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Photos from the Three Springs Remembrance day
held at Jack Thorp Gardens

SHIRE OF THREE SPRINGS



CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

Applications are sought from enthusiastic and suitably experienced persons to fill the Position of Customer Service Officer with the Shire of Three Springs. The position is full time and has the possibility of evolving into a more varied position depending on successful applicant.

Applicants should possess well developed computer skills, knowledge of administrative procedures and the ability to provide a high level of customer service. While previous experience in a similar position will be well regarded, all enthusiastic and motivated persons are encouraged to apply. Duties will include but are not limited to front counter and telephone enquiries, receipting of monies, assisting with accounts receivable, other accounts and administration duties as required.

Salary will be in accordance with the Local Government Officers' (Western Australia) Award 2021 dependant on age, experience and qualifications.

Interested applicants may contact Rajinder Sunner on 9954 1001 to discuss the requirements of this position. A Position Description is available at the Shire Office or via our website www.threesprings.wa.gov.au, email enquiries are encouraged to dceo@threesprings.wa.gov.au

Applications including copies of two current references or names of two referees should be addressed to the undersigned and received by 4:00pm Friday 3rd December 2021. The Shire of Three Springs reserves the right to begin the interview process prior to the cut-off date for applications.

'PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL'
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Three Springs
PO Box 117
Three Springs WA 6519

Rajinder Sunner
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers

Three Springs Town

Rod Ennor (Captain) 0458 246 531
John Freebairn (Vice Captain) 0400 048 981

Three Springs East

Christian Haeusler (Captain) 0429 954 506
Robbie Weir (Vice Captain) 0428 545 044
Michael Verrall (Officer) (08) 9954 7042

Arrino

Ash Bone (Captain) 0427 477 228
Liam Mutter (Vice Captain) 0458 547 035

Three Springs West

Jim Heal (Captain) (08) 9955 2022 0429 165 235
Chad Eva (Vice Captain) (08) 9954 1778 0427 541 778
Adam Thomas (Officer) (08) 9954 1103 0427 541 152

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

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

Plantations larger than 10 hectares

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

PERMITS

Chief Bush Fire Control & Fire Weather Officer

Craig Morgan (08) 9955 2001 0429 377 991
* Out of town permits only *

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Christian Haeusler 0429 954 506

Three Springs Shire Office

Keith Woodward (CEO) (08) 9954 1001
* All Three Springs Permits *



Fire Break Notice Section 33 B F A

Prohibited Burning Period

1st November to 28th February

STRICTLY NO BURNING

Restricted Burning Period

15th October to 31st October

1st March to 15th March

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED



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

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

PENALTIES

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

Fire Control Officers are not obliged to issue

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

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

Harvesting Operations

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

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

HARVEST BAN INFORMATION LINE

9478 5677

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

ABC State wide AM

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

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

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 AS AMENDED

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

PROPERTIES WILL BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE THEY COMPLY WITH COUNCILS REQUIREMENTS

1. TOWNSITES

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

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

FUEL STORAGE AREAS

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

FARM BUILDINGS AND UNATTENDED ELECTRIC MOTORS AND HAY STACKS

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

UNATTENDED FUEL OPERATED MOTORS

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

RURAL LAND

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

BARBEQUES AND INCINERATORS

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

PENALTY

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





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July	28	Wednesday	5pm
August	25	Wednesday	5pm
September	22	Wednesday	5pm
October	27	Wednesday	5pm
November	24	Wednesday	5pm
December	15	Wednesday	5pm

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

Keith Woodward PSM
Chief Executive Officer



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THREE SPRINGS COMMUNITY GYM



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 Month	\$192.00	\$120.00
6 Month	\$108.00	\$60.00
3 Month	\$48.00	\$30.00
1 Month	\$20.00	\$10.00



Access Fob Key Bond (Cash /Eftpos) \$30.00

Please Note: Bonds can now be paid in cash or Eftpos much appreciated.

