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UPCOMING EVENTS

Find out what exciting events are coming up next in our Community Calendar.

COUNCIL NEWS

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

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.



CEO Report

Unfortunately this month starts on a sad note with the passing of Peter Windie (Junior). Our sincere condolences go out to Peter (Senior), Jason and the rest of the family. The funeral is to be held on the 21st of October in Carnarvon, I will attend on behalf of the Shire.

I have, once again, devoted a good portion of my time to getting the Hastings Road User Agreement drafted. Although it is largely in line with our current agreement there are nuances that differ and these need to be incorporated into the new agreement. It is hoped that I will have draft to share at this Council Meeting.

At the time of writing this the Council elections have not been held so I am no wiser as to who our elected members are. Regardless of the outcome all existing Councillors are to be very proud of what we have been able to deliver to the community over the past 2 years.

I have attended various meetings which include - DFES in relation to DRFAWA, LEMC, Hastings, Craig Poletti,

I can report that the CEO's new vehicle is in town. It is a lower level model than the current vehicle but has a tray and canopy which is far more practical than a tub.

The Shire President and myself have been working with the Yinggarda lawyers in order to find a way forward where we can establish a sound working relationship with Yinggarda PBC. At this stage this is still a work in progress but we are hopeful that this work will bear fruit.

Work has commenced on the review of the Town Planning Strategy and associated Town Planning Scheme. As with all things in this space it will take some time before we see anything tangible.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

Hello everyone. For all those who have yet to meet me, my name is Andrea Pears, and I commenced in September. It was a baptism by fire, as I hit the ground running, due to arriving the same day as our financial auditors. With the support of an amazing team, we survived, and overall the whole process progressed well. To finalise the audit the Office of the Auditor General and William Buck will provide the audit outcome to the Shire's Audit Committee on the 25 October 2023 at 1.00pm, which is generally known in the industry as the exit interview. So in short, another one bites the dust and I would like to thank everyone for all their assistance and efforts to enable the Shire to get this completed in an efficient and effective manner. Here's looking forward to the next month.

Community Resource Centre Update

Our visitors have been slowing down as we reach the traditional end of our season. 269 visitors called into the visitor centre through September making 1270 over the first three months of this financial year. We have had almost 25000 visitors staying at our tourist parks not including Kennedy Range and free camping in the same period.

From October 16 to 17 I joined the Western Australian Station Stays group along with members of Tourism WA, Australia's Golden Outback and Australia's Coral Coast at Bullara Station Stay for their annual get together. Case Studies were presented, strategic and marketing plans were discussed and the direction moving forward for the group. There are opportunities for the Upper Gascoyne in this space and work will continue with interested stakeholders. I am also in ongoing discussions with Tourism WA for developing a business case for experience development in Gascoyne Junction.

I have also been working with GDC and our neighbouring Gascoyne Shires to work collaboratively in the Astrotourism space with a regular working group meeting to work on marketing and a consistent message across the region. Discussions also continue in the Gascoyne Grows Economic Development Event scheduled for May 22 & 23 next year in Carnarvon to promote economic investment and growth in the Gascoyne and to showcase the region as an entity separate from the Midwest.

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is a finalist in the 2023 Perth Airport Tourism Awards. Two categories were entered – Excellence in Local Government and Marketing and Branding. These awards will be announced in Perth on Saturday November 11. I will attend these awards whilst in Perth for the 4WD Show where I will be inviting attendees to take a wander outback.

On Sunday September 17, the WA State Judges visited Gascoyne Junction to see our continued efforts in building a sustainable community. Our judges saw projects throughout our community at Winnemia, Kennedy Range Campdraft, the Junction Pub & Tourist Park, the expansion of Containers for Change to workcamps, homes and at the Tourist Precinct along with our paperless Council Meetings to name a few. The judges are also very keen for the National Tidy Towns Awards here in May and were impressed by our program. Horizon Power have given the Shire \$9500 towards the event as part of their Community Partnership Program.

September saw both Gascoyne Junction and Mount Augustus both host Gascoyne Food Festival events which were attended by Shire staff. The entire festival was a smaller event this year and this was reflected in local numbers. The Landor Races, Landor Gymkhana, Kennedy Range Campdraft and Pink Stumps Day have also been held over the past few weeks and well attended and supported.

Another successful Youth Group event was held in September where the group members unpacked boxes of games and puzzles and spent the evening challenging Billie and myself to games. Our next Youth event ties in with Children's Week and a Treasure Hunt on October 22.

I have attended WACHS meetings representing the Upper Gascoyne Community. Our GP Clinic has celebrated one year and again was heavily booked for October. I am also in discussions about the potential of a regular physio service in Gascoyne Junction.

Manager of Works and Services

There's never a dull moment in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne and October didn't disappoint. By all accounts the Landor Races were once again a massive success. The event draws a crowd from all over the state with long time stalwarts to first timers enjoying a ripper race weekend in outback. The Sunday Gymkhana was hotly contested and enjoyed by all. Well done to the Eastern Gascoyne Race Club and Gymkhana Committee.

The Kennedy Range Campdraft held their second annual Campdraft the weekend after Landor. There were over 100 nominations and Bidgemia Cattle Company donated 700 head of cattle for the weekend. The locals were well represented and the committee once again delivered a great weekend. Without the support of the Upper Gascoyne Shire this event wouldn't be where it is today.

The GJRCS held their popular Pink Stumps cricket match on the 14th October. Although the conditions were quite warm there was a plenty of support from our locals, sponsors and visitors from as far as Geraldton. The Carnarvon contingent were also there in numbers. Another top job by the school for an important cause.

GBSC have returned to carry out warranty and defect works on the memorial park over the last couple of weeks. Several concrete paths have been replaced and a few other minor defects rectified.

Maintenance and upgrade works on 39 Gregory have been completed. The new kitchen layout, floors and painting have brightened up the home and brought it back up to high standard for Poddy and his family. I would like to welcome them and their family into the community.

Thomas and Ian have been hard at it in the north end of our shire. They have completed the Cobra Mt Augustus, Pingandy, Woodlands, Cobra Dairy Creek roads. They will now focus on working towards our Landor before heading back down to Carnarvon Mullewa road to tidy up after the Landor Races assault.

The works crew are almost finished resheeting and reforming sections of the Cobra Dairy Creek road adjacent and south of Yinnetharra. We will complete approximately 7kms of resheeting and 5km of reforming/heavy grading. The crew will mobilise to the southern end of the road to repair blowouts before heading back to Dalgety Brook to complete the approaches and drainage.

