

# GASSY GOSSIP

NOVEMBER 2020



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Here you will find news about the Shire straight from your CEO along with Council meeting dates.

14 1,000 families. "It is an exciting time for the Gascyne Junction community, who have been united in their passion about the growing need for a school in the town to meet the educational needs of their children from Kindergarten to Year 12." Mr Carpenter said the provision of better education infrastructure was part of the State Government's strategy to increase school enrolments now in the State by improving the delivery of education in remote communities. The Minister said the original Gascyne Junction school was closed in December, 1994 by the previous government. "Gascyne Junction now has 16 school-aged children of Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds in the community and improved school facilities are essential," he said. "The number of students is expected to rise further due to increased housing construction already under way in the area. "However, some families have not taken up the available Aboriginal housing due to the lack of a school and we believe some Aboriginal families will return to the area when the school reopens." Mr Carpenter said the current education program being accessed through distance education, while appreciated by the community, did not meet their expectations for the education of their children. "Students of primary age

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Camp on green shady sites or camp in our comfortable accommodation.



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Take a break and enjoy the puzzles and word games.



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## UPCOMINGEVENTS

Here you will find all the important dates to jot down in your diary.



## Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 12th February

Wednesday 25th March

Wednesday 29th April

Wednesday 27th May

Wednesday 24th June

Wednesday 29th July

Wednesday 26th August

Wednesday 30th September

Wednesday 28th October

Wednesday 25th November

Thursday 17th December

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

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



# COUNCIL NEWS

## CEO Update

The month has started off with me attending my medical appointments in Perth, this trip I was required to have my three monthly PET Scan and attend the Oncologist for the results. I am pleased to advise that the Scan was all clear with no evidence of disease so I will go another three months without any further treatment and have another PET Scan in early February.

On a sad note on Saturday the 31st of October I was advised that Mr Bobby Pepper has passed away.

Bobby was very well known and respected throughout the Mid-West and Gascoyne regions. I

attended Bobby's funeral in Geraldton on Saturday the 7th of October, it was attended by a large

number of people with the Police marching accompanied by a lone piper and the Police

Commissioner.

As much as there is change in this world, there are somethings that never change, I am pleased to

advise that I have once again received the 2019-2020 Good Driver Award which means the Shire has received a rebate of \$4,056.22 against their motor vehicle insurance premiums. I am not one for self-congratulatory comments, but I believe that this is the fourth time I have won this very prestigious award, enough said really.

As per Council resolution I sought further clarification from Dean Contracting surrounding the tender for the Junction Pub and Tourist Centre subgrade and bitumen reseal works. The answers to my queries were acceptable so I have awarded the contract to them.



During the week commencing the 9th of November Sa, Jarrod and myself interviewed candidates for the new position as the Tourism / Community Development Officer. All candidates were of an extremely high quality and the ultimate decision was not an easy one; however, we did have to make this decision and we have appointed Ms Ainsley Hardie, Ainsley is currently in Queensland, she brings a wealth of experience across both spheres of this position. Ainsley has worked both in the Local Government and Private sectors. Ainsley will relocate with her husband.

On the week beginning on the 16th of November through to the 20th of November the Shire has had the Auditors from AMD undertake our Financial Management and Regulation 17 review. The report will hopefully be ready by the December Meeting.

On the 16th of November I had a phone meeting with the West Australian Country Health Service (WACS) as part of progressing the provision of fortnightly Doctor visitation to Gascoyne Junction.

As we all know we have the very great pleasure in welcoming the Minister for Local Government, the Hon David Templeman to our Shire where we are afforded the opportunity to raise any issues that impact on our Shire, regardless if they within his portfolio or not. As we all know we Ministers are very busy people and for David to find time in his schedule to visit us is testament to his broader commitment to Local Government.

On the 17th of November, Jarrod, Sean, and myself attended the LEMC meeting held in Carnarvon. This was the first joint meeting between the SUG and the Shire of Carnarvon where both Local Governments had the opportunity to advise each other of their plans for the coming fire, cyclone and flood season.

It was hoped that I could bring to Council our 2019/20 Annual Report this month; however, the Auditors have not completed their work and it still has to go to the Office of the Auditor General for their sign off before we receive it. It is anticipated that it will be ready for the December OMC and we can do the Electors Metering at the February 2021 Meeting and meet our statutory requirement to hold the Electors Meeting within 56 days of accepting the Annual Report.

The tender for the Junction Tourist Stop has closed, I can advise that we have received two tenders and these will be assessed against the Council Decision criteria and I can present this at our December OMC.

The corporate team have been busy making arrangements for the annual Community Christmas party to be held on the 17th December 2020 (save this date). Staff have been actively seeking sponsorship for this highly anticipated event and I am pleased to report that we have received several donations and contributions to date.