YOGA

Tuesday Afternoons

WHERE * TS COMMUNITY HALL

WHEN * TUESDAYS **2pm - 3.30pm**

COST * \$2

Co-vid Regulations Apply

Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014



BADMINTON

Monday Nights

WHERE* TS COMMUNITY HALL

WHEN* MONDAYS **6pm – 8pm**

COST* \$2

Racquets available, Co-vid

Regulations Apply, No Children
please, Everyone welcome

Phil Berry 0432 758 770



INDOOR BOWLS

PLEASE “ WE NEED YOU “ New & Old Players welcome

PUT ON YOUR BOWLING SHOES & HEAD ON DOWN

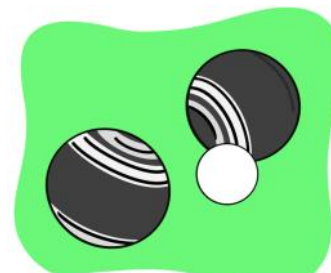
WHERE * TS COMMUNITY HALL

WHEN * TUESDAYS 9-12 NOON

COST * \$2 PER PLAYER

If you would like more information please

Ring : **Adele** on 0458 090 839



SHREDDED PAPER

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

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



YAKABOUT

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

Check out the new webpage with the issues from 2020 & 2021. To place an advert please email the Three Springs Shire Yakabout yakabout@threesprings.wa.gov.au , Or call the Shire on 9954 1001.

Yakabout Issue Dates & Charges 2021

6/12/2021

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

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mondays	\$2 per player	Badminton	@6.00pm- 8.00pm	Community Hall
Tuesdays	\$2 per player	Indoor Bowls	@9.00am-12.00pm	Community Hall
Tuesdays	\$2 Entry	Yoga	@2.00pm-3.30pm	Community Hall
Wednesday	24th Nov	Ordinary Council Meeting	@ 5.00 pm	Council Chambers

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

If so, please contact the Shire Office on 9954 1001



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

(IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL 000 FIRST)

DOCTOR 9954 1013

FIRE REPORTING 000

SHIRE OFFICE..... 9954 1001

A/H – C.E.S.M. 9954 1001

HARVEST BAN INFORMATION 9487 6519

HOSPITAL..... 9954 3200

INFANT HEALTH CLINIC..... 9954 3213

MIDWEST MENS HEALTH..... 9690 2277

(Talk to a mate) Mensline Australia..... 1300 789 978

POISONS INFORMATION PMH 13 1126

POLICE

EMERGENCY 000

NON EMERGENCY9954 4222 OR 13 1444

SCHOOLS

THREE SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL..... 9954 3700

THREE SPRINGS PRE-PRIMARY..... 9954 3700

CARNAMAH DISTRICT HIGH..... 9951 1266

MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL 9971 0900

SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 9954 1001

VETERINARY (DONGARA) 9927 1329

RSPCA (MAUREEN ROGERS)..... 0411 079 376

WATER CORPORATION..... 13 1375

WESTERN POWER 13 1351

Shire of Three Springs

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

132 Railway Road, Three Springs WA 6519

PO Box 117, Three Springs WA 6519

Telephone: 08 9954 1001 Fax: 08 9954 1183

Email: general@threesprings.wa.gov.au

Website: www.threesprings.wa.gov.au



Services Offered:

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

Department of Transport Licensing, Boat Licensing

(Tuesdays - Thursdays)

Community Hall & Sports Pavilion, Sports Amenities

Community Bus Hire

Community Gym

Public Computer Internet Access, WIFI Hotspot

Dog and Cat Licensing, Cat Traps

Photocopying Service

Ranger and Emergency Services

Visitor's Centre opens approx. July to October **(Closed)**

Shredded paper available @Shire of Three Springs

Three Springs Aquatic Centre is Open

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

Environmental Health Officer

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT TRANSACTIONS

CLOSED MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

Department of Transport (DoT) Services At Shire Admin Centre

Only Available 3 DAYS A WEEK

- * Licensing Hours: **Tuesdays —Thursdays** 9:00am to 3:00pm
- * Theory Test hours: **Tuesdays —Thursdays** 9:00am to 2:00pm
- * PDA Assessor: Geraldton

Community Group Information



Churches

Anglican / Uniting		See Church notices	Trinity Church Carter Street	Diana Van Buerle- 0429 888 558 Peter Whale - 0427 541 080 Hendrik Greyling - 0497 22 4004
Catholic		4pm	St Paul's Catholic Church Touche Street	Fr Brian Ahearn 9927 1451 0427 271 452

