

GASSY GOSSIP

February 2022



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Bogan & Bingo
IT'S BINGO WITH BALLS

Gascoyne Junction Pavillion
Gascoyne Junction

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

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

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 9th February

Wednesday 23rd March

Wednesday 27th April

Wednesday 25th May

Wednesday 22nd June

Wednesday 27th July

Wednesday 24th August

Wednesday 21st September

Wednesday 26th October

Wednesday 23rd November

Thursday 15th 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.

Except for the May meeting – this will be held at the Mount Augustus Tourist Park in conjunction with the Eastern Road inspections.

Road inspections are scheduled for:
April 2022 - Western Road inspections
May 2022 - Eastern Road Inspections

COUNCIL NEWS

Due to no council meeting being held in January, this issue of the Gassy Gossip does not include the council report.

The next council meeting is being held on Wednesday 9th February 2022.

Watch this space for the next update.



RESPECT OUR ROADS



CLOSED MEANS CLOSED FOR LOCALS & VISITORS ALIKE

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne encourages visitors to experience our beautiful attractions and soak up everything the real Australian outback has to offer.

We are a large shire of 46,602 square kilometres with approximately 1,950kms of unsealed roads and our team takes great pride in looking after these roads to ensure everyone enjoys a safe comfortable drive.

Sometimes we need to close roads to traffic due to wet conditions. While this may be an inconvenience in the short term, we do it for your own safety and to ensure safe roads all year round for visitors and locals. It is important to check local weather conditions and forecasts before travelling on unsealed roads; this information can be found at www.bom.gov.au. Severe damage can occur to roads when people drive on closed or wet roads. It is not only extremely dangerous but can be costly for our shire to repair. Please consider those that live in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne and depend on these roads all year.

Please do not drive on our roads if they are closed. Penalties may apply to those who choose to ignore "Road Closed" signs and the shire may choose to prosecute offenders for the cost of repairs. If you have an accident or injury on a closed road, you may not be covered by your insurance company. This applies to locals and visitors alike.

We make every effort to minimise delays and appreciate your patience and assistance when roads are closed.

For further information and up to date road reports please visit our website:

www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/roadreport

T: (08) 9943 0988

F: SUG6705

Shire Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8.30am to 4.30pm Fri 8.30am to 3.00pm



Landor Burringurrah Rd May 2016: driving on wet roads, estimated repair costs were \$45,000.00

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2022

Thank you to everyone who came down to the Junction Pub and Tourist Park for the Aus Day BBQ to help celebrate Australia Day.



Congratulations to Ian Golding winner of the CRC Community Survey drawn at the Australia Day BBQ



BLAST FROM THE PAST



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

Grant for herbarium

THE Upper Gascoyne Health and Recreation Group has received \$3500 under the State Government's Community Conservation Grants scheme.

It is one of 31 volunteer conservation groups from the Kimberley to the South Coast that shared grants totalling \$165,000.

Environment Minister Cheryl Edwardes said 27 local groups had been awarded \$85,000 while four

peak organisations – the Conservative Council, Urban Bushland Council, APACE, Greenskills and Greening WA – would share a further \$80,000.

The grants were designed to help local groups conserve native fauna and flora or for landcare projects that will benefit the environment.

The Upper Gascoyne Health and Recreation Group grant is for a local herbarium.

**This article was originally published in the Northern
Guardian on Wednesday February 18th, 1998.**

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

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, then contact the CRC now!

You could be our next local celebrity...





GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP 2022 CALENDAR

5th & 6th February Untutored & AGM

19th and 20th March Tutored - TBC

9th & 10th April Dongara Autumn Craft Round Up

21st and 22nd May Untutored

11th & 12th June Tutored - TBC

30th & 31st July Untutored

13th & 14th August Tutored - TBC

3rd and 4th September Untutored

29th & 30th October Mosaic Workshop

26th & 27th November Christmas Craft

For any queries, please contact the Secretary Tina Matthews

E: junctioncraft@gmail.com

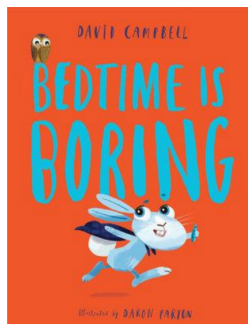
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YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$20 UNTUTORED WEEKENDS \$10