Yuin have completed the installation of the concrete floodway and rock protection. Once we have stabilised the approaches we will seal approximately 200m either side of the floodway. Our crew will also re-stabilise two floodways on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road (25km east of town) as part of our reseal programme for 2023-24. The bitumen crew is expected to arrive in early December.





RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR Shire of Upper Gascoyne, Upper Gascoyne

*Local Government Act 1995, s.4.77
Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997, Reg.80, Form 19*

Date of election: 21 October 2023.

Shire of Upper Gascoyne, Upper Gascoyne District		
Quota: 12		
Candidate	First-preference votes	Votes at last count
WINDIE, Peter	9	12
WATTERS, Greg	3	0
BASTON, Will	11	11
BREMER, Krystie	6	7
CAUNT, Jim	16	12
HOSEASON-SMITH, Ray	12	12

Name of first candidate to backfill:
BREMER, Krystie

Name of second candidate to backfill:
WATTERS, Greg

The following people are elected as councillors for the Upper Gascoyne district. Each councillor will hold office until the date set out next to the councillor's name.
A document detailing the distribution of preference votes is available on the official website of the local government.

Name	Expiry of term
James William CAUNT	16 October 2027
Raymond Douglas HOSEASON-SMITH	16 October 2027
Peter WINDIE	16 October 2027
William BASTON	16 October 2027

Returning Officer	Full name: Ainsley HARDIE	
	Signature: 	Date: 22/10/23

ELECTIONS RESULTS

2023 COUNCIL ELECTION SHIRE PRESIDENT & DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT RESULTS



At the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne held on Wednesday October 25, an election was held to fill the positions of Shire President and Deputy Shire President which was voted on by Councillors.

Cr Jim Caunt was declared Shire President as the result of the election for Shire President.

A subsequent election for Deputy Shire President was held and Cr Hamish McTaggart was declared the Deputy Shire President.

**John McCleary
CEO
Shire of Upper Gascoyne**

For enquiries, please call the Shire office on (08) 9943 0988

SHIRE OFFICE AND CRC



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES FOR 2023/2024

We would like to advise that the Shire and the CRC will be closed from 12noon on the 22nd of December 2023 to the 8th of January 2024.

We will re-open on Monday the 8th January 2024 as per normal business hours.

The Shire and CRC Staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas!



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COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

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

Contractor	MTF Services	Start Date:	17 September 2023		
		Forecast Completion Date:	December 2023		
Project Overview					
<p>The upgrade project consists of the upgrade of approx. 12km of the Landor Meekatharra Rd Slk 9 – 21 from gravel to seal.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The earthworks and pavement work is being completed by MTF.</p> <p>The spray sealing work is to be completed by Downer. Sealing is scheduled for early December 2023.</p>					
Works this period (Oct 2023)			Works next period (Nov 2023)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed clearing and site preparation work for the entire 12km section Completed 10 of the 12km of subgrade preparation Clegg hammer testing completed on 10km of subgrade, all compaction results have passed First 1km of pavement material imported and mixing and laying commenced 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete remaining subgrade preparation Continue with pavement material importing and mixing and laying 		
Status Breakdown					
	Clearing	Subgrade & Drainage	Basecourse/ Pavement	Overall	
Slk 9 - 12	80%	85%	15%	50%	
Slk 12 – 15	80%	80%	-		
Slk 15- 18	80%	80%	-		
Slk 18 - 21	80%	50%	-		
Discussion Items					

Camp	The contractor is camped at the old Landor woolshed at approx. Slk 25
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SUBGRADE PREPARATION – SELECTION OF PHOTOS



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
<i>7th April - 23rd April School Holidays</i>		
6 th and 7 th May		Untutored
10 th and 11 th June		Tutored - TBA
<i>1st July - 16th July School Holidays</i>		
5 th and 6 th August		Untutored
2 nd and 3 rd September		Tutored - TBA
<i>23rd September - 8th October School Holidays</i>		
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

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

This article was originally published in the Carnarvon Community News on April 23 2004.

CARNARVON COMMUNITY NEWS, Friday April 23 2004 — Page 5

New tourist trails highlight the outback appeal of Gascoyne and Murchison

Western Australia's longest self-drive trail network - the 3,000km Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways project - was officially opened today.

In ceremonies at Gascoyne Junction and Woolen Station today, Gascoyne Minister Tom Stephens launched three pathways stretching across the Gascoyne and Mid-West regions.

These included:

the Kingsford-Smith Mail Run from Carnarvon to Meekatharra via Mt Augustus National Park;

the Wool Wagon Pathway from Geraldton or Yalgoo, through the Murchison to Gascoyne Junction and onward to Exmouth; and

the Miners Pathway that includes Paynes Find, Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Cue, Sandstone and Yalgoo.

"This wonderful cross-regional initiative will provide a sound basis for developing tourism opportunities and diversifying regional economies," Mr Stephens said.

"The Gascoyne and Murchison outback regions, with their wealth of history and natural beauty, are well placed to cater for eco-tourism, heritage tourism and adventure holidays.

"These are growth industries in the region.

"Interpretive signage and travel brochures will enrich visitors' experiences and attract more travellers.

"This positive approach has already encouraged new tourism services and investment with a 24-hour fuel service opening in Yalgoo and many pastoral lessees constructing accommodation units.

"New attractions such as the Meeka Rangelands Discovery Trail in Meekatharra, the Piyari Yardi Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre in Carnarvon and the Naaguja Cultural Trail in Geraldton are being developed."

This project was developed through the Gascoyne Murchison Strategy, which identified tourism as a sustainable diversification option to improve the economic, environmental and

social viability of the Gascoyne Murchison rangelands.

The project has received financial and in-kind assistance worth more than \$400,000 from Federal, State, local government and tourism industry sources.

It was initiated by the State Government's Gascoyne and Mid-West Development Commissions.

Support was provided through the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services, and WA agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Local Government and Regional Development and the WA Tourism Commission and its zone councils covering Australia's Golden Outback and Australia's Coral Coast.

Eleven local governments - Carnarvon, Cue, Exmouth, the City of Geraldton, Meekatharra, Mt. Magnet, Mullewa, Murchison, Sandstone, Upper Gascoyne and Yalgoo - are also participating in the project.



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?



SAY G'DAY TO...