Community Groups

Community Action Group	3rd Tuesday of the month	4pm	Aquatic Centre Function Room	9954 1001
Craft Group	Wednesdays	9am—3pm \$1.00	Old Nurses Quarters	
Friends of the North-Midlands Health Service				Brenda Bowman 0427 511 339
Historical Society				Judy and Roy Mutter 0427 547 733
Mingenew Painting Club	1st Wednesday of the month (March-August)			Terri Traylen-Witt 9954 1213
North Midlands Agricultural Society			Carnamah	9951 1036
Returned Serviceman League				Ray Morgan 9954 1014
RSL Women's Auxiliary				Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014
Tourists Information		10am - 2pm	Visitors Centre 9954 1590	Cathy Reed 9954 7012
Three Springs Lions Club				Cathy Reed

Emergency Services

St Johns Ambulance				Merle Isbister 0428 511 030
Volunteer Fire Brigade	Training twice a month out of fire season			Rod Ennor 0458 246 531

Youth

Coderdojo	Carnamah			Richelle Essers 0428 921 464
Playgroup				Lauren Cruickshank 0429 620 201
Three Springs Parents & Citizens				President: Nadine Eva 0427 541 014 Catering Kellie Thomas 0418 902 108

Community Group Information



Sporting Groups

Basketball			Coorow-Carnamah	Bruce Chisholm 0428 591 318
Bowls	Saturday - Pennants Sundays - Club events		Three Springs Sporting Club	Adrian Stokes 0448 483 476
Cricket	TBC			
Badminton	Tuesdays	5pm—7pm	Three Springs Community Hall	Phil Berry 0432 758 770
Golf	Friday - Scroungers Saturday - Pennants Sunday - Club Day		Three Springs Golf Club	David Mutter 0427 547 035
Football	Training Tuesdays and Thursdays	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Three Springs Sporting Complex Pavilion	Jim Heal 0429 165 235
Netball	Training Wednesday		Three Springs Sporting Complex Pavilion	Sulwyn Mutter 0409 699 019
Hockey	Training Thursday		Three Springs Sporting Complex Pavilion	President: Heidi Taylor 0429 051 428 Secretary: Kylie Dennis 0438 238 171
Indoor Bowls		9am - 12pm	Three Springs Community Hall	Adele Metsemakers 0458 090 839
Rifle Club	Sundays			Chris Connaughton 0427 547 007
Sporting Clay Target Shooting	Summer - Saturdays Winter - Sundays			Gary Turley 0428 888 075
Squash Tennis				Bill McGree 0459 057 580
Yoga		2 - 3.30pm	Red Room Three Springs Community Hall	Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014



Consumer Watch

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton 6530

Tel: (08) 9920 9800 Email: candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Web: www.dmirs.wa.gov.au

Don't get wrapped up in a shopping scam this Christmas

Christmas may be a time for giving, but there's one type of person you wouldn't want to reward with a free gift this festive season – a scammer.

Unfortunately that has been the outcome for about 200 Western Australians so far in 2021, who reported to WA ScamNet that they had been tricked out of almost \$700,000 while shopping online.

The fake websites and social media pages have pretended to sell everything from barbecues to motorhomes, but consumers never received the items, nor saw their money again.

It is very easy to be fooled, with fake websites often looking very professional and sometimes stealing the identity of a well-known retailer or brand. Furthermore, the items for sale may be offered at very low prices in a bid to trigger a shopper's excitement to bag a bargain.

While the WA ScamNet team has managed to shut-down around 200 fake websites and almost 100 social media pages this year, the scam sites often quickly re-appear under different names.

This means it will never be possible to close down every fake site and page, so online shoppers need to be confident the site is genuine before entering their personal and financial information during a purchase.

The best warning sign that a retail website is a scam is the method of payment. Be very suspicious if scammers ask you to pay via electronic funds transfer or using a money order, pre-loaded money card or a crypto currency such as Bitcoin, as it is rare to recover money that is sent this way.

Another important tip is to look at the overall quality of the website, grammatical errors in text, poorly edited images and whether the business provides an actual address for its location.

Try to only pay by credit card or a secure payment method such as PayPal, as there is an opportunity to get your money back if something goes wrong or the item is not supplied.

Better yet, consider giving preference to WA-based online retailers or doing your Christmas shopping at local bricks and mortar stores this year.

For further information or to report a scam, go to the [WA ScamNet website](http://www.wa.gov.au/scamnet) or call 1300 30 40 54.





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Gift card rules reminder

With the busy shopping season upon us, there's no doubt that gift cards or vouchers can be an easy present idea for those hard-to-please friends and family members.

