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Wednesday 8th February
Wednesday 22nd March
Wednesday 26th April
Wednesday 31st May
Thursday 29th June
Wednesday 26th July
Wednesday 23rd August
Wednesday 20th September
Wednesday 25th October
Wednesday 22nd November
Thursday 14th December

Council meetings commence at 8:30am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

All ratepayers and residents are welcome to attend the council meetings and participate in the Public Question Time session which is held at the beginning of each Council Meeting.



COUNCIL NEWS

CEO Report

Every monthly report starts with the same theme "been a very busy month" well August / September has not disappointed and in keeping with every other month I can report it's been very busy.

Firstly I would like to welcome our new Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, Andrea Pears, to our organisation. We are all looking forward to working with Andrea and I believe that with her experience she will be a very welcome addition to our organisation. I would like to recognise the great work Cherie has done as the Acting MFC Services, thanks Cherie.

Councillors Caunt, McKeogh and staff attended the VH-DMT Dedication with various family members of Laurie Bain. It was quite an emotional tribute with a few yarns thrown in. The group made its way back to the Junction Pub for a light lunch and refreshments, which was once again very enjoyable. It was interesting that some of the attendees had not been to Gascoyne Junction since the late 80's and they were blown away with how the town now presented itself.

The Junction Races have been run and won. The JRC Committee should be very proud of the event that they host. I estimate that there would have been at least 1,000 people in attendance. The new bar / merchandise and Jockey's Building have come up a treat and look marvellous. Fashions of the fields went off very well, I noticed that males also entered, so I may dust of the glad rags and enter next year.

I attended a Community Picnic hosted by the Shire of Murchison to celebrate the completed sealing of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road between the Murchison Settlement and our Southern Shire Boundary, on Friday 8th September 2023. This sealing project has been a collaborative effort by all sectors of government over some 20 years, with 35.42 km constructed and sealed to a two-way standard in the last 2 years. It was great to see some familiar faces such Simon Broad, Mem Beard and Bundy.

I called into the Dalgety Brook floodway project to have a firsthand look at the progression of the project. It certainly is impressive and will alleviate the issues surrounding this crossing, Yuin Contracting are doing an amazing job.

On the 17th– 19th of September 2023 Councillors McKeough, Caunt and myself attend the AGM of WALGA and other sessions.

As you may be aware we will definitely have an election as we have 6 nominations for four Councillor Positions. It would be remiss of me not to thank the Councillors who are up for election and have renominated for their contributions over the last election cycle. Thank-you for your support and guidance!

The Shire have received five quotes have been received for the Town Planning Strategy Review. I am working these through with the Department of Planning Lands & Heritage and should be in position to appoint in the near future. In the same vein we received two quotes for the provision of the Regulation 17 and the Financial Management Review. Andrea is working through the submission and we will be in position to appoint in the next week.

As previously advised we appointed MTF to undertake the earth works associated with the Landor Meekatharra sealing project. I am advised that they have already mobilised on site and by the time the Council Meeting commences they will be working.



Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

Community Resource Centre Update

The month of August saw 452 visitors join us at the Information Centre to find out about our area. A further 111 phone calls were answered for updated road conditions and information. We have instigated a new data collection method this month in this space that is working well and compliments the market data we are also collecting through the two tourist parks and the visitor information centre.

We have prepared our Digital Marketing and TV Campaign for the 2023/2024 year and will be targeting potential markets via Facebook, on You Tube Advertisements, Catch Up TV Channels and also segments on Caravan and Camping WA to tie in with our trade show presence. A small print run of an additional 2000 Wander Outback brochures has been ordered to finish the season and work is underway on an updated version with new images and content as our product evolves.

We have received funding to match our own spend on the Astrotourism Signage meaning that we will also be able to deliver on a second set of signs this financial year at Mount Augustus thanks to the Gascoyne Development Commission. We have also been successful in our EV Charging Station grant to be located on the site of the old toilet block. This will be a wonderful addition to our sustainable community and an asset for our tourism marketing and product development. Talks continue with Tourism WA on developing a business case around Hot Springs in Gascoyne Junction.

The State Tidy Town Judges will be in Gascoyne Junction on Sunday September 17 to spend a morning looking at our 2023 State Entries. Many of these are community driven initiatives complimenting those projects spearheaded by the Shire. With a date for the National Tidy Towns Awards being confirmed as May 3 to 5 2024, work is underway to get infrastructure in place. A program of events and entertainment is also formulating. The team at the National Keep Australia Beautiful office are very excited by what we have planned. The events calendar for the rest of 2023 and into 2024 is looking exciting with some familiar and innovative events in place. Work is well underway for the Community Christmas Party to be held on December 14.

I attended the first meeting of a working group of Economic and Community Development Officers across the Gascoyne, the Chambers of Commerce and GDC to discuss hosting a Gascoyne Grows Economic Development Forum in Carnarvon in late May next year to distinguish Gascoyne as a standalone region away from the Midwest and to encourage industry and investment in the region. I will be sending out an expression of interest across the Upper Gascoyne in coming weeks. Hydrogen, Green Energy, Sustainable Agriculture and Mining are just a few industries that have been tabled and to look at our point of difference and how to grow and diversify the local and regional economy.

COUNCIL NEWS

Both our August and September GP Clinics were booked out and an informal nursing clinic saw 6 patients with less than 24 hours' notice in August. Our first formal clinic will be held on September 20. With a permanent nurse visiting each clinic systems are being developed and great communication which is seeing an improvement in customer satisfaction.

We have seen on site visits from Services Australia and Department of Transport, and Department of Transport have been for a second visit for our annual audit which went well. For Adult Learners Week a Beginners Canva workshop was held on September 7 which was attended well and additional classes will be scheduled.

It was lovely to welcome the Bain Family to Gascoyne Junction on September 1 to officially dedicate and welcome VH-DMT to Gascoyne Junction. The family are delighted with the final result and look forward to seeing cattle below. They have suggested that one cow should have a tail up in the air as it tries to get away. A real action shot. The family have left behind further memorabilia for us to display once we have some more secure storage in the museum which is a project underway. The students from the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School are to be commended for their national anthem performance.

Manager of Works and Services Report

I was fortunate enough to enjoy a much needed two week break at the end of August. Thank you to Sean Walker for keeping things on track in my absence.

