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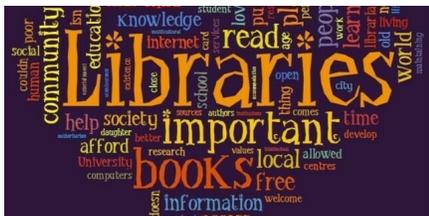
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COUNCIL NEWS

CEO Report

I would like to welcome all Councillors and Staff back for a new calendar year which will once again be busy and hopefully as fruitful as previous years.

Our last meeting was over two months ago which is a long time between drinks; however when you intercede Christmas, New Year and Australia Day public holidays mixed with officers both inside and outside taking well deserved holidays as well as absences caused by illness work on the ground has progressed albeit at slower than normal pace.

I can advise that our Works Manager will be away from the office until early April. During his absence I will take over and run the outside crew. Unfortunately this will mean that the extra workload will be spread over the entire workforce. Given the above please excuse us if we don't get to everything as we will need to prioritise with Statutory Reporting being our number 1 priority.

As previously advised, we now own the proposed Commercial Land in freehold title. The step in the process is to get the lots re-zoned to commercial. This will be done separate to the existing Town Planning Scheme review as this will be quicker than waiting for the review. I am working with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to facilitate this. Once re-zoned we can then start to work with DevelopmentWA to undertake this sub-division. There is an Agenda item at this meeting to facilitate the sub-division.

Sean, Liz and I have been working with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to sub-divide Lot 45 Gregory Street. Unknown to the Shire the Land was still in the name of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage so we had to get this transferred into the Shires name. This was tricky as we had to establish the historical time frames and find the paperwork associated. I believe that we are now in a position for this land to be transferred to the Shire and then we can make application for sub-division as this is where the new house is to be located and Horizon won't connect the electricity unless the sub-division is approved.

As advised at the December OMC Meeting the Shire President, Deputy President, Stuart House (our solicitor in relation to Heritage) have attended meetings with the Yinggarda Board so as to move projects forward and to reach a broader agreement. Thanks to both Councillors we have been able to establish a sound working relationship with the Yinggarda Board. At the last meeting held on the 1st of February 2024 we have managed to get YAC resolutions for the River Stairs Project, Pells Re-alignment, ILUA for the residential land, broad agreement to enter into a Heritage Agreement and to look at how the Gascoyne Town-site is viewed from a nominated Heritage listed area.

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 27th March

Wednesday 24th April

Wednesday 22nd May

Thursday 26th June

Wednesday 24th July

Wednesday 28th August

Wednesday 18th September

Wednesday 23rd October

Wednesday 27th November

Thursday 12th December

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

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



In keeping with this theme the Shire President and myself are meeting with the Jidi Jidi PBC in Meekatharra on the 20th of February 2024 to discuss the Landor Re-Alignment and associated gravel pits. I am still waiting on the Wadjari PBC to confirm a meeting date.

On the 22nd of February 2024 I am attending a meeting in Carnarvon with the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage as well as the Department of Water and Environment Regulation to get further information on the 1972 Aboriginal Heritage Act, Clearing / Beds and Banks Permits.

On the 23rd of February the President and Deputy President will attend the WALGA Zone Meeting and the Regional Road Group Meeting.

The Works Crew commenced work on the 29.01.2024 and have been down on Pimbee Road assisting NGE repair blow outs. This work will cease on the 14th of February and they will have their break. Upon returning from their break they will head up to Cobra and commence work.

As per normal all of our machinery have had the once over by our mechanics with repairs and servicing being undertaken on an as needed basis. All camps were inspected and fitted with handrails in an attempt to prevent further falls.

Water is still a major concern, at the time of writing we are still waiting for our consultants to provide the operating cost of a PO Plant, once this is done I can identify the CAPEX required. The biggest hurdle is the disposal of the waste stream from the RO Plant, in the short term, we have numerous discussions with DWER as the waste water is a controlled substance. One good thing is that we don't have to register the PO plant as the throughput is not sufficient. If we dispose of the waste within the boundaries of the existing site then we have no issues apart from addressing the hyper salinity of the water if we take the waste offsite then it needs to be disposed of at an approved waste site. At this stage we are not convince the existing waste site would be acceptable given its proximity to creeks that discharge into the Gascoyne River. With this in mind we have identified an area more suitable but this will take some time to design the site and get all the necessary approvals inclusive of an ILUA. As previously advised the sale of Lot 51 Hatch Street is set for settlement on the 26th of February 2024. There will be a reasonable amount of work required to bring the home up to standard. Sean has this in hand and some works are already scheduled in to commence early May. Whilst on the subject of housing, the new house has had its slab laid, all the wall and roof framing completed and the internal linings fitted.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

Happy New Year to all. January has been a very busy month for the team. In addition to our normal day to day operations we have had our Regulation 17 Risk and Financial Management Service Review auditors' onsite for the week commencing 22 January 2024. This audit focuses on internal controls and management of risk throughout the organisation and is required to be undertaken every three years.

The auditors engage with and interview staff, from the CEO to Officer Level, ascertaining our procedures and policies and reviewing them against best practices to determine any recommended improvements. Overall the audit has progressed well and we are awaiting the finalisation and exit report to be presented to the CEO and myself in February 2024. I would like to thank the team for their support and contributions to this whole process and ensuring a successful outcome. We are very happy to announce that Brooke commenced her new role of casual Community Resource Centre Customer Services Officer on the 5 February.

Brooke will be working 8.30am to 11.30am Monday to Friday and am sure she will be a wonderful addition to our team.



