

GASSY GOSSIP

March 2022



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Friday 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.



COUNCIL NEWS

CEO Update

Firstly welcome to another year, I trust that all concerned had a very enjoyable festive period. I got back to work on the 4th of January 2022 after my break. On the 6th of January representatives from the Shires of Carnarvon and Ashburton undertook a site visit of the proposed Hastings route. Although there is a lot of work to do to make the route into a type 3 sustainable road I was surprised by the overall condition of the roads. The majority of the work in the first instance will need to be done in the Shire of Carnarvon with some re-sheeting in the Ashburton section. On the evening of the 6th of January I was advised that there were fires in the Woodleigh/Meedo and Winderie areas. These fires quickly grew and spread with Winderie Homestead coming under threat. DFES officially took control of the fires on the 7th of January and a lot of resources were brought in to assist with cutting fire breaks and back burning. Sean, Thomas and I assisted DFES with some of the on-the-ground work along with THEM Earthmoving who provided graders and operators to help with the firefighting efforts. Personally I would like to thank Sean for his efforts as he was all over this event working through the weekends and cutting his annual leave short. Once again we need to recognise the efforts of Waddy providing us with aerial surveillance.

Corporate Services Update

The Corporate team have returned to work after a much needed break, ready to face new adventures in 2022! We were not left disappointed as we came back to fires, fires and more fires! These recent events have certainly kept staff on their toes, particularly Sean, John, Thomas and Cherie who along with many volunteers worked tirelessly with officers from DFES to keep the fires under control. We recognise the efforts of everyone involved and would like to say a huge "thank you" to all of these great people who helped to keep our community safe!! Well done!

With the first half of the financial year behind us we look forward to consolidating projects leading into the final half of 2021/22. We will also start preparing work on our draft budget for 22/23 as well as the interim financial audit that we have tentatively scheduled in the April/May period.



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The CRC are happy to announce the successful delivery of the Annual Gascoyne Junction Community Christmas Event for another consecutive year. The 2021 event was held on the 16th December at the pavilion, hosted to a large crowd of local residents, extended community members and visitors alike.

Back by popular demand was Santa, who casually cruised in on a fire truck and stopped by to visit all the kids – he also handed out heaps of Christmas presents, which of course was the highlight of the night!

Whilst the event was a success and everyone who came enjoyed the night, it is important to note that this event would not be possible without the absolute dedication of Shire staff and the kind generosity of our sponsors. We would like to extend a massive thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers as your continued support of this community event is not only greatly appreciated but is a true testament of community spirit!

THANK YOU

Works and Services Report

Another year has begun and we have hit the ground running. I would firstly like to thank Sean Walker for filling in for me while I enjoyed some much needed leave with my family. Sean did a great job dealing with the fires within the shire and ensuring we were ready to fire up for 2022. This has given Sean a good insight the role as Works Manager.

The works crew have mobilised to Landor to begin the 5km new seal project. We will begin prepping the subgrade and importing the new base course this month. I met with the Burringurrah Community in December and they have given us their support to carry out the works on both Landor Meekatharra Road and Landor Mount Augustus Road. Once the new seal is complete we have approximately 4km of resheeting to do on Landor Mount Augustus Road.

Our maintenance graders have completed grading the Carnarvon Shire's section of the Pimbee Road. This has been a long time coming and has been welcomed by our residents and pastoralists in that area. We hope that this is the start of an ongoing initiative with the Carnarvon Shire when required.

It looks like 2022 will be another very busy year and we are looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead.

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Notice of Audit Committee Meeting



It is hereby notified that an Audit Committee Meeting will be held by the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on Wednesday, 23rd, of March 2022 commencing at 8.30am

This meeting will be held in the Shire Council Chambers at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

Ratepayers and Residents are welcome to attend the meeting.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

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

GP CLINIC AT CRC

The return of a regular Gascoyne Junction Doctor's Clinic at the Gascoyne Junction CRC is getting closer with a tentative first visit on Tuesday April 5. We know this is a service that has been missed and it is wonderful to be able to offer it again.

We are in the process of setting up the appointment and booking schedule and will advise the community as soon as this process is confirmed.

Can we ask that if you intend to take advantage of this service to give us a call at the CRC on 9943 0988 by Wednesday March 9. We would like to know if you would intend to make use of the April visit or would use the service in the future or on a regular basis.



COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN951 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – Feb 2022 (PACKAGE 1)

Contractor	QEM Group	Package Start Date:	17 Nov 2021
		Forecast Completion Date:	May / June 2022
Works this period (Feb 2022)		Works next period (Mar 2022)	
Eudamullah Rd Commenced and completed all works on this road comprising removal of silt, reconstruction of the cement stabilised floodway, heavy reshaping and resheeting works. Lyons River Rd Commenced and completed all works on this road comprising removal of silt and heavy reshaping. Ullawarra Rd Commenced work on this road and completed all defects from the northern edge of the seal at Gascoyne Junction townsite to north of Eudamullah Rd intersection. Works have comprised scour repairs, reforming and resheeting and unsealed floodway repairs.		Ullawarra Rd Continue works on this road working from Eudamullah Rd intersection north to Mangaroon homestead. Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd Commence works on this road working from the Shire's western boundary towards Ullawarra Rd.	
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	33%	11%	
Bingegaroo Road	100%	100%	
Cobra Mt Augustus Road	100%	100%	
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	Construction not commenced yet		
Dooley Downs Road	100%	0%	
Edmund Gifford Creek Road	Construction not commenced yet		
Erong Road	Construction not commenced yet		
Eudamullah Road	100%	0%	
Landor Meekatharra Road	Construction not commenced yet		

Landor Mt Augustus Road	39%	39%
Landor Mt Clere Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Lyndon Minnie Creek Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Lyons River Road	100%	0%
Mangaroon Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Meekatharra Mt Clere Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Minnie Creek Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Mt Augustus Road	100%	0%
Mt Augustus Woodlands Road	100%	100%
Pingandy Road	100%	0%
Potts Road	100%	0%
Ullawarra Road	33%	0%
Waldburg Road	16%	16%
Wanna Road	100%	100%
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp established at Mangaroon Station providing accommodation, mess facilities and workshop facilities for the QEM crew. Rolling continuous roster and weekly flights into camp are also going.	