The town site has been buzzing with trades and activity. We have demolished the damaged house on 6 Scott Street freeing up valuable land stocks and also removed the redundant public toilets in front of the depot. Renovations on Lot 39 Gregory are almost complete with only the flooring to be installed. The new fence has been installed on Lot 40 allowing for our sub division in readiness for the new staff house later this financial year. Repairs to four ensuites in the tourist park shearing quarter units are currently under way as well as various smaller insurance works associated with the storm in February.

ABBL Contracting have done a fantastic job shifting the shad structures from the corner of Carnarvon-Mullewa road and Killili Road, this will encourage more usage of the Tourist Stop. This also provides shade and seating at the oval for events held down there, the school students, and the general public. We have also completed repairs to the oval gazebo near the pavilion.

The concrete floodway upgrade at Dalgety Brook is progressing nicely. The team form Yuin have finished pouring the running surface and installation of culverts. There has been a delay in the manufacture of the headwalls however they will continue to install rock protection. We anticipate Yuin to complete works mid October, we will then return to complete the cement stabilising of approaches and commission the crossing.



The works crew have been flat out grading our road network. Ian has been grading from Mt Augustus to the Meekatharra boundary along with a contractor grader from MTF. Thomas has been working between Cobra and Yinnetharra. Dameon and Poddy have been repairing blowouts and maintenance between Glenburgh and Dairy Creek.

We have made a start on our RRG project on Cobra Dairy Creek Road. We will sheet various sections north of the Chalba Creeks and reform approximately 4km in front of the Yinnetharra homestead.

We have taken ownership of our new CAT 966GC loader. Westrac made delivery at the Junction Races and a presentation held in honour of our late President Don Hammarquist. The loader has been named "The Donfather" in respect of Don.



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COUNCIL ELECTIONS 21st October 2023

4 COUNCILLOR
POSITIONS UP FOR
NOMINATION

If you are not registered on the applicable voting rolls you can make an application to the CEO for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne to be added to the Owners / Occupiers Roll. This means you may live in another area but own or rent / lease land in the Local Government District or it could mean that you reside in the Local Government Area. This applies to Mining Tenements, Pastoral Leases, Commercial / Industrial / Residential Land.

Applications for both the residents and owner/occupiers roll close at 5:00pm on Friday 25th August 2023

For those intending to nominate for a Councillor position the first date you can nominate on the

31st of August 2023.

This has to be done on a prescribed form and must be lodged with the returning officer.

The nomination period is open for 8 days and closes at 4.00pm on the 7th of September 2023.

All candidates must complete an online candidate induction prior to nominating for election so they are fully aware of what to expect as an elected member and the rules related to campaigning. This will be available on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries web site. Candidates must also make a deposit of \$80 which is repaid if the candidate receives more than 5% of the vote.

All are encouraged to be a part of this process whether this be by nominating to be a Councillor or voting for your preferred candidate.

To be eligible to vote or nominate for a vacant position in this election you must be on the State Electoral Roll or be State Coupiers Roll.

You can check to see if you are on the State Roll by going to https://www.elections.wa.gov.au



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION **ELECTION NOTICE** Shire of Upper Gascoyne

(Local Government Act 195, s4.64)

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is holding an election by postal vote on Saturday, 21 October 2023 to fill vacancies in the offices of Councillors as listed below:

District

4 Councillors

WINDIE, Peter WATTERS, Greg BASTON, Will BREMER, Krystie CAUNT, Jim HOSEASON-SMITH, Ray

Election Packages will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll where there is an election in their electorate.

You may hand deliver your postal voting papers, or obtain a replacement package (if the package is not received, or should any papers be missing), during business hours before election day from the following location(s):

Shire of Upper Gascoyne, 4 Scott Street, GASCOYNE JUNCTION

Post your vote early. Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day, Saturday, 21 October 2023.

You may hand deliver your postal voting papers to an electoral officer, or obtain a replacement package (if the package is not received, or should any papers be missing), between 8.00am and 6.00pm on election day at the following location(s):

Chief Polling Place:

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Community Resource Centre, 4 Scott Street, GASCOYNE JUNCTION

The count of votes will commence after 6.00pm at the Shire of Upper Gascoyne Council Chambers, 4 Scott Street, GASCOYNE JUNCTION.

Electronic Counting Place

30 Beaufort Street, Northbridge may be used as an electronic counting place.

ROBERT KENNEDY **ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER** 13 63 06



NOMINATIONS

Candidate Details



Ballot paper name
Candidate name
District
Nominating for
Election type
Enrolment status

CAUNT, Jim

James William CAUNT
Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Councillor for Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Ordinary

CAUNT, Jim is eligible to stand for election as the owner of rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

My wife Jenny, our three children and seven grandchildren are all heavily involved with the Upper Gascoyne, I have represented Council for twelve years and have proudly served as Deputy President and as Acting Shire President over the past year. I have truly enjoyed every moment of it. I am passionate and proud of this Shire and the work we have achieved over the past 12 years along with my fellow councillors and I look forward to continuing this moving forward. We have continued to improve our roads and to extend the amount of bitumen on the ground. We continue to strive to improve the liveability of our town with the Two Rivers Memorial Park, general appearance of the town and the growth of industry including mining and tourism into our region. Increasing both residential and commercial land remains a strong focus of the Shire which I am a strong advocate for. With your vote, I will continue to work for you to make these goals happen for our community.

Mobile: 0437 075 795

Candidate Details



Ballot paper name
Candidate name
District
Nominating for
Election type
Enrolment status

WATTERS, Greg

Gregory James WATTERS
Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Councillor for Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Ordinary

WATTERS, Greg is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

My name is Greg Watters, my wife Jenny and family have lived at Mt Clere for over 20 years. I am an active member of my community and have held various roles at the Eastern Gascoyne Race Club (Current President), Eastern Gascoyne Gymkhana Club and the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Group. As you can see I like to be involved in local community events and programs and think it would be a great advantage to the community if I was re-elected for a fourth term as I am a passionate community member. During my term in office, we have achieved the construction of the Killili Bridge, Junction Pub and Tourist Park, the Two Rivers Memorial Park and major improvements to the conditions of our vast road network. Voting for me will ensure the continuina advancement of the Upper Gascoyne.

