

- VISIT -  
*Upper Gascoyne*  
**WANDER  
OUTBACK**



*Home of*  
**GASCOYNE JUNCTION | KENNEDY RANGE & MT AUGUSTUS  
NATIONAL PARKS | ANCIENT RIVER SYSTEMS  
AND EPIC OUTBACK ROAD TRIPS**



Shire of  
**UPPER GASCOYNE**



# Welcome TO THE SHIRE OF **UPPER GASCOYNE**

**WHERE THE STOCK ROUTES  
OF THE PAST OVERLAP**



Nature, humanity and time meet at the intersection that is Gascoyne Junction – it is where the ancient Lyons and Gascoyne Rivers join up, and where the stock routes of the past overlapped.

As well it is the place where the land still gives a clear view of life millions of years ago. The abundant fossil beds, and unmistakable evidence of vast oceans of the distant past paint a fascinating picture.

Stars shine brightly in the clear night sky, a delight for the astronomers amongst us. In spring wildflowers bloom and spread through the wide open spaces creating carpets of colour.

Four wheel drivers can experience off road adventures, and with almost 2,000km of unsealed road to explore, most are accessible for conventional two wheel drive vehicles so everyone can explore our backyard, we welcome you. Pack your hiking shoes and get ready to wander out back.



**MOUNT AUGUSTUS  
IS KNOWN AS  
'BURRINGURRAH'  
BY THE LOCAL  
WAJARRI PEOPLE**

# THERE'S plenty

## **GASCOYNE JUNCTION**

Whilst stopping in Gascoyne Junction, take the time to explore the Historical Museum situated in the original Road Board building located adjacent to the Gascoyne Junction Visitor Centre. Take a drive over the Killili Bridge and visit the Waterhole filled with water year round. It is the perfect spot to enjoy a picnic, watch out for birdlife, or at night, sit back and watch the stars and milky way shine above you. It is one of many places to enjoy waterfront serenity across the Shire.

Spend some time walking through the Two Rivers Memorial Park and taking in the town War Memorial highlighting the strong connection between the Upper Gascoyne and the Australian Lighthorsemen, and VH-DMT a tribute to the aerial mustering pioneers in our region. Then take a seat and face west to watch the sunset with the beautiful Kennedy Range as a backdrop. A great feed at the Junction Pub is a great way to finish the day in the Junction with local residents and fellow travelers. The Junction Pub & Tourist Park has fuel available 24/7 and also carries a small line of convenience, grocery and automotive supplies.



*The Junction Pub*



*Town museum*



*The Waterhole*

## **MT AUGUSTUS NATIONAL PARK**

Mount Augustus is an 'inselberg', meaning 'island mountain', that rises 715m above the surrounding alluvial plain. The world's largest rock is situated approximately 300km north east of Gascoyne Junction and is around 8km long and 3km wide. You will encounter rocky creeks, gorges, open plains, Aboriginal rock engravings (petroglyphs) and a variety of wildlife.

It is about twice the size of Uluru and is known by the local Wajarri Aboriginal people as Burringurrah. Interesting rock formations, caves and Aboriginal engravings are found on many parts of the rock that have been untouched for thousands of years. Emu Hill and Yalaweerie Lookout's provide stunning views from which to take a wonderful sunrise or sunset photo of the Mount. Burringurrah Drive is a 49km circuit providing views of the changing faces of the rock, whilst also providing access to all the feature sites and hiking trails. This drive is suitable for conventional two wheel drive vehicles.



# MORE OUTBACK

# Epic ROADTRIPS

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## KENNEDY RANGE NATIONAL PARK

The beautiful gorges and red rock landscape of Kennedy Range National Park will be a highlight of your wander outback. Perfect for a four wheel drive adventure, Kennedy Range National Park is the place to go camping under a star filled night sky. Here, you are surrounded by pristine wilderness. Go bushwalking and explore gorges and sandstone cliffs, see native animals, birds and at the right time of year Dawson's Burrowing Bees, and look out over the vast plains of pastoral country. The Temple Gorge camp site within Kennedy Range National Park is 56 kilometres north of Gascoyne Junction. There are camp hosts situated at the camp site in peak times to collect camping fees.