Community Resource Centre Update

2023 finished on a high with the Youth Group Pool Party and the 2024 Community Christmas Party.

The GP Clinics have recommenced for the year along with fortnightly nursing clinics. A funding proposal is being considered to be decided on during the 3rd week of February about a potential monthly physio clinic in Gascoyne Junction. We continue to work to improve the services on offer. The WACHS team had their IT team on the ground at the last February clinic and will be back for the March clinic. Our Visitor Centre Accreditation has been renewed for the 2024 year.

Funding has been gained from Tourism WA to commence our Upper Gascoyne Tourism Capability Mentoring Project. We have received seven expressions of interest from across the Shire. Consultants DTM Consultants who have been involved with the Station Stays program have been appointed and will commence the initial discussions for the project in the next week. We are also close to finalising a project for a concept plan and business case for a Hot Spring facility in Gascoyne Junction.

Our digital campaign has been going well and we are getting prepared to monitor the impact on visitation for this over the coming season. We have had over 1 million impressions to date. Both GDC and Tourism WA have requested video footage for us for showcase events about the Gascoyne region in Perth later in February. The new Wander Outback brochure is almost ready for print to be launched at the Perth Caravan and Camping Show in March. We have also received funding to host training on the use of the Shire telescope in the coming months and funding from the GDC to get our budgeted for Astrotourism signs for both Gascoyne Junction and Mount Augustus in this financial year.

We are fine tuning the details for the Tidy Town event in May. Sadly the Governor General is an apology for this event but indications show that approximately 35 delegates will be travelling to Gascoyne Junction for the event which is a good number for Keep Australia Beautiful. Keep Australia Beautiful will have ticket sales open next week. It is shaping up to be a wonderful event with Upper Gascoyne hospitality at its finest with volunteers coming forward to help make it a success. We will be chatting with councilors soon to seek assistance with roles throughout



COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Notice of Ordinary Council Meetings 2024

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Administration Regulations 12 (1), it is hereby notified that as from January 2024 to December 2024, Ordinary Council meetings of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne will be held as follows:

| 4th Wednesday of Each Month* | |
|---|----------------------------|
| February* | Wednesday 28 th |
| March | Wednesday 27 th |
| April | Wednesday 24 th |
| May | Wednesday 22 nd |
| June | Wednesday 26 th |
| July | Wednesday 24 th |
| August | Wednesday 28 th |
| September* | Wednesday 18 th |
| October | Wednesday 23 rd |
| November | Wednesday 27 th |
| December* | Thursday 12 th |
| *Exception being February (brought forward due to long break between meetings) September (brought forward due to School Holidays) and December (moved to last day of school). | |

Ordinary Council Meetings commence at 10:30am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, except for the May meeting – this will be held at the Mount Augustus Tourist Park in conjunction with the Eastern Road inspections.

Road inspections are scheduled for:

April 2024 - Western Road inspections

May 2024 - Eastern Road Inspections

Rate payers 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.

John McCleary JP
Chief Executive Officer

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

| | | | |
|--|------------------|---|--------------------|
| Contractor | THEM Earthmoving | Package Start Date: | 30 January 2024 |
| | | Forecast Completion Date: | June - 2024 |
| Works this period (February 2024) | | Works next period (March 2024) | |
| <p>Contractor mobilised to site in late January 2024 and re-established camp on Minnie Creek Rd Slk 6.</p> <p>Edmund Gifford Creek Rd Commenced and completed 8 minor defects predominately between Yangibana Mine Access Rd and Ullawarra Rd.</p> <p>Gifford Ullawarra Rd Commenced and completed all work on this road comprising mainly of removal of silt and heavy grading.</p> <p>Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd Commenced and completed all work on this road comprising mainly of heavy grading and some isolated resheeting.</p> <p>Lyons River Rd Commenced and completed the three defects on this road between Slk 4 - 6.</p> <p>Minnie Creek Rd Commenced and completed all work on this road between the camp site and Minnie Creek homestead. Work comprised heavy grading.</p> <p>Ullawarra Rd Commenced and completed the majority of this work on this road with the exception of the cement stabilisation work (one defect). This will be completed at the end of all works in a program of cement stabilisation using a mixer.</p> | | <p>Camp is currently being relocated to Carnarvon Mullewa Rd between Cobra Dairy Creek Rd and Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd.</p> <p>THEM will commence work on the following roads during the next work swing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Callagiddy Winderie Rd • Carey Downs Rd • Mardathuna Rd • Pimbee Rd <p>Following completion of the above roads, works will continue on Carnarvon Mullewa Rd and then move to Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd, Erong Rd and Dalgety Downs Landor Rd.</p> | |
| Status of Roads | | | |
| | | This Month | Last Period |
| Overall Package | | 30% | 0% |

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----|
| Bingegaroo Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Callagiddy Winderie Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Carey Downs Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Carnarvon Mullewa Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Cobra Dairy Creek Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Cobra Gifford Creek Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Cobra Mt Augustus Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Dalgety Downs Landor Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Dooley Downs Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Edmund Gifford Creek Rd | 100% | 0% |
| Erong Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Eudamullah Rd | 14% | 0% |
| Gifford Ullawarra Rd | 100% | 0% |
| Glenburgh Access Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd | 100% | 0% |
| Lyons River Rd | 100% | 0% |
| Mardathuna Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Minnie Creek Rd | 100% | 0% |
| Mt Augustus Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Pimbee Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Potts Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Ullawarra Rd | 98% | 0% |
| Wanna Rd | Works yet to commence | |
| Discussion Items | | |

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Water / Materials | Refer attached resources report |
| Camp | Minnie Creek Rd SLK 6 |

Ullawarra Rd



Slk 222.220 – 222.309 – Defect



Slk 222.220 – 222.309 – Complete

Junction Phone Book 2024



We are currently in the process of updating the local phone book if you want to add or make any changes to your details please fill out the form below and return to the Shire Office or email to

cso@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Name: _____

Station Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Building's Phone: _____

Satellite Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile/s: _____

Email: _____

UHF Channel: _____

If you own a business and wish to advertise in the Phone Book, Please fill out the details below and return to the Shire Office. Business advertising cost, is \$20.00 per year.