This has been great to see given the year that everyone has had as a result of COVID. Without the generosity of local businesses, our contractors and suppliers as well as people of our community and our extended regional community, events like this would not be able to take place and we are grateful for everyone's contribution. This is a true demonstration of community spirit!

At the end of the month the CRC hosted two workshop days where staff ran after-school Halloween themed activities. Billie invited all the local kids to join her in making cupcakes, creating Halloween masks and making Halloween decorations.

Although attendance was small, both workshops were a hit and we received positive feedback from the kids who participated. We used this as a pilot activity to measure the success of running similar workshops and programs in the future and also to identify what we could improve on and do differently for our next event.



### **Maintenance Graders:**

Ian is still working his way north between Minnie Creek and Wanna. Thomas is still off work however we had Terry Mckie and Ray Hoseason Smith fill in for him. The graders will return to the depot for the Christmas shut down period.

### **Construction Crew:**

Works on the Landor Mount Augustus road are nearly completed at the time of writing. The crew will demobilise to town before Christmas and wash up all of the equipment for maintenance works. When we return in 2021 we will commence the reconstruction and sealing of 5-7km of road on C'von Mullewa road in an attempt to join up the bitumen sections between Bidgemia and Pells Range.

### **Equipment:**

All of our plant will be brought back to the depot and washed up for the Christmas shutdown. I am preparing a defect list for our mechanical contractors and ordering parts over the next couple of weeks. Most of the work is routine maintenance and minor defects.

I am still working with various suppliers to firm up a quote for the supply and installation of a new mobile camp for the works crew. I anticipate to send the trailer down in February/March to have the unit fitted.

The new tipper truck is still on track to be completed by the end of November. The new truck will be complimented by a second hand dolly that we also have had refurbished.

## General:

November has seen the completion of a quite a few projects in town including the installation of the new wash down pad in the depot, new disabled toilet in shire office and repainting of the public toilets. Works have started to transform the pavilion into an all-weather public facility. The builders have almost completed the internal insulating and cladding of the internal walls and removal of roller doors. This project is funded by the Federal Governments' Covid stimulus.

The procurement of a new 4x2 staff house is underway with the scope and specification being finalised in the next few weeks. We have received a quote to renovate the residence at 6 Scott Street, (old Mick's). The estimate was over \$400,000 and as such it looks as though these works will not happen and the old house may be demolished.

Tenders for the construction of the new tourist stop closed on the 18th November. At the time of writing I have not received any reports or info on tenders other than there was quite a lot of interest on Tenderlink.

Quotes for the reconstruction and sealing of 12km of the Dalgety Landor roads has been received with the contract being awarded to Dean Contracting. This is the same contractor completing the Junction Tourist Park seal reconstruction. They will start on the Dalgety Landor road in February once the JTP seal is done.



Pavilion works  
in progress



Newly cladded  
walls in Pavilion



# COUNCIL UPDATE....



## FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

### SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – November 2020 (PACKAGE 1)

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - November 2020 (November 2020)

Contractor	QEM Group	Package Start Date:	19 Sept 2020
		Forecast Completion Date:	Sept 2021
Works this period (Nov 2020)		Works next period (Dec 2020)	
<b>Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd</b> Completed all work on this road. The works comprised resheeting, forming and shaping and removal of silt.		<b>Landor Mount Clere Rd</b> Continue work on this road. The works will continue towards Landor Homestead comprising the removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.	
<b>Landor Mount Clere Rd</b> Continued work on this road from Mt Clere homestead working west towards Waldburg Rd. The works comprise the removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.		The Christmas break for this crew commences on Saturday 19 December 2020. The work crew will return to site on Wednesday 6 January 2021.	
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		20%	10%
Bingegaroo Rd		Not yet commenced	
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd		Not yet commenced	
Cobra Mt Augustus Rd		Not yet commenced	
Dooley Downs Rd		Not yet commenced	
Edmund Gifford Creek Rd		Not yet commenced	
Landor Mt Clere Rd		41%	0%
Dalgety Downs Landor Rd		Not yet commenced	
Landor Meekatharra Rd		99%	99%
Landor Mt Augustus Rd		14%	13%
Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd		Not yet commenced	
Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd		100%	~50%
Mount Augustus Rd		Not yet commenced	
Mount Augustus Woodlands Rd		Not yet commenced	
Mooloo Downs Access Rd		Not yet commenced	
Pingandy Rd		Not yet commenced	
Pingandy Homestead Access Rd		Not yet commenced	
Potts Rd		Not yet commenced	
Waldburg Rd		Not yet commenced	

