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September 2023



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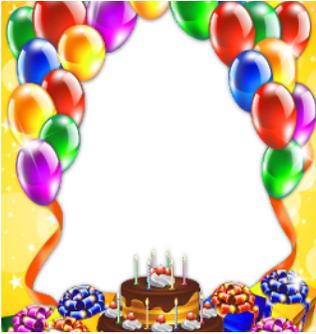
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Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 8th February

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 31st May

Thursday 29th June

Wednesday 26th July

Wednesday 23rd August

Wednesday 20th September

Wednesday 25th October

Wednesday 22nd November

Thursday 14th December

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

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



CEO Report

Another busy month for all concerned with plenty of administrative tasks to be undertaken. It's that time of year where we are transitioning from one financial year to another with the closing out and doing end of year, getting set for the coming financial year (Budget) and preparing for Audit. In addition we have two new staff members to get familiarised with our business and area. As with most years it is the time when anyone who wants to undertake a site visit usually does, pity we didn't see them in summer so they can get a good handle of the extremes we deal with.

I can report that our 22/23 Audit was clean and timely with no adverse findings which is a reflection of Travis, Sa and her staff – Cherie and Cynthia. It shows that our systems are robust and are providing a good level of transparency, accountability and rigor combined with good evidentiary documentation.

Councillor Caunt, Jarrod Walker and myself had a meeting with representatives from Hastings concerning the use of Ullawarra Road, this is subject to an agenda item.

I have received advice from the Department of Lands that our Commercial Land (Lot 556) is now ready to be converted to freehold land in the name of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. All documentation to facilitate this has been sent to the Department and payment will be made once the budget is adopted and uploaded into Synergy. I will notify *DevelopmentWA*, this should strengthen our RDAP Application.

Andrea Pears will be in town and is ready to commence work on the 4th of September 2023 in the role of Manager for Corporate Services and Finance. We are all looking forward to having Andrea working for us and are excited about what she can bring to our workplace.

It has been pleasing to see some of our regional organisations make use of our Council Chamber for their meetings. We have had the Australian Golden Outback, Regional Development Australia Mid West Gascoyne and Gascoyne Development Commission hold their board meetings in Gascoyne Junction in August. They were all extremely complimentary of our town and the facilities we provided.

It is great to see development in our town with Jim Caunt putting a new building onto his lot and commencing development, Kenny and Diane are in the process of completely renovating their Gregory Street House and Jox Collins is also renovating his house due to the damage sustained in the storm. "Mick's House" has been demolished along with the old public toilets. I have contacted the Department of Transport regarding our desire to put in a grant application for the boat ramp and stairs; I was advised that it would be highly unlikely that they would support this application as the grant is centred on registered power boats. I have contacted Lotterywest and they appear very interested in the concept.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

The July period has seen the Corporate Team finalise our End of Financial Year processes and welcoming increased visitors to the area who have been blown away at how tidy and clean the town is, it is great to hear how impressed they all are with our little oasis.

This month's council meeting will see the Management Team present the 2023/2024 Annual Budget to Council for adoption which has been a mammoth effort from RSM and staff to compile, so I would like to extend many thanks and gratitude to everyone involved in this process as it has not come without challenge – great work everyone! The next big task ahead of staff is our upcoming End of Year Audit in early September, adding to the mix we have recently appointed RSM to carry out our rating function for the 23/24 year and look forward to assisting in a smooth transition. With a busy month ahead it certainly no time to rest and just as important for staff to maintain the momentum.



Community Resource Centre Update

During the first week of August my fellow members of the Australia's Golden Outback Board joined me in Gascoyne Junction for our board meeting. A regional destination plan for the AGO and an Agritourism Strategy have been released and am working through the strategies to incorporate them in tourism growth within the Shire. They were joined by the Board from Regional Development Australia Mid West Gascoyne who also hosted their Board Meeting in Gascoyne Junction spending three days in the Shire. Thank you to Cr Caunt and CEO John McCleary for welcoming the AGO Board at the start of their meeting. On the Thursday all Board members participated in a tag-along tour with Rennee Turner of Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys to the Kennedy Ranges. The boards have been high in praise for our Chamber facilities, the hospitality of the Gascoyne Junction Pub and Tourist Park and our town.

In late July we also hosted the Tourism Experience Development Officer for Tourism Western Australia introducing him to Gascoyne Junction and our National Parks. He is working on a long term project for Tourism WA that is looking for business cases in and around National Parks. Research is now being undertaken to explore the potential of several project ideas identified over the two days.

Our Visitor Survey is beginning to gather responses and the results are supporting our anecdotal evidence of visitors spending longer in the Shire than what has been observed in recent years. Guests are spending to 2 to 3 nights in Gascoyne Junction and between 7 to 10 nights within the Shire. The high standards of the town and the facilities across the Shire along with welcoming locals at the Visitor Information Centre and at the two Tourist Parks are certainly having an impact on this.

The Storytown Podcast released in February, has received additional funding from RDA Midwest with a marketing push on radio and social media beginning late in July. In its first week 440 downloads of the app were made. I was interviewed by ABC Pilbara about the podcast and was able to also speak about tourism, the Tidy Town Award, our upcoming Race Meets and Gascoyne Food Festival events.

I was also interviewed by the West Australian re Wildflowers and ABC Pilbara again about the Science Week Gascoyne Rocks event which saw locals and tourists alike learn about the geology of the region and again see the stars with Perth Observatory. This event was at no cost due to funding through the Science Week Grant.