Business Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

What you can offer: _____

JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2024



30th January End of School Holidays

17th and 18th February

AGM/Untutored Workshop

23rd and 24th March

Bag Workshop

29th March - 14th April School Holidays

20th April and 21st April

Tuffet Workshop

25th and 26th May

Untutored Workshop

15th and 16th June

Untutored Workshop

29th June - 14th July School Holidays

29th July - 2nd August

Bullara Retreat (Limited Numbers)

24th and 25th August

Tutored - TBA

21st September - 6th October School Holidays

26th and 27th October

Creative Workshop - TBA

23rd and 24th November

Christmas Craft

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Chris Kearney – Treasurer 0428 841 818

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



BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

This months Blast from the Past was published in the Northern Guardian on Wednesday 26th September 2007

Unmarked pioneer grave identified

AFTER two years of searching, and with assistance from Dannielle Hill at the Shire, the grave of pioneer John Worth has been located in the Carnarvon Pioneer Cemetery.

Mr Worth's granddaughter Barbara King, and her husband Bob King, and his grandsons Andrew and Jim attended a short ceremony conducted by Cyril Smith from the Uniting Church.

John Worth's great-grandson Jim Cairns said tracking down the plot had been a challenge.

"Whilst it was known that the grave was number 146, the removal of the cast iron identification numbers many years ago, and the loss of Shire records due to a cyclone, had made the location of the grave a mystery," Mr Cairns said.

With some persistence, and assistance from locals, private records were found that helped identify the plot.

Mr Cairns built the new memorial early this year. Prior to that the area was sand and weeds, and had been that way for 70 years.

With money and health problems in Bristol, England, John Worth came to Australia in 1859 to work as a bookkeeper on Dairy Creek, then Cooralya Station.

He died in 1937 in Carnarvon Hospital, aged 77, having never returned to see his wife.

He was buried in an unmarked grave, which was not unusual at that time, as the Great Depression was in full swing, compounded by a seven-year drought.

His oldest son, John "Myles" Escot Worth came to Australia in 1909, working and managing stations before taking a job as secretary of the Upper Gascoyne Roads Board in 1930.

In 1915 Myles met his wife Mary "Molly" Egan on Yanyareddy Station (now Lyndon Station), which her father George Frederick Egan was managing.

Molly was then just nine years old. Myles was 25. On his way to the First World War he said to Molly "I'll be back to marry you some day".

Myles survived the war and eventually married Molly in Carnarvon on January 12, 1928.

The Egan family is remembered in Carnarvon with the naming of Egan Street. Molly's parents, George

Frederick Egan and Lilian Gertrude Egan owned the *Northern Times*, then the local newspaper in Carnarvon.

George Egan owned the *Northern Times* from 1918 to 1935 when his son Rod Egan took over, but he sold the business two years later.

George Egan was Mayor of Carnarvon on two occasions, from 1925 - 1929 and 1932 - 1934.

Both George and Lilian Egan are at rest in the Pioneer Cemetery with an easily identifiable headstone.



PIONEER SPIRIT: Bob King, Cyril Smith, Barbara King (nee Worth), Jim Cairns and Andrew Cairns at the rediscovered grave of John Worth. Photo: Darlene De Boni

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!

MEET THIS MONTH'S CELEBRITY

SAY G'DAY TO...

Full name: Harper Podmore

Nickname: Harps

Place of birth: At the hospital

Favourite food? Nuggets and Chips

Favourite animal? Dogs and Cow's

Favourite Colour: Blue

Where did you grow up? Carnarvon

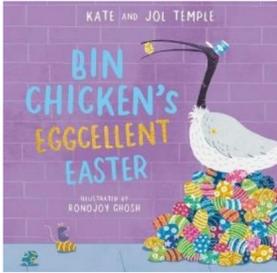
Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? Dads Work

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? For ages

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The Pub Pool

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

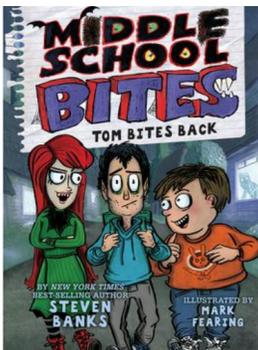
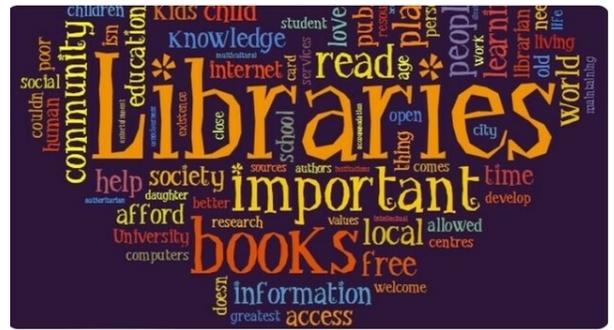




Bin Chicken's Eggcellent Easter

Author: Katie & Jol Temple

Bin Chicken is back – and this time, it is Easter! Eggs abound, and Bin Chicken is seeing the shiny, glittery eggs! She collects them all as she follows the bunny – the poor eggs are lost! Until the children come to hunt for the eggs, and Bin Chicken needs to scam – but will a friend help her see what the eggs are really about?

