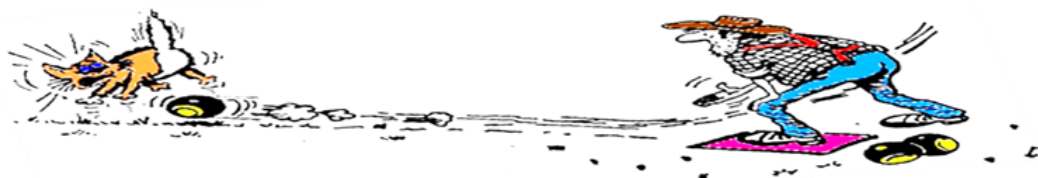


# CARNAMAH MAT AND ENEABBA NEWS



**20 December 2023**

CARNAMAH BUSINESS HOUSE

COMMUNITY

*Christmas*

TREE



Even the Grinch could not dampen spirits at Saturday's Christmas Tree. Huge thank you to all our volunteers that helped make the event special!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



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# SHIRE SNAPSHOT



## OUTCOMES OF THE 13 DECEMBER 2023 AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AND ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

### Audit and Risk Management Meeting

Council held an Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting where is considered several matters including the acceptance of the Annual Report 2022/2023 and Audit Findings. One of the principal objectives of the Committee is to accept responsibility for the annual external audit and to liaise with the Auditor so that Council can be satisfied with the performance of the local government in managing its financial affairs.

The Audit was completed within the legislative period for the first time in many years and the Auditor's recommendation to the Auditor General was that a qualified audit opinion (with moderate risk observed) be issued on the financial statements. The Auditor General accepted the Auditor's recommendations.

Committee also addressed the Annual Report which is the main item of business discussed at the Annual General Meeting of Electors. The Annual General Meeting of Electors is to be held on 7 February 2023. Please note that 2022/2023 Annual Report will be published shortly.

### Ordinary Meeting of Council

At the Ordinary Meeting, Elected Members considered several matters including:

- Council reviewed the allocation of projects for the Federal Government's *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 (LRCIP 4)* grant in order to meet their revised criteria. The Projects sought by Council are as follows:

	\$ Community Component	\$ Road Component
<i>Heritage Park - Artificial turf</i>	38,000	
<i>Carnamah Youth Space (Skate/cricket pitch 'seed funds')</i>	22,081	
<i>Heritage Park - Plants</i>	3,500	
<i>Carnamah Youth Space (halfcourt basketball)</i>	33,000	
<i>Carnamah Netball Courts - Repair courts &amp; backboards</i>	103,838	
<i>Hockey Lighting</i>	25,000	
<i>Bowling Lighting</i>	25,000	
<i>Eneabba Drive truck parking area - Asphalt of seal</i>		167,520
<i>Winchester Cemetery</i>	40,000	
	<b>290,419</b>	<b>167,520</b>

By having *LRCIP 4* fund an existing budgeted program, Council was able to stand by an earlier commitment to contribute \$30,000 towards the Big Tractor project.

- Council agreed to support an application to Main Roads WA to add Winchester East Road to *Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads with Regional Importance ('ROADS 2040')*. If successful, the funding contribution for the upgrade of Winchester East Road would be 2/3<sup>rd</sup> WA State Government and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Shire.
- For Australia Day Events in 2024 and beyond, Council resolved to:
  - waive the facility hire fee for the Carnamah Town Hall annually by way of 'sponsorship' for each year;
  - authorise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in consultation with the Shire President to consider on a case by case basis, requests for donations for community/Shire organised events to undertake Australia Day events up to \$300.00 in Eneabba and Carnamah; and
  - request the CEO to donate free entry on 26 January each year to both the Eneabba and Carnamah swimming pools.
- Council adopted the *Dates, Locations and Times of Ordinary Meetings* for 2024 (these are published elsewhere in this week's *Carnamah Mat and Eneabba News*).
- A report was prepared addressing a request from the National Roads And Motorists' Association (NRMA) to support to establish a pair of ultrafast 180kw car chargers in Eneabba. The request had been advertised by the Shire and 10 submissions were received from local residents. Council considered the submissions and resolved to support NRMA's request in principle with the preferred locations for the car chargers either site 'A or new site 'C'. The matter will be referred back for Council in the future to consider an Access Licence Agreement that addresses (but not limited to) matters raised by the Shire's insurer (LGIS) as well as addressing s.3.58 *Local Government Act 1995* relevant to the 'disposal' of land due to the issue of a Licence over land.
- A Confidential item was presented to Council addressing the Citizen of the Year Awards for 2024. Council assessed the nominations received against the criteria contained within the Assessment Matrix and authorised the Shire President and CEO to determine a winner of the awards based on Council's assessment.
- Cr Woollorton moved a Notice of Motion (NoM) addressing Western Powers directions to land owners concerning private power poles. Council supported the NoM that the CEO provide a report to the earliest available to Council addressing the following:
  - Has the Shire received similar correspondence from WP (as per the attached) for land it owns?
  - If so, how many Shire properties are potentially affected by the WP direction?
  - Does the Shire have any concerns in relation to the WP direction?
  - What are the perceived risk and management implications for the Shire (as a landowner) in relation to the WP direction?
  - What are the implications for the Shire where 'private' poles are located on road and other reserves (i.e., who is responsible)?
  - Could this be a matter that is referred by Council to the Northern Country Zone of WALGA?