Kennedy Range is a flora and fauna haven 90km in length with stunning cliffs, springs and canyons. Rising up to 100 metres above the valley, the Kennedy Range plateau has dominated the surrounding plains for millions of years. With red sand dunes, spinifex, wattle and mallee trees scattered throughout the area, this is what the Aussie Outback is all about. Bushwalking trails run from the northern visitor site and camping area, and take you into gorges where you will see honeycomb like rock formations. The best time to visit is late autumn and early spring. A 4WD only Kennedy Loop Track takes you around the park from a base in Gascoyne Junction. Details are available from the Gascoyne Junction Visitor Information Centre.

KENNEDY RANGE IS KNOWN AS 'MUNDATHARRDA' BY THE LOCAL YINGGARDA PEOPLE

## ROAD TO THE ROCK

9 days Perth to Mt Augustus Return

If you're looking for a rugged, authentic outback escape, with some of the most renowned 4WD trails in the world, the Gascoyne Murchison needs to be on your bucket list.

The end point of this epic 9-day itinerary is Mount Augustus. It is located within Mount Augustus National Park, a lush outback paradise with swimming holes, ancient rock art, a small but buzzing tourist park and the cutest outback bar you've ever seen.

## KINGSFORD SMITH MAIL RUN

3 Days Meekatharra to Carnarvon

Follow in the wheel ruts of transport pioneer Charles Kingsford Smith along the Kingsford Smith Mail Run. Smithy, as he was known, once trundled along this very route on his mail run from Carnarvon east to Meekatharra, via Gascoyne Junction. You'll discover much about Kingsford Smith along the way - and some of his larrikin antics. You'll also learn much about early transport and communication. The Kingsford Smith Mail Run also includes the geological wonder, Mount Augustus. This massive mount soars 715m above the surrounding plain and is rich in Aboriginal history.

## WOOL WAGON PATHWAY

4 Days Geraldton to Exmouth

The Wool Wagon Pathway epitomises the true Australian outback. It is a land of distinct horizons, glorious vistas, unlimited sunshine, wonderous dawns and sunsets and spectacular night skies. Here you will travel through some of Australia's legendary sheep and wool country. You can drive the Wool Wagon Pathway in either direction. Start at Geraldton or Yalgoo and head north from Pindar, a historic railhead for the region, into the Murchison and Gascoyne. Another option is to drive the Wool Wagon Pathway southward from Exmouth, travelling a remote outback road to Gascoyne Junction and into the Murchison.

