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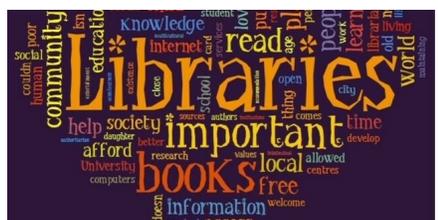
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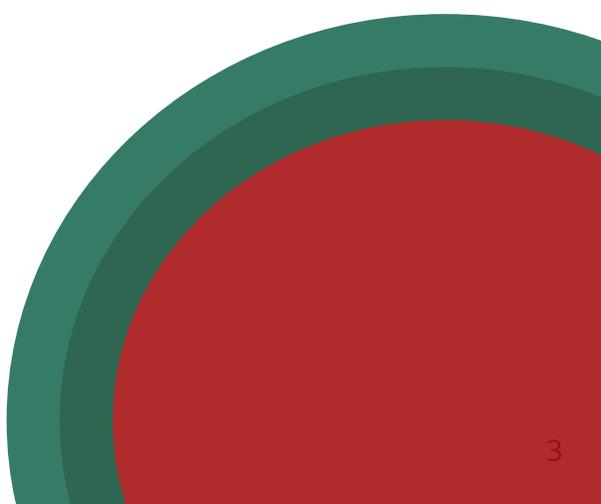
Puzzles and Games to keep the kids entertained!

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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 28th February

Wednesday 27th March

Wednesday 24th April

Wednesday 22nd May

Thursday 26th June

Wednesday 24th July

Wednesday 28th August

Wednesday 18th September

Wednesday 23rd October

Wednesday 27th November

Thursday 12th 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

At last we have seen some rain, not sure if this will bring a river but any precipitation is welcome. Unfortunately this extended dry period has once again shown that water security for the town is paramount. With this in mind we are still looking at different options to make water that is capable of being used on our parks and gardens at an affordable cost.

Whilst away I have taken on Jarrod's role which has been challenging given my normal duties associated with a CEO still needing to be undertaken. I am grateful for all of my staff for assisting and going the extra yards.

The Shire President and Deputy President (via teams) accompanied me to Perth for a meeting with Hastings in order to move the Road Use Agreement along. The majority of the document has been agreed, subject to Council approval; however, there are a couple of issues that still need further work. We have instructed our solicitor and Hastings solicitor to work together to find a solution that works, once done they are to appraise us with the detail for further consideration.

I attended the Burringurrah Service Providers Meeting, questions were raised about up-grading the Gascoyne River Crossing.

The transfer of Lot 45 Gregory Street to the freehold ownership of the Shire from the State has been completed with a sub-division application being processed. This land is where Ainsley currently resides and the new house will be situated to the rear of Ainsley's.

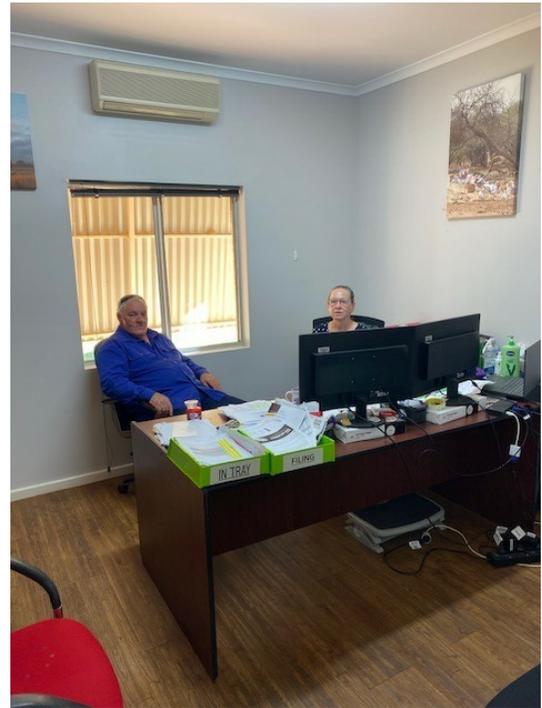
The Shire are working in partnership with the Gascoyne Development Commission in developing a "Mining and Resources Symposium". The GDC will provide some financial assistance and a staff member to assist. It is proposed the event will be held on the 5th of September 2024.

I am pleased to advise that our new remote controlled depot security gate has been installed. This will provide security for the depot and will also cover off on adverse findings under Regulation 17.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

February has been an extremely productive month for the team and Brooke our new recruit at the CRC is fitting in nicely and getting to know the community. The team have undertaken a comprehensive overhaul of our Synergy accounting system to ensure better management of expenditure against budget. Throughout this process they have not only gained a better insight into how the system operates, as they have taken on a hands on role, but have been proactive in putting forth recommendations, which were subsequently actioned, to enhance and improve the outcome. It is also been a good team building exercise as they could see what they have achieved at the end of each day and upskilled sufficiently to pass on this knowledge to management and other team members to enable them to obtain detailed budget to actual expenditure reports. Once this was completed the team commenced a Budget Review that is required under the Local Government Act, and is due to be presented to Council during the March OCM.

Well done everyone – you should be proud of what you have achieved!



Community Resource Centre Update

Visitors are returning to the Upper Gascoyne, from overseas (Austria and Switzerland), and our domestic market. The hot weather has not been a deterrent and have been heading off to explore our National Parks. An off road bike tour company chose the Upper Gascoyne and surrounds as an alternate tour destination after having to change an original itinerary due to wet weather and they will return again in April. The Perth Caravan and Camping Show is next on our agenda to invite visitors to take a wander outback. We will be sharing our new and updated Wander Outback brochure and launching the Under Gascoyne Skies Festival to be held in August focusing on food in the Upper Gascoyne with events in Gascoyne Junction, Kennedy Range and at Mount Augustus from August 24 to August 31



A mentor has been appointed for the Upper Gascoyne Tourism Capability Building Project with seven establishments across the Shire participating. Tourism WA have been in the Shire this week visiting participants with the mentoring commencing the week of April 8. The excitement around this project is energizing to be around.



April will see two sundowner events for our pastoralists to bring them together in a relaxed and informal setting. From an economic development perspective, an expression of interest will be sent out before the end of March to better understand how we can best advocate for our agriculture sector.