Full name: Andrea Pears

Nickname: Pearsy

Place of birth: Subiaco

Favourite food? Indian

Favourite animal? Dog

Footy team: Eagles

Where did you grow up? Rockingham

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? Always lived on the coast – thought I would give inland a go

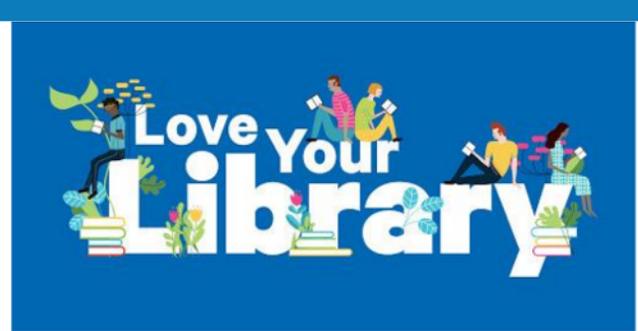
How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? 8 weeks

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? Night sky - Awesome

What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne? Telstra 4G



BOOKS OF THE MONTH



FLOOF – HEIDI MCKINNON

This is Floof. Floof is floofy. Floof is VERY floofy. Floof is the FLOOFIEST! Floof is going to have a very busy day...

A book to delight anyone who has ever loved a ridiculous furball.



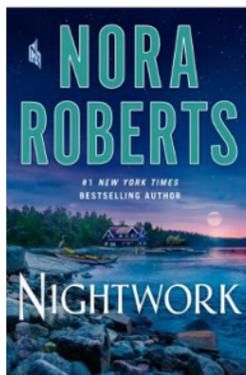
STEP-BY-STEP VEG PATCH – LUCY CHAMBERLAIN

Do you need the basics before you get started, or want to know how to grow a specific fruit or vegetable but are unsure how? This book makes it as easy as possible!

Step-by-step Veg Patch: How to Grow Your Own Food in Australia contains brilliantly simple instructions on how to grow the most common vegetables, fruits and herbs especially designed for Australian climates.

You just look up the crop you want to grow, then follow the photographic instructions and practical advice about starting, nurturing, harvesting and pruning. This fully revised edition includes clear and helpful yearly planners for vegetables and fruit crops, as well as information on how to plan and prepare your space.

Whether you have a few pots inside, a small raised bed, a vegetable patch or a larger area, this is the one-stop shop for anyone wanting to grow and eat their own food.



NIGHTWORK – NORA ROBERTS

Harry Booth started stealing at nine to keep a roof over his ailing mother's head, slipping into luxurious, empty homes at night to find items he could trade for cash. When his mother finally succumbed to cancer, he left Chicago—but kept up his nightwork.

Wandering from the Outer Banks to Savannah to New Orleans, he dons new identities and stays careful, observant, distant. He can't help letting his guard down when he meets Miranda Emerson. But the powerful bond between them cannot last—because not all thieves follow Harry's code of honor. Some pay others to take risks so they can hoard more treasures. Some are driven by a desire to own people the way they own paintings and jewels. And after Harry takes a lucrative job commissioned by Carter LaPorte, LaPorte sees a tool he can use, and decides he wants to own Harry.

The man is a predator more frightening than the alligators that haunt the bayou—and when he strongarms Harry into robbing a Baltimore museum, Harry abandons Miranda—cruelly, with no explanation—and disappears. But no matter what name he uses or where he goes, LaPorte casts a shadow over Harry's life. To truly free himself, he must face down his enemy once and for all. Only then can he hope to possess something more valuable than anything he has ever stolen...



Newsletter

26/10/2023

Responsibility Resilience Respect

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



School Council Annual Public Meeting

Our annual School Council public meeting will be held soon, and we are inviting interested parents or carers to join us. Our food policy is due for review, and we would appreciate your input.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please pass on your suggestions to any of the School Council members: Ainsley Hardie (Chairperson); John McCleary (community member); Carmen Wilson (teacher); or Jackie Miller (Principal). We hope to see you there.

DATE: Tuesday 7th November

TIME: 5:00pm

VENUE: School library

Kind regards

Jackie Miller (Principal)



Cheese Torpedo

Traffic Light: ●

Ingredients

- 1 long bread roll
- ½ cup reduced fat cheese, grated
- Optional extras: 1 teaspoon Vegemite, 3 slices of tomato or 1-2 slices of lean

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C
2. Slice the bread roll long ways leaving one edge attached
3. Fill with grated cheese or any other filling
4. Wrap in foil and bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes
5. Peel back the foil from the top, wrap the base in a napkin, enjoy.

★ Student Councillor Report ★



In term three Milo completed his last responsibility in his role as student councillor for 2023. He helped to organise a fun afternoon during which \$100 was raised for. **Thanks to the community for your support for all our fundraising events this year.** During the last week of this term, we will hold another adult **versus** students' game of Golden Child basketball. Keep an eye out for details.



From Milo (for the last time)



At times students miss school for legitimate reasons, such as illness, but at times we have unexplained absences. Please always contact the school to let us know what's happening if your child is absent (9943 1600).

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS' DAY



Late last term, we celebrated the dedication of Kenny and Heejeong, our fantastic Education Assistants. We are immensely proud of their ongoing enthusiasm and their professionalism, so we celebrated with a delicious morning tea to say thank you.

PLAYGROUP MORNING TERM 3

Near the end of last term, we held a Playgroup morning at school. Our older students joined in during recess time, and everyone had a fantastic time exploring and playing on our playground equipment.



Gabrielle just wanted to run around and do her own thing.

Freya was delighted as she slid down the slippery slide with Scarlet.



Sometimes Gracie raced around the playground and sometimes she just took in the view.

Who Sank the Boat?

Jackie has showed great interest in reading books throughout the year. Each week, we read the same book for PLD reading. The reasons why we read the same book for the week are: First, children love reading the same book again and again, second, they remember the story and can retell the story, which improves their comprehension, and third, they create new stories based on the pictures from the book. As a result, children's vocabulary, and ability to recognize words are enhanced.

Jackie became the teacher and read her book "Who Sank the Boat?" to the class. She asked, "What's this?" as she pointed the boat. When she was given the correct answer, she asked the class again, "What colour?" We answered "red". Jackie said, "Of course!" Jackie remembered each page's question and praised the class when we gave her right answers!

After reading the book, she said her favourite character was the mouse because he was cute! She drew the mouse, named him 'Mickey Mouse', and read the book again.