Ullawarra Rd - Current works



Ullawarra Rd - Current works



Ullawarra Rd - Current works



Ullawarra Rd - Current works

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – Feb 2022 (PACKAGE 2)**

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	8 Nov 2020
		Forecast Completion Date:	April / May 2022
Works this period (Feb 2022)		Works next period (March 2022)	
Ullawarra Rd Completed all remaining works on this road comprising heavy reshaping, removal of silt and drain line reshaping. Gilroyd Rd Commenced and completed all works on this road comprising removal of silt at a floodway on the southern end of the road. Carey Downs Rd Commenced works on this road working from south to north. Works have involved removal of silt, reforming and reshaping drain lines and scour repairs. Work crew lost approx. 5 days due to resources assisting with bush fires.		Carey Downs Rd Continue and complete works on this road working from south to north. Remaining works comprise removal of silt, heavy reshaping and formation works. Pimbee Rd Commence works on this road working from south of Carey Downs Rd intersection towards the north. Works will comprise reforming and resheeting, removal of silt and repairs to unsealed floodways.	
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	76%	70%	
Carey Downs Road	10%	0%	
Carnarvon Mullewa Road	100%	100%	
Cobra Dairy Creek Road	Construction not yet commenced		
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Road	100%	100%	
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	100%	100%	
Erong Road	100%	100%	

Eudamullah Road	100%	100%
Gilroyd Road	100%	0%
Gregory Street	Transferred to AGRN951 scope	
Hatch Street	100%	100%
Killili Road	100%	100%
Lyons River Road	100%	100%
Minnie Creek Road	100%	100%
Mooloo Downs Access Road	Construction not yet commenced	
Newton Drive	100%	100%
Pimbee Road	Construction not yet commenced	
Riverside Drive	100%	100%
Rubbish Tip Road	100%	100%
Scott Street	100%	100%
Ullawarra Road	100%	86%
Viveash Way	100%	100%
Weedarrah Road	Not yet commenced	
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp remains in place at southern end of Ullawarra Rd.	



Carey Downs Rd - Current Works



Carey Downs Rd - Current Works



Ullawarra Rd – Defect



Ullawarra Rd – Completed Works



Ullawarra Rd – Defect



Ullawarra Rd – Completed Works

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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



These people were evacuated from the north side of the Gascoyne River in Gascoyne Junction.

Vance passes close to Gascoyne Junction

THE eye of cyclone Vance passed within two kilometres of the small town of Gascoyne Junction about 10pm, Monday.

Gascoyne Junction Hotel caretaker Guy Russell said he could see the moon in the eye of the storm.

"There was a circular area with no clouds about two kilometres away," he said.

The cyclone had been downgraded to a category three by the time it passed over Gascoyne

Junction but still carried enough force to unroof two houses and drop 154mm of rain.

Gascoyne Junction Shire chief executive John Newton said about nine people slept at the town hall during the night of the storm.

The next concern for the town was the rising river level.

A levee bank was formed in front of the hotel and some residents were evacuated from the north side of the river to the town.

This article was originally published in the Northern Guardian on Wednesday March 31, 1999.



EDNA CRAGAN

It is with deep sadness that Shire of Upper Gascoyne
acknowledges the passing of Edna Cragan.

Edna was a much loved community member of Gascoyne
Junction for over 35 years and will be deeply missed by all,
Edna passed away peacefully in Geraldton on Saturday 12th
Feb. We extend our condolences to her husband Mick and
their sons.

Vale: Edna Cragan 8th Oct 1938 to 12th Feb 2022

Say G'Day To...

George McTaggart



Full name: George McTaggart

Place of birth: Geraldton

Favourite animal: Iguana

Favourite Pet: Eddie the Sausage Dog

Who is your hero? Eddie the Sausage Dog

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The River & the Library

What would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne? A pool connected to a waterslide

If you were the head of the house at home for one day what rule would you make:

No paying for ice cream

Nickname: Georgie Porgie

Favourite food: Spaghetti

Footy team: Ramblers

Favourite Colour: GREEN



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*

Dongara Cancelled. Rescheduling in Gascoyne Junction.

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

P: 9943 0531

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$20 UNTUTORED WEEKENDS \$10

WORKSHOPS \$50 with craft supplied materials

OUTSIDE TUTORED WORKSHOPS \$50 + materials if required

A decorative border of red poppies with green leaves frames the top and sides of the poster.

LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY

MONDAY APRIL 25

11AM MORNING SERVICE
MEMORIAL AT WAR MEMORIAL

**MORNING TEA TO FOLLOW
COIN DONATION TO LEGACY**

IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM





BOOKS OF THE MONTH



ADVENTURES IN CARDBOARD BY ELEANOR FORD

A spaceship? A pair of butterfly wings or even a dinosaur? Anything's possible with cardboard!

Unleash your families imagination and enjoy endless hours of creative fun with the wonderful craft projects that all start with the humble cardboard box. Adventures in Cardboard features 16 upcycled craft projects for the entire family to create and play!

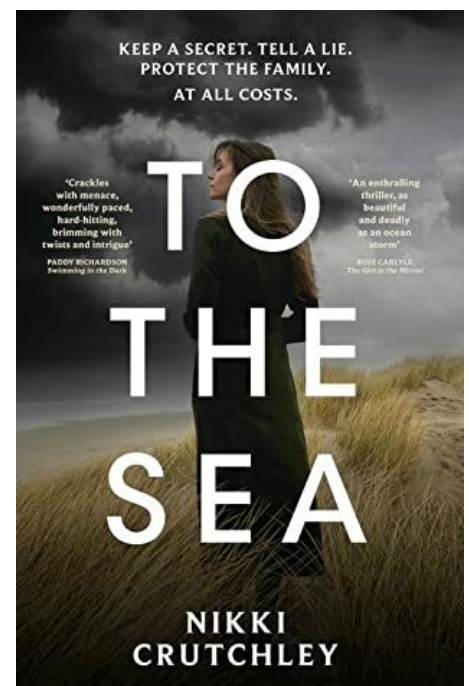
TO THE SEA BY NIKKI CRUTCHLEY

Keep a secret. Tell a lie. Protect the family. *At all costs.*

A compulsively readable suspense thriller which will keep you guessing and reading up until late into the night.