## STARRY COAST TO OUTBACK ADVENTURE

17 Days Perth to Coral Bay via Shark Bay and the Upper Gascoyne

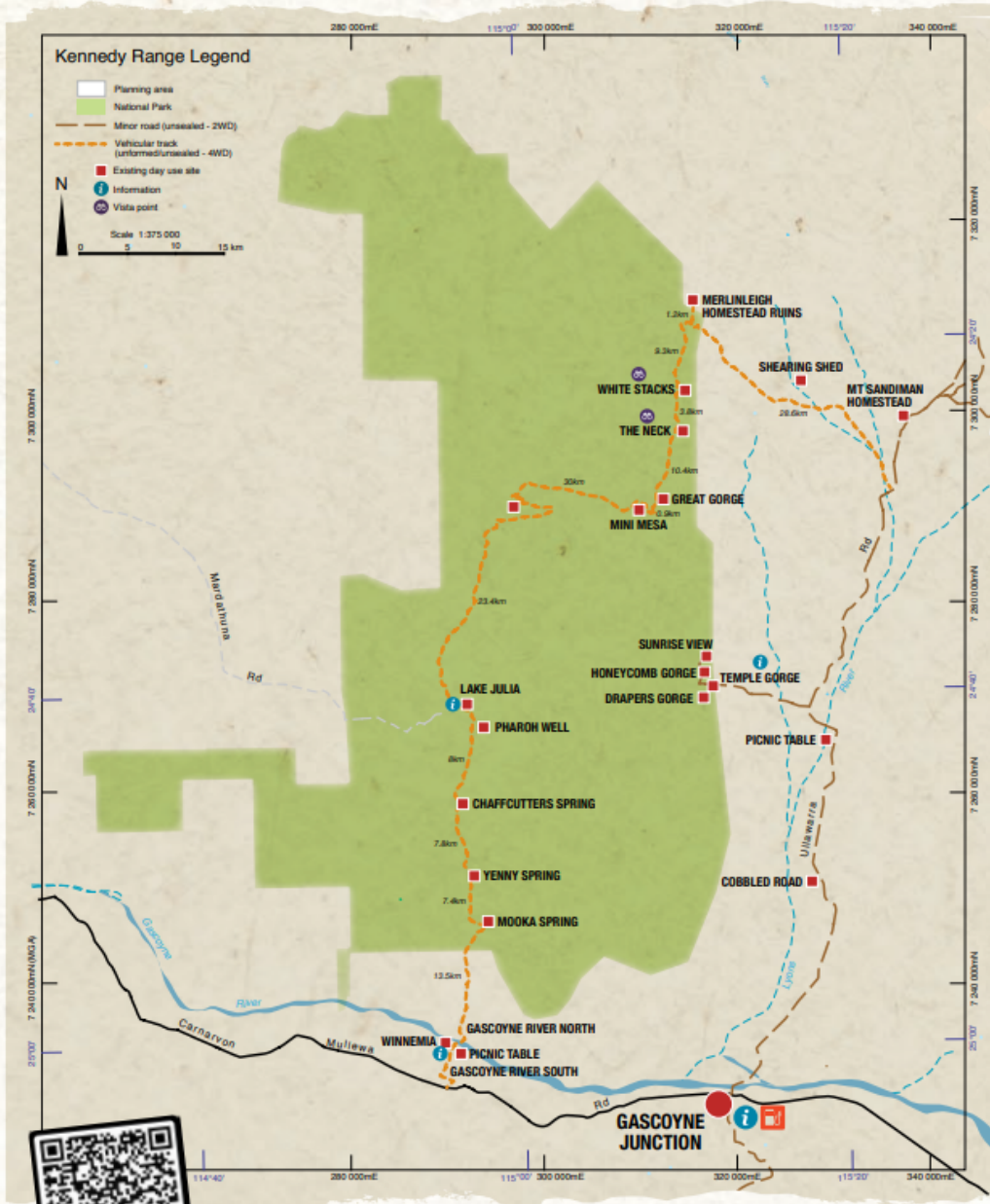
Breathtaking outback and coastal adventures await in the amazing Gascoyne region. The stars sparkle overhead, and the spectacular landscape will take you to another world. There is lots on offer for visitors - from gourmet produce and fun in Carnarvon, to outback 4WD adventures around Gascoyne Junction, stargazing at the world's largest monolith Mt Augsutus and maritime history experiences like no other in Shark Bay's World Heritage wonderland.



# Kennedy LOOP TRACK

## AN EPIC ROAD ADVENTURE AWAITS...

The Kennedy Loop Track is an adventure just waiting for the 4WD enthusiast. Test your skills and journey into the remote and rugged beauty of Kennedy Range National Park. There is no phone service, no fuel and the track is suitable only for 4WD vehicles with their experienced crew. The track has been rated moderate with extreme places providing access to the remote Western side of the Kennedy Range before crossing over the range top to enjoy the more accessible eastern side. Travellers will need to allow a minimum of 1.5 days to complete this 270km epic trip from Junction to Junction.