Our first subcommittee meeting has been held in preparation for the 2024 National Tidy Town Conference. The date for the event will be Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5. The main outcome of the meeting was establishing the core programs that will be delivered for the conference, what resources they will require and the manpower required to deliver a successful event. A second meeting will be held at the conclusion of the August Council Meeting.

Manager of Works and Services Report

It seems that every monthly works report begins with “it’s been a busy month”, well it has certainly been the case once again this month. I have spent most of this month out at Dalgety Brook ensuring the earthworks and base for the new concrete floodway was ready for Yuin to begin. Dameon has done an amazing job getting the detour in place and floodway base spot on in time for the contractors. We have handed the job over to Yuin who began work on the 14th August. Their work is expected to take two months before we can return to cement stabilise the approaches and finish drainage works.

Thomas and Ian are currently working on Cobra Mt Augustus road, they previously completed the Ullawarra and Cobra Dairy Creek roads. Ian also graded the Ashburton section of Ullawarra road. The lads will focus on Landor Mt Augustus and Pingandy roads over the next couple of months. I am well aware that some areas in our shire are well over due for grading however we have been under staffed and experiencing a lot more damage to roads due to the dry conditions and increased traffic volumes. Procuring outside assistance is proving harder and much more expensive as well. We are really starting to see the effect that the tourism, mining and exploration is having on our network. I am pleased to say that Jamie Podmore is starting with us on the 21st August. Jamie will fill the role of serviceman and operator and will be a welcome member to the team. He and his family will be moving to Gascoyne Junction so if you see them please welcome them to the community and team. We are still searching for the right person to fill the MC/operators role.



Unfortunately Gascoyne Group have withdrawn from their current water cart contract in the middle of the Dalgety Brook project. Thankfully THEM have been able to provide two water carts to complete the works. We will need to re-tender this contract in the next few weeks.

THEM will demolish the storm damaged house on 6 Scott Street this week. It is sad to see the old building go as it was the house I spent my early childhood years in and also the first mud brick house constructed in Gascoyne Junction over 100 years ago.

Lance Root from ABBL Contracting has completed a run around the shire clearing overgrowth from nearly all of our floodway's and erecting width markers that have been knocked over or damaged. They will return later to install missing depth markers and signage throughout the shire. Lance and his team will also return to assist us in the relocation of our plant and equipment to Cobra Dairy Creek to fill the gap of our unfilled MC driver position. Lance will also help coordinate the team as I will be taking three weeks leave at the end of the month.

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Public Notice



Change of September Ordinary Council Meeting Date

NOTICE - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.25(1) (g)

At the August Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23/08/2023 Council resolved to change the September Ordinary Council Meeting date.

The September Ordinary Meeting will now be held on 21st September 2023 at 10:30am at the Shire Council Office 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer
25/08/2023

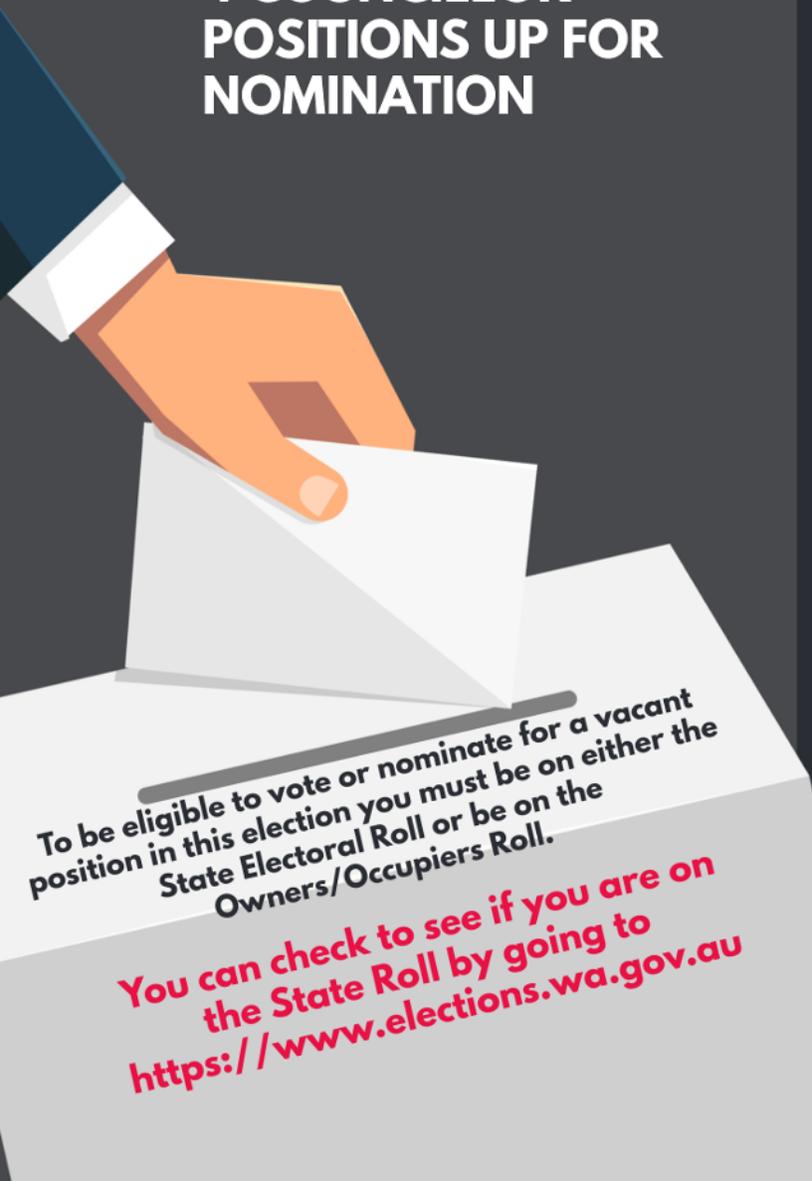
For enquiries, please call the Shire office on (08) 9943 0988