WORKSHOPS \$50 with craft supplied materials

OUTSIDE TUTORED WORKSHOPS \$50 + materials if required

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

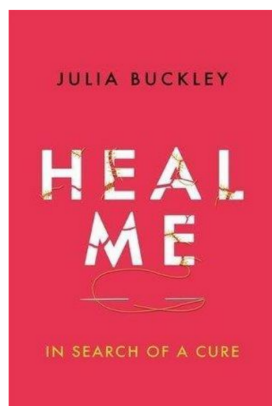


BEDTIME IS BORING

Billy Bunny REALLY doesn't want to go to bed. He's NOT tired! Not even a little bit. It may be bedtime, but Billy is NOT going quietly...

See if Billy wins the bedtime battle. Get in quick to pick up this month's kids book from the CRC

HEAL ME

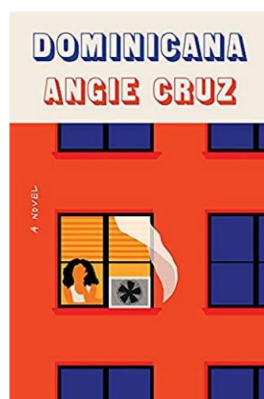


Julia Buckley needs a miracle. She has a chronic pain condition and according to her doctors, it can't be cured. She doesn't believe them. She does believe in miracles, though.

Julia's search for a cure takes her on a global quest, exploring the boundaries between science, psychology and faith with practitioners on the fringes of conventional, traditional and alternative medicine. From neuroplastic brain rewiring in San Francisco to medical marijuana in Colorado, Haitian vodou rituals to Brazilian 'spiritual surgery', she's willing to try anything. Can miracles happen? And more importantly, what happens next if they do?

Raising vital questions about the modern medical system, this is also a story about identity in a system historically skewed against 'hysterical' female patients, and the struggle to retain a sense of self under the medical gaze. *Heal Me* explains why modern medicine's current approach to chronic pain is failing patients. It explores the importance of faith, hope and cynicism, and examines our relationships with our doctors, our beliefs and ourselves.

DOMINICANA



Fifteen-year-old Ana Cancion never dreamed of moving to America, the way the girls she grew up with in the Dominican countryside did. But when Juan Ruiz proposes and promises to take her to New York City, she has to say yes. It doesn't matter that he is twice her age, that there is no love between them. Their marriage is an opportunity for her entire close-knit family to eventually immigrate. So on New Year's Day, 1965, Ana leaves behind everything she knows and becomes Ana Ruiz, a wife confined to a cold six-floor walk-up in Washington Heights. Lonely and miserable, Ana hatches a reckless plan to escape. But at the bus terminal, she is stopped by Cesar, Juan's free-spirited younger brother, who convinces her to stay.

As the Dominican Republic slides into political turmoil, Juan returns to protect his family's assets, leaving Cesar to take care of Ana. Suddenly, Ana is free to take English lessons at a local church, lie on the beach at Coney Island, see a movie at Radio City Music Hall, go dancing with Cesar, and imagine the possibility of a different kind of life in America. When Juan returns, Ana must decide once again between her heart and her duty to her family.



Closed for School
Holidays

Hope you all enjoy.

See you back for Term 1!!!

Pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Roll up
for WA

COVID-19 Vaccination

Gascoyne Junction
Community Resource Centre
Lot 4, Scott Street

11 February
10:00am - 1:00pm

Bookings
encouraged.
Walk-ins
welcomed.

Child and Adult COVID-19 vaccine available.
People aged 5 years + are eligible.
Receive your FREE COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine
1st, 2nd or Booster dose (Boosters 18 years+)



We acknowledge the traditional owners
of the land and pay our respects to their
Elders, past, present and emerging.



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service



WA's Updated Safe Transition Plan

Based on health advice, new hard border settings will be in place from 5 February 2022, and will allow for more safe, compassionate travel into WA and the return of legitimate Western Australians.

Domestic arrivals

Expanded exemption criteria to include:

- returning Western Australians, with strong recent connections or direct legitimate family connections with WA
- compassionate grounds including funeral, palliative care or terminally ill visitation
- urgent and essential medical treatment
- member of the family of an approved traveller
- specialist skills not available in WA
- Commonwealth and State officials, Members of Parliament, Diplomats

To enter WA you must:



Have an approved G2G pass.