Top of the Range



Great Gorge



Mooka Creek



Pastoral History



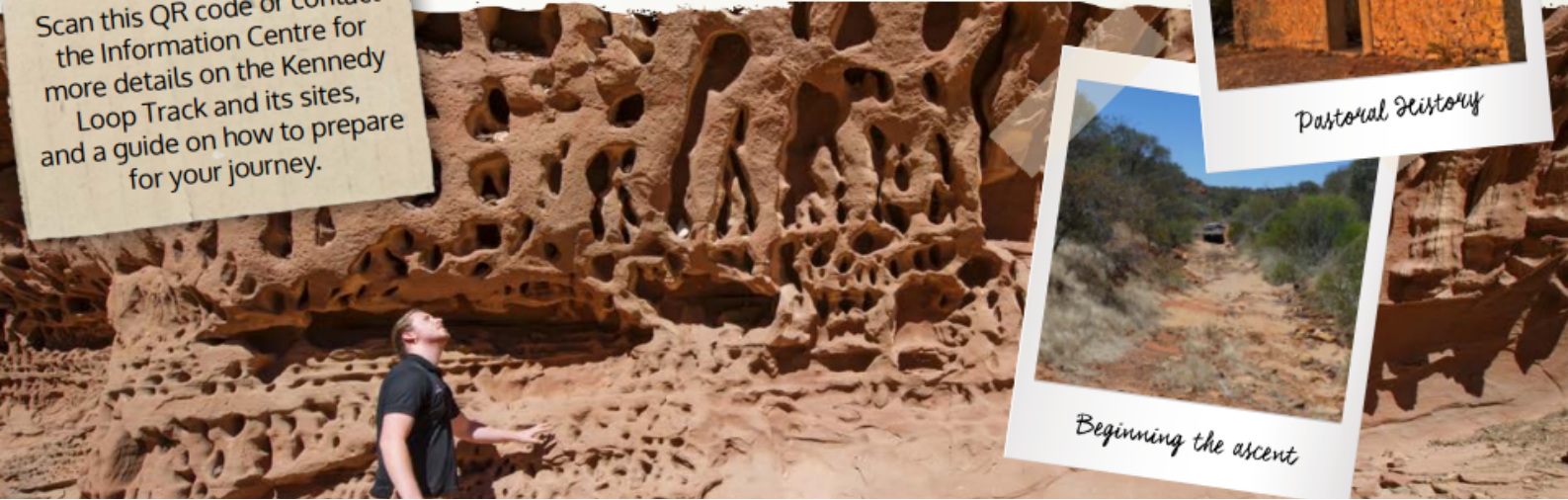
Beginning the ascent

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PASTORALISTS, TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND YOURSELF BY BEING FULLY PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE THIS EPIC ROAD TRIP.



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Scan this QR code or contact the Information Centre for more details on the Kennedy Loop Track and its sites, and a guide on how to prepare for your journey.





# StayOUTBACK

Take an unforgettable road trip into the real outback and explore some of the oldest landscapes on earth, rich in Aboriginal and pastoral history. Discover the 'real' Australia, with its rugged red earth and timeless beauty. There is great accommodation on offer with self contained units, chalets, workers quarters, caravan and camping sites.

## JUNCTION PUB & TOURIST PARK

LOCATION: 4 VIVEASH WAY GASCOYNE JUNCTION 6705



TELSTRA AVAILABLE 3G

Nestled on the banks of the Mighty Gascoyne River, the Junction Pub and Tourist Park is the perfect base for exploring Kennedy Range and Mt Augustus National Parks. With modern furnishings and a variety of accommodation styles, we have something to suit any traveller. Whether you need to refuel, grab a real coffee, enjoy a world class meal cooked by our renown Chef Omo or need a place to lay your head, the friendly team at the Junction Pub and Tourist Park have got you covered during your stay in Gascoyne Junction. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner and everything in between, stop in for a well deserved break. Relax with a cool drink in the beer garden before taking a wander outback to explore Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus National Parks. The tourist park has chalets, caravan and camping sites available for your stay.