2023

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

21st October 2023

4 COUNCILLOR POSITIONS UP FOR NOMINATION



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

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

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

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

For those intending to nominate for a Councillor position the first date you can nominate on the
31st of August 2023.

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

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

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

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

COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – CARNARVON MULLEWA RD UPGRADE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – JULY 2023

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Start Date:	26 April 2023
		Forecast Completion Date:	Early August 2023
<p>Project Overview</p> <p>The upgrade project consists of three key sections as follows:</p> <p><u>Section 1 - SLK 80.1 – 83.9</u></p> <p>Upgrade of 3.8km section of road to sealed standard based on design drawings including 1 cement stabilised floodway.</p> <p>End treatments to six culverts including mortar, rock protection, and earthworks.</p> <p><u>Section 2 - SLK 96.4 – 96.6</u></p> <p>Upgrade of 200m section of road to a sealed standard as well as reducing the steep gradient when exiting the floodway.</p> <p><u>Section 3 - SLK100.2 – 102.7</u></p> <p>Upgrade of 2.5km section of straight road to a sealed standard including four cement stabilised floodways.</p> <p>In addition to the above, there are six other discontinuous floodways that will be cement stabilised and upgraded to a sealed standard.</p> <p>Please note that THEM are undertaking all of the earthworks and final sealing will be conducted by Bitutek under a separate contract to THEM's engagement.</p>			
Works this period (July 2023)		Works next period (August 2023)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1 pavement works are nearing completion to their finished design level. Section 3 works are complete to their finished basecourse level, final trimming is required before sealing. 4.6km of works have been sealed by Bitutek including Section 2, six floodways, and other Shire prepared sections. Aggregate deliveries are ongoing for further sealing works. Various additional works such as rock excavation and re-prep of Shire sections have been completed. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete any remaining final trim works before sealing. Maintenance of the finished surface during final curing period of the works in anticipation of the sealing contractor's arrival. Bitutek will commence sealing on the 1st of August with another 7.7km scheduled. Site tidy up and demob of camp and equipment from Site. 	

Status Breakdown				
	Clearing	Subgrade & Drainage	Basecourse/ Pavement	Overall
Section 1 - SLK 80.1 – 83.9	100%	98%	75%	90%
Section 2 - SLK 96.4 – 96.6	100%	100%	100%	100%
Section 3 - SLK100.2 – 102.7	100%	100%	95%	97%
Discontinuous Floodways	100%	100%	100%	100%
Discussion Items				
Camp	The contractor camp is located at the end of Section 3 on Dairy Creek Station.			
Looking forward	<p>The most recent schedule provided by THEM indicates that they would have finished in mid-July however this has not occurred. It is estimated another 10 working days are required on site with the most recent swing commencing from Monday 24 July.</p> <p>Following this project, they will commence mobilisation to Minnie Creek to complete the remaining AGRN974 works.</p>			

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Gassy Gossip Delivery



2024

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

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

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

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

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

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

Gascoyne Junction Craft Group



2023 Calendar

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

For any queries, please contact the President/ Secretary Alys McKeough 08 9943 0924
Or Treasurer Chris Kearney 0428 841 818
E: junctioncraft@gmail.com

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

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

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

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Property of the Week

To feature your
property here call the
Classies 9941 4355

River frontage at Junction

Looking for a lifestyle change?

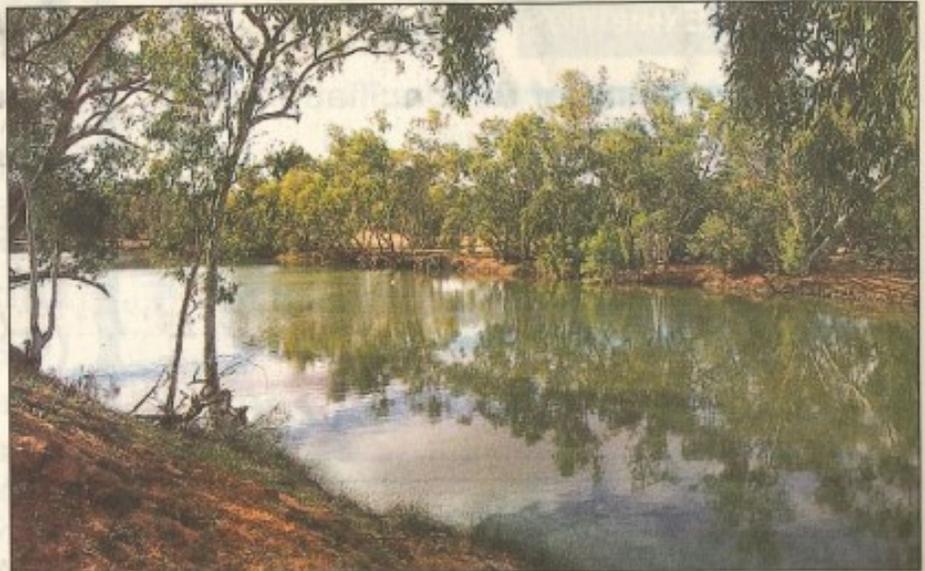
Well here is the perfect opportunity. The tranquil setting is unique with the Gascoyne River only a stones throw away. This is definitely outback living at its best! The three bedroom home has air conditioning throughout as well as a spa bath on the verandah-just what you need for those balmy summer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

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

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

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

The Gascoyne Junction is only a 164km from Carnarvon.