## ***Shire President's Christmas message***

*As always, I am humbled by the passion and generosity of our community. We are a resilient and strong community, and I want to thank everyone for their contribution to the Shire of Carnamah.*

*For Council, it has been a particularly busy year. Whilst we lost our Carnamah Westpac Bank in February 2023, we were able to forge with other rural and regional communities across Australia to highlight the lack of care and understanding of banks when they close branches. This culminated in the Senate Committee holding a hearing in Carnamah chaired by Senator Canavan.*

*Council is excited about what lies ahead. The Shire and the North Midlands enormous potential is being realised by other levels of government and the private sector and Council will continue to everything it can to ensure that our community benefits from this potential.*

*After local government elections in October 2023, we said goodbye to Cr Wayne Counsel and Cr Ian Bowman who retired after many years of service to the community. It is appropriate to acknowledge Councillor Bowman's commitment to the community as he served as a councillor for over 14 years. Cr Risinger and I were returned with Emma Ogilvie and Barb Smallwood elected as Councillors. We all are working together with Shire Staff to embrace new opportunities and we continue collaborating with our community to make the Shire even better.*

*The Shire of Carnamah as do most rural and regional local governments rely heavily on our volunteers. On behalf of Council I want to acknowledge our dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of our community, and we are incredibly grateful for their commitment and personal contribution.*

*This Christmas, I encourage you to enjoy your time with family, friends and the wider community. Show kindness and where able, reach out and give to the less fortunate. On behalf of your Council and the Shire Staff at Shire of Carnamah, I wish everyone a safe and joyful festive season and many happy returns for the New Year.*

*Cr Merle Isbister  
Shire President*



## ***Dates, Locations and Times of Shire of Carnamah Ordinary Meetings for 2024***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>21 February</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>20 March</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Eneabba Tennis Club</b>
<b>17 April</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>15 May</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>19 June</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>17 July</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>21 August</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>18 September</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>16 October</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>20 November</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>
<b>18 December</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Carnamah Council Chambers</b>

Please note that it is Council's intention that from May 2023, Ordinary Meetings will be audio live streamed and recorded to expand the opportunity for the community to observe the operations of Council. More information will be made available in 2024.



**Next Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on Wednesday, 21 February 2024 commencing at 4:00pm in the Carnamah Council Chambers, Macpherson Street, Carnamah**



Shire of Carnamah

# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

COMPETITION  
2023

CARNAMAH

ENEABBA

## BEST HOUSE DISPLAY WINNERS:

CARNAMAH

1ST PLACE: RHYS AND HANNAH CRAGGS  
2ND PLACE: KIM AND PHIL CASBOLT  
3RD PLACE: WARREN AND KAREN ISBISTER

CONGRATULATIONS!



SHIRE OF CARNAMAH

Unlocking the past, securing our future

Shire of Carnamah

# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

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2023

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## BEST HOUSE DISPLAY WINNERS

ENEABBA

1ST PLACE: LEONIE SNELL  
2ND PLACE: ROBERT MACHIN AND  
MARY WILLIAMS

CONGRATULATIONS!



Shire of Carnamah

# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

COMPETITION  
2023

CARNAMAH

ENEABBA

## BEST BUSINESS DISPLAY WINNERS

CARNAMAH

1ST PLACE: AFGRI CARNAMAH  
2ND PLACE: ONE L OF A GOOD FEED  
3RD PLACE: NUTRIEN CARNAMAH

CONGRATULATIONS!



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ILUKA  
WESTPAC  
AFGRI CARNAMAH  
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# CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

**Closed**

12pm Noon on Friday  
December 22nd 2023

**Reopening**

Tuesday 2nd of January  
2024

**ARE YOU  
BUSHEIRE  
READY?**





## REPORTING A FIRE IN THE SHIRE OF CARNAMAH

To report any fire, call Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) on 000.

All fires reported to DFES will show up on the following website:  
<https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au>

The key fire control contacts for the Shire of Carnamah are:

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO): **Luke Risinger (0403 260 145)**
- Deputy Chief: **Brendon Haeusler (0429 680 607)**
- Deputy Chief Bush: **Wayne Barry (0428 465 461)**
- Carnamah Town Captain: **John Morgan (0427 341 067)**
- Eneabba Town Captain: **Carl Jones (0401 942 263)**

Once a fire is reported via 000, the Shire's CBFCO will be contacted by DFES. The CBFCO will then organise the response from the brigades and will contact DFES or the Shire if assistance is needed.

For any further advice, please call the **DFES Geraldton** on call duty coordinator on **1800 317 555** (any time of the day).

### HARVEST BANS AND OFF-ROAD ACTIVITY BANS (Harvest Ban)

Harvest and vehicle movement bans restricts the operation of machinery, vehicles and plant equipment likely to cause a fire when operated over or near flammable material, dry grass, stubble or bush. These bans are imposed when the expected weather predictions indicate that if a fire were to start, it would be dangerous, destructive and difficult to stop. Bans are only declared when the readings of the following conditions are above a certain level:

- wind;
- wind gusts;
- humidity;
- temperature; and
- fuel load/curing.