Iluka has been the only home that 18-year-old Ana has ever known. The beautiful wild pine plantation overlooking the Pacific Ocean where her grandfather builds furniture, her aunt runs an artists' retreat and her uncle tends the land, is paradise, a private idyll safe from the outside world.

But the place holds a violent secret and when a stranger arrives, Ana will need to make a choice: to protect everything - and everyone - she holds dear or tell the truth and destroy it all.





Newsletter

25/02/2022

PRINCIPAL'S POST

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
RESILIENCE

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

We are four weeks into our first term, and it's been a term of major change as we welcome nine new students to our school and settle into our new routines. We now have students ranging from Kindy to Year 9 at our school.

After the long weekend we are heading off for a week of swimming lessons in Carnarvon. Students will be with teachers and staff during normal school hours and will be undertaking some local incursions in the morning and having double swimming lessons in the afternoon.

Can parents and carers please return all swimming permission notes and forms for swimming levels by Tuesday 1st March so that we can finalise our plans with the swimming instructor? We will send home the package of information again before the long weekend.

We will be placing a **VALUES BOX** at the CRC, the Shire and the school's front office for use by parents, carers and community members. There will be slips of paper on which you can note a student's name, the date and tick one or more of the values that have been demonstrated by a student at our school. At the end of each term, we will be counting the slips and rewarding students who have been recognised the most for demonstrating our school values. We thank you ahead of time for your participation.

Kind regards
Jackie Miller (Principal)

STUDENT COUNCILLOR NEWS

Our student councillors for 2022 are Bridie Walker and Jannayah Haring-Clinch.

During our first meeting they developed a roster for use of some play equipment now that we have more students at school and are currently deciding upon some fundraising ideas for 2022.

They have also decided to have a fundraiser each semester for a national cause and each semester organise a fundraiser for the school.

Our councillors will be attending a Leadership Forum via Webex with Miss Wilson on Monday 14th March. They will be learning some skills and strategies to assist them in their leadership roles.

Keep an eye out for their councillor report each newsletter this year which will keep you informed of what's happening at school.



HEALTHY EATING

The students celebrated Healthy Lunch Box Week earlier this term by making lunch using some simple delicious recipes. Students tasted vegetable rice paper rolls, potato pizza snacks and a simple sweet dessert. The lunch was delicious and most students were brave enough to taste foods they may have not eaten previously.



TECHNOLOGIES

As part of our Design and Technology program, we introduced the design process to design, build and evaluate a Marble Run. The students completed the task over a week and most had success with their designs. Here are some of the final products.



COMING EVENTS

7/3/22	LABOUR DAY Public Holiday
8/3/22-11/3/22	Swimming Lessons Carnarvon
21/3/22	Harmony Day
25/3/22	National Ride 2 School Day
8/4/22	Last day of term
9/4/22-24/4/22	School Holidays
25/4/22	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
26/4/22	Staff return to school
27/4/22	Students return to school



Government of Western Australia
North Metropolitan Health Service



Women 50 years or over,
have a **FREE** breast screening
mammogram every two years.
Once is not enough.



BreastScreen WA's mobile service will be at:

Carnarvon

Carnarvon Civic Centre, 1 Camel Lane

16/03/2022 - 11/04/2022

Dates may be subject to change

Women 40 years and over are eligible to have a **FREE** breast screening mammogram.

For an appointment
book **online** or phone **13 20 50**



SEP 2018

www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au



SENIORS CARD

The Golden Lens



2022 Photographic Competition

The Golden Lens is an opportunity for WA Seniors Card members to share photos they have taken, that celebrate the lives of older Western Australians.

Members can submit an entry in each of the four categories.

- ▶ **Active ageing**
- ▶ **Artistic photography**
- ▶ **Aussie way of life**
- ▶ **Meaningful connections**

Entries close **Monday 4 April 2022**



For more information visit

www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au/goldenlens



Citrus Salad with Champagne Dressing

Ingredients

For the Salad

Rocket leaves

Blood orange

Orange

Lime

Avocado

Goats feta

Mint leaves

For the Champagne Dressing

1/3 cup Champagne vinegar

1 Clove garlic, crushed

2 tsp Lemon juice

¼ cup Olive oil

Salt to taste

Method

Arrange your rocket leaves, and sliced orange, blood orange, and lime, over a salad dish. I sliced the rind off my citrus fruits to create a hexagonal effect. Add avocado cubes and feta, and sprinkle over some mint leaves.

For the champagne dressing, combine the vinegar, garlic, lemon juice, and olive oil. Add salt to taste.

Pour your dressing over the salad just before serving.

Source: www.derbyandpower.com



Strawberry Cheesecake Tart

Ingredients

For the Crust

1 1/3 cups plain flour

1/4 cup caster sugar

1/2 tsp salt

150g melted butter

For the Filling

1/2 cup thickened cream

500g cream cheese

1/2 cup caster sugar

1 lemon, juiced

1 tsp vanilla essence

For the Topping

Approx. 15 strawberries,
thinly sliced

3 tbsp strawberry jam

2 tsp water



Method

1. Heat oven to 180 Celsius. Combine all ingredients for the crust, and mix until they form a dough. Press into the base and up the sides of your tart tin. Use a fork to prick holes across the base of your crust, then bake for 20-30 minutes, or until golden. Allow to cool.
2. Using a hand mixer, beat together all ingredients for the filling. Pour over cooled crust.
3. Layer strawberry slices over the top of the cream cheese filling. Add jam and water to a small bowl and warm in a microwave for 20 seconds. Stir to combine, then brush the jam glaze over the strawberry layer.
4. Refrigerate for two hours before serving.

NOTICE OF AGM

The Upper Gascoyne Land Conservation District
Committee (LCDC) AGM is to be held on

Date: Friday 18th March

Time: 6pm

Venue: Junction Pub and Tourist Park Gascoyne
Junction

OR Attend Via Zoom (Link will be sent)

AGM includes election of:

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Update Register of Landholders

Followed by:

A General Meeting

Update from Rangelands NRM

Future Opportunities

Please email uppergascoynelcdc@gmail.com to register your interest/agenda
items for General Meeting or call

Alys McKeough (Interim Chair/Secretary) 0438384603



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

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



GASCOYNE DASH

The 2022 Gassy Dash will return to Gascoyne Junction on Saturday April 30 and Sunday May 1. This year the committee is trying to put together a Junction Crew to assist with race operations whilst in town. Roles include waving the flag at the finish line on Saturday and the start line on Sunday. Also needing assistance on the first aid station and as local hosts pointing out where to camp, find facilities and the way to the evening's entertainment. If you can help you can register your interest by visiting the Gassy Dash official webpage at www.gasdash.com/volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
CATCH ALL THE ACTION AT THIS YEARS KICKSTARTERS GASCOYNE DASH

Looking for a fun filled weekend packed with adventure?
The Gascoyne Off Road Racing Club are looking for volunteers to fill a number of exciting roles as part of the annual Gassy Dash...