SHIRE AND CRC CLOSED FOR ANZAC DAY



Thursday 25th April 2024 CLOSED

Office hours will resume to normal on
Friday 26th April 2024.

Road Conditions are available at
www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

We apologise for any inconvenience.

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

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN1021 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – MARCH 2024**

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	30 January 2024
		Forecast Completion Date:	May 2024
Works this period (March 2024)		Works next period (April 2024)	
<p>The following roads were commenced and completed during March 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Callagiddy Winderie Rd • Carey Downs Rd • Erong Rd • Glenburgh Access Rd • Mardathuna Rd • Pimbee Rd <p>Additionally, substantial work was completed on the following roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnarvon Mullewa Rd • Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd • Dalgety Downs Landor Rd <p>The only remaining work left on the three above roads is the reconstruction of several stabilised floodways which will be done as a package of work at the end of the contract.</p>		<p>The contractor returned to work on Tuesday 26 March and will be progressing flood damage work in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cobra Dairy Creek Rd • Cobra Gifford Creek Rd <p>THEM will then relocate their camp to the Cobra homestead cattle yards before commencing work on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingegaroo Rd • Cobra Mt Augustus Rd • Mt Augustus Rd • Potts Rd <p>The majority of the flood damage work will be complete for this contractor by the end of the next work swing notwithstanding any unforeseen circumstances.</p>	
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		61%	30%
Bingegaroo Rd		Works yet to commence	
Callagiddy Winderie Rd		100%	0%
Carey Downs Rd		100%	0%
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd		90%	0%
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd		Works yet to commence	
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd		Works yet to commence	

Cobra Mt Augustus Rd	Works yet to commence	
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd	55%	0%
Dalgety Downs Landor Rd	96%	0%
Dooley Downs Rd	Works yet to commence	
Edmund Gifford Creek Rd	100%	0%
Erong Rd	100%	0%
Eudamullah Rd	14%	14%
Gifford Ullawarra Rd	100%	0%
Glenburgh Access Rd	100%	0%
Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd	100%	0%
Lyons River Rd	100%	0%
Mardathuna Rd	100%	0%
Minnie Creek Rd	100%	0%
Mt Augustus Rd	Works yet to commence	
Pimbee Rd	100%	0%
Potts Rd	Works yet to commence	
Ullawarra Rd	98%	98%
Wanna Rd	Works yet to commence	
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp has been relocated to Carnarvon Mullewa Rd between Dairy Creek and Glenburgh	

Glenburgh Access

Road: Glenburgh Access Rd
ID: 8050058
Date: 09/04/2022 3:32:57 pm
SLK (m): 1,103
Lat: -25.4307 Long: 116.1123



Slk 1.103-1.186 - Defect



2024/03/09 11:15

Slk 1.103-1.186 - Completed

JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2024



30th January End of School Holidays

17th and 18th February

AGM/Untutored Workshop

23rd and 24th March

Bag Workshop

29th March - 14th April School Holidays

20th April and 21st April

Tuffet Workshop

25th and 26th May

Untutored Workshop

15th and 16th June

Untutored Workshop

29th June - 14th July School Holidays

29th July - 2nd August

Bullara Retreat (Limited Numbers)

24th and 25th August

Tutored - TBA

21st September - 6th October School Holidays

26th and 27th October

Creative Workshop - TBA

23rd and 24th November

Christmas Craft

Contact

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Chris Kearney – Treasurer 0428 841 818

Junction Craft Group acknowledges the generous support of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne



BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

This month's Blast from the Past was published in the Northern Guardian on 16th

August 2007

Grylls vents fury over police station closures

DANIEL EMERSON

Angry Nationals MPs last night unleashed five weeks of pent-up fury towards Police Minister John Kobelke over the closure of six country police stations during a heated parliamentary debate that included an extraordinary personal attack on the senior officer who announced the move.

Nationals leader Brendon Grylls declared that Deputy Commissioner Chris Dawson, who fronted the media to explain the reasons for the closures last month, was "unfit to hold office" and suggested he should be hauled before Parliament in the same fashion lobbyist Julian Grill was a day earlier.

Mr Grylls said the manner in which the matter was handled, which included no consultation with the people of Gascoyne Junction, Menzies, Trayning, Wickiepin, Dumbleyung and Cranbrook, was "a disgrace".

"If Chris Dawson wants to say to (country people) in an off-hand manner, 'Well we didn't consult with you because you wouldn't like the outcome, so there wasn't any point in doing it', Chris Dawson is not fit to hold the job that he holds," he said.

"I had a high regard for Chris Dawson but that regard is now disgust because he has treated country people in this way. If

Julian Grill should come to the bar (of Parliament) so should Chris Dawson and actually respond to the concerns of and the anger of country people."

Earlier, Nationals Wagin MP Terry Waldron pressed Mr Kobelke to reopen the stations immediately and rule out further closures of country police stations in the next 18 months.

Mr Kobelke said the decision to close the stations was made by Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan but had his blessing. "I fully support the decision of the Commissioner because I believe he is seeking to protect the people right across WA and he wants to use all his officers to maximise efficiency," he said.

Mr Kobelke did not rule out further closures in the country. "The issue is that we as a government provide funding for the building of new police stations and that gives us a direct say as to where new stations will be built," he said.

A motion to have Mr Kobelke condemned and the stations reopened was defeated. Mr Waldron said outside Parliament the Government, Mr Kobelke and senior police had seriously misread the depth of feeling over the issue.

A police spokesman said Mr Dawson was in Alice Springs and could not be reached for comment, while the Commissioner did not wish to be drawn into any politicisation of the issue.

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!

SAY G'DAY TO...

Full name: Brooke Podmore

Nickname: Chook

Place of birth: Carnarvon

Where did you grow up? Carnarvon and Denmark

Favourite food? Potato Fritters

Favourite animal? Dogs

Favourite Song: Anything by Zach Bryan & Luke Combs

Footy team: None

What is on your bucket list? Going on a Cruise

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? For Partners work, now I work out here too

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? 6 months

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? Sunsets & Peacefulness

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



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!



TOGETHER WE SUCCEED

Newsletter

28/03/2024

Responsibility Resilience Respect

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



Another term has flown by, and we have been terribly busy teaching and learning, completing NAPLAN, participating in basketball lessons at school and completing swimming lessons in Carnarvon.