[www.junctiontouristpark.com](http://www.junctiontouristpark.com) | T: 08 9943 0868



## MT AUGUSTUS TOURIST PARK

LOCATION: COBRA - MOUNT AUGUSTUS ROAD, EAST LYONS RIVER WA 6705



TELSTRA + OPTUS AVAILABLE 4G

Laying directly in the heart of the Gascoyne region you will find our beautiful tourist park often described as a 'Green Oasis'. Sit back and relax and watch the different colours and shades of the rock as the sun passes over it. Enjoy one of our spacious, powered, green grassed sites for caravans and campers alike, or choose one of our non powered bush campsites. Communal facilities include toilet block with hot showers, campers kitchen; laundry, dump point and disabled toilets. We also have a range of on site accommodation ranging from twin rooms to self contained family units. Feeling hungry and craving an ice cold beer after the drive in or a days exploring? Why not book in to the "Mt View Cookhouse". Serving "Shorthorn" beef straight from the Mt Augustus Station, taste the mouthwatering difference, make sure you book in on arrival as to avoid disappointment as we book out fast. The Tourist Park also has a fully stocked shop with most items available, diesel & unleaded, gas refills, tyre and mechanical repairs.

[www.mtaugustustouristpark.com](http://www.mtaugustustouristpark.com) | T: 08 9943 0527



## TEMPLE GORGE CAMPGROUND

LOCATION: KENNEDY RANGE ACCESS ROAD, KENNEDY RANGE NATIONAL PARK (60KM NORTH OF GASCOYNE JUNCTION)

NO MOBILE SERVICE

DBCA provides visitors to Kennedy Range National Park with a dedicated campground at Temple Gorge to enjoy a night under the stars in the ranges. The camping area has a single bush toilet. During the winter months the DBCA Camp Hosts are camped in the Kennedy Range to help with any questions and point you in the right direction. Water is not available in the park so be sure to bring sufficient supplies. Bookings are not required however camp site fees are payable to Camp Hosts or by utilising the honesty box at the campground. **For more information on visiting Kennedy Range National Park contact our Community Resource Centre (CRC) on 08 9943 0988.**



## WINNEMIA CAMPGROUND

LOCATION: CAMPGROUND ON JIMBA JIMBA STATION, 140KM EAST OF CARNARVON (OFF THE CARNARVON-MULLEWA ROAD). TAKE THE KENNEDY LOOP TRACK TURNOFF.

NO MOBILE SERVICE

Nestled on the banks of the Gascoyne River and located on a working cattle station, the historic Winnemia campground is the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the starlit serenity of the region and explore the Kennedy Range National Park. Various nature-based camping sites are available for your swag, tent, camper trailer or caravan. Access to rustic toilets and showering facilities are available for campsite visitors, however, bring your own facilities is recommended, especially water for the duration of your stay as there are no facilities to refill. Bookings essential.

[www.winnemia.com.au](http://www.winnemia.com.au)





# SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE MAP



- WOOL WAGON PATHWAY
- KINGSFORD SMITH MAIL RUN
- KENNEDY LOOP TRACK
- MT AUGUSTUS (BURRINGURRAH) SCENIC LOOP



282km to PARABURDOO  
412km to KARLJINI  
146km  
DOLK DOWNS RD  
PING ANDY RD  
TO KARLJINI N.P.

EMU HILL LOOKOUT  
CATTLE POOL  
YALAWERIE LOOKOUT  
47km  
MT AUGUSTUS TOURIST PARK  
MT AUGUSTUS  
BURRINGURRAH COMMUNITY  
51km  
LANDOR MT AUGUSTUS RD

115km  
COBRA GIFFORD CREEK RD  
LYONS RIVER  
126km  
COBRA DAIRY GORE RD

176km  
ULLAWARRA RD  
LYONS RIVER  
20km  
COBBLED ROAD  
TEMPLE GORGE CAMPGROUND

172km  
WINNEMIA  
146km to Carnarvon  
30km  
GASCOYNE JUNCTION  
JUNCTION RACE COURSE