THURSDAY 28TH APRIL – SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2022

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PAVILION FRIDAY MARCH 18

Grab a bean bag or a chair, pack a picnic dinner or your favourite movie snacks for a special double screening.

The evening starts at 6pm with a special family movie. Those attending will get to choose on the night from our special selection. Children must be supervised.

At 7.30pm a later session for the grown ups with a selection of movies on offer to chose.

All COVID measures will be in place.

For more details or to RSVP contact the CRC.



MOVIE NIGHT





SHIRE PRESIDENT DON HAMMARQUIST FEATURED AS BUSH LEGEND IN WEST AUSTRALIAN

In the January 14 edition of The West Australian, Shire President Don Hammarquist was showcased as a Bush Legend. The Mount Augustus station owner spoke with the paper about following the rules at Australia's Biggest Rock to deliver a magical tourism experience. The article was also printed in the Mid West Times. Congratulations Don.

SUG6705 FOOTY TIPPING ONLINE IN 2022



You asked for it, so Footy Tipping is back in 2022 and this year it is online. Follow the link below and use the comp code 63CUN45A or contact the CRC to be added to the SUG6705 Footy Tipping Competition.

<https://tipping.afl.com.au/tipping/index.html#/comp/4504/about?code=63CUN4A5>

\$25 entry fee for year to be paid at CRC with prizes to be awarded at the END OF SEASON ONLY to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



LAST CALL FOR BOOK CLUB MEMBERS

Our first official book club meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in April. Join us at the CRC in person or via Zoom to spend some time chatting about the book of the month. From 6.45pm we will gather, bring a plate of food and your favourite drink.

To register email Ainsley and she will send you through how to log in and download the first book.

tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or call 9943 0988.

Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Pilot kicks off in the Upper Gascoyne

Wednesday, 23 February 2022

The McGowan Government has unveiled the successful applicants for the groundbreaking Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Pilot project to drive land and business rejuvenation in the southern pastoral estate.

16 stations will participate in the innovative pilot program, which will develop individual roadmaps to revive rangeland conditions, while building business resilience.

The group of pastoralists - nine from the Murchison, three from the Gascoyne; Jimba Jimba, Dairy Creek and Cary Downs and four from the Goldfields-Nullarbor - will explore a range of options and opportunities as part of the peer learning group.

Participants' plans for their management systems include rest-based grazing, developing mobile watering points to reduce grazing pressure, re-establishing landscape water flow to encourage vegetation growth, the use of Internet of Things devices to monitor remote trap yards and irrigating native rangeland grass seedbeds.

The program will be tailored to the needs of the group, drawing on the experts on land and grazing management, as well as business coaching and mentoring.

The \$550,000 Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Pilot project is one of the McGowan Government's initiatives to build long-term climate and business resilience, alongside the Western Australia Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program and the Farm Business Resilience Program.

Agriculture and Food Minister Alannah MacTiernan shared that the Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Pilot project provides a hands-on approach to building long-term sustainability and business resilience for stations across the regions. Pastoralists in the southern rangelands have been exposed to the impacts of climate change, so it is important they are well equipped with the latest advances in land management strategies and technologies to optimise station operations.

The successful pastoralists bring a range of proposals to the table, which they will develop over the course of the program with the support of their peers and experts to boost rangeland regeneration and business opportunities. This foundation work will ensure pastoral enterprises progress the proposals on the ground, transforming the rangelands landscape and the productive potential of this important part in Western Australia.

Congratulations to all involved at Jimba Jimba, Dairy Creek and Carey Downs.



How to prepare at home for COVID-19

Preparing for COVID-19 makes things easier if you become infected or exposed to COVID-19 and are required to isolate. Here are helpful tips you can do ahead of time:

1. Make sure you have enough face masks, hand sanitiser, and gloves. These can be purchased at supermarkets, pharmacies, and other retailers.
2. Prepare a COVID-19 care kit with basic medical supplies such as a thermometer, pain relief medication, and electrolytes, as well as your regular medications.
3. Plan ahead and nominate someone to deliver supplies such as groceries and medication in case you need them while in isolation. This could be a family member or a friend.
4. Plan ahead and nominate someone to help look after your children, pets, or anyone else in your care in case you need to go hospital. Again, this could be a family member or a friend, and potentially the same person who brings you any supplies.
5. Have an emergency contact list with important phone numbers, such as your nominated support person, emergency services and your GP.
6. Make sure you have activities to keep you and others in your house, such as children, entertained.



FREE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIANS

All WA households can now register to receive free Rapid Antigen Tests delivered to their home address. One person per household can register for the free RATs online. People who cannot register online can contact 13 COVID (13 26843) for assistance placing their order. Regional areas are being prioritised with delivery within 15 business days.

Order Online from the following web address.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-wa-free-rat-program>

AT THE SHIRE OFFICE AND CRC

We are working hard to keep our community safe and our staff safe so that we can continue to deliver our services to you. We ask that:

- You wear a mask when visiting our offices and sanitise hands before entering
- Use the QR codes to check in or fill in the manual check in sheets
- Do not visit the Shire or CRC offices if you are unwell or have symptoms of COVID
- The Shire or CRC do not stock RAT tests.

GOSIP



COVID-19

Public health and social measures



Effective 12:01am Thursday 3 March

additional public health and social measures will be introduced State-wide.

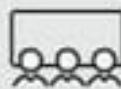
Businesses and venues remain open with some restrictions in place:



2sqm rule and 150 patron capacity applies to hospitality, fitness, higher education, entertainment venues, museums, galleries and places of worship



50% capacity at RAC Arena, Optus Stadium, HBF Stadium, HBF Park and seated entertainment venues eg. theatre/cinemas



Masks required for years 3 and above at school.