### TOTAL FIRE BANS

Total Fire Bans are called, reviewed, and subsequently removed by the DEFS Commissioner (not the Shire). On a Total Fire Ban day, it is illegal to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire. For more information check:

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban>

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY December 21**

**FRIDAY December 22**

**SATURDAY December 23**

9am

Lions Club Stall at Foodworks

**SUNDAY December 24**

**MONDAY December 25**

*Christmas Day*

10am –12.30pm

Christmas Day at The Exchange

**TUESDAY December 26**

**Boxing Day**

**WEDNESDAY December 27**

**Coming Soon**

2 February

Blue Light Bowls Tournament

# OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

## **Carnamah Netball Club**

President – Donna Opalinski  
0447 511 277  
Coach - Amy Stephens 0400 660831  
*Facebook : Carnamah Netball Club*

## **Patchwork and Craft Group**

Old Police Station  
Contact: Maxine Philbey  
Wednesday 10am

## **Indoor Bowls**

Carnamah Recreation Centre  
Contact: Joseph Gray 0427 933 434

## **Carnamah Women's Hockey Club**

Contact: Barb Smallwood 0459 222 235  
*Facebook: Carnamah Women's Hockey Club*

## **North Midlands Project**

The Exchange  
Contact: Andrew Bowman Bright  
hello@northmidlands.org.au  
<https://www.northmidlands.org.au/>

## **Carnamah Men's Shed**

Forrester Avenue  
Contact: Lindsay Isbister  
0428 306 969

## **Scribes of North Midlands**

The Exchange  
Contact: Marcelle Billingham  
0409 345 434 Every 2nd Thursday

## **Carnamah/ Coorow Basketball Association**

*Contact: Barb Smallwood*

## **Seniors Activities**

Old Police Station  
Contact: Maxine Philbey  
Monday 1pm

## **Friends of North Midlands**

### **Health Service**

Contact: Brenda Bowman  
0427 511 339

## **Carnamah/ Perenjori Football Club**

Contact: Bruce Chisholm 0428 591 318  
*Facebook: Carnamah Perenjori Football Club*

## **St John Ambulance**

Contact: Merle Isbister  
Looking for Volunteers

## **Carnamah Tourist Information Centre**

Contact: Sue Sivyer 0427 099 913  
Looking for Volunteers

## **Carnamah Golf Club**

Carnamah Golf Course  
Contact: Warren Isbister 0447511600

## **North Midlands Project Technology Hub**

The Exchange  
Contact: Richelle Essers  
<https://www.northmidlands.org.au/>

## **Astrotourism**

Macpherson Homestead  
Contact: Shire of Carnamah  
99517000

## **Carnamah Lions Club & Op Shop**

Contact: Dot Camerer 0407 955 440  
New Members Welcome

## **Create in Company**

The Exchange  
Contact:  
Meets Wednesday 10.30 am.

## **Carnamah Historical Society**

The Museum  
Contact: George Fowler  
043 996 6040  
99511 690

## **North Midlands Agricultural Society**

Contact  
Angela Dring 0400 927 800

## **Carnamah Swimming Club**

Contact : Richelle Essers 0428 921 464

## **Carnamah Tennis Club**

Contact : Karen Isbister 0428 511 600

North Midlands  
Project

Act Belong Commit



# Free Community Christmas Lunch

10AM - 12.30PM  
MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER  
THE EXCHANGE, CARNAMAH

FREE, NO RSVP

*Oh, What Fun!*

Come and join us for some Christmas cheer, Monday 25th December 10am - 12.30pm at The Exchange, Carnamah.

Jingle and mingle with Christmas Lunch, *please feel free to bring along something to share.*



The  
Exchange



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Carnamah – Coorow  
Blue Light WA™  
Unit presents



# BLUE LIGHT WA™ BOWLS TOURNAMENT!



Put on your fancy dress outfit and come down to the green to show your support for your local Blue Light WA™ Unit.

Never played Lawn Bowls before? Not a problem – beginners welcome! Bowls can be supplied.

All money raised will go towards providing Blue Light WA™ activities for the community's young people.

- » Prize money for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as last place!
- » Food provided
- » Licensed bar with drinks at club prices
- » Please wear flat soled shoes

**WHEN** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Arrive by 6.30 pm  
Start 7.00pm

**WHERE** Carnamah Bowling Club  
7 Niven Cres, Carnamah 6517

**COST** \$20 per player  
Make up a team of four or  
we'll make up a team for you!



## Carnamah Lions Christmas Stall

Outside Foodworks Saturday 23rd of December 2023

9am –11am

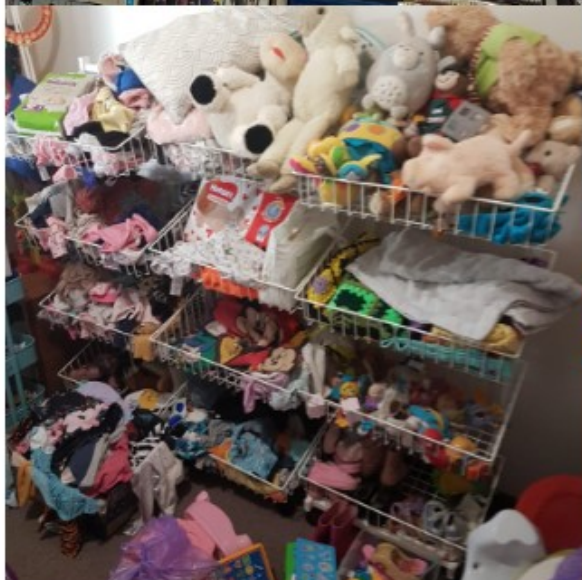
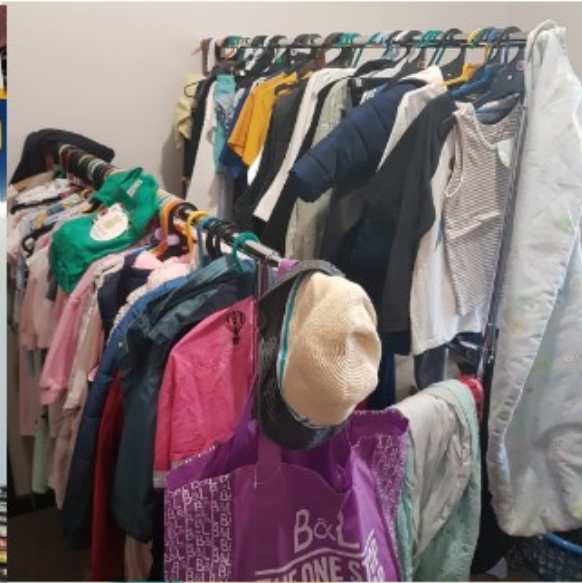
Christmas Cakes on Sale