176km Carnarvon to Gascoyne Junction  
CARNARVON  
146km to Carnarvon  
30km  
THE WATERHOLE  
DANMARRON MULLUWA RD

1200km to Wooramel Roadhouse  
SHARK BAY & WOORAMEL ROADHOUSE

55km  
LANDOR RACE COURSE  
LANDOR MEERATHARRA RD  
39km  
LANDOR MEERATHARRA RD

30km  
ERONG RD  
70km  
SOCIETY DOWN SWINDOOR RD

32km  
BILLING POOL  
187km to MURCHISON  
(298km Murchison to Gascoyne Junction)

32km  
CAREY DOWNS RD  
GURROYD RD  
WARRONGA PINNACLES RD

202km to MEEKATHARRA  
(452km Meekatharra to Gascoyne Junction)  
LANDOR MEERATHARRA RD

1200km to Wooramel Roadhouse  
SHARK BAY & WOORAMEL ROADHOUSE





# Driving DISTANCES

FROM GASCOYNE JUNCTION TO:	Km	Approx Travel Time (hours)
Carnarvon	177	1.75
Coral Bay	400	4
Denham (Via Carnarvon/Mullewa Road)	494	5
Denham (Via Pimbee/Wahroonga Road)	404	4.5
Exmouth	519	5.25
Exmouth (Via Kennedy Range)	495	6.25
Geraldton (Via Carnarvon/Mullewa Road)	646	6.5
Geraldton (Via Pimbee/Wahroonga Road)	556	6
Karratha	797	8
Meekatharra	452	5.75
Mt Augustus (Via Cobra Dairy Creek Road)	288	3.5
Mt Augustus (Via Landor)	317	4
Mt Augustus (Via Ullawarra Road)	305	3.75
Mullewa	500	6
Murchison Settlement	298	3.75
Perth (Via Carnarvon/Mullewa Road)	1070	10.75
Perth (Via Pimbee/Wahroonga Road)	980	10.25
Port Hedland	1032	10.25

## TRAVELLING TO MOUNT AUGUSTUS FROM GASCOYNE JUNCTION ROUTE 1: Ullawarra Road

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Kennedy Range National Pk	48	305
Kennedy Range National Park	Minnie Creek	95	
Minnie Creek	Cobra	115	
Cobra	Mt Augustus National Park	47	

## ROUTE 2: Cobra Dairy Creek Road

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Dairy Creek	79	288
Dairy Creek	Cobra	162	
Cobra	Mt Augustus National Park	47	

## ROUTE 3: Via Landor

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Dairy Creek	79	317
Dairy Creek	Glenburgh	32	
Glenburgh	Erong Turnoff	70	
Erong Turnoff	Landor T Junction	30	
Landor T Junction	Burringurrah	55	
Burringurrah	Mt Augustus National Park	51	

## TRAVELLING FROM GASCOYNE JUNCTION Gascoyne Junction to Denham via Carnarvon

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Carnarvon (Turnoff South)	171	494
Carnarvon (Turnoff South)	Wooramel Roadhouse	119	
Wooramel Roadhouse	Overlander Roadhouse	75	
Overlander Roadhouse	Denham	129	

## Gascoyne Junction to Denham via Pimbee/Wahroonga Road

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Wooramel Roadhouse	200	404
Wooramel Roadhouse	Overlander Roadhouse	75	
Overlander Roadhouse	Denham	129	

## Gascoyne Junction to Exmouth via Kennedy Range

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Kennedy Range National Pk	48	495
Kennedy Range National Pk	Minnie Creek	95	
Minnie Creek	North West Coastal Hwy	154	
North West Coastal Hwy	Exmouth	198	

## Gascoyne Junction to Exmouth via Carnarvon

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Carnarvon (Turnoff North)	164	519
Carnarvon (Turnoff North)	Minilya Roadhouse	136	
Minilya Roadhouse	Coral Bay Turnoff	78	
Coral Bay Turnoff	Exmouth	141	