Growing Zucchini and Beetroot

We planted zucchini and beetroot to observe how plants grow. We also learned about germination, pollination, harvest, and size/shape. Firstly, we compared the size of the seeds and found that zucchini seeds were bigger than beetroot seeds. We then prepared the cups by filling them with soil, the seeds were planted and covered with a little more soil. We brought the seeds inside the classroom to water. Jackie said, "It will grow but we need to hide, and they will grow!" as she sat on the floor. We made labels for the seeds (look at the neat writing!) and put them on the wall.

What a surprise to see the beetroot sprouting after 5 days! Jackie was very happy to see the plants growing. She said, "Oh my god! It's growing fast!" as she used her arms to show how tall!

We will keep you updated as this project progresses, so please keep a close eye on our upcoming newsletters!



ROOM 1 NEWS



Leaders in Training – Harley Munns

Throughout Term 4 we will be having some students go through a Leaders in Training program. Students who nominate themselves will have chance to take on the role of a school leader for a small amount of time. These students will be able to see if school leadership is a job to which they aspire. Staff are also able to provide these students with opportunities to display their leadership skills.

Our first Leader in Training was Harley Munns. Harley was a student at GJRCS over the last few years and as always wanted an opportunity to see what the role of school leader was like. Harley displayed some great leadership skills during his time as a Leader in Training. He was responsible for helping Miss Wilson with getting morning fitness organised, encouraging his fellow classmates when they needed it and demonstrating the school values of **Responsibility, Resilience, and Respect**. Well done, Harley!

THANK A CLEANER DAY!



🎉 We celebrated David on the 18th of October for Thank a Cleaner Day. David goes the extra mile to keep our school so neat and tidy without complaint. Furthermore, he maintains the school grounds to a very high standard. Our school is so fortunate to have him, and we are grateful for all he does for us.

Thank you, David. 🎉

COMING EVENTS

2/11/23	Sporting Schools - Netball
7/11/23	Public meeting / General meeting School Council (school library at 5:00pm)
10/11/23	Remembrance Day Ceremony (time TBC)
16/11/23	Sporting Schools - Netball
14/12/23	LAST DAY TERM
14/12/23	Community Christmas Party and EOY Presentation night
15/12/23-30/01/24	School Holidays



PINK STUMPS DAY 2023

On the 14th October the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School hosted a Pink Stumps Day fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation. Despite the hot weather, town and station folk, along with our loyal Carnarvonites, came along to show off their cricket skills.

Team 'Di' captained by Dianne Kempton (2015, 2017, 2019 and 2022 winner), and team 'Nationals Pink' captained by Merome Beard rallied their teammates ahead of the match.

The teams prepared for the match by playing a drill called top of the line. This involved everyone standing in line with a timer running for four minutes, tennis balls were hit and if players dropped the ball, they had to walk to the end of the line. When the timer ran out whoever stood at the top of the line won. Taking home the title was James Hoseason-Smith.



The coin toss

With Team 'Nationals Pink' winning the toss and choosing to field first, the match got underway. Team Di's first-batting pair was herself and Janice who hit a four right off the bat! After finishing with single runs in their first over the second over saw no runs scored starting the team score with 9 runs. Ivan and Brett scored the most runs for the team with 14 runs with most partnerships averaging 10 runs. On the field, there was a bit of banter with wicketkeepers psyching out the batters and some good old balking by batters that led to easy catches being dropped by players for Nationals Pink.

A quick drink and snack break followed the first innings as players and spectators escaped the sun. The second innings got underway with Justin and Ian starting the batting off with 3 runs. The game continued steadily with partnerships averaging around 5 runs between them until until Ash and Rohan came in and scored 14 runs between them. The last partnership of the day was Jarrod and Christine, they started off with a couple of single runs when a team member yelled out from the sidelines "need 10 runs to win" Jarrod then hit a six! As Di's team was beginning to feel nervous with one over left, she stepped in to bowl, her team eagerly expressing a desire for no more runs to be scored. Her bowling was excellent throughout the over with the first three missed by the batter, the fourth ball saw a wicket, the fifth stopped a run and the last ball Jarrod hit it for a six, only to be caught by James right on the boundary. It was a nail-biting finish!

It was a great game and both teams played outstandingly. Team 'National Pink' scored 65 runs, but Team 'Di' just scraped home with 69 runs to take home another victory. Big thank you to our umpire David who stood in the heat the whole match and our scorer and auctioneer Sean.

A game of Classic Catches was played afterwards demonstrating some very talented catchers who were put under pressure by our ball hitter Nadine. We saw some great catches in the kids comp with Jannayah taking the winning catch. There was a lengthy competition between adults, during which the rules of catching were changed from two handed to one handed, followed by just one handed on the non preferred side, which brought about a duel between Pods and Jarrod. As the crowd oohed and aahhed and couldn't wait for it to be over, Jarrod finally took out the game.

The presentation of the annual trophy was presented to winning team captain Dianne followed by the raffles with lots of prizes kindly donated by our awesome sponsors below. An unexpected auction was held for a couple of freshly caught crayfish kindly donated by Greg Pike from WesTrac which fetched a nice price. Best dressed pink outfits went to Ashley for the kids category and Einey for the adults.

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GASCOYNE JUNCTION REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND THE GLEN MCGRATH FOUNDATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TOWARD THIS EVENT

Thanks everyone for your support for our Pink Stumps Day to help us raise money for the McGrath Foundation.

Together, we raised a whopping **\$1167.30!** We look forward to next year's return match.

PINK STUMPS DAY 2023



Winning Team

Raspberry, Strawberry, Pistachio and Nougat Semifreddo



INGREDIENTS

2 eggs

3 egg yolks

3/4 cup (165g) caster sugar

600ml thickened cream

200g white chocolate, melted

120g fresh raspberries, lightly crushed

100g bought nougat, finely chopped

50g strawberries, quartered, lightly crushed

1/4 cup (35g) pistachios, coarsely chopped

Fresh berries, extra, to serve

Pistachios, extra, chopped, to serve

Fresh mint leaves, to serve

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1 - Line base and sides of an 11cm x 21cm (base measurement) loaf pan with plastic wrap, allowing sides to overhang.

Step 2 - Use a hand-held electric beater or balloon whisk to whisk the eggs, egg yolks and sugar in a large heatproof bowl until light and fluffy. Carefully continue whisking over a saucepan of simmering water for 6-8 mins or until mixture is thick and pale and the temperature reaches 72C on a sugar thermometer. Remove from heat and continue whisking for a further 2 mins to cool.

