

Media Release

Shire signs up for Fines Enforcement Scheme

The Shire of Plantagenet has now joined the State Government Infringement Notices Enforcement Scheme.

In the future, should infringement notices issued by the Shire remain unpaid after the issue of a Final Demand Notice, they will be referred to the Fines Enforcement Registry. The effect of this is that a fine defaulter may not be able to renew their driver's licence or vehicle registration until the fine has been paid. Infringement notices are issued as a last resort and are in place to preserve safety and amenity for residents and ratepayers of the district.

The Fines Enforcement website states: *'There are serious consequences for not paying fines and infringements in WA, including driver's licence suspension, vehicle immobilisation, vehicle licence cancellation and seizure / sale of property. This is a much more efficient and effective way of ensuring that people who do the wrong thing actually pay their fines.'*

If fines are unpaid by the due date, a 'Final Demand Notice' will be issued. The alleged offender may then, within 28 days, choose to either pay the penalty with any additional fees incurred or elect to have the matter heard and determined in the Magistrates Court.
