Rangelands NRM and NACC NRM invite you to attend a webinar with author Nicole Masters, as she holds a 1 hour Q & A session about her book "For the Love of Soil" - an informative read about healthy soil and revitalised food systems in challenging times.



DATE: 1st of May @ 8am AWST

DETAILS: Platform for webinar is Microsoft Teams (link supplied after registration)

*We request please that any questions you want to ask be sent through prior to event

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This webinar aims to motivate & inspire you with tailored advice for your property. You will learn about creating productive properties that improve water-use efficiency & build soil fertility.

Places are limited! Register now to secure your spot.

DATE Thursday, 7th May 2020

TIME 8.00pm-9.00pm

REGISTER By Wednesday, 1st May 2020

Either follow the link- <http://naccwebinar.eventbrite.com.au/>
or contact the RALF team-

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This event is supported by NACC NRM through funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program, supported by Royalties for Regions.



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Veterinary Services In Three Springs 2020

Dongara Veterinary Hospital visits on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

(or dates as advertised)

12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October,

10th November & 8th December 2020

External Clinics suspended until further notice

Venue: Community Hall – End Closest To Shire Offices

(Large animal visits can be arranged)

For Appointments Telephone: 99271329

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



Dongara Veterinary Hospital

SPORT

Vance is away this week, spending some well-deserved time with his family, so he has asked me to put this together in his absence.

Being an Englishman, I haven't had a lot to do with footy so far, as I'm sure the team could tell from my attempts in pre-season, although I have always played team sports.

I must admit I was slightly taken back by the warm welcome I received from the team at my first training session.

There was a huge gulf in my ability and the rest of the team, who appeared to make the skills of footy seem effortless. Though the only feedback I received from the rest of the team was encouragement and help with technique and tricks of the trade.

The spirit and comradery amongst the team is not something I have seen often throughout my own experience of team sport and I believe this can only serve to help the team towards success in the future.

I hope everyone can keep up with some of the fitness they attained from preseason and hope to have a kick with you all as soon as possible.

Please also have a look at this week's player profile Liam 'Heshy' Mutter.

Go the Bombers

Rich Denny



SPORT



Get to know your Three Springs Bomber

Name: Liam Jeremy Mutter

Nick Name: Heshy

Age: 24 years

Place of Birth: South Perth - Como

Where did you go to school: Three Springs Primary & Aquinas

What do you do for a job: Farmer

Marital Status: Wife Taylor, daughter Audrey and another one on the way

What AFL Team do you support: Essendon Bombers

What is your favourite TV Series: Game of Thrones

What is your favourite food: Steak

What is your favourite band or singer: Hill Top Hoods

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time: Working on my ute

What don't you leave home without: Hat and sunnies

What do you like most about the Three Springs Football Club: The people, the atmosphere and beers with the boys

If you could have dinner with any three persons on the planet who would they be:

1. Mick Fanning
2. Tiger Woods
3. Carl Barron

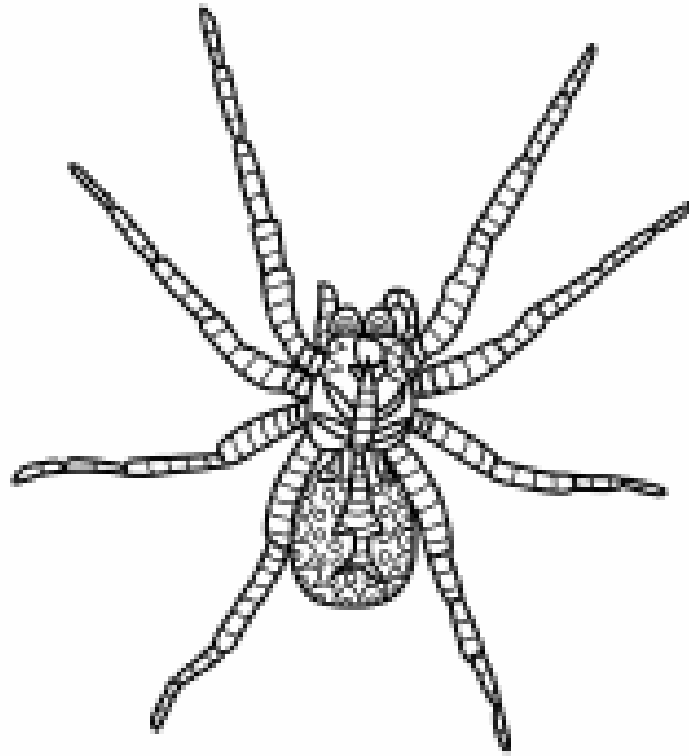
If you were stranded on a deserted Island and you could take three things with you, what would they be:

1. Fishing Rod
2. Music
3. Knife

What is one thing that people don't know about you:

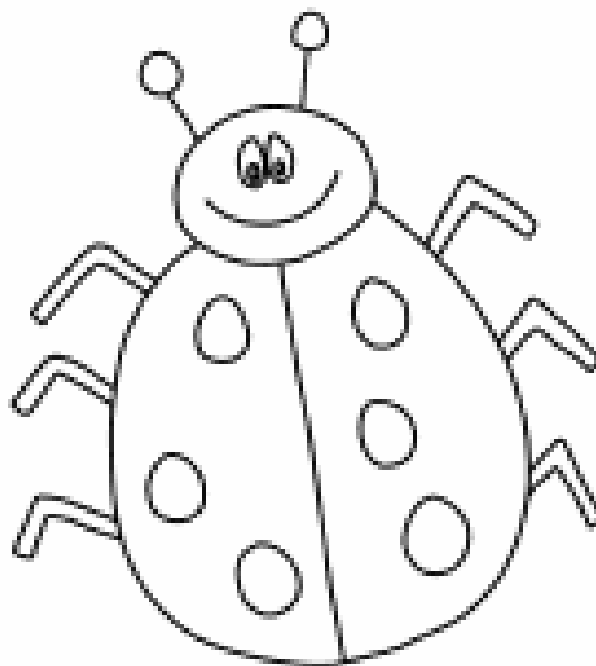
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