While we believe that gifting cash is ultimately a safer option, if you are planning to buy a gift card this festive season, don't forget that the national rules have changed to give the recipient at least three years to use it.

The minimum three-year expiry date means that any gift card sold after the laws took effect on November 1 2019 would currently still be valid for redemption, and those bought for Christmas 2021 should be valid until Christmas 2024.

How expiry dates are displayed on gift cards is also important, with traders required to clearly state the expiry date on the gift cards themselves. This means you can easily see and challenge the date if they get it wrong and also that the recipient of your gift won't be caught out not knowing when it will expire.

You also cannot be charged post-purchase fees or administration charges that will reduce the value of your gift card, such as activation, account keeping and balance enquiry fees.

While the rules give consumers more certainty, it is important to remember that there is still an element of risk attached to buying gift cards and vouchers.

A caller to one of our regular radio segments claims she was left out of pocket after buying a \$400 gift voucher to a restaurant that had closed down when the recipient tried to redeem it less than a year later.

Unspent gift vouchers or cards may become worthless if a business goes bust or closes its doors, so for this reason we recommend giving cash instead.

More information on the rules, including a list of questions to ask when buying gift cards and vouchers, can be found on our [website](http://www.dmirs.wa.gov.au).

If you have a dispute with a business about a gift card or voucher that can't be resolved, come to Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or email:

consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Orion the Hunter



Orion the Hunter is a famous summer constellation and it 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 make up the base of the saucepan and a handle sticks 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. With lovely summer evenings ahead, take the opportunity to marvel at the incredible constellation of Orion.

When to look: Early to late evening

Which direction to look: East

Something Interesting

If you have a telescope, there's a beautiful object to look for in Orion. The middle star of the handle of the "Saucepan", is not just one star at all. When looked at through a telescope or powerful binoculars, the beautiful Orion nebula reveals itself.

A nebula is a gaseous region in space where new stars are born. The Orion Nebula actually has about 700 baby stars that give the glow. It is approximately 1,400 light years from Earth and is a massive region of about 24 light years in diameter.

Geminids Meteor Shower | 13-14th December



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. Since the asteroid’s discovery on 11th October 1983, by NASA’s Infrared Astronomical Satellite (IRAS), Phaethon has gone around the sun nearly 24 times. Phaethon is 5.1kms across and is one of the largest near-Earth asteroids classified as “potentially hazardous” by NASA. Astronomers have closely monitored this asteroid and there is no high threat level in the foreseeable future.

Take a virtual tour to see how the Geminids Meteor Shower is generated with this terrific [3D interactive model](#).

When to look: From midnight until early morning, 13th and 14th December. The Geminids peak on the 14th but try nights either side as well. The meteor shower is active for a couple of weeks.

Which direction to look: North east and north about 45 degrees above the horizon

DO I NEED A TELESCOPE TO SEE A METEOR SHOWER?

You don’t need a telescope or binoculars to see a meteor shower. It’s a great time to gather with friends, roll out your favourite picnic rug, pack the drinks and snacks, and start counting how many “shooting stars” you all see!

It’s best to view a meteor shower under a dark night sky. Most meteors will be quite faint so darker surroundings will make it easier to see them. You might consider heading out to a dark sky location at one of WA’s Astrotourism Towns. If you’re an astrophotographer, it is an excellent opportunity to image meteors over some of WA’s iconic landscapes. [Where are WA’s Astrotourism Towns?](#) Fingers crossed for a spectacular show!

WHAT IS A METEOR SHOWER?

Meteors are caused by debris entering Earth’s atmosphere. The debris can be as small as a grain of sand which burns up in the atmosphere and causes a bright streak of light to appear briefly in our night sky. The debris that causes a meteor can be travelling between 11 to 73 km/second.

A meteor shower is a time when you see lots of “shooting stars”. They are the result of Earth passing through the trail of debris left by a comet or other object that has come into our Solar System and orbited around the Sun.

SOMETHING INTERESTING

Meteor showers are named after the constellation where the “shooting stars” appear to be coming from. In the case of the Geminids Meteor Shower, the meteors come from the direction of the constellation of Gemini. If you have a handy smart phone app that helps you identify objects in the night sky, search for Gemini, and you’ll be looking in the right location.

MORE READING

The [International Meteor Organization](#) is a great place to discover more about all things meteors. Check out their [Meteor Shower Calendar](#). You might even like to become a member!

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO...