Mobile: 0429 934 188

Candidate Details



BREMER, Krystie

Krystie BREMER
Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Councillor for Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Ordinary

BREMER, Krystie is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Upper Gascovne.

I'm Krystie Bremer, a resident of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne living at Lyons River Station with my husband and two children. I have resided solely within the Shire for the last five years, and have a longstanding, strong connection to the Gascoyne community.

I'm actively involved with Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association and Gascoyne Catchments Group and am driven by a passion for our region. This commitment extends to various volunteer roles, fostering and growing relationships with landholders and stakeholders, along with assisting in other areas whenever I can. With a strong skill set in communication, planning, and problem-solving, I'm equipped to navigate all my role as councillor might bring. Actively sharing with the wider community what a great area this is to live, work and visit is a something I always do.

I looked forward to working together with council to continue boosting our region's progress and share the enjoyable unique and vibrant life found in the Shire.

Mobile: 0409 202 512

Postal Address: Lyons River Station Via CARNARVON

6701

Email: krystiebremer@iinet.net.au

Candidate Details



Ballot paper name

Candidate name

District

Nominating for

Election type

Enrolment status

WINDIE, Peter

Peter Fredrick WINDIE
Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Councillor for Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Ordinary

WINDIE, Peter is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

I've been a member of the Gascoyne Junction community since 1998 and have raised my family here. Over the years I have worked in a range of jobs at both CDP and on pastoral stations. I'm a director of Pilbara Solar Company and work as a consultant for Real Futures. I'm in my second tenure on the National Native Title Council, held various roles including as a Board Member, Director and Chairman of the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation for over 15 years and I am the spokesperson for the Woodgamia community. I have nominated to become a Councillor for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne as I have seen how the Council has worked to put Gascoyne Junction back on the map since the 2010 flood. I believe we have all lived together as one community and I wish to further working together to continue to grow Gascoyne Junction and the Upper Gascoyne for all residents. I have a positive outlook of working and living together which is how I would approach issues as your representative.

Postal Address: House 7 Woodgamia Community GASCOYNE JUNCTION 6705

Candidate Details



Candidate name District Nominating for Election type Enrolment status

HOSEASON-SMITH, Ray

Raymond Douglas HOSEASON-SMITH Shire of Upper Gascovne Councillor for Shire of Upper Gascoyne Ordinary

HOSEASON-SMITH, Ray is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

I live at Dairy Creek Station with my wife and have 3 children. We have lived within the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on cattle stations for 9 years and I have been a Shire Councillor for the past 4 years.

I am a member of the Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association, Gascoyne Catchments Group, Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Program and Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance.

Over the years I have been employed in a variety of industries including agriculture, tourism, mining, earthmoving and road works. I have a broad understanding of the issues that face the shire in this region and believe that I bring knowledge that can contribute in a positive way.

I enjoy learning about innovative ideas and broadening my knowledge. If I am re-elected as a Shire Councillor, I look forward to continuing to help manage and improve all aspects within the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

Mobile: 0407 057 397

Candidate Details



Candidate name District Nominating for Election type Enrolment status

BASTON, Will

William BASTON Shire of Upper Gascoyne Councillor for Shire of Upper Gascoyne Ordinary

BASTON, Will is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

I live and work at Jimba Jimba Station. Raised in the Shire and attended Gascoyne Junction Primary School. I have worked in Local Government since 2005, with continued involvement in the pastoral sector. My roles involved Planning. Economic Development and Community Infrastructure Projects.

I am nominating for Council as I have a passion for positive change and a drive to serve our community. Having grown up here, I have witnessed its growth and challenges through economic impacts, droughts, floods and fires. If elected, my priorities will include improving our infrastructure, promoting economic development, and ensuring our facilities meet the highest standards. I'm a strong advocate for integrity, transparency, accountability, and building outcomes that will benefit future generations.

Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant community that we are all proud to call home. I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming election as we embark on this journey of positive change together.

Postal Address: Jimba Jimba Station, Carnarvon - Mullewa Road GASCOYNE JUNCTION 6705

COUNCIL UPDATE....





FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – LANDOR MEEKATHARRA RD UPGRADE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

Contractor	MTF Services	Start Date:	17 September 2023
		Forecast Completion Date:	December 2023

Project Overview

Slk 18 - 21

The upgrade project consists of the upgrade of approx. 12km of the Landor Meekatharra Rd Slk 9 – 21 from gravel to seal.

The work is funded 100% by Main Roads WA. Additionally, as there was some AGRN1021 and AGRN1065 flood damage within this area, there is a small amount of additional money from the DRFAWA program that will be contributed towards this project.

The earthworks and pavement work is being completed by MTF.

The spray sealing work is to be completed by Downer. Sealing will likely be completed in two campaigns with the first section starting in November and the second in December 2023.

Works this period (Sep 2023)	Works next period (Oct 2023)
 MTF mobilised to site and set up camp near old Landor Woolshed. Clearing and site preparation works commenced 	 Complete clearing and site preparation work for the entire 12km section Commence subgrade preparation works Commence geotechnical testing of the subgrade layers

Status Breakdown

Clearing Subgrade & Drainage Basecourse/ Pavement Overall Slk 9 - 12 80% 16% Slk 12 - 15 Slk 15- 18

Camp The contractor is camped at the old Landor woolshed at approx. Slk 25

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Gassy Gossip Delivery



2024

The community newsletter 'The Gassy Gossip' is delivered to Shire Residents through the post - mailed on the first Wednesday of each month.

In line with the Shire's move to paperless Shire Council meetings, in 2024 we will be delivering the Gassy Gossip in a paperless form via the Shire website.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

In the coming months, residents will be given the option to still receive a paper copy of the Gassy Gossip. A subscription form will be sent with the October edition of the Gassy Gossip for those wishing to still receive a paper copy of the Gassy Gossip to complete. There will be a fee for paper copies of \$36 per year OR \$3 an issue.