Scarlet, Eli, and Juanita also participated in the primary interschool swimming carnival yesterday in Carnarvon and we are proud to say that they were excellent role models for our school.

Congratulations to the students on their results:

- Freestyle: Eli 1st, Scarlet 2nd and Juanita 4th
- Freestyle relay: Eli 2nd, Scarlet & Juanita 3rd
- Breaststroke: Eli 2nd and Scarlet 4th
- Medley relay: Eli 2nd, Juanita & Scarlet 3rd.
- Backstroke: Eli 1st and Scarlet 3rd.

*I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing our students back refreshed and ready to learn next term on **TUESDAY 16th April.***

Kind regards

Jackie Miller (Principal)

STUDENT COUNCILLOR REPORT



Our Student Councillors hosted a basketball game called Golden Child on the last day of term to raise funds for a swirly slide for the playground, priced at \$963-00. Thanks to everyone who was able to join us as you helped us to raise **\$120-00** towards our goal.

The adults won...this time!



In 2024 our councillors will be hosting other fundraising events for *The Heart Foundation (Jump Rope for Heart)* and *The Smith Family*. **Keep an eye out for details.**

5 Ingredient apple and banana bread

Ingredients: Serves: 12

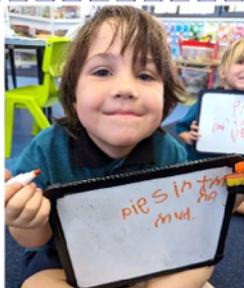
- 1.5 cups self-raising flour
- 2 tablespoon caster sugar
- 1 large ripe banana, mashed
- 1 egg, whisked
- 2 x 120g tubs of apple puree

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C and line a 11cm x 21cm loaf pan with greaseproof paper.
2. Place flour and sugar in a bowl, make a well in the centre, add banana, egg and apple puree. Stir well to combine.
3. Pour mixture into prepared pan Bake for 50 – 60min until golden or a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
4. Stand in the tin for 5 minutes Serve warm or toasted with polyunsaturated spread.



What's happening in Room 1



Room 1 students have been working hard at sentence writing, during our literacy daily review they have been using their letter formation skill and knowledge of sentence structure to copy down sentences.



Andre has been practising his timetables. This is him demonstrating the 3s with blocks.



Jackie and Harper are learning all about the teen numbers. Both girls are getting very confident at putting them in order and remembering that they start with 1.



They created a caterpillar number line to show the order of these numbers!



The star jar is Room 1s whole class rewards system. Students must work together to fill the jar up. When its full we all get to pick something



Azreal and Colin have been having a blast at 3-year-old Kindy. They are learning to write their names and they baked some gingerbread men.

Every Friday, K-2 students are allocated to sit on the lunch bench. It is a great way they can all have a chat with their mates!



Art this term has been all about creating stencil and silhouette art. We learnt about some famous artists. Using hot glue, we made our own templates to print some cool artwork. We always created our silhouette popstick art designs.



Week 9 in Carnarvon



During swimming week, students visited the Town Library to complete Harmony Day activities, they met their SIDE Indonesian teacher who visited them from Perth, they learnt cricket skills from WA Cricket from a representative who also visited them from Perth and visited the Space Museum.

Thanks very much to Miss Connell, Mr. Donnelly, Miss Heejeong and Miss Kenny for their hard work and patience during this busy swimming week.



In year 6 they learnt about natural events, like volcanic eruptions, which can affect the landscape and people nearby. Here we are testing how the thickness (viscosity) of the lava affects the way it flows over the landscape.



Students in room 2 have been doing lots of experiments during science to learn about the world around them.



Year 4 students have been making models and conducting experiments to explore erosion of soil and rocks. In this experiment they explored how rocks can reduce erosion by slowing the flow of the water.



The students have been applying their place value knowledge when measuring length using decimals. They have measured inside and outside of the classroom and are now exploring the measurement of perimeter and area.

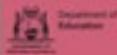
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In Writing students have used the new writing tools they have learned to make their own versions of the text, The Fall.



The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, the State Government is offering the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Get ready to claim

Download the ServiceWA app to your mobile device. Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Locate the student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

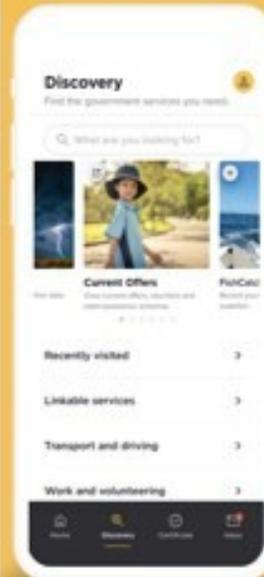
- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for assistance.

Claims open Monday 15 April



WA Student Assistance Payment



The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Get ready to apply from 15 April 2024.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your Digital Identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer.

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the ServiceWA app



For app support, scan the QR Code or visit WA.gov.au/servicewaapp

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap

REMINDER

The Carnarvon Dental Therapy is closed from Friday 22/9/23 until around June 2024.

In the case of emergency, treatment for children can be accessed from the General Dental Clinic at the Hospital 99416690 (if staffed) or a Private Dentist. If eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefit Scheme, they can claim up to \$1,000 of treatment per child over 2 years from a Private Dentist. (If unsure, they can contact Medicare).

Unfortunately, ongoing acute staff shortages are making it very difficult to provide an adequate service in Carnarvon.

COMING EVENT

28/03/24	LAST DAY TERM
29/03/24	GOOD FRIDAY
30/03/24-15/04/24	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
16/04/24	Students return to school
16/04/24	Sporting Schools - Tennis
18/04/24	PUBLIC SCHOOL REVIEW
23/04/24	Sporting Schools - Tennis
25/04/24	ANZAC DAY
30/04/24	Sporting Schools - Tennis
08/05/24	Scitech Visit
14/05/24	Sporting Schools - Tennis

SunSmart relaunches graphic campaign *Two sides of the Sun* to educate people living in the Midwest/Gascoyne regions that it is UV not hot weather that causes skin damage.

When the UV is 3 or above, protect yourself!

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, yet it is highly preventable by using sun protection. There were nearly 200 deaths from skin cancer in Western Australia in 2020 and more than 117,000 skin cancer treatments in 2023.

Diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer is estimated to cost the WA health system approximately \$172 million per year.

Two sides of the sun was originally launched during the summer of 2021/2022 and the latest phase of this campaign has just been launched and shows us that there are two sides of the sun; a pleasant and nurturing side, and a dangerous side which can lead to skin damage and skin cancer.

This campaign hopes to motivate people to use multiple sun protection strategies during outdoor activities when UV levels reach 3 or above. UV not heat causes skin damage and UV can still be high on cool or cloudy days – it is different to heat and can't be felt. Protect your skin in five ways – Slop, Slop, Slap, Seek & Slide.

The campaign will run from **February – May 2024** on radio (including digital audio), out-of-home and online channels (including social media and search activity).

To find out more visit myUV.com.au to check the UV level and guide their sun protection behaviour.: sunsmart@cancerwa.asn.au



Find Skin Cancer Early

Common skin cancer symptoms:

- A new spot or mole on your skin that is red, pale or pearly in colour
- A spot that is different from other spots on your skin
- Any crusty or non-healing sores
- Any spots, freckles or any moles changing in size (width), thickness (height), colour, or shape

Get to know your skin and what's normal for you, particularly if you're over 40 years of age. If you notice any of these symptoms or any other unusual changes, tell your doctor without delay.

If it's skin cancer, the earlier it's found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.



Love Anzac biscuits? Try them in slice form! This Anzac slice is soft and chewy with the same signature buttery and caramel flavour we've come to love from Anzac biscuits. It's super easy to prepare with pantry staples like oats, flour and golden syrup.

PREP TIME 10 minutes

COOK TIME 15 minutes

TOTAL TIME 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup Rolled Oats / Old-Fashioned Oats
- 1 cup Plain / All Purpose Flour
- 2/3 cup Brown Sugar
- 2/3 cup Desiccated Coconut
- 125g Butter
- 1/4 cup Golden Syrup
- 1/2 tsp Bicarb Soda
- 2 tbsp Water



ANZAC SLICE

Instructions

- 1.Preheat**- Preheat the oven to 180C / 350F (standard) OR 160C / 320F (fan-forced), and grease a standard slice pan.
- 2.Mix the dry ingredients**- Combine oats, flour, sugar and coconut in a mixing bowl.
- 3.Mix the wet ingredients**- Place butter and golden syrup in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir for 2 minutes, or until the butter has melted. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Mix bicarb with the 2 tbsp of warm water, then add to the saucepan. The butter will appear frothy – this is good. No cause for alarm.
- 4.Mix the wet and dry ingredients together**- Pour the wet ingredients into the mixing bowl and stir to combine. Pour the mixture into the prepared slice pan and press down firmly.
- 5.Bake**- Bake for 15 minutes or until golden. Leave in the pan to cool, then slice and serve.

Notes

- Use a 28 x 18cm / 7" x 11" slice pan for this recipe. If you don't have one, a standard square cake pan will also work.
- If you can't find desiccated coconut or finely shredded coconut, you can substitute for shredded coconut.
- Store leftover slice in an airtight container for up to a week.
- The slice can also be frozen.



APRIL

- 3 Mitchell Hoseason-Smith
- 8 Bridie Walker
- 11 Riley McKeough
- 15 Katelyn Wright

MAY

- 3 Dylan Hoseason-Smith
- 9 Kevan 'Pronto' Brand
- 18 Betty Fletcher
- 27 Barney McTaggart

JUNE

- 10 Brooke Podmore
- 19 Heejong Hwang
- 19 Cherie Walker
- 20 Sean Walker
- 28 Alex Ball



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

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

Youth Group – Quiz Night

The challenge was set and seven eager Youth Group members head to the CRC in early March to compete to be the Youth Group Quiz Champion. Five rounds of questions were played and Jannayah and Nate tied for first place. Eli also won a prize for the most creative answer and Juanita won the silence challenge. Hot Dogs were enjoyed by all. Another fun night. Youth Group is open to all Upper Gascoyne residents aged 8 to 16. The activities are determined by the members.



Easter Egg Hunt

On the Wednesday before Easter, the hunters of the Upper Gascoyne met at the Two Rivers Memorial Park for an Easter Egg Hunt. The hunters searched the park for tokens to exchange for chocolate eggs. Up to the challenge, the hunters completed their mission in 15 minutes. It was lovely to see manners, teamwork and consideration of others all at play. Thanks to the grown ups who ensured our hunters participated safely. Thanks to Miss Cherie and Miss Ainsley for the Shire in making a fun afternoon.



Tidy Town Bin

In winning the Waste Management State Title at the 2023 State Tidy Towns awards, Gascoyne Junction was awarded a new rubbish bin as part of the achievement. You can find this new bin at the Community Resource Centre. Thank you to Keep Australia Beautiful WA and NatSales for this amazing addition to the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource & Visitor Information Centre.

Tidy Town Event

Join us for an unforgettable weekend celebrating community pride and sustainability at the 2024 Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Town Awards Weekend, taking place from Friday, 3 May to Monday, 6 May 2024, in Gascoyne Junction, WA!

Come together as we recognise the remarkable efforts of towns nationwide in preserving the beauty of Australia and rally behind our state finalist – Pingelly!

Experience a weekend brimming with acknowledgment, exploration, and outback hospitality! From stargazing sessions and outback station visits to inspiring project displays and the awards ceremony gala, this event shines a light on the extraordinary initiatives shaping resilient and sustainable communities.

Don't miss this chance to connect with like-minded individuals in the strength of collective environmental action.

For further information and registration, visit: <https://kab.org.au/tidy-towns>. Ticket sales end 13 April.



Perth Caravan and Camping Show Ainsley and Cherie represented the Upper Gascoyne hosting a stand at recent four day Caravan and Camping Show in Perth. Over four days they chatted with over a thousand perspective visitors answering questions on where to stay and what the roads are like. It was lovely to have Miss Wilson (now Mrs Fradelos) visit us on the Friday morning and share her love of the Upper Gascoyne. The show provides a fantastic opportunity to introduce the Upper Gascoyne to potential visitors, answer questions from those who are planning their travels and help remove misconceptions they may have and to also received feedback from past visitors. The cleanliness and customer service provided at both the Junction and Mount Augustus Tourist Parks was commented on along with the great condition of our roads.