Step 3 - Use a clean beater or balloon whisk to whisk cream in a bowl until soft peaks form. Use a large metal spoon to gently fold in the egg mixture. Add chocolate and gently fold until just combined. Add the raspberries, nougat, strawberries and pistachios and gently fold to combine. Pour into the prepared pan. Place in the freezer for 6-8 hours or until firm.

Step 4 - Remove from the freezer and turn onto a serving platter. Set aside for 10 mins to soften slightly. Top with extra berries, extra pistachios and mint leaves.



NOVEMBER

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

JANUARY

- 3 Ella Hoseason-Smith
- 3 Hazel McTaggart
- 3 John McCleary
- 17 Nat Rogers
- 17 Gracie Collins

DECEMBER

- 27 Levi Chongwee

Do you live in the Upper Gascoyne? Is your birthday missing from the monthly Gassy Gossip?

Email us at crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au



A TREASURE HUNT

There were treasure hunters to be found across Gascoyne Junction on Sunday October 22. As part of Children's Week celebrations the Fuel to Go & Play Gascoyne Junction Treasure Hunt had treasure hunters finding and solving clues from the starting point at the Pavilion finishing at the Café at the Roadhouse. Tennis skills were honed, origami skills tested, puzzles solved and Miss Andrea was challenged to multiple games of Connect 4. Along the way participants collected treasures with a final treasure bag at the treasure hunt end for each successful treasure hunter. A celebratory lunch was shared to finish the day. The treasure hunt was made possible through a Children's Week Grant from Meerilinga. We thank them for their continued support of Children's Week activities in the Upper Gascoyne.



TIDY TOWN STATE FINALS

Gascoyne Junction has been announced as finalists in two categories at this year's WA State Tidy Town Awards to be held in Perth on November 24. This year we are finalists in the Waste Management Category and the Young Legends Category. At this event we will also be presenting the new 2023 WA State Winners with their award after our tenure. They will also be invited to join us here for the National Tidy Town Sustainable Communities Awards from May 2024 in Gascoyne Junction.

GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP

28-29th October 2023 the Gascoyne Junction Craft Group held a Mosaic Workshop. The Mosaic Trays were a total hit amongst the group. If you've considered joining make sure to being a member in 2024. This is just a sneak peak of the awesome stuff you can do.





UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

CAN YOU HELP? WE ARE LOOKING FOR PRELOVED LEGO

The members of the Youth Group have compiled a list of activities they would enjoy participating in. A firm favourite idea was BUILDING LEGO

Do you have preloved and unused Lego lying around that you would be willing to donate to the Youth Group and Library?



Contact the CRC on 9943 0988

GASSY GOSSIP



2023 Community Christmas Party

THU 14TH DECEMBER

2023
A Night of Fun and Festivities!

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

**5:30PM
Start**

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

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





*I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER TO
BRING A DISH*

To register send an email to the CRC requesting a link to the Community Google Share Doc or complete this form and return to the CRC.

In 2023 we are asking for your help in providing a side dish or dessert to share at the 2023 Community Christmas Party Event. Dishes can be dropped off at the Pavilion between 5pm - 5:30pm on Friday December 14. If possible, please serve dishes in aluminium trays OR in serving dishes that are clearly labelled. For more details call us on 9943 0988 or email crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

I will bring a side dish/dessert (Circle)

NAME OF DISH: _____



**REGISTER YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN FOR A
PRESENT FROM SANTA!**

FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

UPPER GASCOYNE RESIDENTS \$15 NON RESIDENTS \$30

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

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023

GASSIFIEDS

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

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.

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$42.00

A5 - \$26.00

A6 - \$21.00

Business Card Size - \$8.50

Free advertising for community groups
and not for profit organisations.

Newsletter article

Be breast aware this October

Cancer Council WA is urging women in the Midwest region to use Breast Cancer Awareness Month as a reminder to be aware of the common symptoms of the disease.

In 2019, there were 1,899 women in WA were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 259 women lost their lives to it.”. In the Midwest region, 30 women were diagnosed with breast cancer and, compared to 7 deaths.

Common symptoms of breast cancer include:

- A lump or hard area in your breast or underarm, especially if it is only on one side
- A change in the size, shape or feel of your breast
- Change in the look of your breast, including redness, rash, or your skin looks like the skin of an orange, or is wrinkling in small folds
- Changes to the nipple, like it’s pulled inwards, leaking, itchy or has a sore that won’t heal
- Breast pain or discomfort, especially if it is only on one side
- An area of the breast that feels different to the rest

If you have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks, tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker as soon as possible.

If you have any of the symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer – often, it turns out to be something less serious, but finding breast cancer early often means that the breast cancer is small, less likely to have spread to other parts of the body, and can be more effectively treated.

Cancer Information and Support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms visit www.findcancerearly.com.au or if you’re feeling overwhelmed and you need someone to talk to, call Cancer Council’s information and support line on 13 11 20 and speak to one of our cancer nurses.



Country Stargazing Here Comes Astrofest!

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

November has a bumper line-up of fabulous stargazing treats and the big-ticket item is this year's WA Astrofest! Held on Saturday 18th November, this free and family friendly event will have dozens of big telescopes to look through, astronomy talks, children's space activities, astrophotography and much more to overload your cosmic senses!

For early risers, dazzling Venus will make a close approach to the lovely thin slither of the Moon on November 10th. The best time to see this stunning duo is one hour before sunrise, looking low towards the east.

Adding to this month's stellar diary, stargazers will be treated to a special display from the Leonids Meteor Shower. The Leonids meteor shower is generated from comet Tempel-Tuttle. The shower peaks on the night of the 17th/18th of November but can be viewed several days either side of the peak. The best views will be under dark skies, after midnight.

This shower emanates from the constellation Leo, which is visible just about everywhere on Earth. For those in northern WA, Orion will be higher in the sky, and may produce clearer meteors.

When to look: From midnight to early morning, 17th/18th November.

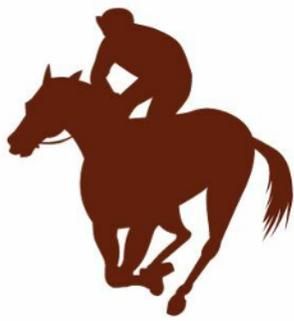
Which direction to look: Toward the northern horizon



Meteor showers happen when our planet Earth crosses the orbital path of a comet. As comets pass by the sun, the extreme temperatures heat up some of the nucleus and cause debris particles to spread out along the comet's orbit creating a comet tail. As Earth passes through this debris cloud, we have the opportunity of viewing the fiery spectacle of a meteor shower.