Other restrictions:



No visitors to hospitals except for compassionate reasons



Two visitors per resident per day at aged care and disability facilities



Private indoor and outdoor gatherings limited to 10 (including household members)



Weddings and funerals permitted with 150 capacity and 2sqm rule, in private gathering and venue settings

Continue to...



Get tested if unwell



Get vaccinated including third dose



Show proof of vaccination and check in



Wear masks indoors and on public transport

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SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE:



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NOW

2022

FAST FOUR

MIXED DOUBLES

SATURDAY MARCH 12 FROM 9AM

WWW.UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU/EVENTS

PH: 9943 0988

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Presents



Gascoyne Junction Pavillion
Gascoyne Junction

FRIDAY APRIL 1 2022

Entry from 7:30pm Eyes Down
8pm

Come dressed as your inner Bogan.
Ace Prizes to be won throughout the night
Bogan platter supplied
BYO Bevies and Munchies

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





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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:
5 Scott Street Gascoyne
Junction

**via Video
Conference!**

Time: 10 am - 12:30 pm

Dates:

- Session 1 - April 28th 2022
- Session 2 - May 5th 2022
- Session 3 - May 12th 2022
- Session 4 - May 19th 2022

**4
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 9943 0988 or crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

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.



HASTINGS
Technology Metals Limited



The Yangibana Project

PROJECT UPDATE 3
February 2022

HASTINGS TECHNOLOGY METALS

HASTINGS Technology Metals Ltd is a leading Australian rare earths company (ASX:HAS).

Hastings' flagship Yangibana Rare Earths Project is in Western Australia's Gascoyne north east of Carnarvon.

Uniquely, Yangibana is endowed with the world's highest composition of Neodymium and Praseodymium (NdPr), which are vital in the manufacture of permanent magnets used in electric vehicles, wind turbines, robotics, medical applications and digital services.

Hastings is primed to become the world's next producer of NdPr, and Australia's second rare earths project; and is actively fostering a lower carbon future and renewable energy solutions.

The rare earth (RE) ore will be mined, crushed, milled and processed into a RE concentrate at the Yangibana site and then hauled 450kms to a hydrometallurgical plant in the Pilbara for further processing to a Mixed Rare Earth Carbonate (MREC) and then shipped to global customers.

NEXT STEPS

Hastings plans to commence the 24-month construction of Yangibana in 2022 following

- Finalisation of debt financing.
- Finalisation of capital expenditure validation and equity funding.
- Finalisation of approvals.
- Final Investment Decision by the Hastings Board of Directors.

Hastings is focused on bringing the Project into production in 2024.

NAIF Approves \$140m Loan for Yangibana, 2 February 2022

The Federal Government's Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) has approved a \$140 million loan, underpinning finalisation of remaining funding for the development of Yangibana.

The NAIF loan is aligned with Australia's Critical Mineral Strategy and the State Government's Future Battery Industry Strategy.

"This is the Commonwealth's first financing package for construction of a rare earths mine and production plant in Australia and it supports the rapid development world wide of decarbonisation technologies in e-mobility and in energy production," Charles Lew Hastings' Chairman said.

"Hastings is proud to be at the forefront of this significant global transition to a lower carbon future and aims to be part of the global efforts toward sustainability."



STATUS

Hastings is undertaking early site works (access roads, communications, village, airstrip and water) at Yangibana which are scheduled to be completed this year, and in advance of the start of construction of both the on-site beneficiation plant and the hydrometallurgical plant near Onslow.

In parallel, Hastings is focusing on securing the remaining equity and debt financing for construction.

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BENEFITS & BEYOND

Significant potential remains for future expansion of the Yangibana resource, taking the life of the Project and the associated benefits beyond 15 years.

Regional: Hastings is committed to local supply chains and local content with an emphasis on enticing people to live in the region. Jobs, contracts and training will be provided to locals; roads will be upgraded, and communications infrastructure installed.

Taxes: Royalties and taxes over the life of mine are estimated at over \$335 million, comprising \$277 million in corporate and income tax; and \$60million in State Mineral Royalty.

Jobs: Yangibana will support a peak construction workforce of 500 in the Upper Gascoyne and the lower Pilbara and create around 250 steady state operational jobs.

Hastings is creating long term value through the supply of critical minerals that affect a lower carbon footprint, renewable energy solutions and technologies that improve our planet.

SPOTLIGHT

What Are Rare Earths?

Rare Earths, a set of 17 lustrous silvery-white elements are found variably blended and include cerium, dysprosium, terbium, neodymium and praseodymium.

These elements are used in the manufacture of components that enable both Green energy and electric mobility.

NdPr is valuable and vital in the manufacture of permanent magnets and electric generators used in goods ranging from electric vehicles, E-bikes, E-Scooters, drones, wind turbines and robotic solutions.

These applications are collectively referred to as electric mobility (e-mobility) and renewables.

Want to know more?

Follow us on [LinkedIn](#)

www.hastingstechmetals.com.au

Gascoyne Junction Christmas Party



"Thanks to Hastings for your valuable support and contribution toward our annual Christmas Party. Many people from within our shire and outside the borders attended the event and it was a fantastic night with the end of year school presentations, wonderful food, live entertainment and a visit from Santa; and the company of great people. We thank you for being a valued sponsor of this event."

Our People

Hastings welcomes *Lisa McGrath* in the role of General Manager Environment, and *Geoff Perera* as Health & Safety Systems Specialist.

Both Lisa and Geoff are frequently on site at Yangibana and in the broader Gascoyne and lower Pilbara regions supporting the Project toward construction.



Lisa McGrath



Geoff Perera



Shaping Gascoyne Junction's Future Energy System

Horizon Power is committed to delivering reliable and safe energy to our customers. We are striving to make that energy supply an increasingly cleaner and greener service for our communities.

To provide a future energy system that reflects the values of its community, we have introduced a new process known as Integrated Resource Planning (IRP). The IRP process is about engaging with our communities and stakeholders to look at ways that we can introduce a new energy system that considers their needs.

The long-term IRP process is a new approach to major decision making that affects the regions. It involves early engagement and proper planning, which will not result in immediate changes to the existing energy system in Gascoyne Junction.

How do we currently deliver electricity?

Horizon Power recently purchased the existing power station and will be taking over the day-to-day operation. This has provided an opportunity to assess the future energy system of your town, including renewable energy integration into the grid-based power supply.