We thank you in advance for your support of our sustainability measures across the Shire.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

Gascoyne Junction Craft Group 2023 Calendar



25 th and 26 th February	Untutored /Busy Bee			
25 th and 26 th March	Untutored			
7th April - 23rd April School Holidays				
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6 th and 7 th May	Untutored			
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10 th and 11 th June	Tutored - TBA			
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1st July - 16th July School Holidays				
5 th and 6 th August	Untutored			
2 nd and 3 rd September	Tutored - TBA			
23 rd September - 8th October School Holidays				
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28 th and 29 th October	Creative Workshop			
25 th and 26 th November	Christmas Craft			

For any queries, please contact the President/ Secretary Alys McKeough 08 9943 0924 Or Treasurer Chris Kearney 0428 841 818

E: junctioncraft@gmail.com

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$20 UNTUTORED WEEKENDS \$10 WORKSHOPS \$50 with craft supplied materials OUTSIDE TUTORED WORKSHOPS \$50 + materials if required

BLASTFROM THE PAST

THIS SEGMENT OF THE GOSSIP EXPLORES PAST ARTICLES ON NEWS AND EVENTS IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE.

This article was originally published in Carnarvon Community News on September 12 2003.

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Property of the Week

To feature your property here call the Classies 9941 4355

River frontage at Junction

Looking for a lifestyle change?

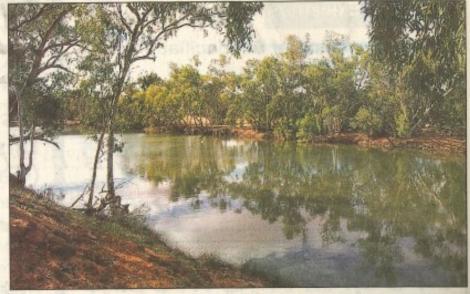
Well here is the perfect opportunity. The tranquil setting is unique with the Gascoyne River only a stones throw away. This is definitely outback living at its best! The three bedroom home has air conditioning throughout as well as a spa bath on the verandah-just what you need for those balmy summer nights! There is a wood stove in the kitchen and a beautiful Metters stove outside which the owners use when the weather warms up.

The gardens are oasis like-green and shady. The orchard is full of mango, fig, lemons, mandarins and grapefruit and there is a chook yard nearby.

Room is not a problem for there 11.4896ha to make use of. The shed is powered and there is a cool room. There is also room for 4 vehicles to be parked under

Water is not a worry as there are 2 windmills as well as pumps that pump from the nearly permanent water whole in the river.

The Gascoyne Junction is only a 164km from Carnarvon.















CALLING ALL LOCAL CELEBRITIES...

The CRC is on the look out for our next **SAY G'DAY** candidates to star in future editions of the Gassy Gossip.

We want to know more about our community and our community is keen to get to know you!

So if you're interested in sharing more about yourself, like your favourite food, which footy team you support and what you like to do in your spare time, contact the CRC now with your answers to the questions below!

You could be our next local celebrity...

Full name:

Nickname:

Place of birth:

Favourite food?

Favourite animal?

Footy team:

Where did you grow up?

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?

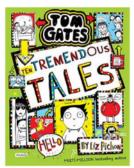
What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?

What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne?



BOOKS OF THE MONTH

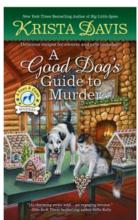




TEN TREMENDOUS TALES - LIZ PICHON

A laugh-out-loud, fully illustrated collection of stories starring Tom Gates and his friends, family and foes! Tom Gates is TREMENDOUS and so are his TALES!

ABOUT THE Don't miss SHOE WARS - the epic standalone



A GOOD DOG'S GUIDE TO MURDER - KRISTA DAVIS

Visitors are arriving in droves to spend Thanksgiving in the mountains of pet-friendly Wagtail, Virginia. Many of them are bringing dog and cat gingerbread houses to enter in the contest that will be held in the new convention center. Wagtail resident Orly Biffle bequeathed the land to the town in his will, provided that they not cut down the grand old oak tree on the property. Orly's children are mighty miffed that they didn't inherit the prime piece of property overlooking the lake.

Holly notices that Trixie and Twinkletoes, her calico kitty, are fixated on the big oak tree. Trixie barks at it as though she thinks it's a corpse! Just as contestants are spicing up their sweet gingerbread creations, the majestic tree drops an enormous limb. The mayor declares that the tree is dangerous and must come down. When a bulldozer churns up some roots, the tree falls over on its own accord revealing a body inside the trunk! Initially, everyone suspects this unsavory trick was Orly's doing. But it soon becomes clear that someone is trying to keep the truth under wraps. Trixie and Twinkletoes now have to help Holly sniff out some suspects and leash a conniving killer.



QUEEN OF OUR TIMES - ROBERT HARDMAN

Shy but with a steely self-confidence; inscrutable despite ten decades in the public eye; unflappable; devout; indulgent; outwardly reserved, inwardly passionate; unsentimental; inquisitive; young at heart. Even with her recent passing at age ninety-six, she remains a twenty-first century global phenomenon commanding unrivalled respect and affection.

Robert Hardman, one of Britain's most acclaimed royal biographers, now wraps up the full story of one of the undisputed greats in a thousand years of monarchy. It is a portrait of a world leader who remains as intriguing today as the day she came to the Throne at age twenty-five.

With peerless access to members of the Royal Family, staff, friends, and royal records, Queen of Our Times brings fresh insights and scholarship to the modern royal story. There will be no more thorough, more readable, more original book on Elizabeth II as we celebrate a life and reign that, surely, will never be equalled.

TOGETHER WE SUCCEED



Newsletter 21/09/2023



PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



WA Student Council

Our Year 9 student Jannayah Clinch was nominated for a seat on the WA Student Council for next year and has been shortlisted for interview early next term.

We all wish Jannayah the best of luck at her interview.

The student council's role is to:

- advise the Department of Education & the Minister for Education and Training on policy and reform
- # represent the interest of their educational regions
- ♣ represent the interests of all students in WA
- ♣ act as ambassadors for WA student leadership.

Maths Games Challenge

Keep an eye out early next term for an invitation to accept our challenge to join us for some Maths Games. You might need to brush up on your Maths skills over the holidays!

Kínd regards Jackie Miller (Principal)



Apple Jaffle

Traffic Light:



This is can still be very tasty AND be a green recipe if it's made without the sugar etc.

Ingredients

- 440g can unsweetened pie apple
- 8 slices raisin/fruit or wholemeal bread
- Cinnamon sugar or icing sugar to serve.