Enjoy the views and happy stargazing.

For more stargazing tips, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.



MELBOURNE CUP

DAY AT THE

Junction



PUB & TOURIST PARK

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



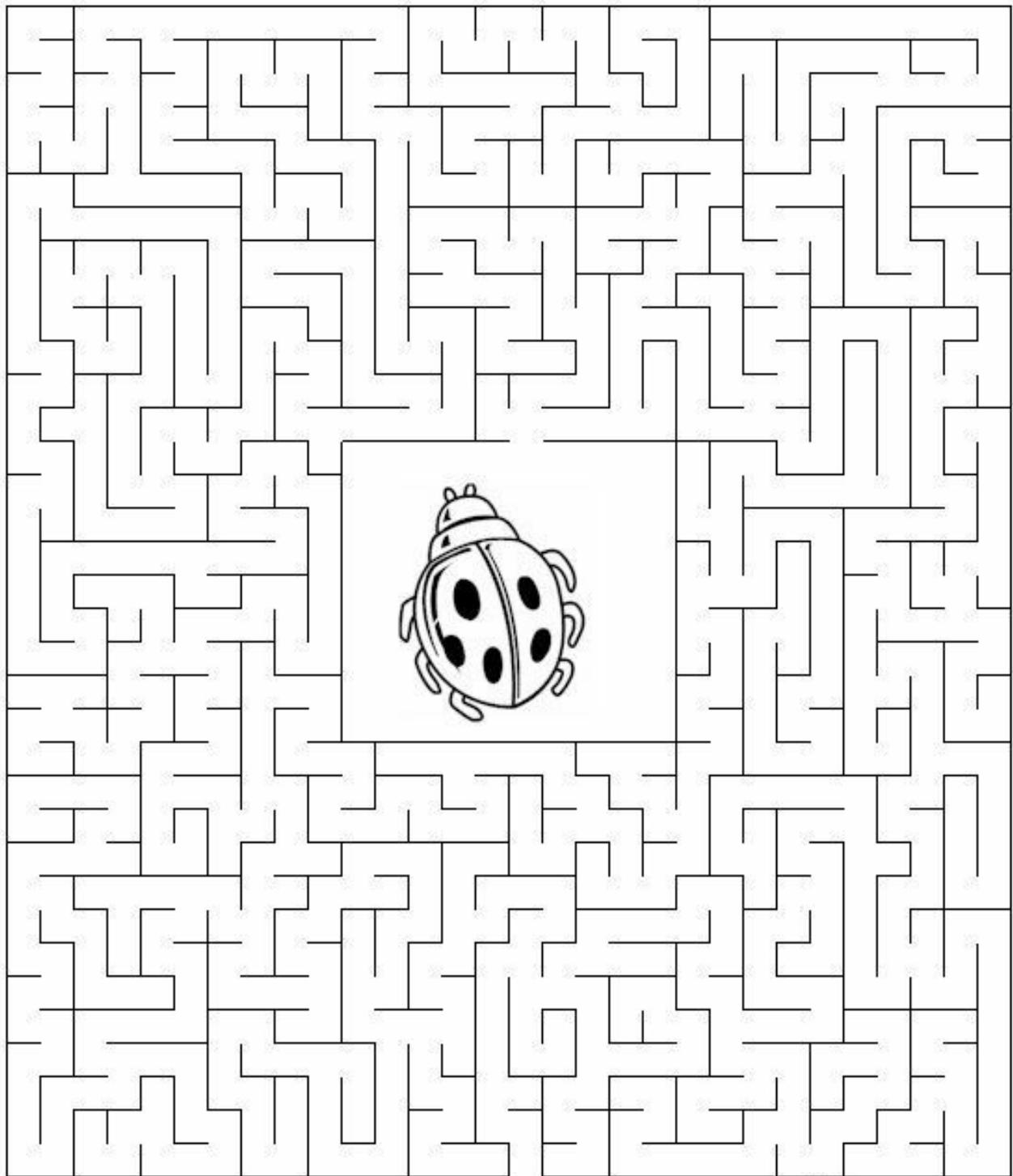
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lady bug maze