**The Lions Club of Carnamah Inc.  
Invites you to visit our OP SHOP  
Open Mon-Fri 9am-12 noon.  
42 Macpherson Street, Carnamah**

**CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY HERE!**

Come and browse and discover a great selection of quality but affordable pre-loved items waiting for a new owner. The items in the photos of the Children's room would make lovely potential gifts for Christmas.





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



## Consumer Watch Column

**Consumer Protection** 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton WA 6530  
Tel: (08) 9920 9800  
Email: [candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au)

14 December 2023

### Christmas safety check – beware button batteries

It's that time of the year when many kids are counting down to Christmas! It's also the time our Consumer Protection safety inspectors are out and about making sure toys are safe for Santa's sack.

Button batteries, which power many kids' novelty toys, remain a deadly risk to small children if they swallow these tiny circular batteries. Our safety inspectors have already visited 58 stores and inspected almost 300 products, taking 53 non-compliant items off the shelf that were missing mandatory battery warning labels or failed to have secure battery compartments.

We advise parents and families to avoid buying children's toys containing button batteries, which are commonly used in toys that make fun sounds and light up. Some items already seized include Christmas-themed flashing headbands, fairy wands, key fobs, musical Christmas cards, and children's watches and torches.

Safety laws require button batteries to be securely contained and pass compliance testing. Despite these new laws, every week around 20 kids are taken to hospital emergency departments after swallowing a button battery that has become dislodged when the toy or item has been dropped or broken.

If you suspect your child has swallowed a button battery, take your child to your nearest emergency department or if your child is in breathing distress, call 000.

Other potentially risky Christmas gifts are eRideables, or motorised scooters, with increasing accidents being reported involving these devices. Many eRideables are designed for people over 16 years due to the speed limit exceeding 10km/h - the maximum allowable speed for children. Those under 16 are only allowed to use them on private property and in non-public areas. Helmets should always be worn and only one person should ride the device – no passengers are allowed.

And with the summer holidays come lazy days around the pool. Remember, even small portable pools can pose significant drowning risks to children if they hold more than 30 centimetres of water and lack pool fencing. When it comes to kids' water safety, constant adult supervision is the key.

There's helpful information and advice about Christmas and summer-related products on the [Product Safety Australia](http://www.productsafety.gov.au) website at [www.productsafety.gov.au](http://www.productsafety.gov.au)



As we approach 2024, I wanted to take this opportunity to look back on our community activities through the year. While Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU) and our joint venture partner Beach Energy have been working toward the safe delivery of the Waitsia Gas Project Stage 2 near Dongara, we have also been working to support, engage with, and provide benefit to our local community.

I am very pleased to share that in 2023, together with Beach Energy, the Waitsia Joint Venture provided \$198,422 in sponsorships, partnerships and grants for our Mid West community.

*MEPAU Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Ken Yamamura*

### 2023 SPONSORSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS



#### **\$117,000 Emergency Communications Upgrade for Mid West St John Ambulances**

We provided **St John Ambulance WA** with funding to upgrade their emergency communications systems in all 18 Mid West St John Ambulances, which service the ~54,000 people residing in the region. The roll out has been done in stages throughout 2023, with the final fit-outs to be complete by the end of January 2024.

#### **Providing a \$15,000 technology upgrade to Geraldton Universities Centre**



We have funded IT upgrades at the **Geraldton Universities Centre's** education and nursing classrooms, which will greatly enhance the quality of presentation both within the classroom and when students who live further afield need to webcam into tutorials.

These classrooms are used for up to 15 tutorials a week, with approximately 120 students attending.



#### **Sponsoring Energy Club WA's Next Generation Program with Mid West extension**

**ECWA's Next Generation Program** helps to introduce the 'next generation' to the energy industry in a fun, interactive and educational environment.

We are an annual sponsor of the program (\$10,000), and in 2023 MEPAU collaborated with ECWA to introduce a Mid West extension to program, which will see increased engagement with high schools in the region and the introduction of a Mid West student expo in 2024 in addition to the Perth student expo.

In 2022, 1,300 students from 23 schools participated in the Next Generation program, including nine regional schools, and it is anticipated the 2023 numbers will exceed this.

#### **STEM Scholarships for Central Regional TAFE Indigenous students**

Our annual sponsorship of **Central Regional TAFE** scholarships provides \$1,000 for up to six Indigenous students enrolled in full-time courses under the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) umbrella.

Six scholarships were awarded to Aboriginal students undertaking studies at Central Regional TAFE in 2023.



### Supporting Coorow to 'Have a Go' in their new Aquatic Centre

We were delighted to be part of the **Shire of Coorow's** Aquatic Centre grand opening event and provide \$3,000 sponsorship for the Have A Go Day catering, which gave locals the opportunity to try a number of water activities, such as synchronised swimming and water polo.



### Silver Sponsor of the Irwin District Charity Ball

The **Irwin District Charity Ball (IDCB)** is a fundraising event for Ronald McDonald House Charities WA and Cancer Council of WA's Crawford Lodge, and we were pleased to get behind the event with a Silver Sponsorship (\$1,500). In the last financial year, the IDCB-funded room supported 40 families for 295 nights.