UPPER GASCOYNE SOCIAL TENNIS



**THURSDAY EVENINGS
UNDER THE LIGHTS
KIDS 5.15- 6 PM
ADULTS FROM 6 PM**

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

**FAST 4 STYLE
DOUBLES & SINGLES
MATCHES WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS**

OPEN TO ALL

MORE INFORMATION

**JUNCTION
TENNIS COURT**

GREGORY STREET

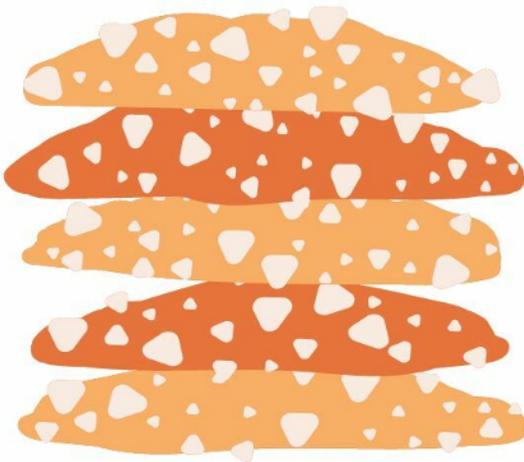
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SUPPLIED
BRING A RACQUET IF
YOU HAVE ONE**

CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU



UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? BAKE ANZAC BISCUITS



**WED APR 24
BAKING NIGHT
4.30pm to 6pm
JUNCTION TOWN PAVILION**

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN 2024?

May 16: Sandcastle Building Competition



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**



LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY APRIL 25

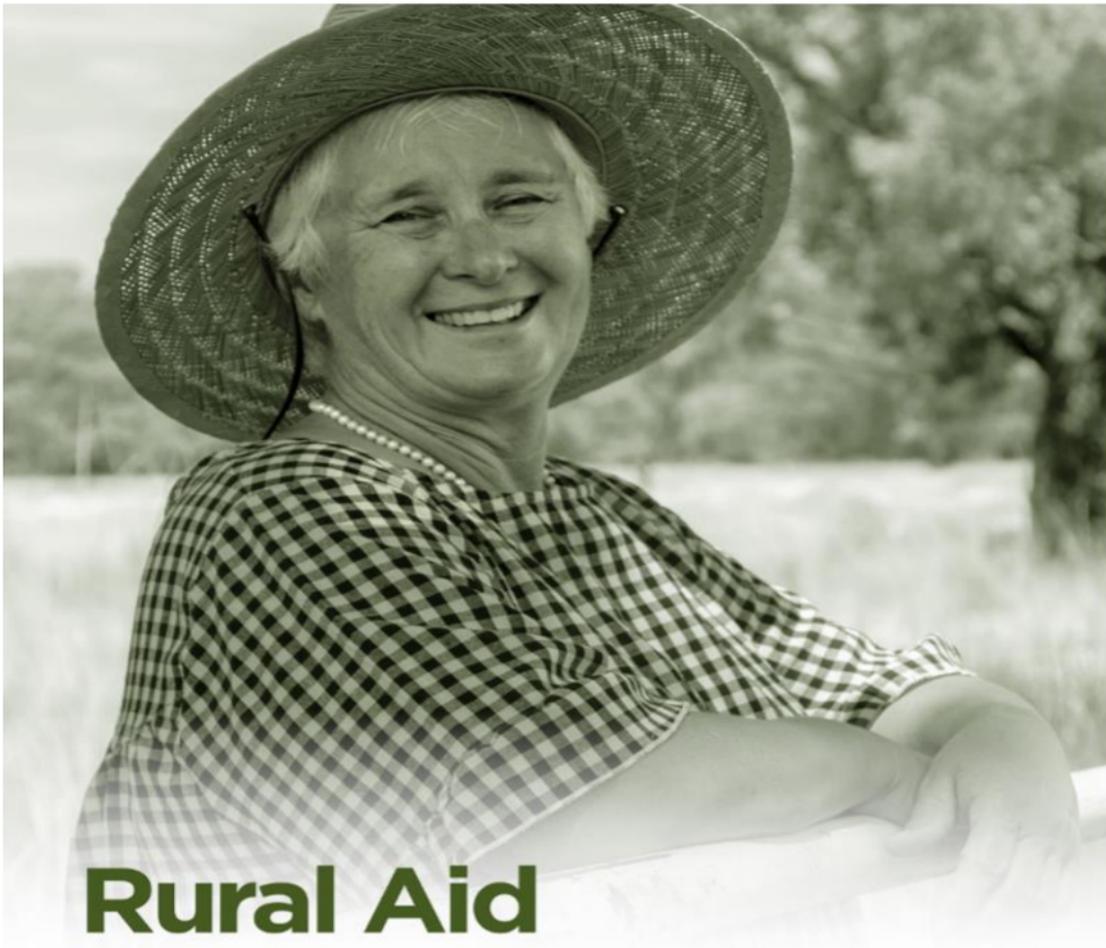
10.45AM MARCH TO WAR MEMORIAL FROM CRC

11:00AM ANZAC SERVICE AT WAR MEMORIAL

THE SHIRE INVITES YOU TO ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE AT THE JUNCTION PUB & TOURIST PARK

COIN DONATION TO LEGACY





Rural Aid

Rural Aid stands with farmers when they need us most.

Rural Aid provides critical support to farmers affected by natural disaster through financial, water, fodder and volunteer assistance.

Rural Aid also offers free, confidential counselling to registered farmers and their families. Our vision is to help safeguard farmers by supporting their sustainability to endure the many challenges they face.

We work with community groups and industry to deliver programs that help connect and sustain rural centres. All we do is to support farmers – our mates in the bush.

Registering with **Rural Aid** is free and easy to do. More than 16,500 farmers have done so already.

How can we support you?

ruralaid.org.au | 1300 327 624

For our mates in the bush



Farmers ... need a hand?

If you need a hand on your farm, why not post a job on **Rural Aid's Farm Army**?

The **Farm Army** website is a job posting platform for primary producing farmers.

Paid or unpaid jobs are advertised to a volunteer, worker and grey nomad database of more than 10,000 people.

If you'd
like to
volunteer
we'd love to hear
from you too!



Register your farm job, or sign up
as a volunteer by visiting

farmarmy.com.au



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Art Prize

Open to First Nations artists from across Australia
2D, 3D, digital art and photography

Act now and make your mark!