CALLING ALL LOCAL CELEBRITIES...



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

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

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

You could be our next local celebrity...

Full name:

Nickname:

Place of birth:

Favourite food?

Favourite animal?

Footy team:

Where did you grow up?

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?

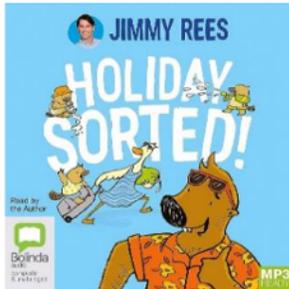
How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?

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



BOOKS OF THE MONTH

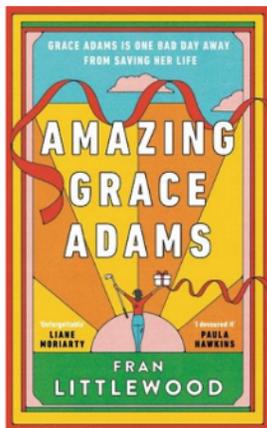


HOLIDAY SORTED! – JIMMY REES & BRIONY STEWART

Who said family holidays were hard?

Dad's got this holiday sorted! Lenny and the twins go to the toilet before the long drive, choose a favourite toy for the journey, and even help Dad pack the car. Perfect! They can finally hit the road. But then – "I'm starving!" "Mack needs to go to the toilet again!" "I forgot to feed my pet rock!" "Can we say goodbye to the neighbours?"

From one of Australia's best-loved comedians and children's entertainers Jimmy Rees and illustrator Briony Stewart comes a story about the not-so-relaxing part of a holiday that families everywhere will know all too well.



AMAZING GRACE ADAMS – FRAN LITTLEWOOD

Grace Adams is one bad day away from saving her life.

One hot summer day, stuck in traffic on her way to pick up the cake for her daughter's sixteenth birthday party, Grace Adams snaps.

She doesn't scream or break something or cry or curl into a ball. She simply abandons her car and walks away.

But not from her life - towards it. To the daughter who won't live with her anymore and has banned her from the party. To the husband divorcing her. Towards the terrible thing that has blown their family apart . . .

Today she'll show her daughter that no matter how far we fall we can always get back up again. Because Grace Adams was amazing. Her husband and daughter once thought so. They and the world might have forgotten. But Grace is about to remind them ...



USE IT ALL – ALEX ELLIOT-HOWERY & JAMIEE ADWARDS

A kitchen skills handbook to buy less, waste less, save money and make more with what you've got by the original waste warriors.

Buy less, buy whole, use it all

This practical handbook is an invitation to reduce food waste while eating generously. It's a book for people juggling real life and trying to make better choices in their kitchens.

For years Alex Elliott-Howery and Jamiee Edwards, from boundary-breaking food community Cornersmith, experimented in their home kitchens to figure out how to feed their families efficiently, affordably and sustainably. The result is this invaluable guide to modern food wisdom.



TOGETHER WE SUCCEED

Newsletter

24/08/2023

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



The Department of Education considers regular attendance to be when a student attends school 90% or more of the time. This is something we should be setting as a goal for all students (unless there has been illness, an emergency, or an unexpected event).

It's difficult to provide a sequential program and to catch students up with their work when their attendance is not consistent. We want to provide students with the best opportunity for completing a whole year of learning for a whole year of schooling.

I will soon send home information letting families know how their children are faring with their attendance. If needed, there are also external agencies which can be contacted if families need further assistance or support.

Let's work together to keep our students on track!

Interschool Sports Carnivals



We will participate in interschool sports carnivals on 3 different days this term.

- Day One Tuesday 12th September
Carnarvon SOTA Sports Carnival for K/PP/Year 1.
- Day Two Thursday 14th September
Gascoyne Interschool Athletics Carnival jumps and throws events for Year 3, 4 and 5 students.
- Day Three Friday 15th September
Gascoyne Interschool Athletics Carnival for Year 3, 4 and 5 students.

Keep an eye out for permission forms which will go home soon.

Kind regards
Jackie Miller (Principal)

★ Student Councillor Report ★

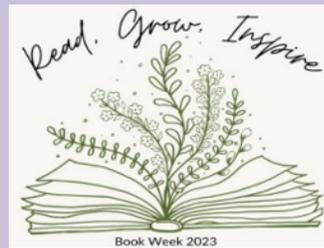


This term our student councillor, Milo has planned for our school to raise funds for Telethon by hosting a Fun Afternoon. Donation forms will be sent home in the next few weeks so students can organise sponsors.

Our Fun Afternoon will be held Monday 18th September from 1:45pm-2:30pm.