### Part of the Magic on Moreton for a third year

**The Shire of Irwin's** Magic on Moreton event returned for a third year and we were glad to again be involved and provide support with \$4,200 for the family activities.

### Dongara Police Legacy and Community Golf Day

We contributed \$1,200 to the **Dongara Police Legacy & Community** Golf Day, an annual event by staff at the Dongara Police Station to raise funds for the Western Australian Police Legacy, local community charities, groups and organisations.

## 2023 MID WEST COMMUNITY GRANTS



Morawa Golf & Bowling Club

During 2023 we awarded **\$40,522** in Mid West Community Grants, including:

\$4,000 for **Irwin District Sub Centre St John Ambulance's** two-part event, with a youth First Aid and cultural awareness workshop and a St John Ambulance volunteer 'thank you' event.

\$3,000 contribution to the **Coorow Community Christmas Tree** event.

\$2,750 for **Green Head Coast Care** to install a set of steps for safer access from Three Bays Walkway to Anchorage Bay beach.

\$4,000 for **Eneabba Community Playgroup** to purchase fence materials for their playground.

\$4,000 contribution to Dongara's **Breeze's Netball Club** sustainable uniforms initiative.

\$4,000 for **Desert Blue Connect** to deliver two community mental wellbeing sessions in Shire of Morawa.

\$4,000 contribution to **Green Head Sporting Club** to replace the tennis court fence and gate, and later \$2,772 (round two of 2023) to concrete their tennis shelter floor.

\$4,000 contribution to the **Horrocks Town Team** to support the construction of the Lookout Bridge at Horrocks.

\$4,000 for **Foodbank WA** to deliver a four-part nutrition program in Geraldton.

\$4,000 contribution to the **Morawa Golf and Bowling Club's** replacement of function chairs.

### Providing feedback

We welcome any comments or interest you may wish to share – please contact MEPAU via [contact@mepau.com.au](mailto:contact@mepau.com.au)

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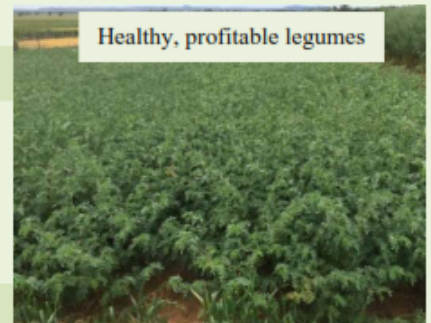
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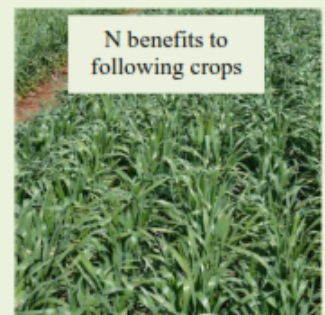
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# Eye to Eye Photographic Competition

**Entries open from 6 December to 16 January**

Competition entries via: [eyetoeye.lei.org.au](http://eyetoeye.lei.org.au) | More than \$10,000 in prizes to win  
Open to residents of Western Australia | #eyetoeye



## Four categories plus a People's Choice Award

### Human eye, window to the world

Photos of  
human eyes in  
Western Australia

### Eagle eye

Photos of  
animal eyes  
in Western  
Australia

### Seeing with the mind's eye

Unique perspectives  
on the world, including  
drawing attention to the  
plight of people living with  
vision impairment

### Seeing through a child's eye (under 18 only)

Children's category with  
photos submitted being  
aligned with any of the  
adult category themes

### People's Choice

As voted  
on by the  
public



Australian Government

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

# Preparing for a telecommunications outage in a natural disaster

## Mobile, landline and internet services keep Australians connected. But they may not be available in a natural disaster.

If a disaster impacts a communications network, emergency personnel, telecommunications carriers and energy providers will work together to get these services back up as quickly as they can. But this takes time, and they might have to wait until conditions are safe.

That's why it's important that you have backup options.

### How do I prepare for an outage during a natural disaster?

There are some easy things you can do to prepare for unexpected outages in an emergency or natural disaster:

- Don't rely on any single form of communication to see you through, as it could become unavailable.
- Include a portable battery powered radio with a spare set of batteries in your emergency kit so you can stay connected and up to date with emergency information.
- Keep your mobile charged and have a backup power source, like a battery pack.
- Pack some cash in your emergency kit, as EFTPOS or ATMs may not be working.
- Consider getting a satellite phone, UHF radio or personal location beacon as an alternative form of communications.
- Prepare and communicate your emergency plans to loved ones before you have to act on them.
- Write down contact numbers and email addresses for family and friends so you have them even if you can't recharge your phone.
- Follow advice from emergency personnel on the ground and Emergency Alert phone messages if received.
- While you can, monitor radio and television stations, emergency services websites, and social media for up-to-date warnings and information.
- If you're concerned for your safety, don't wait to be told to evacuate – prepare and leave early if it is safe to do so.

Learn more at  
[www.infrastructure.gov.au/STAND](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/STAND)



**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!***

# YOUR ENVIRONMENT: YOUR SAY

**Are you under 18 years old and live in WA?**

**Share your views on the environment with the Commissioner in an anonymous online survey which takes just 5-10 minutes.**

**Make sure your voice is heard before the survey closes Sunday, 4 February 2024.**



Commissioner for Children and Young People  
Western Australia





## CARNAMAH HERITAGE PARK

### YOUR FAMILY FOOTPRINT IN CARNAMAH

The Friends of the Carnamah Heritage Park are seeking past residents, families or friends of past residents who wish to purchase a plaque at a cost of \$200 (incl GST) for placement at the newly constructed Heritage Park as a record of those people past and present who have contributed on some way to the social and economic life in Carnamah.