Be triple dose vaccinated, if eligible (double dose vaccinated if not eligible for third) unless ineligible or medically exempt.



Provide proof of a negative Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) within 24 hours before departure.

On arrival into WA:



PCR testing within 48 hours of arrival and on day 12, and household members will also be required to do a PCR test on the traveller's day 12.



Self-quarantine in a suitable premises for 14 days. Same quarantine requirements for household members.



Subject to mandatory use of G2G Now and in-person checks by WA Police, as required.

International arrivals

Travellers must meet Commonwealth requirements to enter Australia under the arrivals cap.

International travel indirectly into WA via another state or territory will be subject to the same entry and quarantine requirements as domestic travellers.

To enter WA you must:



Have an approved G2G pass.



Be fully vaccinated unless ineligible. Returning Australians exempt.



Pre-departure testing as per Commonwealth requirements.

On arrival into WA:



PCR testing on days one, six, nine and 12, and household members will also be required to do a PCR test on the traveller's day 12.



Hotel quarantine for 7 days and self-quarantine for the remaining 7 days, if eligible, subject to negative test results.



Subject to mandatory use of G2G Now and in-person checks by WA Police, as required.

Further review of border controls will be considered over the course of the next month.

Public health and social measures



Wear a mask as required



Show your proof of vaccination



Keep checking in



Get vaccinated, including your third dose when eligible



Public health and social measures remain in place based on public health advice

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Presents



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18+ Only Event

Tickets on sale 4th Feb \$50

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bogan-bingo-tickets-256542705137>

For more information please contact the Shire 9943 0988 or crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au





FOR ADULTS

Food Sensations® delivered via video conference

Come along to your local Community Resource Centre for a hands-on nutrition and cooking experience.

Over 4 sessions, you will learn a variety of nutrition topics and cook some tasty, easy recipes

HEALTHY EATING

**MEAL PLANNING
AND BUDGETING**

SESSIONS:

All sessions held at:
Gascoyne Junction
Community Resource
Centre
4 Scott Street
via Video Conference -
Zoom

Time: 10 am - 12:30 pm

Dates:

- Session 1 - March 1st 2022
- Session 2 - March 8th 2022
- Session 3 - March 15th 2022
- Session 4 - March 22nd 2022

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CORE
TOPICS**

**LABEL READING
AND FOOD
SELECTION**

**FOOD
SAFETY,
PREPARATION &
COOKING**



**Food Sensations
for Adults**
is funded by the
Department of Health.

To find out more information about *Food Sensations* contact your local CRC on (08) 9943 0988 or crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov - **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

COOK'S CORNER

Lavender Honey Cake

Ingredients

Cake

175g butter
1/2 cup natural yogurt
1/4 cup cream
1/2 cup honey
2 tbsp. lavender buds
2 large eggs
1/4 cup sugar
1 3/4 cups self raising flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder

Icing

1/2 cup powdered sugar

Method

Step 1: Grease tin, and preheat your oven to 320F/160C.

Step 2: Cube your butter and let it soften at room temperature.

Step 3: Combine butter, yogurt, cream, honey and the lavender buds. Beat with a hand or electric mixer until it all comes together. This is a messy batter, so it may not look like it is coming together at this stage, but it will by the end.

Step 4: Beat the eggs & sugar into mixture.

Step 5: Sift the flour and baking powder into the bowl and mix together. It should look like cake batter now. Pour into the baking pan. Bake for an hour. Check it at 45 minutes with a skewer.

Step 6: Wait until the cake has cooled slightly and remove it from the tin. Make the icing, combine the powdered sugar and lemon juice. Spoon it onto the cake so it runs down the edge. Serve with whipped cream.





FEBRUARY

5 Billie O'Sullivan
 6 Sophie Wright
 17 Dart
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 21 Cynthia Wright
 24 Carmen Wilson
 24 Lachlan Wright
 24 Anna Collins

MARCH

2 Karen Coffin
 6 Genevieve Robinson
 9 Thomas Fletcher
 16 Andre Omotosho
 20 Georgie Hammarquist
 23 David Hammarquist
 30 Di Kempton