All forms and donations will be due back at school by Thursday 21st September.

Keep an eye out for the donation forms coming home soon.



BOOK WEEK

Read, Grow, Inspire



★ Jackie Clinch won a Dymocks voucher for best dressed. Well done, Jackie! ★

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

CAT IN THE HAT

Students read the book 'CAT IN THE HAT' and then created their own cat hats. Besides doing other activities from the story, the students also stacked objects from the classroom on top of each other to get a better understanding of balancing. As the objects were stacked, they found they were wobbly, so they used masking tape to hold them together. How clever of them!



ART: MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Thank you to Hastings Technology Metals Limited for donating their Container for Change refunds to the school. The donation was used for our Art Program to purchase pianos, microphones, and recorders for the students. They all enjoy playing the instruments during their free time.

Thank you to Mrs Davies for showing the students how to use the piano keys. You can see in the photo below, that Rickeal shows dexterity playing the piano like a pro. Jackie and Kehlanne also love to show their skills playing the little piano and singing along.



CHEESIES RECIPES



FOODS

NUTRIENT	LOW (per 100g)	MED (per 100g)	HIGH (per 100g)
Total fat	≤ 3g	3.1g – 19.9g	≥ 20g
Saturated fat	≤ 1.5g	1.6g – 4.9g	≥ 5g
Sugars	≤ 5g	5.1g – 14.9g	≥ 15g
Sodium	≤ 120mg	121mg – 599mg	≥ 600mg

Ingredients

- 6 bread rolls
- 3 cups (340g) reduced fat cheese, grated

Method

- Preheat oven to 180 degrees
- Cut rolls in half, place on oven tray cut side up
- Top each half with 25g grated cheese
- Cook in oven for 5-8 minutes, until cheese is melted and golden.

Cheesie variations:

Chicken cheesie

- Bread and cheese as above
- 3 cups cooked chicken, chopped
- 60g Reduced fat mayonnaise
- 60g Barbeque sauce

 - Steps 1 and 2 as above
 - Place chicken, mayonnaise and barbeque sauce in a bowl and mix to combine
 - Top each half roll with 1/4 cup of chicken mix, top with 25g grated cheese
 - Cook in oven for 5-8 minutes, until cheese is melted and golden.

Vegemite Cheesie – Bread and cheese as above, 3 teaspoons of vegemite

- Steps 1 and 2 as above
- Spread each roll half with 1/2 teaspoon of vegemite, top with cheese
- Cook in oven for 5-8 minutes, until cheese is melted and golden.

Traffic Light: ●

National Science Week 12th-20th August

The theme for National Science Week in 2023 was *Innovation: Powering Future Industries*. We used the time to try lots of small different experiments to see just how vast the area of science is. We looked at Biological Sciences with our Rainbow Celery. This experiment demonstrated how the small vessels in celery stalks can carry the water (and rainbow colours) to the leaves of the celery, mimicking the way blood travels through the body.



Our homemade lava lamps were a glimpse into Chemical Sciences. The oil floated on top of the water because it was less dense (lighter) than water. As the baking soda dissolved in the vinegar it created a gas called carbon dioxide. Gas is lighter than water, so it floated to the top, bringing some colour with it from the food colouring. When the air released from the coloured water blob, the water got heavy again and sank.



We delved into the Physical Sciences with some Egg Parachutes. The students used a variety of materials to create their own parachutes to protect a hard-boiled egg. The ultimate test was releasing them from the top of the playground equipment. We had a few egg casualties but at least they tasted delicious when we were done.



And Science Week wouldn't be completely without a lesson in failed experiments. It is always good to learn that things don't always turn out how you expect, and our Mentos experiment certainly taught us that. We decided to try the age-old experiment of putting mentos into fizzy drink, but it was a flop. We researched it and found that Mentos aren't made the same way they used to be, so the reaction isn't as large as it used to be. We will go on searching until we find the perfect lolly/fizzy drink combo.



SAVE THE DATE!

**14th October 2023 is our annual
Pink Stumps Day at Gascoyne
Junction.**



COMING EVENTS

28/8/23	School Council Meeting
31/8/23	Sporting Schools
7/9/23	Sporting Schools
12/9/23	School of The Air athletics carnival Carnarvon Kindy, PP & Year 1
14/9/23	R U OK Day
14/9/23	Gascoyne Interschool Athletics Carnival Years 3, 4 and 5
15/9/23	Gascoyne Interschool Athletics Carnival Years 3, 4 and 5
18/9/23	Fun Afternoon fundraiser for Telethon .
21/9/23	Donations for Fun Afternoon due today.
22/9/23	Last Day of Term

COOK'S CORNER

Chocolate Chip Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/3 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- chocolate chips

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking pan with parchment paper and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugars until combined.
3. Beat in eggs and vanilla extract until fluffy.
4. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and salt.
5. Add the dry ingredients to wet ingredients, then add in the semi-sweet chocolate chips.
6. Using a teaspoon, drop the cookies onto the prepared baking sheet. You do not need to roll the dough into perfect balls of cookie dough. The more uneven they are, the more the cookies will resemble the photos in this post.
7. Bake for approximately 8-10 minutes. Take them out when they are just BARELY starting to turn golden brown. They will look like they are not fully baked, but this is good to keep them soft and moist.
8. Let them sit for a few minutes on the baking sheet before moving them to a wire rack.





OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Stanley Hammarquist
- 20 Jason Windie
- 28 Mathew Hammarquist

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

- 4 Laney McKeough
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Gascoyne Rocks

GASSY GOSSIP

SCIENCE WEEK ROCKED



Thanks to National Science Week and Inspiring Australia, locals and visitors in Gascoyne Junction discovered how Gascoyne Rocks on Saturday August 12. Despite a rainy afternoon, the skies cleared and the dust settled for a perfect night of gazing at the rocks in the sky. Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn all put on a show, we learnt about the Southern Cross and the other places we can see it (like the Australian flag). The Jewel Box constellation also sparked before our eyes. Eager minds were quick with questions and our friends from Perth Observatory were full of answers.

We also spent time learning about rocks and how they impact our day to day life. Through rocks we get food, money and build things. Fascinated minds discovered that they can become a geologist or a paleontologist or an astronomer. Curious minds then examined a display from the Gascoyne Junction Historical Museum of rocks that are found locally in the Upper Gascoyne from Quartz to Mookaite to Sea Fossils. Next time our budding scientists want to learn more about fossils.



Thank you to all who attended from our youngest scientists aged 7 to our oldest grey nomads. And again thank you to Matt and Rob from the Perth Observatory. You are stars.



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FLAVOURS OF THE GASCOYNE @ THE JUNCTION

DATE SAVER
Saturday 09
September
Gascoyne Junction
Pub & Tourist
Park
6pm til Late
Live Music



Under Gascoyne Skies, delight in a 3 Course Menu showcasing the flavours of the Gascoyne as prepared by our very own Head Chef Omo. Stepping away from traditional pub grub for the evening guests will be treated to cuisine rivalling anything you would eat in the capital cities of the world. With live music in the background and a night sky full of stars the scene is set for an evening to remember, all that is waiting is you for the perfect night in the Junction.

Tickets: ON SALE NOW
\$121 per adult \$22 per child under 18
3 Course Meal with Arrival Drink
www.gascoynefoodfestival.com.au
Accommodation: Junction Pub & Tourist
Park 08 9943 0868



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AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST BBQ

DATE SAVER

Saturday 23
September

Mt Augustus
Tourist Park



Tickets: ON SALE NOW
www.gascoynefoodfestival.com.au
Accommodation: Mt Augustus Tourist Park
08 9943 0527



2023 Community Christmas Party

THU 14TH DECEMBER

2023
A Night of Fun and Festivities!

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

**5:30PM
Start**

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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.

 <p>WE ARE HIRING</p> <p>Join Australia's next rare earths producer now</p> <hr/> <p>www.hastingstechmetals.com</p>	<p>Good Afternoon All,</p> <p>Please find below a list of current vacancies.</p> <p>If you would like to apply for a position, please send your resume to careers@hastingstechmetals.com</p> <p>Principal Heritage Specialist - Perth CBD https://www.seek.com.au/job/69492971</p>
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Sign the petition.

Help improve the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) for regional West Australians.

We need increased fuel and accommodation subsidies, taxi vouchers, improved processing times and need to expand PATS to include dental and allied health services.

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It's never too late to learn.



USING CANVA FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

Ever wondered how those fancy graphics are made for social media?
Need to create a special flyer or invite for an upcoming event?
Would you like to create a set of templates that reflect your business brand across your online presence?

Join us on Thursday September 7 from 3pm to 4pm at the Gascoyne Junction Resource Centre for guide to learning about Canva.

Thu 7 Sep

TIME: 3pm to 4pm LOCATION: CRC

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Springtime Stargazing

Spring is the perfect time to get out under dark country skies and be in awe of the sparkling stars and planets overhead. But that's not all, let's throw in a close encounter between Saturn and the Moon, the Spring Equinox AND Scorpio!

The Spring Equinox is on 23rd September and marks the transition from winter in the southern hemisphere. The number of hours of daylight will almost equal darkness!

Spring is a great time to find the constellation Scorpio! It's a large constellation that forms the shape of a scorpion! It is currently visible throughout the evening, lying directly overhead at around 8pm. Look for a reddish star called Antares that lies in the centre of the constellation. See if you can find the curve of Scorpio's body and the sting in its tail stretching across the sky!



Something interesting: Antares is a super-giant red star several hundred times the diameter of our Sun and is about 600 light-years from Earth.

When to look: after 8pm during spring.

Which direction to look: Directly overhead.

For some fun stargazing, the full Moon makes a close approach to brilliant Saturn on 27th September and the pair will look stunning together. For those with telescopes or high-powered binoculars, check out the beautiful ring system of Saturn.

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

Want to play a more active role in your community?

Want to see things change and become a changemaker, influencer or community advocate?



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR CONTACT Krystie Bremer, Gascoyne Catchments Group, 0417183705 or eo@gascoynecatchments.com.au FOR MORE INFORMATION.

This workshop is free thanks to the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund. It is delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation and part of the Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Initiative. For more information visit rural-leaders.org.au.

Please note: This is a face-to-face session. All catering and stationery provided.

Registrations close 7 days before the workshop.

Join us for a two-day Changemaker Workshop

7 & 8 November 2023 | 9.00am - 4.30pm

Bill's Bar, Coral Bay

Become a changemaker

- Assess your region's readiness for change.
- Explore how change happens and how to overcome resistance.
- Learn what it takes to be a positive change agent, have the drive to build new things, how to manage setbacks and work creatively and purposefully with others.