*Owned by the
people of WA*

HORIZON
POWER

How is Horizon Power working to improve the energy system?

With the aim of supplying cleaner and greener energy, Horizon Power is exploring renewable electricity such as solar and wind generated energy options. The cost of renewable electricity is now similar to the cost of traditional energy sources including diesel powered electricity generation.

We are focused on gathering the community's thoughts on using renewable energy sources, such as solar power, in order to assist us in delivering optimal solutions. Understanding the community's views on its energy needs and how our suppliers can meet those needs will enable Horizon Power to make the best possible decisions for the community.

Horizon Power is committed to providing innovative customer solutions to lead the energy transition and has recently received a Commonwealth Grant which will underpin the IRP process, to assess the future energy system of nine Mid West, Gascoyne and Goldfields towns. The funding has allowed us to accelerate the feasibility of 100% renewable energy for these regions with the aim to improve customer access to renewable energy.

What do we need to deliver renewable energy to Gascoyne Junction?

More areas of land are needed to generate renewable electricity. There are many factors that determine a suitable location for renewable energy infrastructure, and we are currently looking at available land that is close to the existing power station and meets the criteria for an optimal footprint.

What is the process from here?

The IRP process includes engaging with the community, analysing available options, providing updates to the community and ultimately implementing a plan. The next steps are to assess the current assets at the existing power station, undertake engineering and financial modelling for options analysis, and identify suitable land. The insights and feedback we receive from the Gascoyne Junction community will be taken into consideration when shortlisting the solutions, and we will keep the community updated as the pathway to a renewable future is revealed.

About us

Horizon Power is owned by the people of Western Australia and provides electricity to regional and remote homes, businesses and communities. We are passionate about what we do, and strive to ensure our customers, in towns and communities throughout the 2.3 million square kilometres we service, receive safe and reliable power. This makes us responsible for the largest geographical catchment of any Australian power provider.






We operate 38 power systems, including 32 microgrids tailored to meet the unique needs of some of the most isolated and remote communities in the world. Horizon Power is making significant investments in developing its renewable energy capability and expertise. We are focused on delivering cleaner, greener customer-focused energy solutions which drive regional growth and vibrant communities and significantly reduce our carbon footprint.

Contact us

We would love your feedback on this, or any other initiative Horizon Power is undertaking.

Please contact your local Horizon Power office or the Integrated Resource team.

IntegratedResourcePlanning@horizonpower.com.au

Find us on      horizonpower.com.au



HORIZON
POWER

Business Workshop Series

Volunteer Management Planning Workshop Series

for regional sport and recreation clubs and associations



Prepare your organisation for the recruitment and effective management of volunteers by participating in these informative and engaging workshops. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has partnered with Volunteering WA, who will guide and equip you and your organisation with everything you need to implement a ready-to-use Volunteer Management Plan.

Workshop overview

Participants will be provided resources and templates to create and implement your organisation's own Volunteer Management Plan, covering 4 topics to guide the process:

- key issues of volunteer management
- organisational readiness
- recruiting volunteers
- volunteer risk management.

Presenter

Louise Giles from Volunteering WA has over twenty years' experience working in training and education for not-for-profit organisations in Western Australia and corporate companies in the UK. Louise has a passion for designing and developing online training as well as exploring the world of e-Learning, and assisting with the development and delivery of online courses.

To be considered for a place, you must be available for all 3 **online** sessions:

Wednesday 16 March 2022
6pm — 8pm

Wednesday 23 March 2022
6pm — 8pm

Wednesday 30 March 2022
6pm — 8pm

RSVP 22 February 2022, 5pm



**Online only –
link will be emailed.**

**Register your
interest now** 

For more information please contact Christina Harmsen at DLGSC on 9492 9738
or email Industry.Development@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Every Club Education Sessions

 **Online** workshop series



The Every Club Education Sessions provide education, training and professional development opportunities for the sport and recreation club workforce. You are invited to attend this **online** workshop series delivered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) in partnership with Ian Crawford of Candor Training and Consultancy.

Program overview:

This highly interactive workshop series will provide participants with a deeper understanding of a variety of areas that relate directly to their club development roles. Different topics will be explored during each 1-hour session, and will include:

- Facilitation skills
- Inclusion and diversity
- Building volunteer momentum in your community clubs

The Every Club Education Sessions will provide opportunity for discussion and information sharing to encourage partnerships and collaboration.

Who should attend

State sporting association, peak body and local government professionals involved in supporting community sport and recreation clubs.

To gain maximum benefit from this professional development opportunity, participants are encouraged to attend all workshops in this series.

Friday 18 March 2022
10am – 11am

Friday 29 April 2022
10am – 11am

Wednesday 25 May 2022
1pm – 2pm

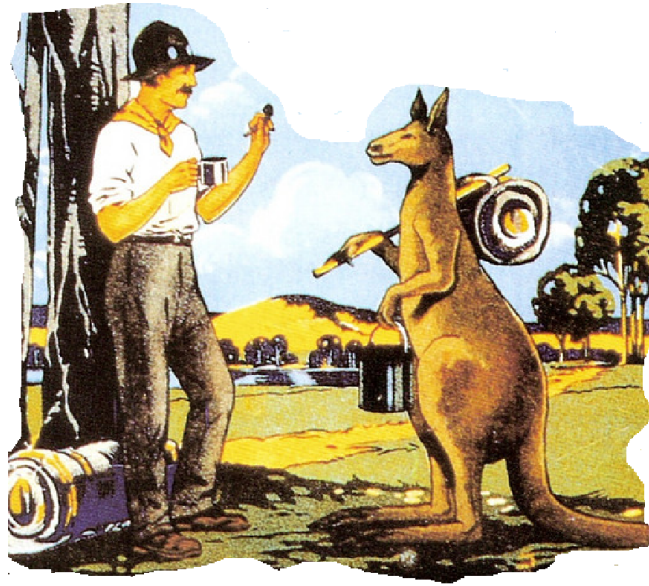
RSVP by: Friday 25 February 2022

**Register your
interest now**



For more information please contact Sue Patman, Senior Project Officer on 08 9492 9612 or email everyclub@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