Method

- 1. Place 2 tablespoons of pie apple onto one slice of bread
- 2. Top with another slice of bread
- 3. Place in sandwich press and bake until golden

☆Student Councillor Report☆





This week our student councillor organised a Fun Afternoon to raise funds for **Telethon**. Thanks to everyone who kindly donated for this good cause.

Forms and donations are due back to school at the end of this week on Friday 22nd September.









MINI INDUSTRY ROADSHOW (Career Taster Program)









Jannayah and Milo participated in a career taster program this week run by the School of Isolated Distance and Education (SIDE). They built some plumbing components and tested them out on a sink. They used mini carpentry tools completed and woodworking and were shown how to use tape measures with accuracy. During their automotive session they learnt complete a safety check, use a jack, and change a tyre.











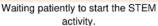


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KINDY/PRE-PRIMARY ROOM

<u>STEM</u>

Have you ever seen jumping and dancing milk? Our Kindy/Pre-primary students did. The students poured full cream milk on a plate and dropped some food colouring into the milk, they then put cotton tips into dishwashing detergent and then into the milk. Presto, the milk started jumping and dancing around on the plate. "Wow! Oh my god!" were the words we could hear while we were doing this STEM activity. Kehlanne said, "Oh my god! It's green now!" after mixing yellow and blue colours together. Rickeal said, "It's dancing like this and jumping!" while he was acting it out. This activity ended quickly when the students started to mix all the colours together, but we sure had fun!







Jackie kept saying Oh my god! Oh my god!



Kehlanne said, "Oh my god! It's green now!" after mixing yellow and blue together.



"It's dancing like this and jumping!"

JOLLY PHONICS

This term, the students have been learning about Jolly Phonics. The students have taken part in various activities such as writing their sounds in shaving cream. In another activity, Miss Kenny would say a sound and Jackie would then write it down on the white board. She wrote all the letters for the sounds correctly and could show the actions while doing so. The letters S, A, T, P, I, N were printed on A3 paper, Jackie had to roll the playdough into long sticks and place them on each sound. She was so happy and proud of her work.













SPORTS WEEK 2023

Week 9 of this term was declared Sports Week as we had no less than 3 different days of sport.

Jackie and Andre started Sports Week off with the CSOTA Athletics carnival. They competed in team events such as the Egg and Spoon race, Sack Race, Flag Race and some individual races. They had a marvellous time and did Gascoyne Junction proud with their awesome attitudes and sportsmanship!









The next event was Jumps and Throws on Thursday as part of CCC's Athletics Carnival. Scarlet, Eli, Juanita, and Milo all attended to try their hand at Long Jump, Triple Jump, Tee Ball Throw and the 400m race. They also did us proud with their sportsmanship and cheering each other on.









The week was topped off with the team games and individual races at the CCC Athletics Carnival. Three Year 3's and a Year 5 were again off to Carnarvon to compete. They teamed up with students from CSOTA for the team games and worked exceptionally well in teams that had never practised together before.







All students involved represent GJRCS so fantastically by demonstrating the school values of responsibility, resilience, and respect. Well done everyone!

PINK IS THE COLOUR OF ACTIØN, OF F⊌N, OF CARE, OF LIFE, WE PLAY.





GASCOYNE JUNCTION REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS HOSTING

PINK STUMPS DAY!

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023 STARTING AT 11 AM GASCOYNE JUNCTION TOWN OVAL, GASCOYNE JUNCTION

A fun day of cricket awaits you, whether you want to join a team or just watch please join us to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. Wear your most fashionable pink outfit for a chance to win! Pink merchandise and raffle tickets will be available with fantastic prizes to be won. Afterwards, head on over to Junction Pub & Tourist Park for dinner to discuss the catches, the drops, and the fun day you had.

We look forward to seeing you!

We accept CASH ONLY for the purchase of merchandise and raffle tickets.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE DAY GO TO THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

GASCOYNE JUNCTION REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ON 99431600 OR EMAIL

GASCOYNEJUNCTION.RCS@EDUCATION.WA.EDU.AU

COMING EVENTS

22/9/23	TELETHON donations due today.
22/9/23	Last Day of Term Three
9/10/23	Staff first day of term four (pupil-free day).
10/10/23	Students' first day of term four.
	Jannayah's WA Student Council interview.
7/11/23	Public meeting / General meeting School Council (school library at 5:00pm)



Vegetarian Butter Cauliflower

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp vegetable oil

1 brown onion, coarsely chopped

2 tbsp tomato paste

180g pkt Taste one pot butter chicken recipe base

500ml (2 cups) Massel Vegetable Liquid Stock

500g cauliflower, cut into small florets

125ml (1/2 cup) thickened cream

Steamed basmati rice, to serve

Chopped fresh coriander, to serve

4 naan breads, warmed, to serve

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Heat the oil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring, for 4-5 minutes or until softened. Add the tomato paste and cook, stirring, for 1-2 minutes or until darkens slightly.
- 2. Add the recipe base and stock and bring to the boil. Add the cauliflower. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Partially cover and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until the cauliflower softens slightly. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the cauliflower to a heatproof bowl.
- 3. Add the cream to the sauce mixture. Increase the heat to high and bring to the boil. Boil for 15-20 minutes or until sauce reduces and thickens. Add the cauliflower and toss until well combined and heated through.
- 4. Divide the rice among serving bowls. Top with the cauliflower mixture. Sprinkle with coriander and serve with naan bread.





OCTOBER

- Jodie McTaggart 13
- Wendy Hoseason-Smith 15
- Ray Hoseason-Smith 17
- 17 Oscar Hammarquist
- Richard Dowker 22
- 24 Ken Kempton
- Melanie Hammarquist 26
- 30 Paula Hammarquist

NOVEMBER

- 4 Laney McKeough
- **Dustin Walker** 14
- 21 Dot Hammarquist

DECEMBER

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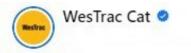












Vale Donald 'Don' Hammarquist OAM JP / 1956-2023

To commemorate 'The Donfather', Shire of Upper Gascoyne had their Cat 966 GC Wheel Loader emblazoned with his nickname, with a special plaque affixed inside the cab. Don was elected as a Shire Councillor back in 1990 and elected as Shire President in 2017. He served the Shire loyally for 33 years and was regarded as being a tireless worker who strived for excellence for his community.