Electronic Submissions By:
Sunday 26 May 2024

Shortlist Announced:
Monday 03 June 2024

Exhibition Dates:

Kalgoorlie: Goldfields Arts Centre
29 June – 2 August 2024

Esperance: The Cannery Arts Centre
16 July - 1 August 2024



For more information contact:
hello@wanderaround.com.au

RED GRANTS

Get in early and book your personalised information session before Round 7 opens...

The Regional Economic Development Grants (RED Grants) program is a \$50.85 million over nine years State Government initiative that invests in local projects to stimulate economic growth and development in regional Western Australia. Delivered locally by the State's nine Regional Development Commissions, up to \$250,000 is available for individual projects.

Book your information session with our Grants Officer, Courtney Whitehead to find out how you can apply. Any information shared will be confidential.

Scan the QR Code to book an appointment or go to <http://calendly.com/gdcredgrants/30min>. Alternatively email courtney.whitehead@gdc.wa.gov.au for more information.



BOOK NOW



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 - \$44.60

A5 - \$27.60

A6 - \$22.30

Business Card Size - \$9.00

Contact the CRC on 9943 0988 or
crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Free advertising for community groups
and not for profit organisations.



What's Up in the Night Sky?

With Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti

The Southern Cross Constellation

International Dark Sky Week is from 2nd-8th April (<https://idsw.darksky.org/>) and it's a great time to view the famous Australian constellation, the Southern Cross. You can track it over mid-autumn and winter evenings.

When you head outside to stargaze, what you will notice first are two bright stars on a diagonal. The brighter of the two, Alpha Centauri, is closer to the horizon. Together, the two stars are commonly known as the "Pointers". That's because they seem to point towards the Southern Cross.

The Southern Cross is above and a little to the left of the Pointers. It looks like a diamond on its side and is made up of five stars. Four make up the cross shape and there is one dimmer star between the two stars on the longest edge of the diamond.

When and where to look: 7.30pm, from April. Look to the south east.

Morning Planets

This month also features conjunctions, Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn! A *conjunction* is where two astronomical objects, like planets, appear close together in the sky. Below are some of the highlights. If you watch regularly, you'll be marvelling at the motion of our amazing solar system.

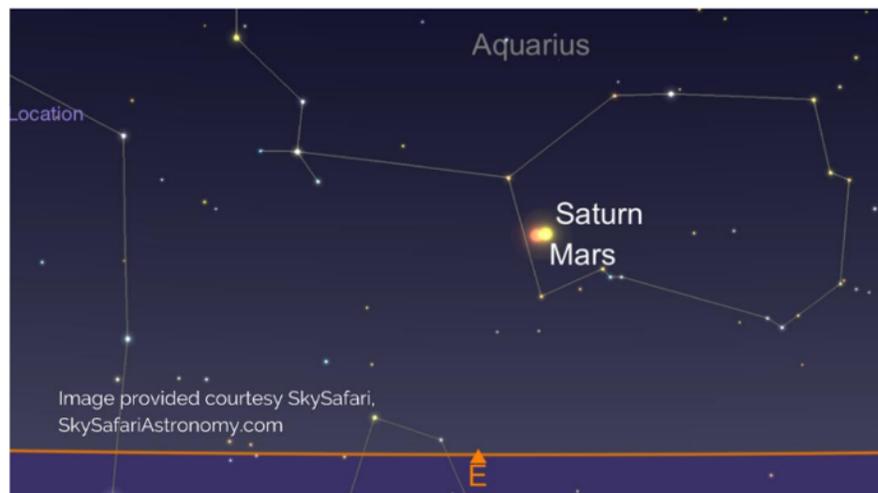


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When and where to look:

Look towards the eastern horizon at 6am:

7th April: Venus is low to the horizon. Above is the beautiful waning crescent Moon and higher again is Saturn and Mars, all in line with each other!

11th April: Mars and Saturn are just 0.4 degrees apart. Over following mornings, watch as Saturn and Mars appear to drift apart.

19th April: Bright Venus conjunction with Mercury. You'll need a very good line of sight to the eastern horizon. It's only about 30 minutes before the sun rises, but you should be able to spot the two planets, Venus brighter than Mercury which is just below to the left.

For more "What's Up in the Night Sky?" stargazing tips, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.



**INTERNATIONAL
DARK SKY WEEK**



ASTRO TOURISM
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proclamation International Dark Sky Week 2024

Astrotourism Towns, Western Australia

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath the Milky Way in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and visitors to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, is known for its world-class dark night sky and invites visitors to see the spectacular Milky Way at our dark sky locations including Gascoyne Junction, Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus National Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Shire of Upper Gascoyne is participating in Western Australia's Astrotourism Towns Project to share and protect its dark night sky with the aims of building regional tourism and growing community awareness about the reduction of light pollution; and

WHEREAS, 80% of the world's population, including people in cities like Perth, lives under a dome of light pollution - excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness - and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, Astrotourism WA CEO, Carol Redford is a Dark Sky Advocate with DarkSky International, the globally-recognised authority on light pollution. DarkSky International has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Therefore, I, Cr Jim Caunt, Shire President of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne do hereby declare 2-8 April 2024 as:

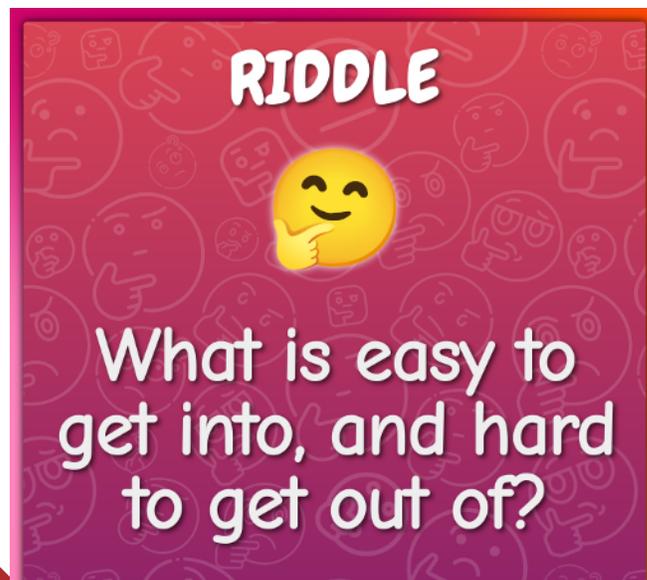
INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne gives permission to DarkSky International to publish this proclamation in its efforts to promote International Dark Sky Week.