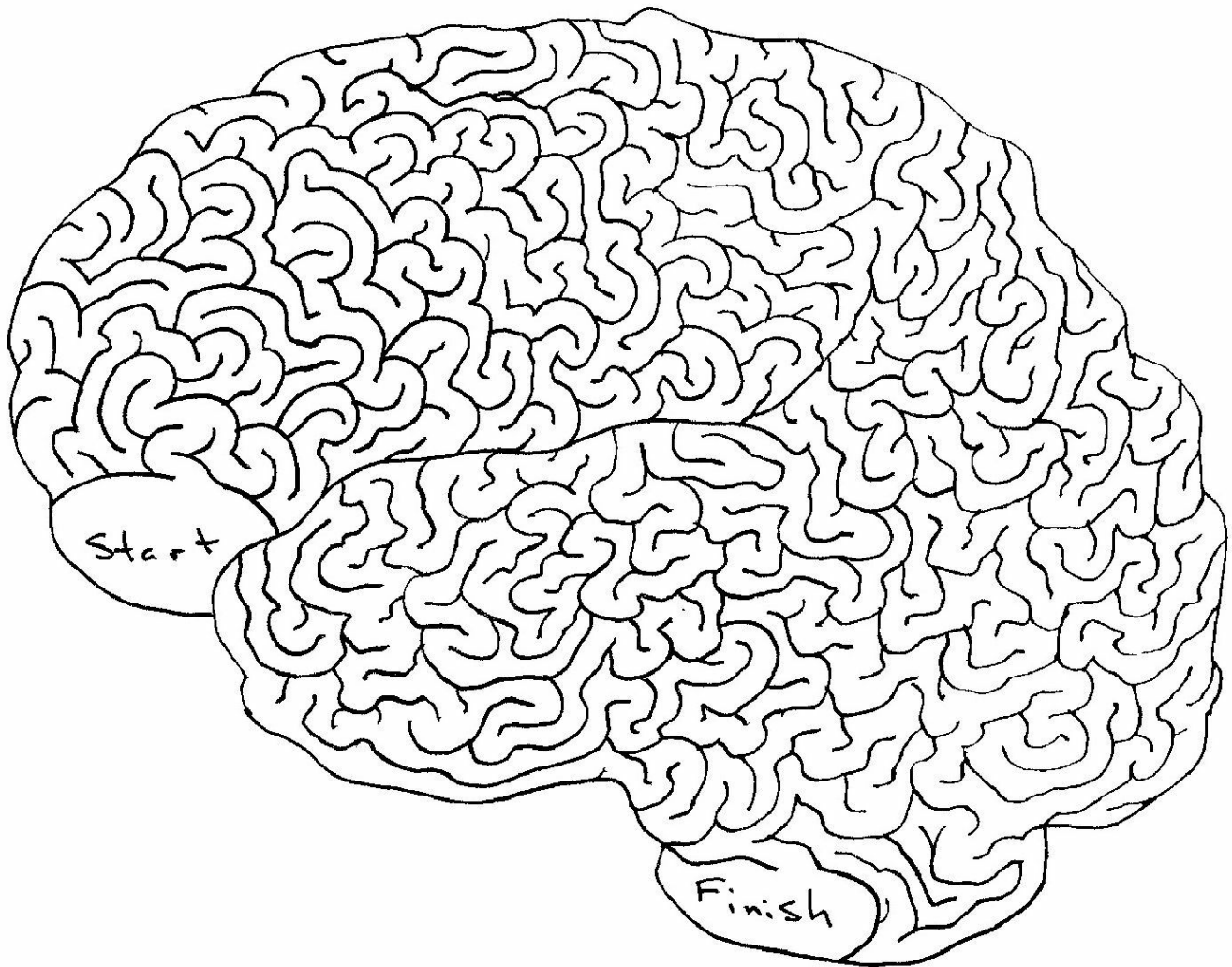


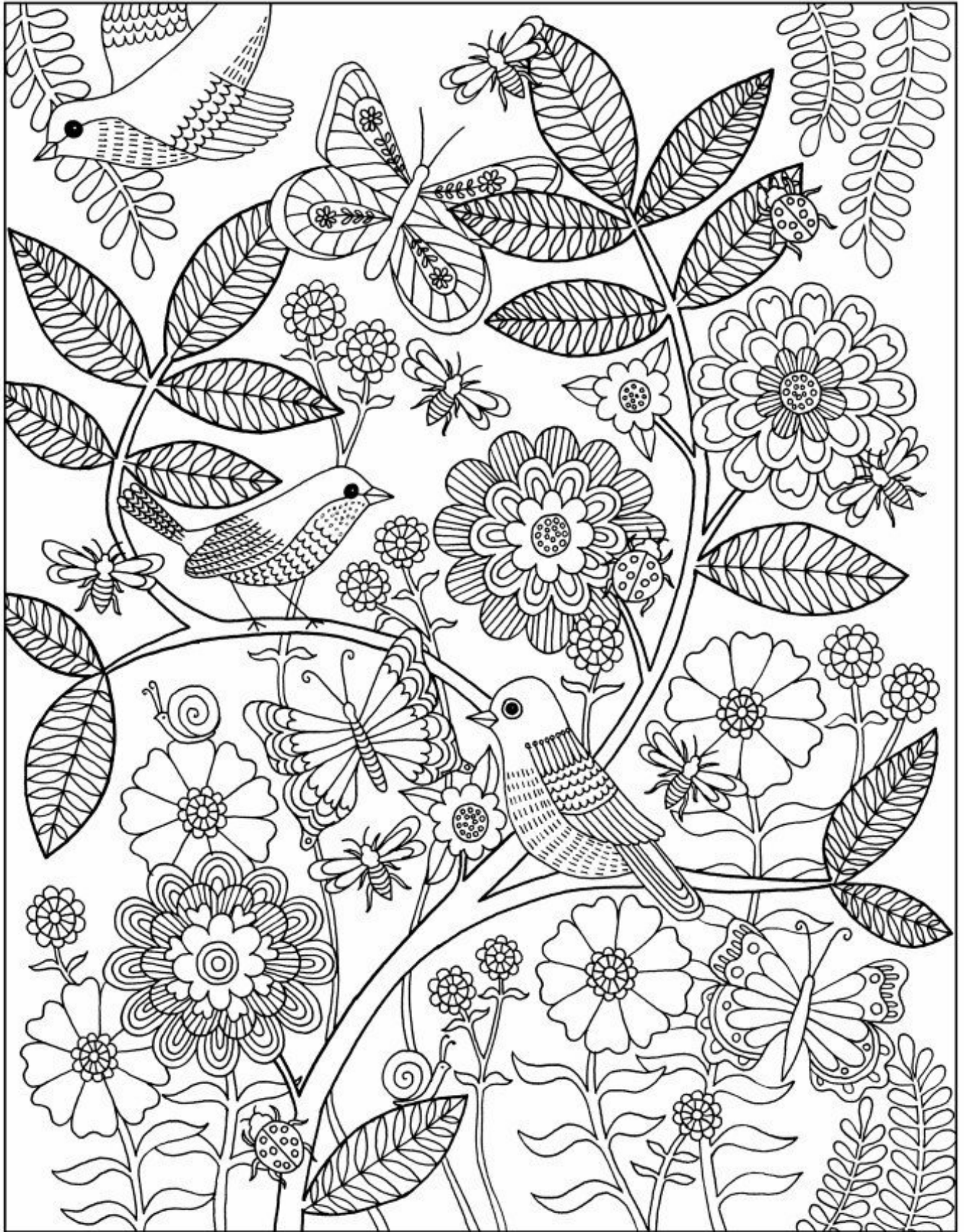


SMOKO TIME



Brain Teaser







Playground spot the difference



Find the 10
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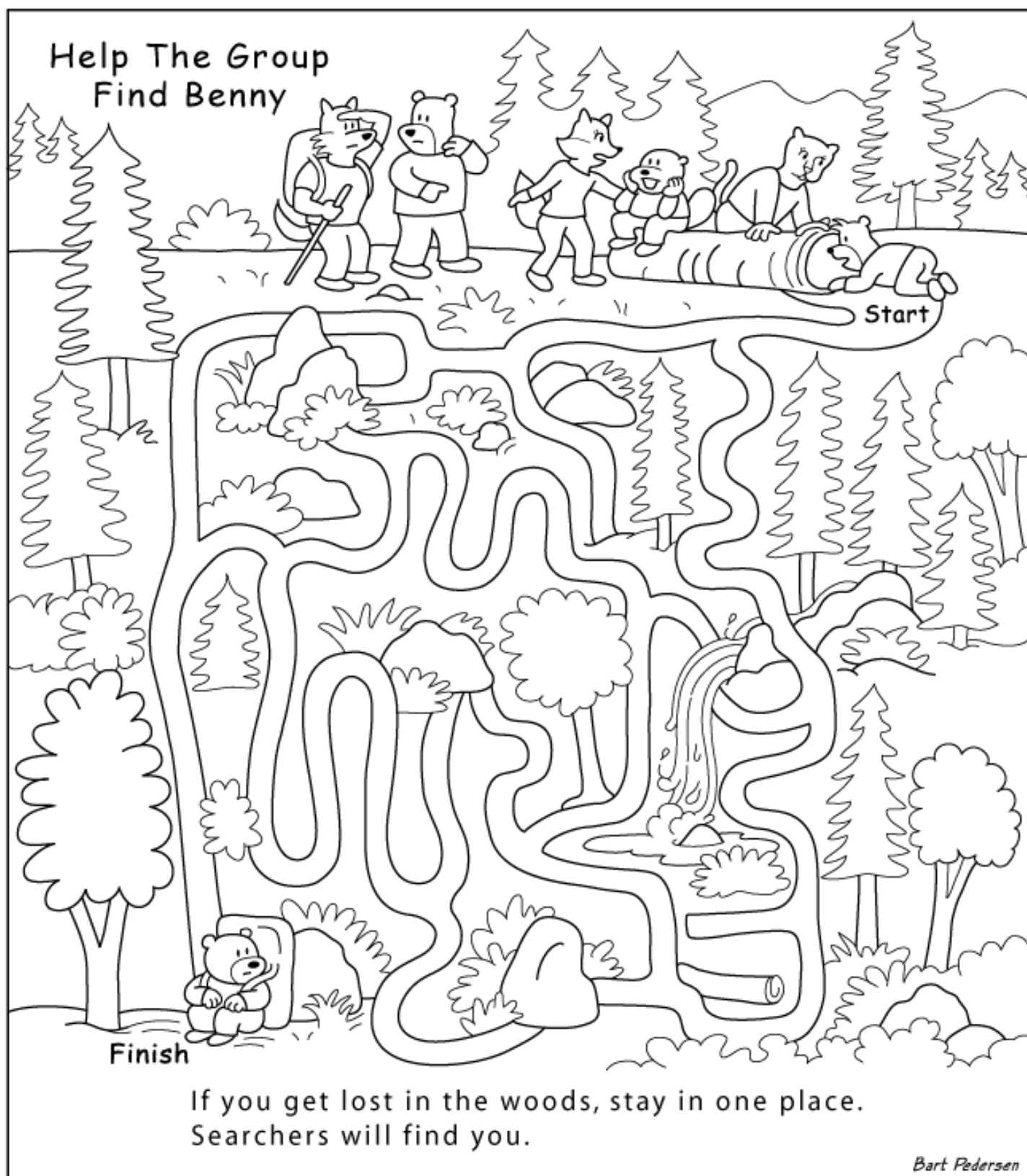
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TIGER

LOST IN THE WOODS Activity Page



**UPPER
GASCOYNE
SOCIAL
TENNIS
COMP**

PAVILION

12 MARCH

**HARMONY
WEEK
MOVIE NIGHT
POT LUCK
DINNER**

PAVILION

18 MARCH

**GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
CRAFT
GROUP**

PAVILION

19 - 20 MARCH

**BOGAN
BINGO**

PAVILION

01 APRIL

UPCOMING | **20**
EVENTS | **22**



**BOOK
CLUB**

CRC

05 APRIL

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

PAVILION

08 APRIL

**GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
CRAFT
CLUB**

PAVILION

09-10 APRIL

**LIVE MUSIC
AT
JUNCTION
PUB**

JUNCTION PUB

20 APRIL

ANZAC DAY

WAR
MEMORIAL

25 APRIL

**FOOD
SENSATIONS
COOKING
CLASS**

CRC

01 APRIL

**GASSY
DASH**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION

30 APR & 01 MAY

**FOOD
SENSATIONS
COOKING
CLASS**

CRC

05 MAY