## Gascoyne Junction to Meekatharra

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Dairy Creek	79	452
Dairy Creek	Glenburgh	32	
Glenburgh	Erong Turnoff	70	
Erong Turnoff	Landor T Junction	30	
Landor T Junction	Errabiddy Homestead	39	
Errabiddy Homestead	Meekatharra	202	

## Gascoyne Junction to Mullewa

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Glenburgh	111	500
Glenburgh	Murchison Settlement	187	
Murchison Settlement	Mullewa	202	

## Gascoyne Junction to Perth via Carnarvon

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Carnarvon (Turnoff South)	171	1070
Carnarvon (Turnoff South)	Wooramel Roadhouse	119	
Wooramel Roadhouse	Overlander Roadhouse	75	
Overlander Roadhouse	Billabong Roadhouse	48	
Billabong Roadhouse	Kalbarri Turnoff	132	
Kalbarri Turnoff	Northampton	49	
Northampton	Geraldton	52	
Geraldton	Perth	424	

## Gascoyne Junction to Perth via Pimbee/Wahroonga Road

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Wooramel Roadhouse	200	980
Wooramel Roadhouse	Overlander Roadhouse	75	
Overlander Roadhouse	Billabong Roadhouse	48	
Billabong Roadhouse	Kalbarri Turnoff	132	
Kalbarri Turnoff	Northampton	49	
Northampton	Geraldton	52	
Geraldton	Perth	424	

## Gascoyne Junction to Port Hedland

From	To	Km	Total
Gascoyne Junction	Carnarvon (North Turnoff)	164	1032
Carnarvon (North Turnoff)	Minilya Roadhouse	136	
Minilya Roadhouse	Karratha	497	
Karratha	Port Hedland	235	

## From Mt Augustus to Newman via Mt Augustus Woodlands Road

From	To	Km	Total
Mt Augustus National Park	Three Rivers	311	532
Three Rivers	Kumerina Roadhouse	64	
Kumerina Roadhouse	Newman	157	

## From Mt Augustus to Newman via Karijini National Park via Dooley Downs Ashburton Downs Road

From	To	Km	Total
Mt Augustus National Park	Paraburdoo	269	638
Paraburdoo	Karijini National Park	167	
Karijini National Park	Newman	202	

## DRIVING IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE:



The majority of our roads are unsealed which can be affected by weather and other factors. **IF THE ROAD IS WET IT IS CLOSED.** Under the Road Traffic (Admin) Act 2008 (WA) roads are closed in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne when wet. Do not proceed. \$2,500 Fine Applies. **For the most up to date road conditions visit [www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/roadreport](http://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/roadreport).** This report is only updated when a change to the current report is needed to be made. Check weather report before travelling.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Before setting off on your wander outback, please follow all safe practices.

- Check weather conditions
- Check road conditions as after rain roads may become impassable or damaged
- The outback can be hot and dry so please carry suitable drinking water supplies



# OUTBACK Wildflowers

## EXPERIENCE CARPETS OF COLOUR

From July to October the Upper Gascoyne landscape comes alive becoming carpeted in multi coloured wildflowers. There is no secret place you need to find, just wander outback along our roads and you will find yourself in the middle of this natural spectacle. A small wildflower garden is also located at the Gascoyne Junction Visitor Information Centre and Historical Museum.