Please pass this call out to anyone you know who might be interested.

Park Plaque. For more information please contact:-

Sandie Wallace

Mob: 0475366420

Email: [wallaces58@bigpond.com](mailto:wallaces58@bigpond.com)

Applications can be made by visiting the Shire of Carnamah Website.

Community > Carnamah Heritage Park



THREE SPRINGS - ARRINO, CARNAMAH, COOROW



#### R.S.L. SUB BRANCH

PRESIDENT: Bruce Clampett PHONE: 0427 420 929  
SECRETARY: Con Kikeros PHONE: 0487 822 105

The Three Springs, Arrino, Carnamah, Coorow RSL Sub Branch would welcome new Members to be part of our Sub Branch. If you have been a veteran, or a direct Descendant of a veteran, you are eligible to be a member. If you have worn a service Uniform, you are eligible to be a member of RSL Western Australia. Nurses, Police, doctors Teachers, are also eligible members.

Please contact Bomber or Con, they would Welcome your input.



## FREE Counselling & Mental Health Support

Desert Blue Connect offer free counselling and mental health support services to men and women living in rural and remote areas of the Midwest.

**Make an appointment today!**

Phone: 0419348006

Email: [info@desertblueconnect.org.au](mailto:info@desertblueconnect.org.au)

North Midlands Sub Centre : Coorow, Carnamah, Three Springs & Eneabba

### VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE OFFICERS URGENTLY REQUIRED



**VOLUNTEER TODAY – to ensure your Community will retain its Operational Ambulance Service**

**The Benefits you personally receive are :-**

- **FREE** Ambulance Officer Training
- **FREE** Uniform
- **Free** Provide First Aid course.
- **FREE** ambulance cover.
- Honorariums
- 24/7 Clinical Support
- Assist with delivering an essential service to your community
- Learn life skills that will benefit you in both your volunteering role and your day to day life

**INTERESTED???** **TO APPLY GO TO: [stjohnchangelives.com.au](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au)**  
**OR**

for more information contact: Cathy Macartney Mid-west South Community Paramedic Mob: 0418 475 124, Email: [Catherine.macartney@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:Catherine.macartney@stjohnwa.com.au)

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**North Midlands Sub Centre**

### First Aid Kits

If you are looking for a **First Aid Kit** you can contact **St John Ambulance North Midlands Sub Centre**.

We are stocked with a variety of first aid products designed to assist you in a first aid emergency. Whether you're looking for products suitable for your home, workplace or local sporting club, we can help you in finding the right product to meet your needs.

**By purchasing First Aid Kits direct from your Sub Centre you will be supporting your local ambulance service.**

For **Kit Servicing**, please contact St John Ambulance Geraldton Sub Centre.

**We're here to help**

If you have questions or need some assistance, contact our office at [ThreeSprings.Subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:ThreeSprings.Subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au) or on 0899541745, between 8.30 and 12.30pm on Tues-Wed-Thurs.  
For Further Information, please contact Merle 0428 511 030  
[merle.isbister@bigpond.com](mailto:merle.isbister@bigpond.com)





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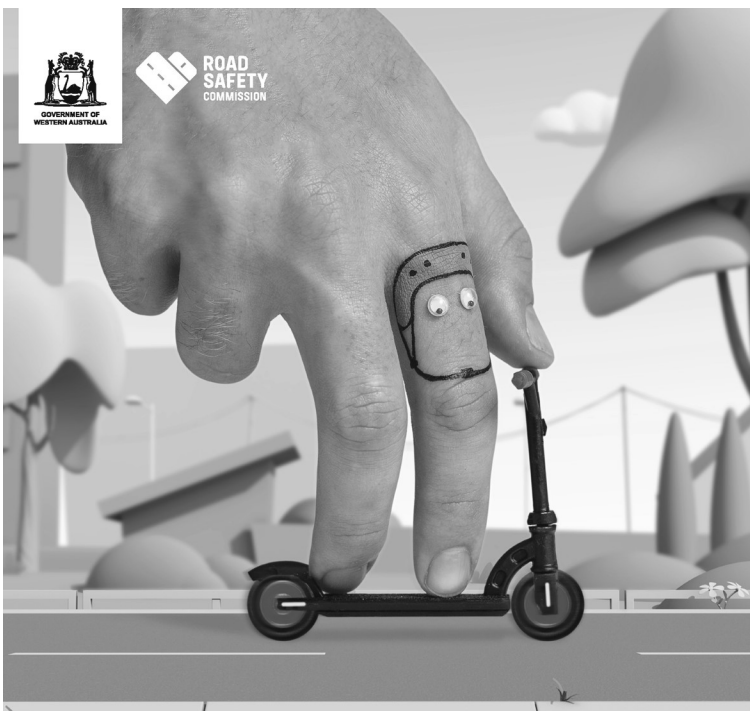
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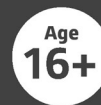
In the towns of Three Springs, Carnamah, Coorow you can tune in to 88.0 FM Vision Christian Radio or listen through their website.



Let's roll together, safely.