Become a Citizen Scientist and report meteor sightings! If you happen to see a very bright meteor (often referred to as a “fireball”), WA’s [Fireballs in the Sky](#) team based at Curtin University would love to know! Download the [Fireballs in the Sky App](#) and keep your eyes peeled!



MELISSA PRICE MP

Federal Member for **Durack**



Home Repair Grants for Seroja recovery

10 November

Local homeowners who suffered damage following Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja can now access up to \$20,000 in Recovery and Resilience Grants to help repair their homes.

Federal Member for Durack, the Hon. Melissa Price said the grants recognise the benefits of building back better after a natural disaster.

"I have been so impressed by the efforts of so many in the impacted communities, getting on with repairs to their damaged dwellings despite some very challenging circumstances. I hope these grants will be able to assist many who are still working on the restoration of their home," Ms Price said.

There are two types of reimbursement grants available up to a total of \$20,000.

- The Recovery Grant will reimburse insured homeowners who incurred clean-up and repair costs if their insurance policy did not cover the total cost of works.
- The Resilience Grant will provide insured homeowners with the funding to undertake eligible improvements to their properties, contributing to a greater peace of mind in the advent of a future cyclone or other severe weather event.

Measures covered under the Resilience Grant include:

- Replacement of garage doors and frames with wind rated garage doors undertaken by a registered business.
- Installation of window protections including cyclone shutters or debris screens undertaken by a registered business.

Grant applications are now open for eligible insured homeowners and close 31 March 2023.

The grants program is part of the \$104 million joint Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements package announced after the devastating impact of Cyclone Seroja in April this year.

Eligibility and application details for the Recovery and Resilience Grant Program are available online at dfes.wa.gov.au/recoveryandresiliencegrants

Ends.

Media Contact:

Rose Crane 0427 587395, Rosemea.Crane@aph.gov.au.

Grants for Up To \$25,00 Cyclone Seroja Damage

Small Business Recovery Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to help eligible small businesses cover Cyclone Seroja-related clean-up and reinstatement costs.

Visit the [Small Business Development Corporation website](#) for more information and to apply.

Grants of up to \$20,000 are also available to owners or operators of heritage and Aboriginal cultural heritage places through the Cultural and Heritage Asset Clean-up and Repair Grant Program to assist with clean-up, repairs and resilience work.

Visit the [Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage website](#) for more information and to apply.



ANGLICAN/UNITING CHURCH. PARISH OF NORTH MIDLANDS.
DECEMBER 2021

Sunday 5th Dec. 10:00 a.m. service at Trinity Church
THREE SPRINGS led by Phil Tomkins.

Sunday 12th Dec. t.b.a. but probably 9:00 a.m. Bible
study/Christian Fellowship at All Saints Church
COOROW

Sunday 19th Dec. t.b.a.

Sunday 26th Dec. (Boxing Day) t.b.a.

Contacts: Diana V. 0429 888 558 Hendrik G. 0497 224 004 Phil T. 0428 226 581
Nev B. 0427131457 Peter W. 0427 541 080

Come and join us in Prayer and Song. All welcome.
Listen to 88.0 FM Vision Christian Radio

FRIENDS of the NORTH MIDLANDS HEALTH SERVICE



CAKE STALL



Friends of the NMHS are delighted to announce that \$2399 was raised at the cake stall on Saturday. This is very pleasing and we would like to thank the community for the wonderful support we received.

The raffles were very popular and we are most grateful to those who made donations towards the raffle items.

Winners were as follows:

\$100 Boards donated by Friends: Carol & Rayner & Mel Howes. Not all the tickets were sold on the 3rd board so we will sell them at the Three Springs P&C night on 20th November.

Patchwork Quilt donated by Karen Lakeman: Beth Antonio.

Coffee Machine donated by Friends: Betty O'Callaghan

Due to our fundraising efforts we have been able to refurbish the Palliative Care Suite at the hospital. This includes all new furniture in both the patient's room, the sitting room and kitchenette area for the visiting friends and family. It will be bright, fresh and modern. It gives us great pleasure to provide a warm, comfortable welcoming place for members of our community to rest.

We wish you all a safe harvesting & festive season.

Friends of the NMHS Members



NORTH MIDLANDS ANGLICAN UNITING PARISH GRAIN DONATION INVITATION

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

Funds shared is pleasure squared!

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

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

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

North Midlands Anglican Parish
Grower Number 61200234

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

Thank you for your consideration.