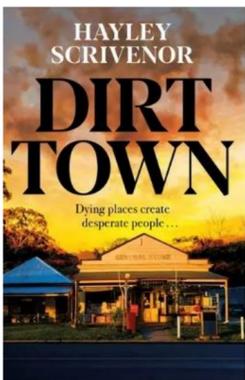


Middle School Bites #2

Author: Steven Banks

Eleven-year-old Tom was bit by a vampire, a werewolf, and a zombie right before the first day of middle school. It was a weird and crazy day. And the worst part? Even a Vam-Wolf-Zom needs to go to sixth grade. At least his neighbors and classmates seem to have accepted him. Annie even wants him to join her band!

Plus, there are some cool things about having vampire and werewolf traits. Tom has night vision now, and he's super-fast and strong. (There's nothing cool about being a zombie.) Maybe life as a Vam-Wolf-Zom will be as EXCELLENT as his best friend, Zeke, predicted. But when the bat that bit Tom shows up again, and *speaks* to him, he knows it's time for a new plan. Tom's adventures continue as he navigates normal sixth grade stuff - singing in a band, dressing up for Halloween, tolerating his older sister - despite being the only Vam-Wolf-Zom known to humankind.



Dirt Town

Author: Hayley Scrivenor

My best friend wore her name, Esther, like a queen wearing her crown at a jaunty angle. We were twelve years old when she went missing. On a sweltering Friday afternoon in Durton, best friends Ronnie and Esther leave school together. Esther never makes it home. Ronnie's going to find her, she has a plan. Lewis will help. Their friend can't be gone, Ronnie won't believe it.

Detective Sergeant Sarah Michaels can believe it, she has seen what people are capable of. She knows more than anyone how, in a moment of weakness, a person can be driven to do something they never thought possible.

Lewis can believe it too. But he can't reveal what he saw that afternoon at the creek without exposing his own secret.

Five days later, Esther's buried body is discovered.

What do we owe the girl who isn't there?

Character-rich and propulsive, with a breathtakingly original use of voice and revolving points of view, Hayley Scrivenor delves under the surface, where no one can hide. With emotional depth and sensitivity, this stunning debut shows us how much each person matters in a community that is at once falling apart and coming together.



Newsletter

21/02/2024

Responsibility Resilience Respect

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



Last week we held a Meet and Greet event to introduce new staff members to our families. Abbie Connell is our Early Childhood teacher; Trent Donnelly is our Year 3-6 teacher and Paige Hardie is our SIDE Supervisor. It was an informal get together and a chance to share delicious food and catch up at the start of a new school year. Thanks to the parents and to Ainsley and John, our School Council members, for joining us.



2024 STUDENT COUNCILLORS

I would like to introduce our 2024 student councillors, Scarlet Boddington and Juanita Omotosho. They will be supporting our students, greeting visitors and fundraising not only for our school but for *The Smith Family* and *Jump Rope for Heart*.



We were very fortunate to have representatives from Delta Lithium visit us on Monday to donate some soft play steppingstones for our students. They also kindly donated hats, pens, thumb drives and bouncing balls for staff and students. Both the staff and the students thank them very much for their kind donations.



Cheesy mash muffins

Ingredients: Serves: 4 (300ml)



- 3 cups (approx 900g) slightly cooled mashed potato
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 cup reduced fat cheese, grated
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped chives

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 200°C, line a 12-cup muffin tray with paper cases
2. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, mix well
3. Spoon mixture into paper cases
4. Bake for approximately 25 minutes, or until the tops are golden and crisp.
5. Best served warm.



END OF YEAR SCHOOL PRESENTATION

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who so kindly donated funds towards the awards for our students at our end of year concert last year: [Merome Beard MLA](#), [The Old Bastards \(Carnarvon\)](#), [FOCUS](#), and [Peter Foster MLC](#).



Check out the fun in Room 1



Our physical education programs have started with the Kindy-Year 2 students joining the upper primary for some morning fitness with a focus on basketball skills. We have also commenced our CoordiKids program, focusing on concentration and strength skills.



3 year- old Kindy started this term. Azreal and his mum Tori joined us for a great morning. Azreal did an amazing job for his first day at school!



On a Tuesday afternoon it is time for the PP-Year 6s to get creative with art. The first project this term is a silhouette painting on a blended background. Students spend the first session drawing their designs and painting their backgrounds.



On the 31st of January school started for our amazing students. Jackie and Andre returned after a well-earned break with a smile ready to go. We welcomed Harper into Kindy, and she is full of enthusiasm for learning!



Talk4Writing in Room 1 has seen a few lazy dogs, sleepy cats, noisy ducks and one hard working hen. Can you guess what story we are learning about?



Jackie and Andre noticed that the playdough from last year was looking a bit old and dry. They asked if we could buy some new dough and Miss C said, "Why don't we make it?"

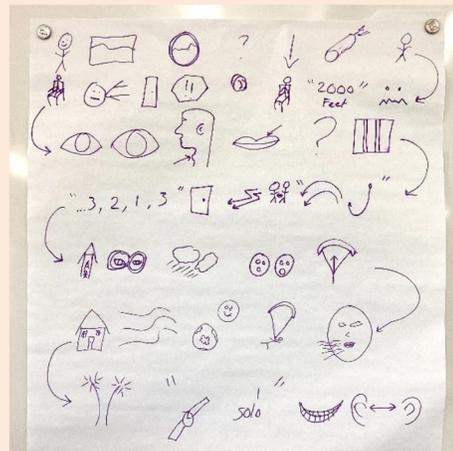


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 2



During sport we have been practicing dribbling, throwing, and catching basketball skills.