Shire Of Upper Gascoyne News & Events



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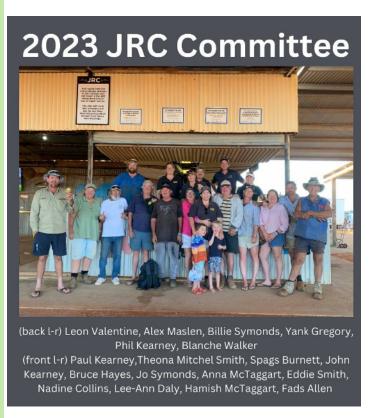
2023 PERTH AIRPORT WA TOURISM AWARDS

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is a finalist in the 2023 Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards. The Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards recognises businesses, individuals and destinations for their commitment to excellence and provides a platform to review achievements and innovation. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne nominated in the Tourism Marketing & Campaigns Category for the Wander Outback promotion and in the Excellence in Local Government Category. These awards are a great industry benchmark. It highlights the importance that the Shire values in tourism and is a credit to all of our tourism stakeholders who welcome guests so warmly to our region.

JUNCTION RACES

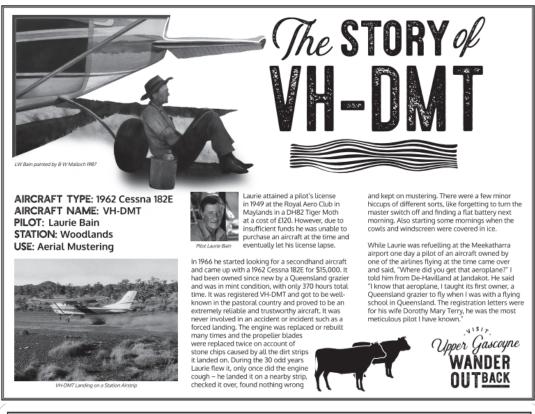
The Junction races has been run and won again. Congratulations to the entire Junction Race Club Committee and the team of volunteers that made the event possible. Fashions of the Field saw our very own Carmen Wilson take out the prize for Best

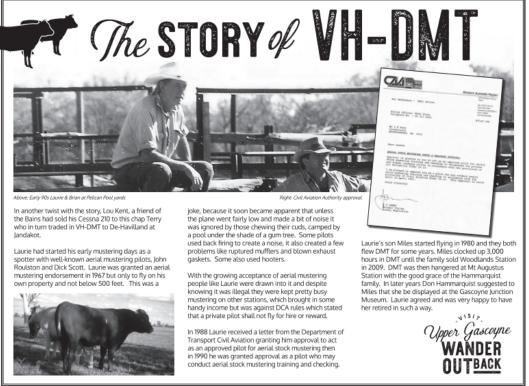
Dressed Local.



VH-DMT DEDICATION

On September 1, friends and family of Laurie Bain joined Shire Councillors, staff, the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School and community members to officially welcome VH-DMT to Gascoyne Junction at a dedication service. The students of the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School did an incredible job in performing the Australian National Anthem. After remarks from Acting Shire President Cr Jim Caunt, the family and friends of the Bain Family shared with us stories of their memories of Laurie and the plane. VH-DMT was certainly a part of their lives holding very special memories, and we have promised to continue to take care of her. They were very happy with the Two Rivers Memorial Park and her new home. New signs were unveiled that share the story of the both Laurie and the plane. A morning tea was held at the Junction Pub and Tourist Park at the conclusion of the service. Thank you to all who made this day so special.





GASSY GOSSI

GASCOYNE JUNCTION FOOD FESTIVAL

Flavours of the Gascoyne @ The Junction

The weather was perfect, the table was set, and this year's Gascoyne Food Festival event in Gascoyne Junction did not disappoint. The team at the Gascoyne Junction Pub and Tourist Park had the outside dining area looking incredible with floral arrangements made right here in town. Chef Omo prepared an incredible menu including Beef Carpaccio, Goat Soup, Smoked Cod and Chicken Confit. The desserts of a Banana Split and Pretty in Pink were a highlight for all. Over 50 diners were in attendance travelling from Perth, the Shire of Ashburton and Carnarvon to enjoy. Music by Grant Hart was the perfect backdrop to another successful evening under Gascoyne Skies.





Biggest BBQ

On a perfect spring evening and watching the sunset over the Worlds Biggest Rock, the Gascoyne Food Festival Event – The Biggest BBQ was held on Saturday September 23. Paul Kelly and team had the BBQ fired up and prepared a meat lovers feast with meatballs, brisket and sirloin. Accompanied by some freshly caught prawns and a medley of vegetables grown in the Gascoyne it was the perfect way to spend Saturday night in good company. Congratulations to the team at the Mount Augustus Tourist Park for a successful evening.





STATE TIDY TOWN JUDGING FOR 2023

On Sunday September 17, Rohan and Sam from Keep Australia Beautiful Western Australia joined us in Gascoyne Junction to judge the nominations in the 2023 Western Australian State Tidy Towns Awards which will be awarded in November. The judges spent time at Winnemia, at the Junction Race Club with the team from the Kennedy Range Campdraft, at the Junction Pub & Tourist Park, the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School, the Shire Offices and CRC and of course enjoying all the things we love about Gascoyne Junction. Thanks to all the members of the community who gave up their time to spend with us on Sunday morning. When putting together nominations it is really incredible to see how as a community we have come together to think about a sustainable future. Keep up the good work Team Junction!

NATIONAL TIDY TOWN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AWARDS 2024

The date has been set. Next May, the Upper Gascoyne and Gascoyne Junction will welcome the 2023 State Finalists to Gascoyne Junction to discover who will be the 2024 National Tidy Town Sustainable Community. Delegates will showcase their projects that have seen them be awarded their own state titles, and we as a community can showcase our incredible projects and town and what made us deserved winners of the award this year. We will need some assistance so watch this space in coming months as we call out for volunteers to assist.

GAMES NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

One of the many suggestions for Youth Group was to have a selection of games and puzzles, so at our September Youth Group Night we unpacked boxes and discovered new games and puzzles and set out to give them a test run. Team Youth challenged Billie and Ainsley to Jenga and Connect 4. Puzzles were tested and a bit of Kids Against Maturity to finish the night. Miss Ainsley made her mum's special Pasta Bolognese which was delicious. Our next Youth Group Gathering will be at the Gascoyne Junction Treasure Hunt on October 22.