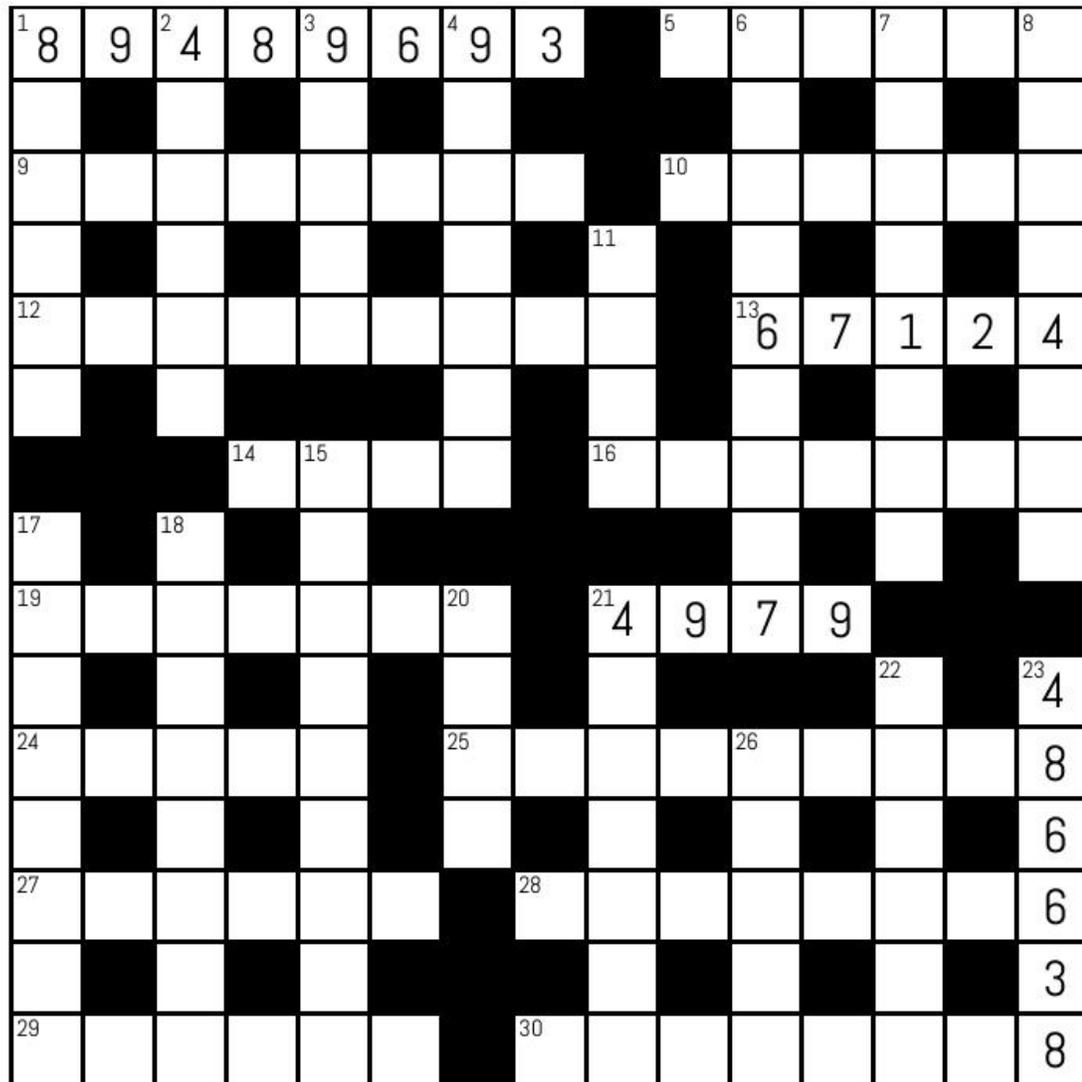


Help the lady bug find her way out!

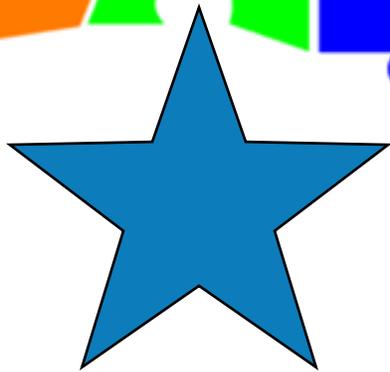


Numbers Fill In

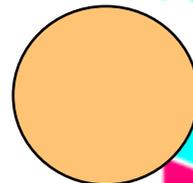
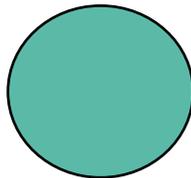
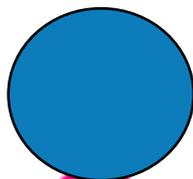
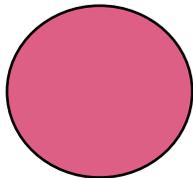
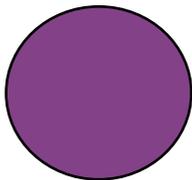
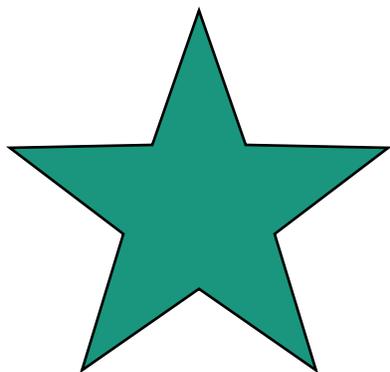
The numbers required for this puzzle are listed in length order. Use each one only once to fit the interlocking numbers into the puzzle. A few numbers are already filled in to get you started.



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16443635 |
| 4979 | 855799 | 9638143 | 9 digits: |
| 9882 | 994858 | 1369859 | |
| 2539 | 566865 | 9915632 | 965858645 |
| 9913 | 876918 | 4216388 | 141438348 |
| | 486638 | | 619268367 |
| 5 digits: | 863196 | 8 digits: | 888296149 |
| | 477954 | | |
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KID'S CORNER





UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? WELCOME TO CREATE & CONSTRUCT

Through funding from the Backyard Cricket Program, we are inviting residents of the Upper Gascoyne aged between 8 and 16 to join us for **CREATE & CONSTRUCT**.

Make stuff, build stuff, solve stuff!

Join us for some fun and PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16

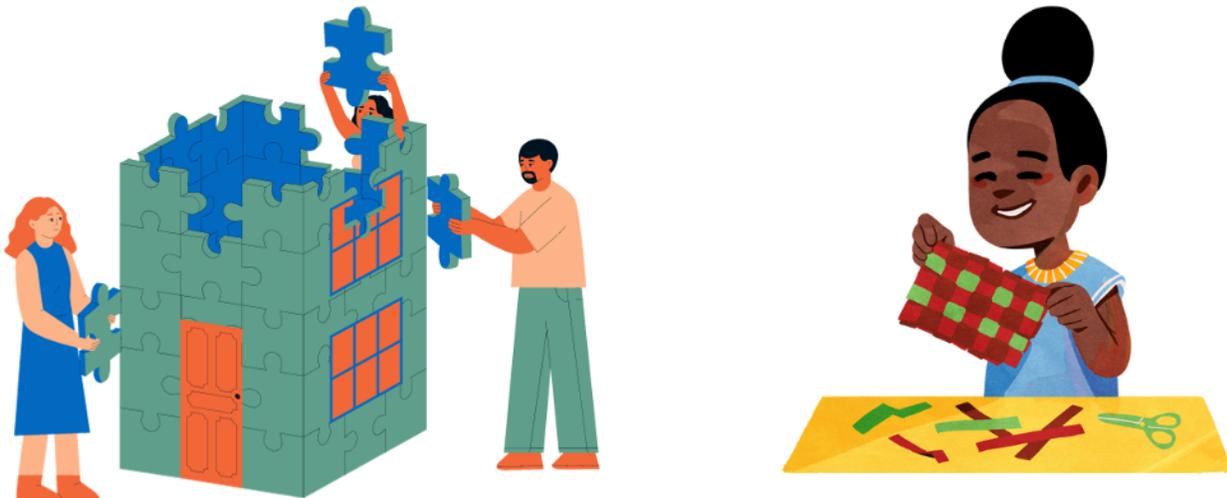
4.30PM-6.00PM

GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRC

Please RSVP to crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or call 08 9943 0988 by Thursday November 9 for catering.