Start community conversations

- Understand the ecosystem purposeful, inclusive engagement and robust and authentic conversations create.
- Learn how to have those conversations, suspend judgement and assumptions, and build trust and transparency for connection and diverse relationships.

Care for your community

- Unpack what forms and shapes a community.
- Learn how a community can be more inclusive.
- Considering the impacts of drought, trauma and other events, get tools to better support others and balance giving and taking within a community.

Shape your community's future

- Explore ideas to shape the future you would like to see for your community.
- Understand the importance of language and the power of storytelling in motivating and mobilising others.
- Learn what makes a good story and how to connect with the hearts and minds of others.



SMOKO TIME



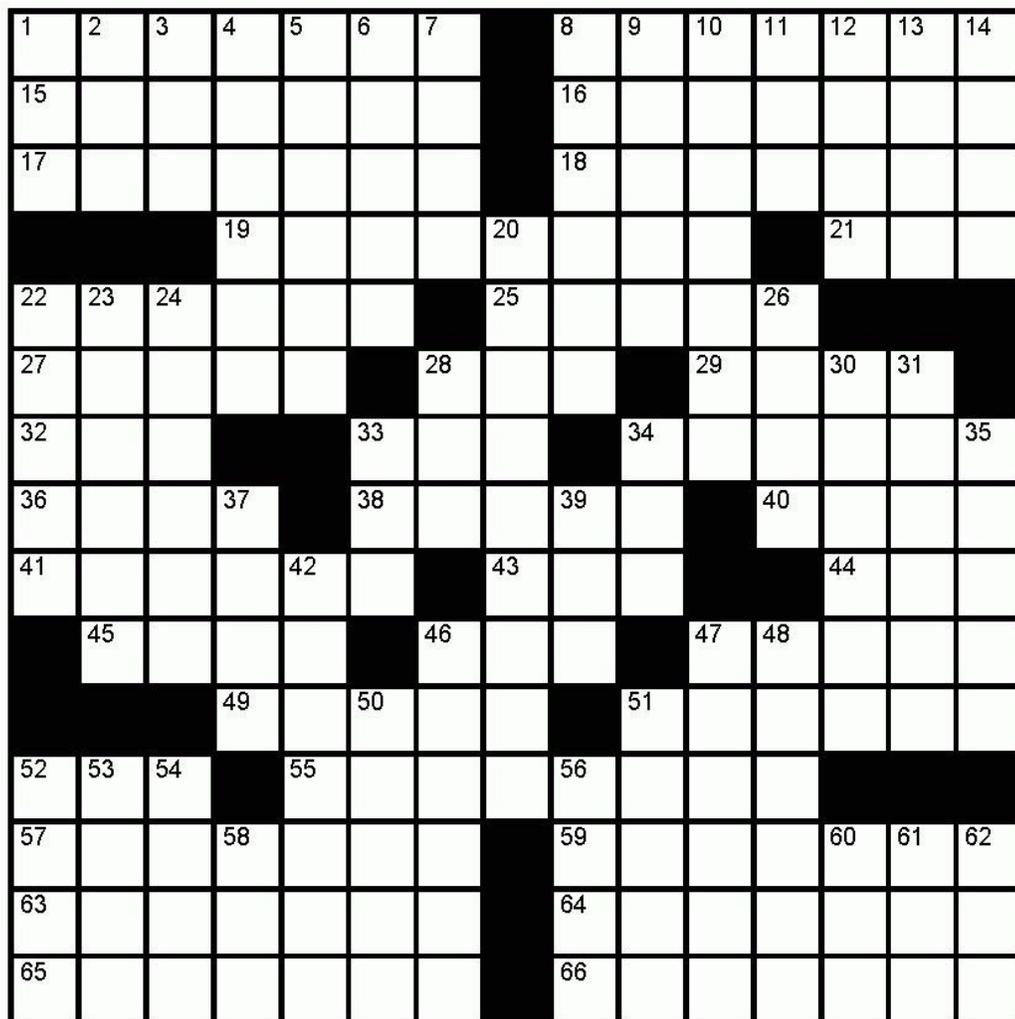
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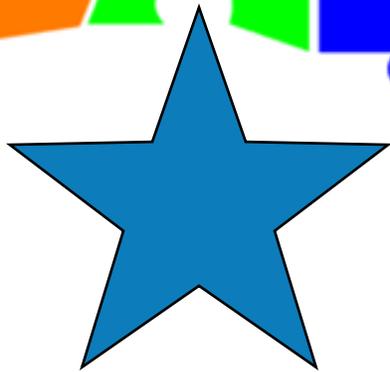
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 8. Charlotte hoopsters
 15. Extreme pains
 16. Native New Yorkers
 17. Fraternity parties
 18. Ankle-to-waist wear
 19. Harpist's progression
 21. F.B.I. worker: Abbr.
 22. Pancho and the Cisco Kid, e.g.
 25. Prepare, in a way, as beans
 27. Like some treated lawns
 28. Launch of 2/20/86
 29. Some deer
 32. Sugar suffix
 33. 1960s-'80s Red Sox great, informally
 34. Locale of seven C. S. Lewis novels
 36. With 38- and 40-Across, grocery purchase ... or what can be found in some other Across answers in this puzzle