In the Shire of Upper Gascoyne I ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and celebrating this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky so that we can share it with visitors for many decades to come.



SMOKO TIME



TROUBLE

Anzac Day Word Search

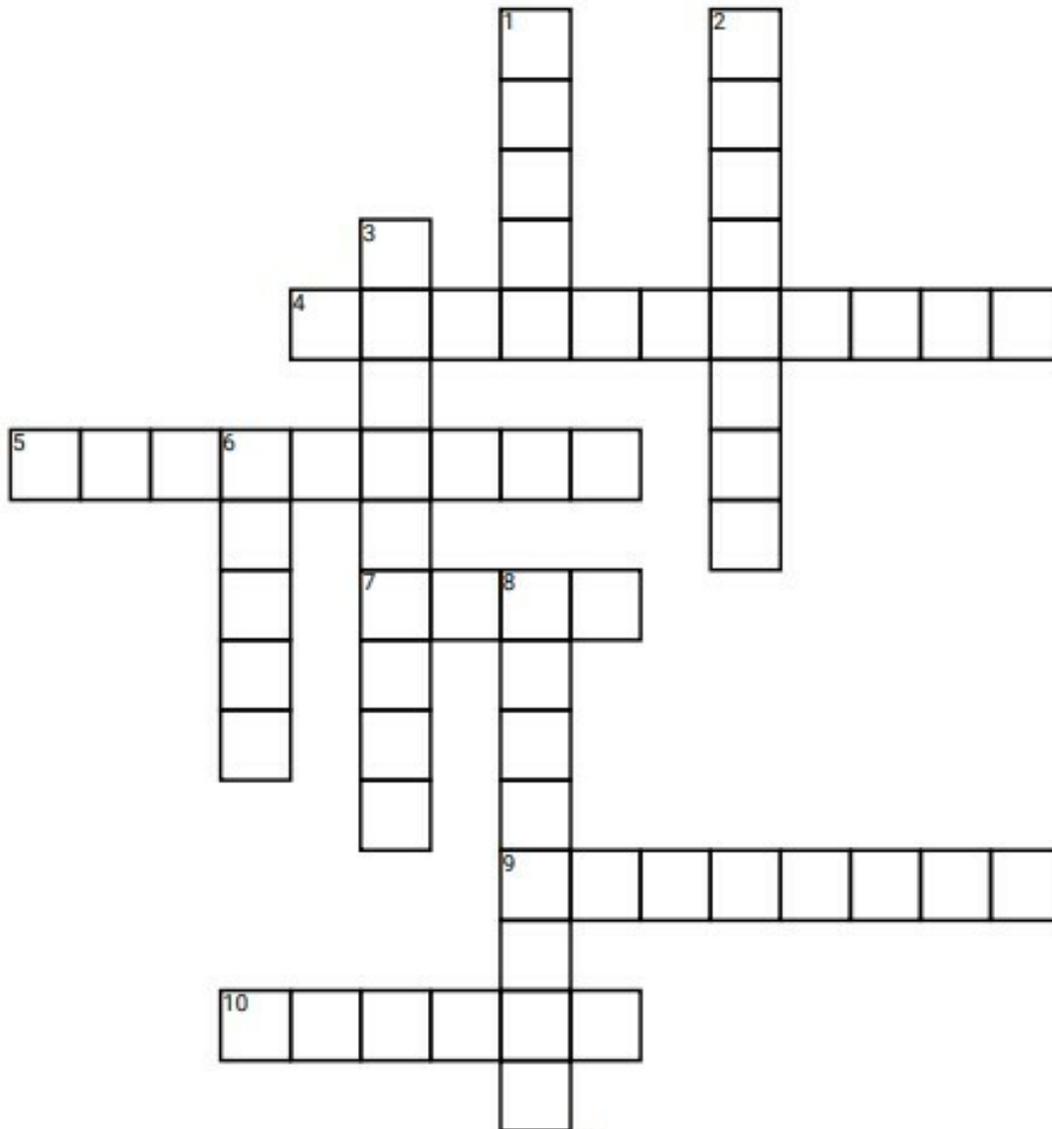
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Gallipoli	Dawn	Service	Remembrance
Lest	Sacrifice	Parade	Legend
Honour	Wreath	Poppy	Commemorate
April	Reverence	Courage	Anzacs
Tribute	Slouch	Freedom	Unity
Wounded	Veterans	Silence	Aussie
Veterans	Mateship	Fallen	Remembered
Legacy	Respect		



Name: _____ Date: _____

The ANZAC Spirit



Across

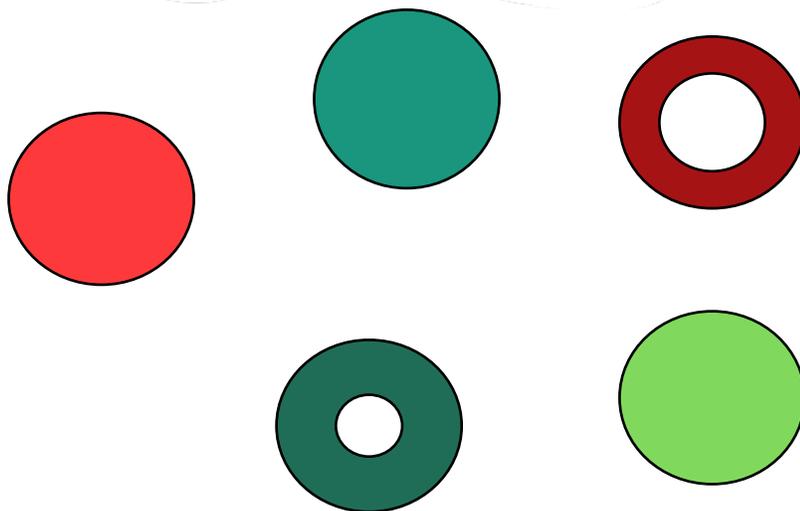
4. Attributes used to describe Australian Soldiers (5,6)
5. The Australian soldiers showed this when it came to creating trenches and bases (9)
7. What does the Second A in ANZAC stand for (4)
9. Soldiers who risked there lives for others were? (8)
10. ANZAC Soldiers who were _____ were awarded the Victoria Cross (6)