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

Brenda Bowman
Secretary
North Midlands Anglican Uniting Parish

FRIENDS OF THE NORTH MIDLANDS HEALTH SERVICE INC.

The next meeting of the
FRIENDS OF THE NORTH MIDLANDS HEALTH SERVICE INC.
will be held on
FRIDAY 26 November 2021
in the
Lady Brand Lodge Hall

We will begin with our Christmas morning tea at 10.00am followed by the meeting at 10.45am.

New members most welcome.

Apologies to:
Brenda Bowman
Secretary
0427 511339



Breaking down the Declared Pest Rate notices and landholder VENs

Many landholders would have received their Declared Pest Rate (DPR) notices in the mail recently. The DPR is locally raised funding, that is then matched by the state government on a 1:1 basis. Funds must be spent on declared pest control within the Midlands region.

The DPR will be spent on activities detailed in the Midlands Biosecurity Group's (MBG) annual Operational Plan, which identifies priority pests and management strategies.

Some landholders may have received multiple notices. This would be owing to the landholder having more than one parcels of land or property, which in the valuation roll, are referred to as Valuation Entity Numbers (VEN).

The DPR assessment reflects a charge for each VEN held by the landholder.

In some instances, landholders may be able to have their VENs re-evaluated and have multiple VEN's merged into one, such as in instances where new parcels of land have been purchased that adjoin existing properties.

To do this, the landholder must make a request to their shire. In some instances, if different parcels of land are held in different ownership structures/entities then legally assessment notices must be issued to the legal owner(s) of that land.

Local government rates and the Emergency Services Levy all use the VEN system for issuing assessment notices.

The VENs are handled by local government and DPIRD accesses these details from each shire each year.

The Midlands Biosecurity Group has received some queries regarding incorrect contact details on assessment notices.

According to DPIRD, addresses are updated on a quarterly basis or when the department is contacted and made aware of the change.

If your DPR notice(s) have gone to an incorrect address, please get in touch with the MBG so that the group can forward this information to the appropriate people so that the error can be addressed promptly.

Email eo@mbg.org.au or call 0429446515.

Pest damage to crops raised at Midlands Biosecurity Group AGM

The Midlands Biosecurity Group (MBG) recently held its second Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Coorow Town Hall on Tuesday, 5 October 2021. Members in attendance approved the 2022/23 Operational Plan and had the opportunity to hear about the group's 2021 activities and plans for 2022.

The AGM also gave members the opportunity to provide feedback to the group with some reporting concerning levels of damage to crops this season from a number of pests including feral pigs, rabbits, grasshoppers/locusts and emus.

In response, the MBG is calling for reports of any crop damage caused by pests on your farm this harvest.

These reports are vital to direct the group's activities, assist our Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMT) and help with applying for funding and resources to fight these pests.

Emus and grasshoppers/locusts are not priority pests in the MBG's Operational Plan, however the group can provide an effective communications channel to the relevant group's (DPIRD and DBCA) who may be able to provide assistance in reducing their impacts on farming operations.

MBG LPMT Paul Pitaro recently recorded evidence of severe pig damage stretching for kilometres along part of the Irwin River (pictured).

In more positive news, a mallee fowl was spotted in an area that has been cleared out of a feral pig population (pictured) - a positive sign that the area's rehabilitation is on track!

The MBG is also calling for expressions of interest for any rabbit control you would like to undertake this summer on farm. Tackling their numbers as a community during summer when their resources are low has been proven as the most effective control strategy.

For rabbit control EOIs, or reports and photos of crop damage, please contact Chris O'Callaghan on eo@mbg.org.au or 0429446515.



Severe pig damage along the Irwin River.



Damage to a crop near Northampton.



A mallee fowl spotted in a rehabilitated area previously infested with feral pigs.

TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE FERAL PESTS



WILD DOGS & FOXES

- The MBG will provide fresh meat baits and freezers are currently being filled throughout the region.
- The MBG can provide support, monitoring and can implement tools such as trapping, Canid Pest Ejectors.

RABBITS

1. The MBG will provide "one-shot" rabbit poison and a mixing service. The group will also assist with virus release sites.