THU 14TH DECEMBER

2023 A Night of Fun and Festivities!

- Santa Visit
- Raffles
- Entertainment
 Xmas Dinner
- BYO Drinks
- EOY School Presentation

 - & More!

5:30PM **Start**

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU (08) 9943 0988





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TO ADVERTISE PLEASE CONTACT US CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU

Free advertising for community groups and not for profit organisations.

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$42.00

A5 - \$26.00

A6 - \$21.00

Business Card Size - \$8.50

Are you looking for a place to get your business, your event, or your items for sale in front of the residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne?

Its time to book an advertising space in the Gassy Gossip. Whether its for one month or year round this is the place to be seen.

WA HAS THE LOWEST PATS FUEL SUBSIDY IN AUSTRALIA



Help improve the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) for regional West Australians. The Petition calls for improvements in six key areas of PATS:

- · Increased fuel subsidies.
- Increased accommodation subsidies.
- Providing taxi vouchers to allow patients to get to and from medical appointments.
- · Improving processing and reimbursement times for patients.
- Expanding PATs to also include dental and allied health services.
- Providing greater recognition and support for patient escorts and carers.



Merome Beard MLA
Member for North West Central



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Stellar Stargazing

October is a great month to be out under the stars! Jupiter and the Moon appear together, there's a meteor shower plus Halloween to celebrate!

A great time to see Jupiter is after 9.30pm on the 2nd October. Jupiter will rise in the north east with the almost full moon rising below it just 10 minutes later. The pair will be bright and stunning!

This year the Orionids Meteor Shower will have almost perfect viewing conditions. Stargazers can expect to see up to 20 meteors per hour. The Orionids Meteor Shower is generated from Halley's Comet and peaks on the night of the 21st/22nd of October but can be viewed several days either side of the peak. The best views will be after 1am when the quarter Moon has set and the sky gets darker.

When to look: From midnight/1am to early morning, 21st/22nd October Which direction to look: Toward the northern horizon.



Will you be trick or treating this Halloween? If you are, from sunset onwards keep an eye out for the gas giants! Jupiter will rise in the northeast, appearing as a bright star. Saturn will be overhead, as a slightly dimmer looking bright star. Happy stargazing!

By: Donna Vanzetti and Carol Redford, Astrotourism WA www.astrotourismwa.com.au

2023 Pastoral Industry **Forum**



THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER

Anzac Hall, Mt Magnet

"Technology in the Southern Rangelands"

✓ Station-wide Connectivity

✓ Diet ID

✓ Virtual Fencing

✓ Optiweigh

✓ Drone Technology
✓ Carbon Futures

✓ Research

✓ Rehydration

✓ ABSF ✓ Monitoring ✓ IYRP 2026

✓ Sustainability

✓ Markets

And more!

Get your FREE TICKET to this event here:

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Enquiries to: Margi Weir, EO at SRPA, 0408 210 285 or info@srpa.org.au



Fuel to Go & Play Gascoyne Junction



Sunday October 22, 2023 Start: 11am Gascoyne Junction Pavilion End: 12.30pm Junction Pub & Tourist Park

Join us for a Treasure Hunt at the Fuel to Go & Play Children's Week Gascoyne Junction Treasure Hunt.

Children 7 & Under along with their responsible adults can follow a map across Gascoyne Junction collecting clues to the final treasure. For those 8 & Over join with your friends from the Gascoyne Youth Group as you work in teams to uncover the secrets to your hidden treasure. All treasure hunters will share their tales over lunch at the Gascoyne Junction Roadhouse at the end of the event.

Further information at www.childrensweekwa.org.au or www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/events















Join us for a

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT

COSTUME COMPENIES



4:30PM - 5:45pm

Start CRC
Finish Junction Pub &
Tourist Park

MORE DETAILS TO COME

Please RSVP by 23rd October 2023 OCT 31 2023









BOOK YOUR TABLE TODAY FOR LUNCH TODAY
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7 FROM 11.00AM

RACE START TIME: 12 NOON

Prizes for:
Best Dressed Man
Best Dressed Lady
Best Hat

SWEEPS \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20

For More Information Call 9943 0868



SMOKO TIME



How to Practice Mindfulness

CHECKLIST

	1.	Dedicate time and space for your mindfulness practice.
	2.	Make a conscious effort to focus on the present moment, without judgment.
	3.	Allow yourself to do nothing and just be.
	4.	Don't think about the past. Don't plan the future. Don't look at the time.
	5.	Pay attention to your thoughts, words, actions, and motivations.
	6.	Notice your judgments and let them pass.
	7.	Return to the present moment.
	8.	Don't be too hard on yourself when your mind wanders off during practice. Gently bring your attention back to the present.
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EVENING GRATITUDE JOURNAL

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UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? 2023 EVENTS SAVE THE DATE