Students in room 2 have been busy getting back into the school routine, learning, and doing lots of interesting things.



We are learning how to write stories with suspense. This is us doing the actions when learning our model story, *The Fall*.



In Science, the year 4 students have been investigating different soils



In Maths we have learned about place value and used it in a game.



REMINDER

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

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

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

KidSport has doubled to \$300 per eligible child - each financial year!

Get a voucher to pay for club fees, uniform and equipment.



Apply online www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport



KIDSPORT



COMING EVENTS

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4/03/24 | LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| 11/03/24 | Sporting Schools - basketball |
| 13/03/24-25/03/24 | NAPLAN |
| 18/03/24-22/03/24 | Swimming Lessons Carnarvon TBC |
| 28/03/24 | LAST DAY TERM |
| 29/03/24 | GOOD FRIDAY |
| 30/03/24-15/04/24 | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS |
| 16/04/24 | Students return to school |



Easter Desserts: Bunny Bark

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5 from 2 reviews

Author: [Sally](#) Prep Time: 35 minutes Cook Time: 0 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour, 35 minutes Yield: 1 pound

You need just a couple ingredients for this super easy Easter dessert recipe. Kids love to help sprinkle on the candies!

Ingredients

- 8 ounces (226g) **semi-sweet chocolate**, coarsely chopped*
- 8 ounces (226g) **white chocolate**, coarsely chopped*
- 1 cup assorted **Easter candies** (crushed robin eggs, pastel M&Ms, pastel sprinkles, etc)

Cook Mode Prevent your screen from going dark

Instructions

- 1 Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. Set aside.
- 2 Melt the semi-sweet chocolate. Use a double boiler or microwave. If using the microwave, stop and stir the chocolate every 20 seconds to help avoid seizing. Pour onto prepared baking sheet and spread out into a large rectangle. Set in the refrigerator to chill for 20 minutes or until no longer wet-looking.
- 3 During this time, melt the white chocolate and let it sit for 5-10 minutes before pouring on top of the cold bottom layer. (The high heat on the cold bottom layer may prevent the two layers from sticking together.) Spread the white chocolate into an even layer on top, then decorate with candies.
- 4 Allow the bark to set at room temperature in a cool, dry environment—this usually takes around 45 minutes. If needed, you can stick it in the refrigerator to help speed things up. Once hardened, break into pieces as large or as small as you want.

Notes

- 1 **Make Ahead & Freezing Instructions:** Store bark in an airtight container at room temperature in a cool, dry place or in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks. For longer storage, freeze for up to 2 months and thaw overnight in the refrigerator.
- 2 **Special Tools** (affiliate links): [Baking Sheet](#) | [Silicone Baking Mat](#) or [Parchment Paper](#) | [Double Boiler](#) or [Glass Mixing Bowl](#)
- 3 **Chocolate:** Do not use chocolate chips or morsels. Pure chocolate is best for easy melting and best taste. I like Ghirardelli, Baker's, Lindt, or Trader Joe's pound plus bars.



Main Dishes

Thai Beef + Noodle Salad

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Thai Beef and Noodle Salad is a favorite in our household during the summer. Tender pieces of skirt steak nestled in a bed of rice noodles with fresh veggies, herbs, and an addicting dressing!

Prep Time: 15 mins Cook Time: 10 mins

Makes: 4 servings

Ingredients

Steak:

- 1 1/2 lbs. skirt steak trimmed of silverskin and excess fat
- 1 tablespoon chili garlic sauce or sambal
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 1 tablespoon very thinly sliced lemongrass tender inner leaves only

Dressing:

- 1 tablespoon very finely minced lemongrass tender inner leaves only
- 1 garlic clove grated
- 2 Thai chili finely minced (1 if you're sensitive to spice)
- 2 limes juiced
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 1 teaspoon chili garlic paste or sambal
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar

Remaining ingredients:

- 8 oz thin rice noodles
- 2 beefsteak tomatoes cut into wedges
- 2 shallots thinly sliced
- mint leaves
- Thai basil
- cilantro leaves
- 2 tablespoons toasted rice powder see above
- lime wedges for serving

Instructions

1. Marinate the steak: combine all the marinade ingredients and whisk together. Place steak in a zip-top bag and pour the marinade on top. Seal and marinate at room temperature for 30 minutes or in the fridge for up to 8 hours.
2. Make the dressing: Whisk together all the ingredients until the sugar dissolves. Set aside.
3. Cook the rice noodles according to package instructions. Drain and rinse thoroughly with cold water. Transfer them to a large serving bowl.
4. Heat a cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Remove the steak from the marinade and shake off any excess. Sear the steak for 3-4 minutes per side, transfer to a cutting board, and rest for 10 minutes. Slice against the grain. Alternately, the steak can be grilled on a hot grill for the same amount of time.
5. Assemble: Arrange the sliced steak on top of the noodles and nestle in the tomatoes and sliced shallots. Drizzle the dressing evenly over everything and top with toasted rice powder and all the fresh herbs. Serve with lime wedges.

This recipe is perfect for the hot Summer nights we have been having out here.