One person  
per device



Max speed on  
footpaths



Max speed on bike  
paths, shared paths  
and local roads



No travel on  
roads >50km/h

Scan for more advice to make every eRide safe



# INDOOR BOWLING

EVERY TUESDAY 9AM – 11AM

CARNAMAH RECREATION CENTRE

Everyone Welcome

Tea & Coffee  
Available

Contact : Joseph Gray

Phone: 0427933434



*Enjoy Friendly  
Company and Fun  
Times*

## Carnamah Men's Shed

P.O.Box 28 Carnamah WA6517

### JOIN OUR GROUP

The members of Carnamah Men's Shed wish to advise that we are inviting expressions of interest from Women and young people keen to participate in the activities of our Shed.

We particularly want to encourage people of younger generations to come along and tap into the acquired wisdom on offer from the Seniors of the Carnamah Men's Shed, not only to learn the skills of metal and woodworking but also to gain guidance in developing life skills that may have been missing whilst growing up.

We meet mainly on Tuesday afternoons around 2pm and offer the opportunity to socialize with other like-minded individuals who share an interest in wood or metal working. Projects may be personal or for the benefit of the community but rest assured you will acquire new skills and knowledge as well as friends if you come along and get involved.

We have a great selection of machines and tools to facilitate achieving your goals as well as a variety of raw materials with which to construct your project.

Come along and introduce yourself!

We meet in the big gray shed opposite O'Driscoll's Engineering in Forrester Avenue, Carnamah.

For more information please contact the following:

President: Lindsay Isbister 0428306969

Secretary: Nigel Robins 0473239275



# From the Shire Archive

Well the final article from the Shire Archives for the year and the work still continues with lots of filing continuing. There always seems to be something to do within records and this week it has been taking some of the files from upstairs and putting them into the archive boxes. It can be a slow process as the files are removed from one system and added to another but the process works well and will make things easy to find into the future.

Last week we looked at Sewerage and Drainage and how we manage those records. This week we look at Traffic and Transport which can get confused sometimes with Roads. Road files seem to be more with the maintenance of the surface of roads and Traffic and Transport has to deal with what is using the road and how it is used. Records in this area include RAV ratings, signs, traffic management plans, airports, train lines, traffic counts etc. Traffic management does not deal so much with infrastructure therefore the disposal of the records are not as long. Saying that there are still some areas which need to be kept for a reasonable time. Traffic and Transport records are important as they give information as to how traffic in the Shire is maintained.

Do you remember???

**1993**—Free land given away for residential and business purposes

**2000**—Carols in the Complex event held

**2003**—Artist Robert C Hitchcock and the Shire of Carnamah sign an agreement for 3 statues within the Shire including the Grain Man. ( You can find the artist on Wikipedia)

**2009**—Public Forums on the amalgamation of the Shire with other surrounding shires

Happy  
Pets Are  
Registered  
Pets



# Covid Update

We are seeing some cases of Covid re-emerge in the community. Unfortunately free Covid Tests are no longer available at the Shire as we have depleted stock. Please be aware that old Covid Tests have been known to dry up and therefore may not be an effective way of testing.

Masks may be required in a few different setting especially at medical facilities so please consider wearing them. The Shire of Carnamah does have some hand sanitiser still available if you require. This is free to the community.

Even though there are no restrictions on moving in the community please consider staying home if you have symptoms, you can call ahead and businesses may be able to assist with any inquiries. In an emergency call 000.



Are you aged 75 years or older? If it has been 6 months since your last COVID-19 vaccination or infection, it is recommended that you receive an additional COVID-19 vaccine dose now.

People aged 65-74 years and people aged 18-64 with severe immunocompromise should also consider receiving an additional dose, following discussions with their health care provider.

If you are unsure of whether you have had a COVID-19 infection in the last 6 months, it is safe to get another dose.

If you know an older person living in Australia who may benefit from this information, please share it with them.

Book an appointment at [healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services](https://healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services) or call 1800 022 222 for COVID-19 advice.

## Do you need an additional COVID-19 booster?



If you are aged:

75+

Recommended

65+

Consider

18-64

Not Recommended

5-17

Not Recommended

Younger people, aged 18 to 74 should also consider an additional 2023 booster if they're at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness.

Book an appointment at [healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services](https://healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services)

Vaccines can be booked 6 months after your last COVID-19 vaccine dose.

COVID-19  
VACCINATION

Child safety is everyone's responsibility

# Safe online and offline



Physical and online environments provide both **opportunities and risks** to children's safety and wellbeing. Online environments can be particularly unsafe for children and young people. A child safe organisation is one that:

- **uses tools to protect children online**, including internet filters and Bring Your Own Device policies
- takes **action to prevent online abuse** and exposure to inappropriate material
- responds to concerns **quickly and appropriately**.

Organisations need to find a balance between managing risk and a child's right to privacy and healthy development. Setting and communicating expectations with children and young people **early and openly** can reduce the likelihood of harm.

Contact your local government for more information on resources to create safe environments.

If you think a child is  
at **immediate risk of**  
**harm** dial

**000**

For non-urgent  
inquiries dial

**131 444**

# Song Trivia (Guess Song and Artist)

Last Week Answers 1. Two Little Boys by Rolf Harris, 2. Something Stupid—Nicole Kidman and Robbie Williams, 3. I Will Always Love You—Whitney Houston, 4. I Love You—Cliff Richard and The Shadows, 5. Mistletoe and Wine—Cliff Richard, 6. Savior's Day—Cliff Richard, 7. 2 Become 1—Spice Girls, 8. Too Much—Spice Girls, 9. Goodbye—Spice Girls, 10. Bohemian Rhapsody—Queen, 11. Do they know it's Christmas? - Band Aid.