38. See 36-Across
 40. See 36-Across
 41. Milk snakes
 43. Moo
 44. Global financial org.
 45. Facts
 46. No. before or after a colon
 47. Yemen's capital
 49. "You're ___ One, Mr. Grinch"
 51. Coolest, in rap slang
 52. Kwik-E-Mart owner on "The Simpsons"
 55. 1957 Buddy Holly hit
 57. Extreme poverty
 59. "Eat your ___!" (mom's order)
 63. Tropical woe
 64. Fighting words

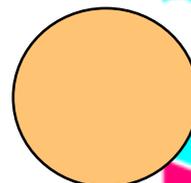
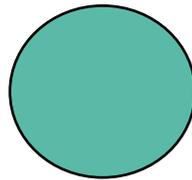
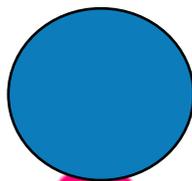
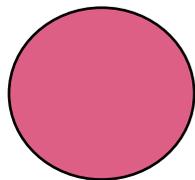
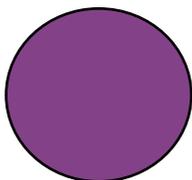
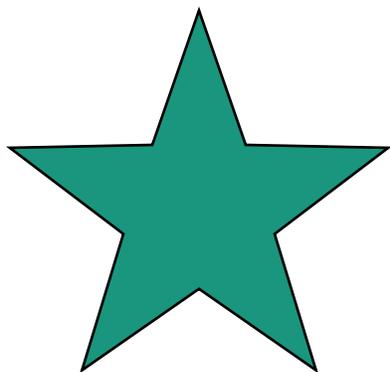
65. Move quickly (over)**66.** Save**Down**

1. Nuclear power since 1998: Abbr.
 2. Turn gray, say
 3. Captain's charge
 4. Captivate
 5. Steering system component
 6. Univ. of Maryland athletes
 7. Latin infinitive
 8. "The Wizard of Oz" scarecrow portrayer
 9. "___ by land ..."
 10. Irish exclamation
 11. It might be bummed, for short

12. "___, I do believe I failed you" (opening of a 1998 hit)**13.** Aftertaste, e.g.**14.** Army NCO**20.** Turning gray**22.** You might get it coming and going**23.** Say $2 + 3 = 6$, e.g.**24.** Marcos of the Philippines**26.** Days of ___**28.** Red leader**30.** Driver**31.** Summation signs**33.** Gridiron stats: Abbr.**34.** Point just past 11 on a clock: Abbr.**35.** Comparable to a pig**37.** Greek salad ingredient**39.** Long time**42.** Castle fortification**46.** Hungarian**47.** Nancy's pal, in the comics**48.** Sour brew**50.** Spooky**51.** "___ a Letter to My Love" (Simone Signoret film)**52.** Some mil. defenses**53.** Like some airline travel periods**54.** Wrinkly fruit**56.** Actor Montand**58.** Gangbanger's gun**60.** Dander**61.** Follower of "harvard."**62.** Back-to-school mo.



KID'S CORNER





DINOSAURS



ALLOS AURUS
 ANKYLOS AURUS
 APATOS AURUS
 BRACHIOS AURUS
 BRONTOS AURUS
 CARNOTA URUS
 DEINONY CHUS
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 EGGS
 FOSSIL
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 PARASAU RLOPHUS
 SAUROPO DS
 SPINOSA URUS
 STEGOSA URUS
 TITANOSA URS
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 VELOCIRA PTOR

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UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? WELCOME TO GAMES NIGHT

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

Help us unpack the new additions to our games collection and challenge a friend or the CRC Staff to a game!
Join us for some fun and Spaghetti Bolognese

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21
4.30PM-6.00PM
GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRC

Please RSVP to crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or call 08 9943 0988 by Thursday September 14 for catering.

Games Night is strictly for 8 to 16 year olds ONLY.
NO EXCEPTIONS





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

THU SEPTEMBER 21

GAMES NIGHT

4.30 to 6pm

CRC



SUN OCTOBER 22

TREASURE HUNT

11am to 12.30pm

PAVILION

THU NOVEMBER 16
CONSTRUCT & CREATE

4.30 to 6pm

CRC



SAT DECEMBER 02

POOL PARTY

3pm to 5pm

JUNCTION TOURIST PARK

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

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Gascoyne Junction 2023 MEDICAL CLINIC DATES



06 SEP 04 OCT 01 NOV 06 DEC

Gascoyne Junction 2023 NURSING CLINIC DATES



20 SEP 18 OCT

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



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



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

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

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GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
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06 SEPT

**FLAVOURS
OF THE
GASCOYNE**

JUNCTION
PUB &
TOURIST
PARK

09 SEPT

**NURSING
CLINIC**

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CENTRE

20 SEPT

**DEPARTMENT
OF
TRANSPORT**

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CENTRE

20 SEPT

UPCOMING
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21 SEPT

**BIGGEST
BBQ**

MT
AUGUSTUS
TOURIST
PARK

23 SEPT

**LANDOR
RACES**

EAST
GASCOYNE
RACE CLUB

29-02 OCTOBER

GP CLINIC

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04 OCTOBER

**KENNEDY
RANGE
CAMPDRAFT**

JUNCTION
RACE CLUB

07-08 OCTOBER

**NURSING
CLINIC**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
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CENTRE

18 OCTOBER

**YOUTH
GROUP**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

22 OCTOBER

**CRAFT
GROUP**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

28-29 OCTOBER