MARCH

- 2 Karen Coffin
- 6 Genevieve Robinson
- 7 Glenda Sibson
- 9 Thomas Fletcher
- 16 Andre Omotosho
- 18 Laura Litek
- 20 Georgie Hammarquist
- 23 David Hammarquist
- 30 Di Kempton

MAY

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

APRIL

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



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

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

Carnarvon Visitor Centre Family

For two days in the middle of February we hosted the Carnarvon Visitor Centre staff to take them on a Wander Outback to improve their knowledge of what visitors experience in the Upper Gascoyne from our roads, our accommodation and our tourism experiences. They had an amazing time and have taken some stunning images from across the Shire. These are being shared on their socials and in the next edition of the Shire of Carnarvon newsletter highlighting what is on their doorstep. The Carnarvon Visitor Centre play a key role in assisting visitors with information about our region and we have embraced more members to our fan club.



Youth Group

Our first Youth Group for 2024 was a great success. The night started with Pizza and ended with icypoles to cool down after some heated game play with Jenga and Checkers the choice of games for the night. Thanks to Miss Andrea for stopping by to challenge the gang. Much discussion was had about the March Quiz Night. Hot Dog Sliders, cake and cookies are on the menu and some great prize suggestions were made. This will be a fun afternoon on March 7.



The March Charge

The team here at the Shire of Upper Gascoyne are getting behind the Cancer Council's March Charge. Joins us and thousands of others and walk or run 85km in March. Sign up is free you can registrations through the Shire profile. Not wanting to participate? Donations can be made online through our profile or through each individual team member participating in the challenge.

Help us raise awareness and funds for Cancer Council!



Social Tennis

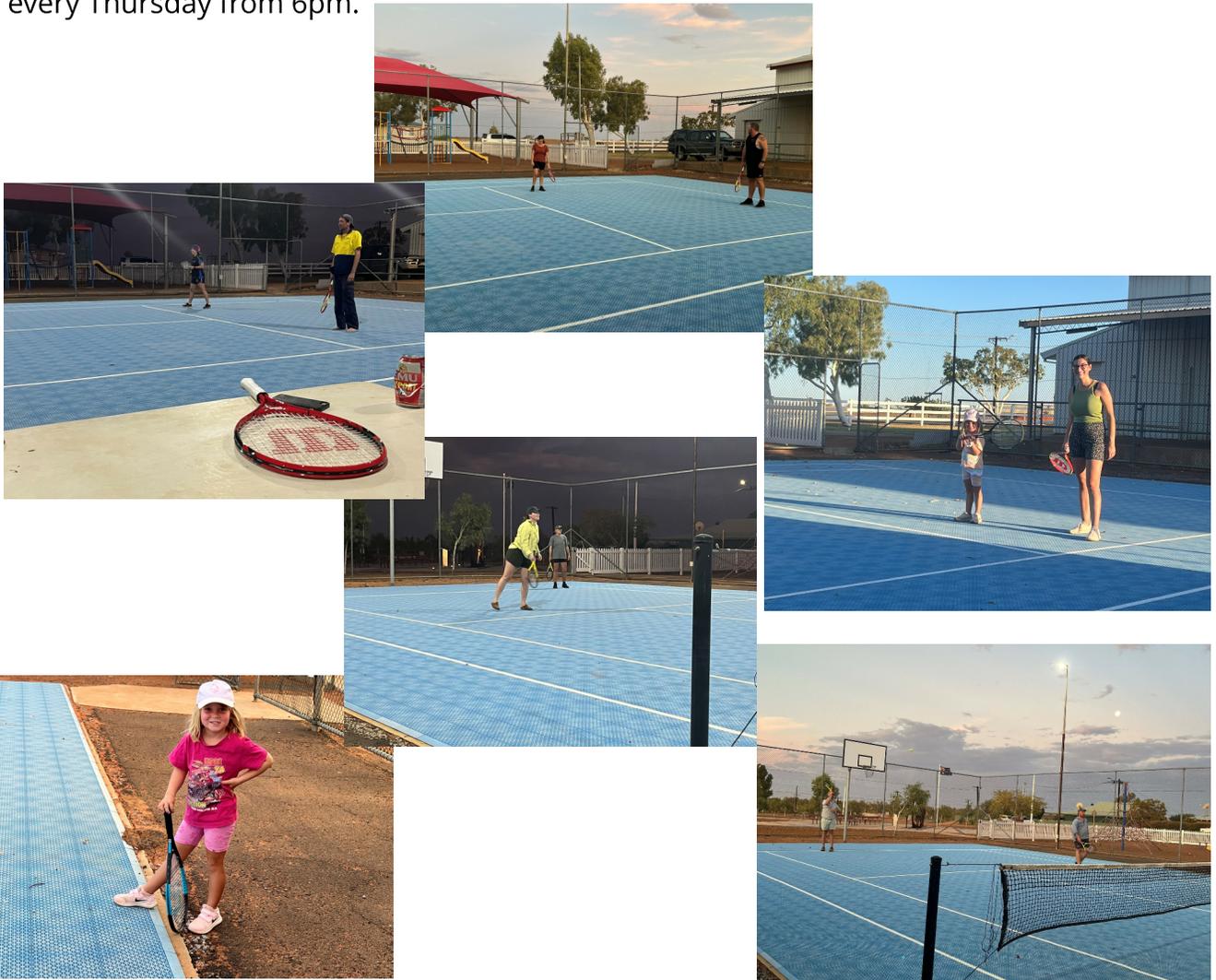
Who would have thought Thursday night Tennis is fast becoming the weekly event to be at in the Junction with the numbers growing each week from locals around the Shire.

Week one saw two doubles team's play for bragging rights The Pods vs Yeah the Girls with the Pods taking the win for the night!