SUN OCTOBER 22 TREASURE HUNT 11am to 12.30pm PAVILION

THU NOVEMBER 16
CONSTRUCT & CREATE
4.30 to 6pm
CRC

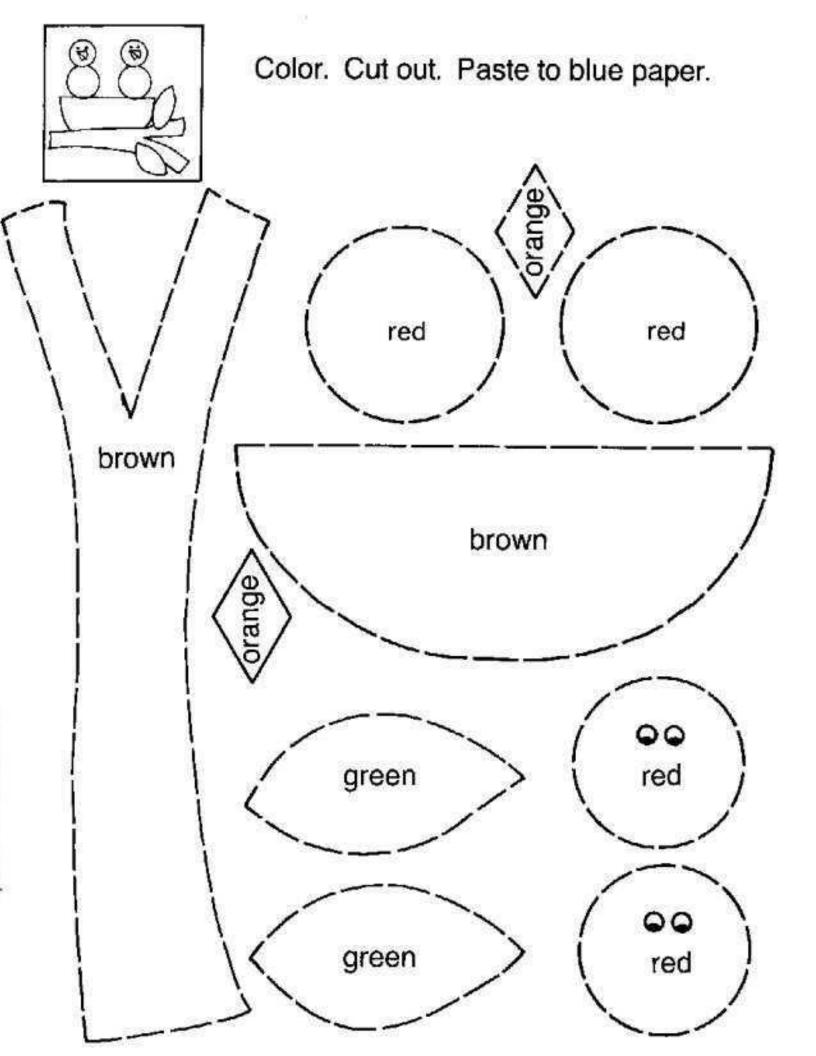




SAT DECEMBER 02
POOL PARTY
3pm to 5pm
JUNCTION TOURIST PARK

Please RSVP to the CRC ONE week prior to these events for catering.

Upper Gascoyne Youth Club is strictly for 8 to 16 year olds ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS



What time is it?









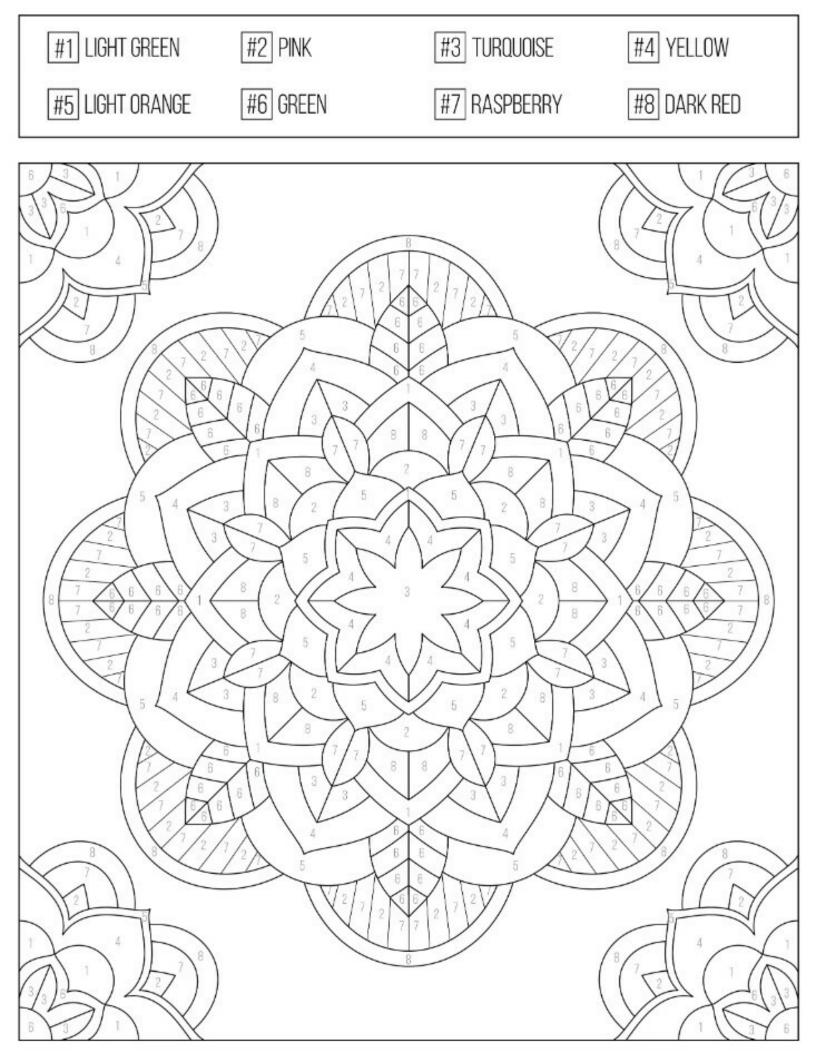
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Gascoyne Junction 2023 MEDICAL CLINIC DATES



06 SEP 04 OCT 01 NOV 06 DEC

Gascoyne Junction 2023 NURSING CLINIC DATES



20 SEP 18 OCT

Gascoyne Junction now has a regular monthly GP Clinic on the first Wednesday of the month at the Medical Room at the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre followed by a Nursing Clinic the following fortnight. *Except January Clinic to be held 2nd Wednesday.



- GP Clinics will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.
- First Appointment is at 10am with the last at 2.15pm



- Appointments will be 30 minutes long but longer consultations can be requested
- Appointments will be bulk billed
- Appointment can be made by calling the CRC on 08 9943 0988

This medical service is being supported by the WA Country Health Service Midwest

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LANDOR RACES

EAST GASCOYNE RACE CLUB

29-02 OCTOBER

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

04 OCTOBER

KENNEDY RANGE CAMPDRAFT

JUNCTION RACE CLUB

07-08 OCTOBER

PINK STUMPS

GASCOYNE JUNCTION OVAI

14 OCTOBER

UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS



NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE
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18 OCTOBER

YOUTH GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

22 OCTOBER

CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

28-29 OCTOBER

TRICK OR TREAT

GASCOYNE JUNCTION

31 OCTOBER

GP CLINIC

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MELBOURNE CUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PUB AND
TOURIST
PARK

07 NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY

GASCOYNE
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REMOTE
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SCHOOL

10 NOVEMBER

NURSING CLINIC

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15 NOVEMBER