GET IN TOUCH

MBG Coordinator | Chris O'Callaghan
M: 0429 446 515 E: eo@mbg.org.au

LPMT | Paul Pitaro
M: 0438 337 642 E: paul@vpma.com.au

LPMT | Andy Lockey
M: 0459 200 004 E: andy@wafam.com.au

FERAL PIGS

1. The MBG will provide 1080 poison grain mixing days in late summer and early autumn.
2. The MBG can also assist with monitoring.

REPORTING STOCK LOSSES, SIGHTINGS AND CROP DAMAGE IS CRUCIAL.

GET INVOLVED

1. Schedule 7 poisons signage is required and available through the MBG.
2. The MBG can help you obtain a Restricted Chemical Permits is required to bait with S7 poisons.
3. MBG membership is FREE! Sign up via the website.

Three Springs COVID-19

vaccination clinic

Three Springs Shire Hall,
Cnr Railway Road & Hall Street

30 Nov 11:00am - 3:30pm
1 Dec 9:00am - 3:00pm



Walk-ins welcome.
To save time at the
clinic, register on
Vaccinate WA

Roll up for WA

COVID-19 Vaccination



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Get free proof of your COVID-19 vaccination



Your immunisation history statement and COVID-19 digital certificate both show proof of your COVID-19 vaccination status.

The easiest way to get your proof is online using either:

- myGov
- the Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

USING MYGOV

1. Sign in to myGov.
2. Select the **Proof of COVID-19 vaccination** quick link.
3. Select your name, and then **View immunisation history statement (PDF)** or **View COVID-19 digital certificate (PDF)**.

USING THE EXPRESS PLUS MEDICARE MOBILE APP

1. Log on to the app.
2. Select **Immunisation history** from **Services**.
3. Select your name, and then select **View immunisation history statement (PDF)** or **View COVID-19 digital certificate (PDF)**.

If you can't get your immunisation history statement online or need help, call 1800 653 809*.

PROOF OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A MEDICARE ONLINE ACCOUNT

You need to link Medicare to your myGov account to set up your Medicare online account.

Sign in to, or create, your myGov account at my.gov.au

You can then link Medicare using either:

- your Medicare card number and information from your Medicare history
- a linking code issued by Medicare.

For help linking Medicare to myGov, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicareguides

You can also get your vaccination proof through My Health Record. You can link My Health Record to myGov.

KEEP YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE WITH MEDICARE

You can view and update your details using your Medicare online account or the Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

IF YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE OR DVA

You can get proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations using the Individual Healthcare Identifiers service through myGov.

MORE INFORMATION

For information about getting proof of your COVID-19 vaccination, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/covidvaccineproof



For the latest COVID-19 updates and advice, go to australia.gov.au

* Call charges apply from mobile and pay phones only.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health



COVID-19 Vaccines

Mythbusters

The COVID-19 vaccine is killing Aboriginal people or making them sick.

Some people may experience side effects after vaccination such as tiredness, muscle soreness and redness around the injection site and mild fever. This is normal for any vaccine. Serious reactions from the vaccine are extremely rare, and no Aboriginal people have died from the COVID vaccine.

The vaccine will poison our children.

In Australia, all vaccines are thoroughly tested before they are made available to the community and the many benefits of vaccination outweighs the risks for all children and adolescents aged 12 years and older. Billions of people have already been safely vaccinated around the world. It's important to be vaccinated to protect our children from COVID-19, which spreads quickly.

The vaccine implants a microchip in me that will track our movements.

The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain a tracking microchip. Microchips are too large to be administered through needle injection.

Only white people get COVID-19.

No, all humans can get COVID-19 and our people can get sick from the virus just like anyone else. People who already have health issues can get seriously ill.

Outbreaks around the country have showed how quickly the virus can spread through our communities. In Wilcannia in NSW this year, 20% of the town's population got COVID-19, most of whom were Aboriginal.

Only old people get sick from COVID-19.

The elderly and people with medical conditions such as heart disease and diabetes are most at risk, but young people can also get very sick and die from COVID-19.

Everyone getting vaccinated will help to protect those most at risk from COVID-19.

The vaccine changes your DNA.

The vaccine does not change your DNA. While mRNA does transmit information to the body in the cells, it does not go near the cell's nucleus, which is where DNA is located.



healthywa.wa.gov.au/COVID19vaccine



Do You Have Suggestions about How MEEDAC Can **Support** Your **Community**?



MEEDAC Community Development Program
aims to help generate positive
Community Outcomes.

We are seeking your input regarding
activities & projects MEEDAC could potentially
be involved with in your community.