APRIL

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



GASSIFIEDS

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

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$42.00

A5 - \$26.00

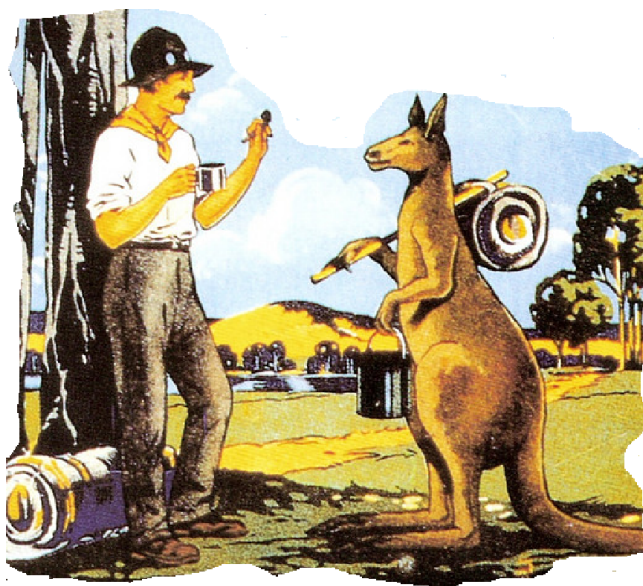
A6 - \$21.00

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.

Free advertising for community groups and not for profit organisations.