**Create & Construct Night is strictly for
8 to 16 year olds ONLY.**

NO EXCEPTIONS





UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? WELCOME TO THE POOL PARTY

**Through funding from the Backyard Cricket Program, we are
inviting residents of the Upper Gascoyne aged between 8 and
16 to join us for a POOL PARTY.**

**Splish, Splash our way into Summer!
Join us for some fun and PARTY**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2
3.00PM-5.00PM
POOL @ JUNCTION TOURIST
PARK**

Please RSVP to crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or
call 08 9943 0988 by Monday November 27 or catering.

**The Pool Party is strictly for
8 to 16 year olds ONLY.
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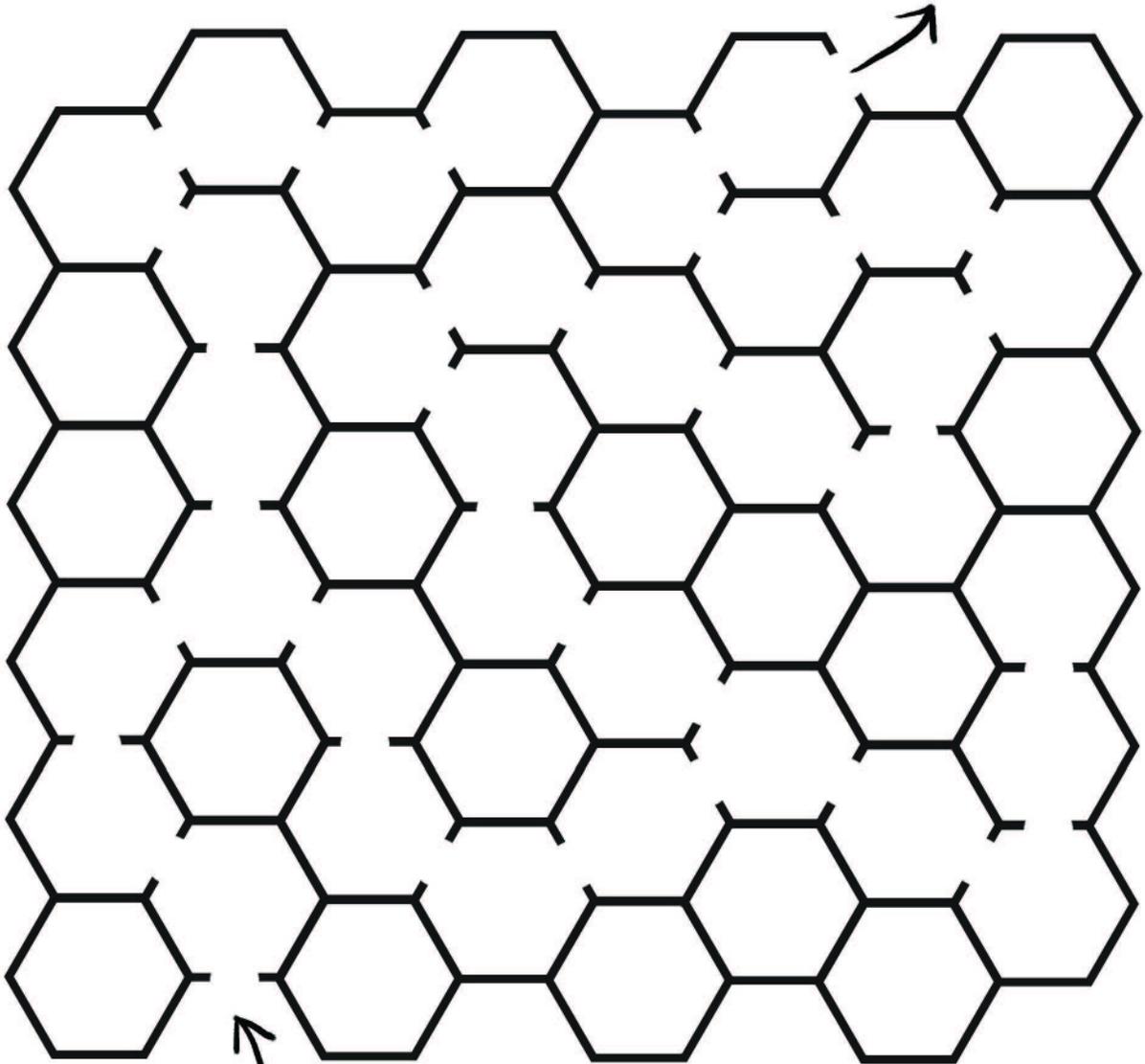
Government of Western Australia
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Help Miss V McQueen
find the hive!



A Season
to Bee

28 days of Summer Family Fun

Go on a hike and try to identify plants and animals along the way.

Paint kindness rocks and hide them in your neighborhood for others to find.

Pick up one bag full of trash each from a local park.

Go on a caterpillar hunt. See how many you can find. Look but don't touch!

Make a multi-room blanket fort big enough for everyone.

See who can make the best parachute using only items in your house.

Plant a flower or vegetable garden.

Go on a sunset balloon baseball.

Explore your local farmer's market.

Have a nature scavenger hunt in your neighborhood.

Make a time capsule. Each person gets to include 3 items.

Make murals in front of your house with sidewalk chalk.

Score some bargains at weekend garage sales.

Have a family slumber party in the livingroom.

Make snow cones or ice cream sundaes.

Visit a museum.

**Choose one activity
per day to complete
together and then
color in that ray.**

Visit your local library and check out some books or movies.

Make a bird feeder using only recycled materials.

Tell ghost stories with only a flashlight in the dark.

Draw a funny picture of each other.

Have a picnic lunch outside.

Hold an egg and spoon race.

Gascoyne Junction 2023 MEDICAL CLINIC DATES



01 NOV 06 DEC

Gascoyne Junction 2023 NURSING CLINIC DATES



NO FURTHER 2023 DATES

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
- Nursing Clinics will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month



- 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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GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
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CENTRE

01 NOVEMBER

MELBOURNE CUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PUB &
TOURIST PARK

07 NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
REMOTE
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

10 NOVEMBER

NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

15 NOVEMBER

UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS



YOUTH GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

16 NOVEMBER

CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

25-26 NOVEMBER

WREATH MAKING

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

26 NOVEMBER

LETTERS TO SANTA

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

01 DECEMBER

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
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RESOURCE
CENTRE

06 DECEMBER

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

14 DECEMBER

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

ADMIN OFFICE
AND CRC
BUILDING

22 DECEMBER

SEND IN YOUR EVENT DATES FOR 2024