Down

1. Australia's first Victoria Cross of WW1 was Awarded to Captain Albert _____ (5)
2. Where did the Australians famously landed were (8)
3. Those who spent along time in the trenches gained this attribute (9)
6. Australians trained in which country? (5)
8. One of Australia's biggest attributes is? (8)

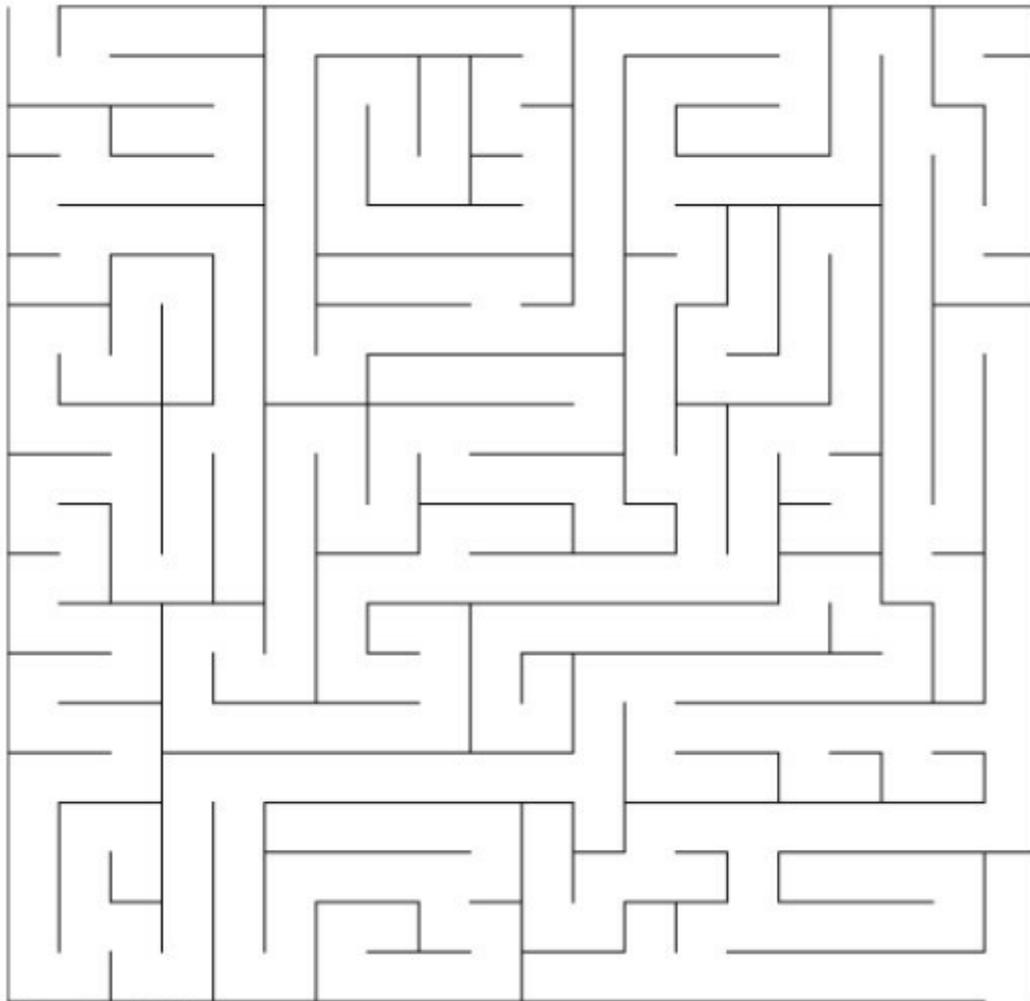
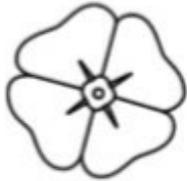


KIDS CORNER



ANZAC DAY- APRIL 25TH

Instructions: Trace the path through the maze. Help get the poppy to the wreath for Anzac Day.



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Finish

Anzac Day Word Scramble

Instructions: Unscramble the letters to find the Anzac Day words from the list below.

e a n w p o	—	—	—	—	—	—
m e y r m o	—	—	—	—	—	—
d l m e a	—	—	—	—	—	
t b e t a l	—	—	—	—	—	—
r s e e h o	—	—	—	—	—	—
g u r a d	—	—	—	—	—	
l a s t e u	—	—	—	—	—	—
y p p p o	—	—	—	—	—	
r m a y	—	—	—	—		

Word List

army	memory
battle	poppy
guard	salute
heroes	weapon
medal	



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Persistence



Push through

Even when it's hard

Resist the feeling to stop

Surprise yourself

Investigate what you can do

Stay on track

Though it seems hard keep going

Excellence can be found

Never stop moving forward

Complete the task on hand

Explore what you can do



Hazel McTaggart
Yr 4

Gascoyne Junction

2024 GP

CLINIC DATES



10 JAN	07 FEB	06 MAR	03 APR
01 MAY	05 JUN	03 JUL	07 AUG
04 SEP	02 OCT	06 NOV	04 DEC

Gascoyne Junction

2024 NURSING

CLINIC DATES



24 JAN	21 FEB	20 MAR	17 APR
15 MAY	19 JUN	17 JUL	21 AUG
18 SEP	16 OCT	20 NOV	18 DEC



- GP Clinics will be held on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of Jan which is the 2nd Wed of the month.
- First Appointment is at 10am with the last at 2.15pm
- Nursing Clinics will be held on the 3rd Wednesday with the exception of January



- 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
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

03 APRIL

YOUTH GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

TBC

NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

17 APRIL

SOCIAL TENNIS

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
TENNIS
COURT

18 APRIL

UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS



CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

20-21 APRIL

YOUTH GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

24 APRIL

ANZAC DAY

WAR
MEMORIAL

25 APRIL

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

01 MAY

SOCIAL TENNIS

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
TENNIS
COURT

02 MAY

TIDY TOWN NATIONAL AWARD

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION

03-06 MAY

NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

15 MAY

YOUTH GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

16 MAY