Week Two we had a couple more newbies join the fun and had a go at singles games with Pods taking the win over Blanche and then it was time for Andrea and Cherie to hit the court with Cherie walking away with the win, but we can't forget the twilight doubles game Blanche and Nat taking on Andrea and Cherie and with all the laughter and banter we have no idea who won so will call that a tie!

With all the hype in the air week three saw more newbies and once again The Pods vs Yeah the Girls and yes you guessed it The Pods won but the rivalry is not over yet... Next game was Yeah the Girls as they took the win over the Wrights, Minnie Creek (Work Crew) faced Blanche and Nat but Blanche and Nat were too strong and walked away with the win. We then had Minnie Creek (Guys) take on the Pods with some great volleys but Minnie Creek was too good and took the win. It was then time for Minnie Creek (Ladies) to take on Yeah the Girls and it came down to the wire with Yeah the Girls coming away with the win. Once again we had a twilight match seeing Di and Blanche v's Nat and Cherie this time even with all the laughing and banter Di and Blanche just came away with the win!

If you would like to become a part of Junction Tennis History head to the tennis court every Thursday from 6pm.



UPPER GASCOYNE SOCIAL TENNIS



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

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

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

OPEN TO ALL

MORE INFORMATION

**JUNCTION
TENNIS COURT**

GREGORY STREET

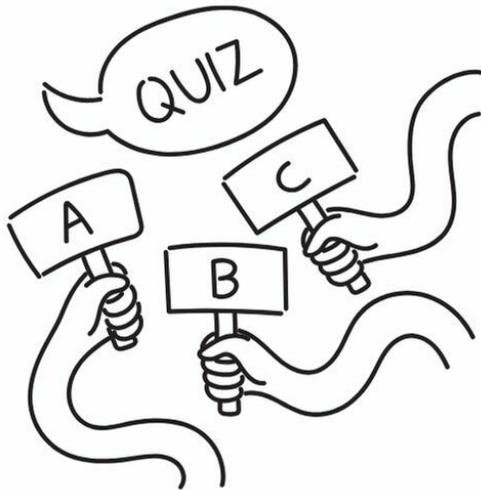
**LIMITED EQUIPMENT
SUPPLIED
BRING A RACQUET IF
YOU HAVE ONE**

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UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? 2024 EVENTS SAVE THE DATE



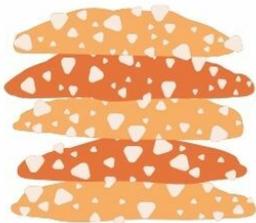
**THU MAR 07
QUIZ NIGHT
4.30pm to 6pm
GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRC
PRIZES TO BE WON**

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN 2024?

April 24: Baking Afternoon

May 16: Sandcastle Building Competition

Jun 28 to 29: A SURPRISE



Surprise!



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

Upper Gascoyne Youth Club is strictly for 8 to 16 year olds ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS



KIDS OF THE UPPER GASCOYNE!
HOP TO IT

Easter Crafternoon

MARCH 27, 2024 | 3.30 TO 4.30PM

Join us at the Gascoyne Junction CRC to
make and create your own Easter treats.
Children 5 and Under must be supervised
by an adult over 18.





LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY APRIL 25

10.45AM MARCH TO WAR MEMORIAL FROM CRC

11:00AM ANZAC SERVICE AT WAR MEMORIAL

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

COIN DONATION TO LEGACY



GASSIFIEDS

TO ADVERTISE PLEASE CONTACT US
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Are you looking for a place to get your business, your event, or your items for sale in front of the residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne?

Its time to book an advertising space in the Gassy Gossip. Whether its for one month or year round this is the place to be seen.

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$44.60

A5 - \$27.60

A6 - \$22.30

Business Card Size - \$9.00

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

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and not for profit organisations.



What's Up in the Night Sky?

With Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti

The 'Morning Star' Meets Saturn!

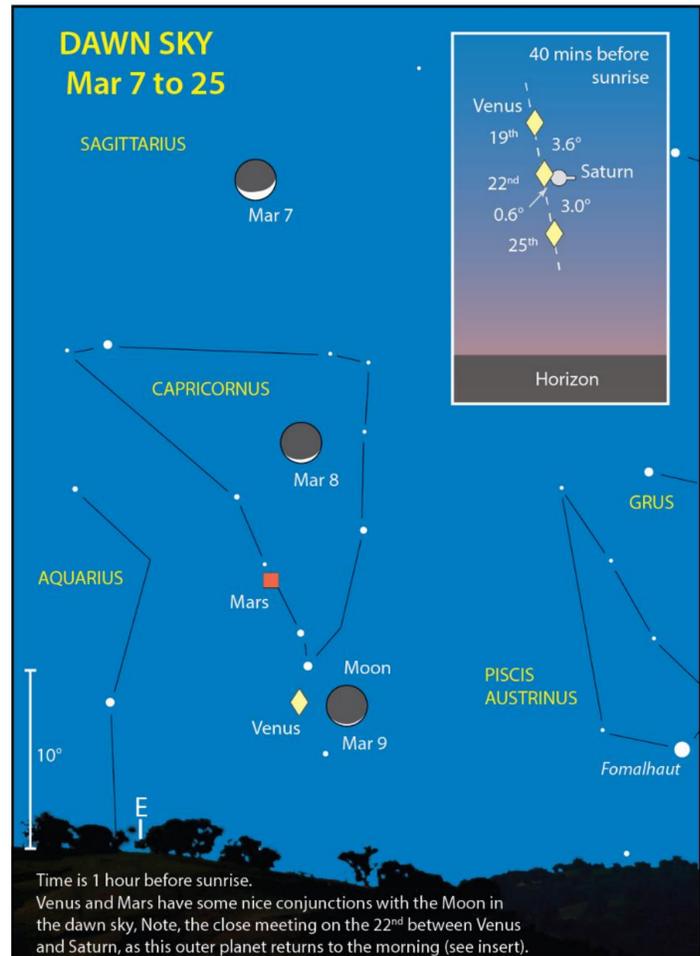
Early morning risers in March will be treated to an impressive display as the planets come together for a cosmic dance! On the 9th March, a beautiful view of the Moon, appearing as a thin slither, and Venus, are just a few degrees apart on the eastern horizon. Joining them is Mars, appearing as a red star-like object above the pair. You'll have to be up early in the morning to catch it though!