In the UK chart success at Christmas Time is a big achievement. There have been some obscure songs to hit No 1 in the UK over Christmas. See if you can identify these, some of them were not big hits in Australia. A song with Tim Rice, Elton John and Graham Nash singing backing vocals based on Lydia E Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was No. 1 in 1968 (1) An innuendo laden novelty song about a fictional character Ernie Price was a hit for this English comedian in 1971. Also No. 1 in Australia (2) Some songs re-charted just at this time of the year in 1986 a song recorded in 1957 hit no1 about the sweetest girl you would ever want to meet with a video clip in clay animation. The singer had died 3 years earlier. (3) 2009 was an interesting year as a song from 1992 about the Rodney King riots re-entered the charts after a Facebook campaign to prevent the X-Factor singer taking out the coveted position.(4) Two Cartoon novelty songs made it to No 1. first in 1993 was about a character from the TV show Noel's House Party a pink character in yellow spots (5) The second one involved another TV series around the main character who shared the screen with Percy Pickles, Mrs Potts, Scoop and Pilchard the cat in 2000. (6) 1955 saw the first song about Christmas hit No 1 in the UK at Christmas time. The melody is taken from the song Skidamarink from the musical The Echo (7)

## A Tribute to Colin Burgess

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FAME  
BURGESS  
HONEYBUNCH

ACDC  
ARIA  
COLIN  
SYDNEY  
ROCK



Two older gentlemen decided to relive their younger days with a game of golf. They got on the green and the first one hit a wonderful straight drive. He turned to his playing mate and said "My eyes aren't how they use to be did you see where it landed"  
"Sure did" said the other old man "but I can't remember"

Scientists are working on developing a mind controlled air freshener. It makes sense when you think about it.

A teacher asks a math's question in class. "You have \$4000, your best friend needs \$2000 and your partner needs \$1000. What do you have?"

Little Johnny put up his hand "\$4000 Miss and two unread phone messages.

I got mugged by 6 of the 7 dwarfs yesterday... not Happy

Never trust a train... they have loco motives

I recently went to a monastery and saw a monk frying potatoes in a pan. I asked him if that was his job, being a frier. He replied "No I'm the Chip Monk"

My dog ate a whole string of Christmas lights but luckily the vet removed them.  
"How is he going?" He is delighted

## **SCATTERGORIES**

Try to complete the lists. Complete game 1 then see if you can find a different answer for game 2.

### **Letter Y**

Game 1.

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Game 2.

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**Transportation**  
**School Subject**  
**Furniture**  
**Found in the Ocean**  
**Notorious People**  
**Internet Lingo**  
**Cooking Utensils**  
**Things in the Sky**  
**Diseases**  
**Vacation Spots**

### Carnamah Tennis Club Fixtures 2023

2023	Time	Tennis		Cleaning
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm	Opening Night	BBQ	Busy Bee
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm	Social Tennis		Isbister
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3pm	Social Tennis		Fowler
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm	Social Tennis		-
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November	3pm	Tennis West Group Coaching Session	BBQ	Hutton
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November	3pm	Social Tennis		Opalinski
<b>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6pm	<b>Mixed Doubles Championship</b>	BBQ	Haeusler
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November	3pm	Social Tennis		Brown
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	3pm	Handicap Doubles		Dring
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December	TBA	Zone Junior Tennis Tournament in Coorow		
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm	Social Tennis		Broun
<b>Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	3pm	<b>Singles Championship</b>	Christmas Dinner	Camac

2024	Time	Tennis		Cleaning
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January	4pm	Twilight Tennis		-
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January	4pm	Twilight Tennis		-
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	4pm	Twilight Tennis		-
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm	Fast Four Tennis		
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	3pm	Can and Bottle Day		
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm	Social Tennis		
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm	Kings and Queens of the Court		
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm	Social Tennis		
<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	3pm	<b>Doubles Championship</b>		
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	3pm	Social Tennis		
Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	3pm	Social Tennis		
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	3pm	Closing Day		



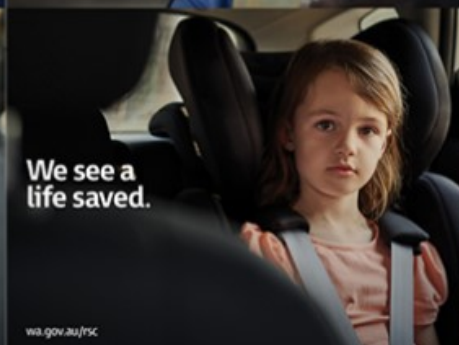
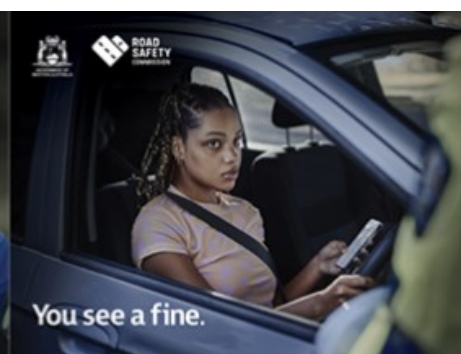
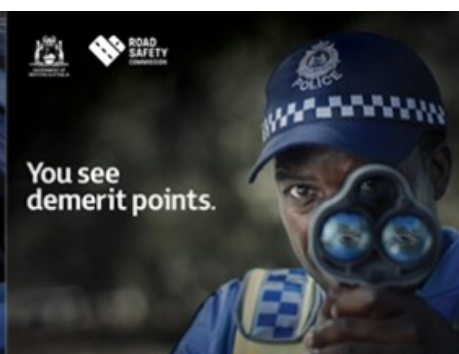
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***WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!***

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