SMOKO TIME





Valentine's Day

February 14th

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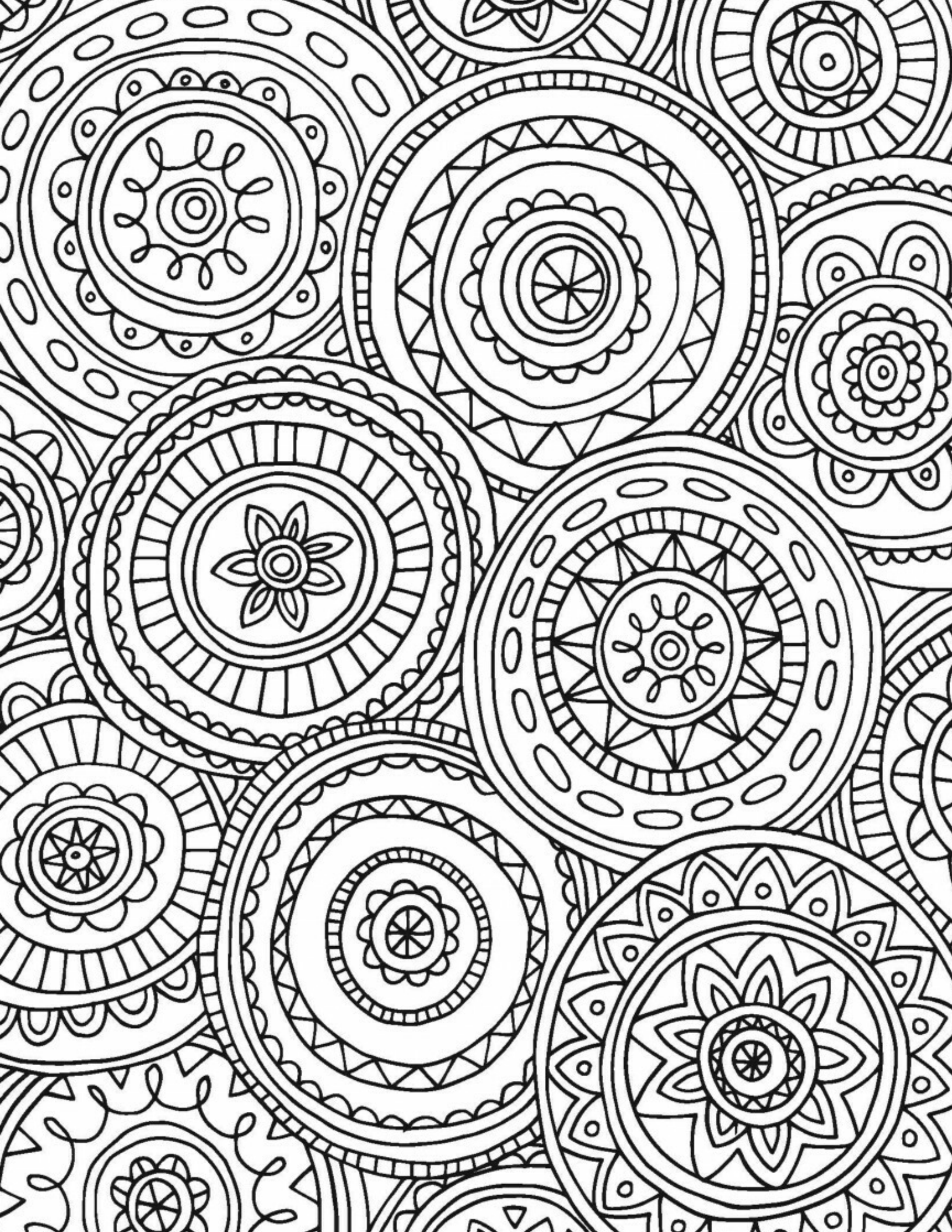
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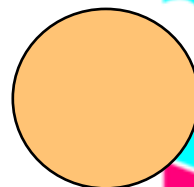
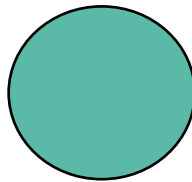
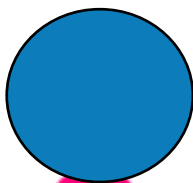
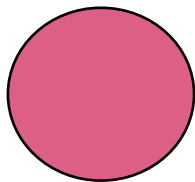
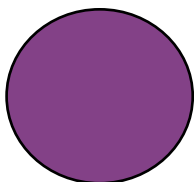
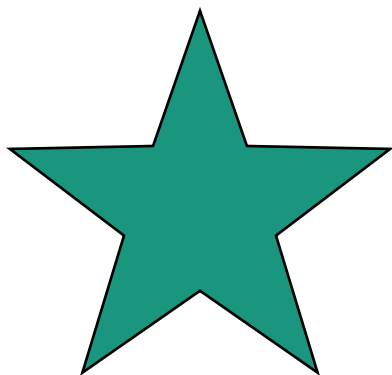
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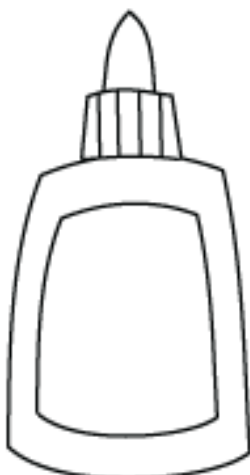
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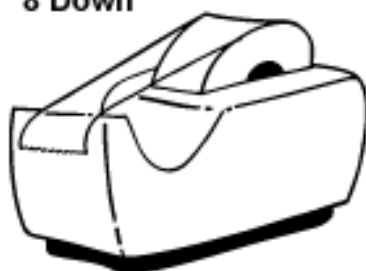
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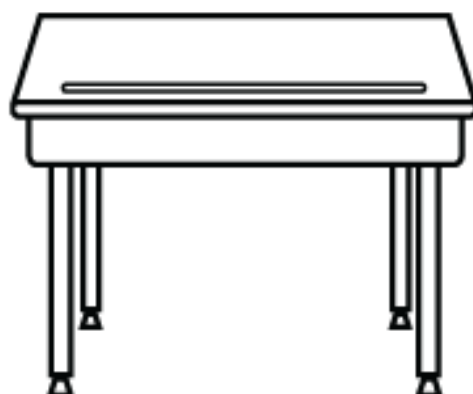
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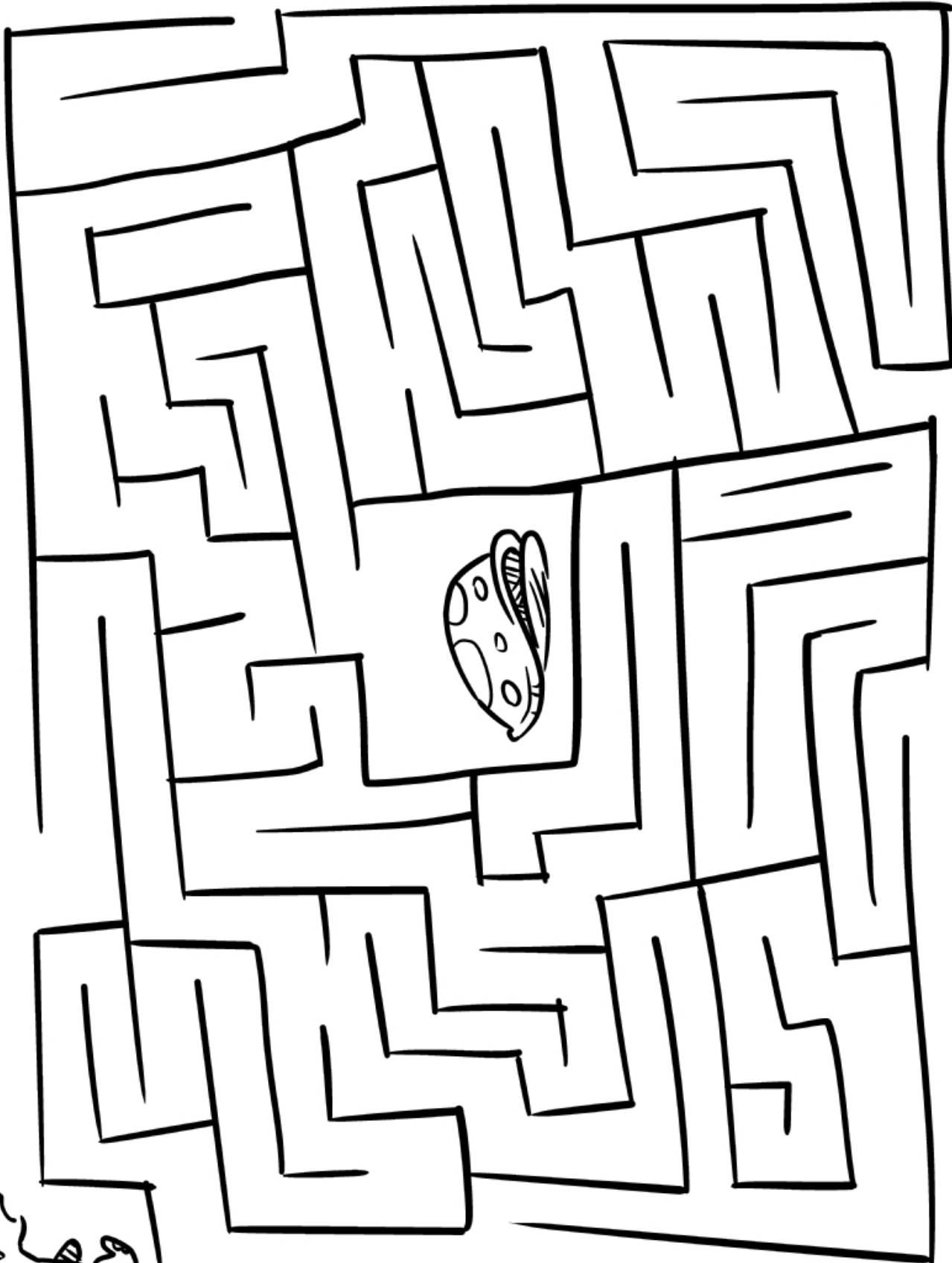
ACROSS