Keep watching...on following mornings, you'll see Venus appear to move further away from Mars and head towards Saturn. By the 22nd, Venus and Saturn will be just a half a degree apart!

When and where to look: 5am, from 9th March and very low to the eastern horizon.

Use the image to the right as your early morning guide.

Image: Courtesy Quasar Publishing. To find out more about what to see in the night sky, buy yourself the Astronomy Australia almanac at www.quasarastronomy.com.au.



Why Does the Date for Easter Change Every Year?

Did you know the equinox is central to the changing date of Easter each year? The date of Easter changes because it is based on the lunar calendar. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the March equinox. This year the March equinox falls on 20th March. The first full moon after the March Equinox is on 25th March which means Easter Sunday is on 31st March.

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



SMOKO TIME

Kiddle
of the Week

You can hold me in your
hand and yet I can fill
the entire room.
What am I?

A LIGHT BULB

Hoppy Easter

S S Y E Q S A S P R I N G B R E A K E X S E H K
 T E A M G W K S Y V F F U T Y T T T D G K G U V
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| Basket | Blue | Bonnet | Bunny | Candy | Carrot |
| Chicks | Chocolate | Coloring | Cottontail | Daffodil | Decorate |
| Ducks | Dyed Eggs | Easter Basket | Eggs | Flowers | Grass |
| Green | Happy | Hard Boiled | Hats | Hidden | Hippity |
| Hoppity | Jelly Beans | Lily | Marshmallows | Pastel | Peeps |
| Pink | Plastic Eggs | Posies | Purple | Rabbits | Spring Break |
| Sweets | Tulips | White | Yellow | | |

LOGIC PUZZLE

| | | names | | | | | amphibians | | | | | towns | | | | |
|------------|----------|---------|------|--------|--------|---------|------------|-------------|------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| | | Cecilia | Lela | Maxine | Nettie | Valerie | bullfrog | horned toad | newt | salamander | tree frog | Grafton | Hansell | Jamaica | Latimer | Quimby |
| months | April | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | May | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | June | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | July | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | August | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| towns | Grafton | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hansell | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jamaica | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Latimer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Quimby | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| amphibians | bullfrog | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | corn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | parsnip | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | potato | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CLUES

1. Cecilia's pet was purchased 1 month before the pet purchased in Hansell.
2. Lela's pet was purchased in Hansell.
3. The animal purchased in Hansell is the horned toad.
4. The amphibian bought in May was purchased in Hansell.
5. Of the pet purchased in Grafton and the pet purchased in Quimby, one is a salamander and the other is Cecilia's.
6. Nettie's pet isn't the salamander.
7. The amphibian purchased in Jamaica is the bullfrog.
8. Neither the pet purchased in Quimby nor Lela's pet were bought in April.
9. The newt is either the pet bought in May or Maxine's.
10. The pet purchased in Jamaica was bought 1 month after the horned toad.
11. The pet bought in July wasn't purchased in Quimby.



HAPPY EASTER



EASTER RIDDLES



Q: How do rabbits travel?

A: By hareplane.



Q: What is a rabbit's favorite dance style?

A: Hip-Hop!



Q: How can you tell which rabbits are getting old?

A: Look for the grey hares.



Q: What do rabbits sing at birthday parties?

A: Hoppy birthday to you...



Q: What do you call a very rich bunny?

A: A billion-hare.



Q: What do you call a really smart rabbit?

A: A hare brain.



Q: How many rabbits does it take to change a light bulb?

A: One if it hops right to it..



Q: What kind of books do rabbits like to read?

A: Stories with hoppy endings.



Q: How is a bunny like a corn stalk?

A: They both have big ears.



Q: Why don't bunnies use combs?

A: They use hare brushes instead.



Q: Why did the bunny say to the duck?

A: You quack me up!



Q: Where do rabbits learn how to fly?

A: In the hare force!

EASTER I SPY



How Many Do You See?



Gascoyne Junction

2024 GP

CLINIC DATES



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

Gascoyne Junction

2024 NURSING

CLINIC DATES



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



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



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

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GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
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CENTRE

06 MARCH

**YOUTH
GROUP**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

07 MARCH

**SOCIAL
TENNIS**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
TENNIS
COURT

07 MARCH

**SOCIAL
TENNIS**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
TENNIS
COURT

14 & 21 MARCH

UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS



**CRAFT
GROUP**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

23-24 MARCH

**EASTER
CRAFTERNOON**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

27 MARCH

**CRA
POKER RUN**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

30-31 MARCH

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

03 APRIL

**YOUTH
GROUP**

TBC

**SOCIAL
TENNIS**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
TENNIS
COURT

18 APRIL

CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

20-21 APRIL

ANZAC DAY

WAR
MEMORIAL

25 APRIL