**WOORAMULLA**  
ECO CULTURAL JOURNEYS



CULTURAL  
SITES TOURS



KENNEDY RANGES  
TAGALONG TOUR



SEASONAL  
WILDFLOWER TOURS

MANY MORE TOURS AVAILABLE

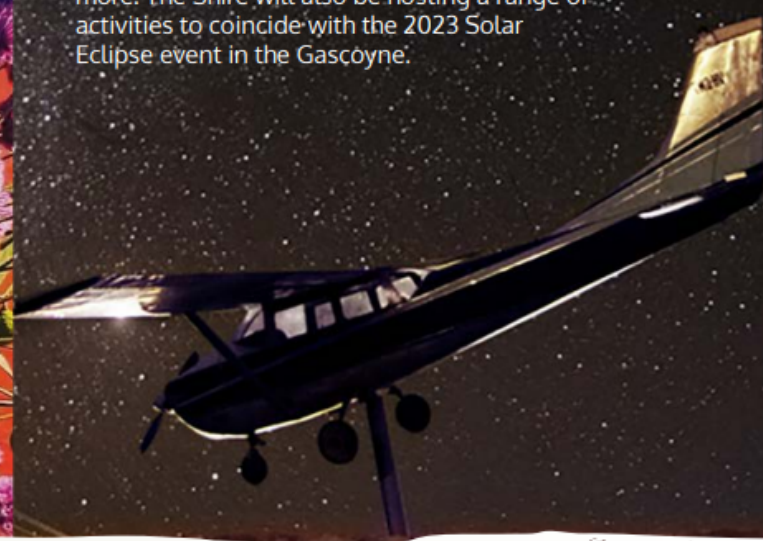
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# Outback NIGHT SKIES

## EXPERIENCE MAGICAL NIGHT SKIES

The stars shine brightly across the Upper Gascoyne. With low levels of light pollution, the stars leap out of the sky and the Milky Way seems so close that you can reach out and touch it. Have you seen the Emu in the Sky? Learn about the indigenous tales of our local night skies.

The Shire hosts stargazing activities throughout the year. Visit our events calendar on the Shire website to find out more. The Shire will also be hosting a range of activities to coincide with the 2023 Solar Eclipse event in the Gascoyne.



## UPCOMING *events*

LATEST EVENTS VISIT [WWW.UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU/EVENTS](http://WWW.UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU/EVENTS)

### UNDER GASCOYNE SKIES FESTIVAL (APRIL 20-30, 2023)

Visitors to the Gascoyne region will have front row seats for one of nature's most phenomenal occurrences - a solar eclipse - with Exmouth experiencing 62 seconds of totality as the sun is completely blocked by the Moon. At Kennedy Range National Park you will experience 92% coverage, 90% at Gascoyne Junction and 87% at Mt Augustus. A range of events and activities will be held as part of the Under Gascoyne Skies Festival. [www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/tourism/under-gascoyne-skies-festival.aspx](http://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/tourism/under-gascoyne-skies-festival.aspx)

### GASSY DASH (APRIL 29-30, 2023)

The Kickstarters Gascoyne Dash is known as a genuine desert race, it is one of the toughest challenges across some of the harshest and remote country in Australia. Situated between the seaside town of Carnarvon and Gascoyne Junction WA - where the desert meets the sea. The Dash is an annual motorsport event that pits car against car and bike against bike and then the quickest of each against each other to determine who will be crowned the "King of the River".

### THE JUNCTION RACES (AUG)

A bush race meeting held each August, where there are as many genuine characters as there are racehorses. The Racecourse is 10km west of the Junction, bring you caravan, tent or swag and camp out.

### AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST BBQ

(SEPT) Celebrate the best of the bush at one of WA's most extraordinary settings. Mount Augustus - the world's biggest monolith - is the backdrop for a BBQ of epic proportions. You'll be served outback beef cooked on roaring open fire pits with locally sourced vegetables on the side.

### THE LANDOR RACES (OCT)

A picnic race weekend held over 4 days in October. A great opportunity to stay over and look around the local country at the same time. Visit [www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](http://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au) for upcoming events.

## MORE *information*

### GASCOYNE JUNCTION VISITOR CENTRE



Located within the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre is our Visitor Centre.

Call in to get the latest road conditions, local maps, or discover more about the place we call home. We also have an internet café, postal services, Dept of Transport and a casual office space to rent if you need a temporary work space.

5 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction

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Gascoyne Junction  
Visitor Centre