We welcome your suggestions, comments and
feedback, which can be sent via email, post or
phone;

✉ activities@meedac.com



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Three Springs Primary School

INVITES YOU TO OUR
Presentation Night
Theme: Disney

ON

Friday 10 December 2021

AT 6PM

Three Springs Community Hall

Please be seated by 5.45pm





THREE SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
GRADUATION ASSEMBLY
OF 2021

MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021
STARTING AT 9AM IN THE
LIBRARY

TO RSVP, PLEASE CONTACT HANNAH OR LINDA IN
THE OFFICE ON 9954 3700





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Malcolm Brogden on: 0427 272 631 or via e-mail: dongara@tyrepower.com.au

\$300,000 + STOCK, PLANT & EQUIPMENT



Changes to Rubbish Collection Services Christmas & New Year 2021

Please be advised that there will be no change to the collection of 240L MGB's for both residential and commercial premises during the Christmas and New Year period this year. Meru Landfill will be closed Christmas Day (Saturday 25th December) and New Year's Day (Saturday 1st January 2022)

Please ensure that all MGBs are out by 6:00AM on your collection day.

Cleanaway Management & Staff wish everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year



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ATTENTION ALL BOATIES

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT MARINE
RESCUE LEEMAN WILL BE CLOSED ON
CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER 2022
AND WILL REOPEN AT 0600 HOURS
ON BOXING DAY 26TH DECEMBER 2022
FOR NORMAL BUSINESS**

**WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

CARNAMAH COOROW BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



WOMEN'S BBALL

Week 3 results:

Olympians 46 def Wildcards 30

Top scorers: Olympians – Whitney Bell 20; Wildcards – Brianna Benton 12, Chyanne Jacobs 10

Lakers 68 def Madpies 19

Top Scorers: Lakers – Bertha McIntosh 19, Jodie Criddle 19; Madpies - Judd Woodman 17

Next games: 17 NOV

6PM MADPIED VS OLYMPIANS

7PM WILDCARDS VS QUEENS (OUTSIDE COURT)

TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS	FOR	AGAINST	%
LAKERS	3	3	0	0	6	193	71	272
OLYMPIANS	2	2	0	0	4	74	43	172
MADPIES	2	1	0	1	2	87	92	95
WILDCARDS	3	0	0	3	0	106	155	68
QUEENS	2	0	0	2	0	33	72	46

MEN'S BBALL

WEEK 3 RESULTS:

OC'S 42 def Morawa 39

Top Scorers: OC's – B Chisholm 13, Kody Kenworthy 9; Morawa – Kasey Green 19, Alan Egan 9

Pistons 68 def TS BB 36

Top Scorers: Pistons – Rheydon Solomon 15, Connor McIntosh 13, Rylie Poultney 12; TS BB – Murray Collard 20

Next games: 17 NOV

7PM TS BB vs OC's (INSIDE COURT)

8PM MORAWA VS VIKINGS

TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS	FOR	AGAINST	%
OC'S	2	2	0	0	4	102	66	155
PISTONS	3	1	1	1	3	151	123	123
MORAWA	3	1	1	1	3	130	110	118
VIKINGS	2	1	0	1	2	76	87	87
TS BB	2	0	0	2	0	66	119	55

\$50 SUBS PER PLAYER DUE BY THIRD ROUND

**PLEASE EITHER DIRECT DEBT TO BSB 036 101 ACCT 230395 – REF SURNAME AND TEAM
OR CASH ON THE NIGHT**

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RedMac Ag Parts Interpreter – Full time

Agricultural Parts Interpreter required for a career with broad acre agricultural equipment

Role

The role is sourcing and procuring parts for repairs, component change out, overhaul and rebuild of high horsepower farm machinery. Duties will also include controlling stock levels and tracking parts movements.

Job Skills

Skills for the role: -

- Mechanically minded with machinery experience
- Worked in agriculture with a farming background
- Career orientated with ability to work independently
- Focus on customer service when dealing with farmers
- Communication skills when discussing farm machinery
- Computer-based parts systems experience

We will provide training for applicants to compliment skills.

The position is based in Three Springs which is well serviced with schools, shopping, and sporting facilities.

Remuneration

A competitive remuneration package will be negotiated and will depend on experience.

For Initial enquiries please contact Brett Young on 0427 026 063. Applications for the role can be emailed to byoung@redmac.com.au