- to help someone learn about a subject by giving lessons;
what a teacher does;
- what you are doing when you are trying to learn about a
subject by reading or memorizing facts;
"I need to _____ for my spelling test."
- We go to school to _____.
- a set of questions that are designed to measure a
person's knowledge, skills, or abilities;
"We have a math _____ tomorrow."

DOWN

- a response to a question
- another word for finished or completed;
"Is your homework _____?"
- to do something that involves physical or mental effort;
"I have to finish my math _____."

HELP TOMMY TORTOISE FIND HIS SHELL.



HAPPY

VALENTINES

DAY



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| AUSTRALIA DAY JUNCTION PUB <hr/> 26 JANUARY | BOOK CLUB <hr/> CRC <hr/> 01 FEBRUARY | MOVIE NIGHT <hr/> PAVILION <hr/> 11 FEBRUARY | FOOD SENSATIONS COOKING CLASS <hr/> CRC <hr/> 01 MARCH |
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TO BE RESCHEDULED
CANCELLED

UPCOMING | 20 EVENTS | 22



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| FOOD SENSATIONS COOKING CLASS <hr/> CRC <hr/> 08 MARCH | UPPER GASCOYNE SOCIAL TENNIS COMP <hr/> PAVILION <hr/> 12 - 13 MARCH | FOOD SENSATIONS COOKING CLASS <hr/> CRC <hr/> 15 MARCH | HARMONY WEEK MOVIE NIGHT POT LUCK DINNER <hr/> PAVILION <hr/> 18 MARCH |
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