Wanna Rd	Not yet commenced
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Discussion Items	
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report
Camp	<p>The camp is located to Landor station "Roo shooters camp". The camp comprises of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation for 22 staff,</li> <li>• Kitchen and separate mess station,</li> <li>• Male and Female ablutions,</li> <li>• Contractor site office,</li> <li>• Laydown area,</li> <li>• Workshop and container storage,</li> <li>• All catering / cleaning etc is being undertaken by a dedicated camp attendant.</li> </ul> <p>This camp will be in this location until approximately February 2021.</p>

# FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT CONTINUED...



## SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – November 2020 (PACKAGE 2)

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	08 Nov 2020
		Forecast Completion Date:	End 2021 / early 2022
Works this period (Nov 2020)		Works next period (Dec 2020)	
<p>It has been a slow start due resource availability. The contractor is now at approx. 85% capacity and it is expected that the work crew will be at full capacity by the start of the next work swing.</p> <p><b>Carnarvon Mullewa Rd</b> Works have commenced on Carnarvon Mullewa Rd between Gascoyne Junction and Cobra Dairy Creek Rd. The works consist of shoulder reshape-reinstate, removal of silt, reinstate drainlines, medium and heavy grade.</p> <p>Completing this work now will allow the Shire to progress the planned upgrade works to a sealed standard early in 2021.</p>		<p><b>Carnarvon Mullewa Rd</b> Continue work on this road from Cobra Dairy Creek Rd working towards Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd. The works consist of shoulder reshaping, removal of silt, reinstatement of drainlines, medium and heavy grading.</p> <p>The Christmas break for this crew commences on Saturday 19 December 2020. The work crew will return to site on Wednesday 6 January 2021.</p>	
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	2%	0%	
Carey Downs Road	Not yet commenced		
Carnarvon Mullewa Road	10%	0%	
Cobra Dairy Creek Road	Not yet commenced		
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Road	Not yet commenced		
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	Not yet commenced		
Erong Road	Not yet commenced		
Eudamullah Road	Not yet commenced		
Gilroyd Road	Not yet commenced		
Gregory Street	Not yet commenced		
Hatch Street	Not yet commenced		
Killili Road	Not yet commenced		
Lyons River Road	Not yet commenced		
Minnie Creek Road	Not yet commenced		
Mooloo Downs Access Road	Not yet commenced		



Newton Drive	Not yet commenced
Pimbee Road	Not yet commenced
Riverside Drive	Not yet commenced
Rubbish Tip Road	Not yet commenced
Scott Street	Not yet commenced
Ullawarra Road	Not yet commenced
Viveash Way	Not yet commenced
Weedarrah Road	Not yet commenced

Discussion Items	
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report
Camp	<p>The camp has been established on Dalgety Downs Station. The camp is the same camp as used on the last package and will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation for 20 staff,</li> <li>• Kitchen and separate mess station,</li> <li>• Male and Female ablutions,</li> <li>• Contractor site office,</li> <li>• Laydown area,</li> <li>• Workshop and container storage,</li> <li>• The catering / cleaning out by Dalgety Downs Station.</li> </ul> <p>The camp will be in this location until Feb / Mar 2021.</p>

Carnarvon Mullewa Rd







# BLAST FROM THE PAST

THIS SEGMENT OF THE GOSSIP EXPLORES PAST ARTICLES ON NEWS AND EVENTS. THIS ARTICLE WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE NORTHERN GUARDIAN NEWS IN NOVEMBER 14 2007

## Proud to be making history

Melinda Tupling

FOR the first time in history an indigenous representative from Burringurrah, Derek Oxenham has been elected to sit as councillor for the Upper Gascoyne shire.

This year celebrates the centenary of the Upper Gascoyne shire and Mr Oxenham is very pleased to be officially elected to be the voice for his people.

"I applied for the position in June this year and was elected three weeks ago.

"This is a great achievement and I hope I have opened the door for other aboriginal people".

Mr Oxenham has always been an active member of the Burringurrah community since his arrival.

"I moved to the community five years ago with my children.

"Since then I have worked as an

Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) at the local school.

"I wanted to give something back to the community who gave me a second chance to start my life over after the death of my wife.

"Everyone supported me and my children, they gave me a great opportunity to start working as an AEO and



**COUNCILLOR OXENHAM:** Speaking out as the voice for Indigenous people in his community.

now I'm one level away from being a teacher" he said.

Mr Oxenham is elected on the council for the next four years and says he will most likely run again.

"During my time in office I want to focus strongly on youth issues in our community and also on maintenance to our roads here," he said.

# GASCOYNE JUNCTION PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

## We're here to help you

It's important to share any concerns, issues or ideas you may have to allow us to work together to find solutions as we all travel through difficult times



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**Let's Stay Safe, Stay Well  
& Keep our Distance...**



**THE NATIONALS** *for Regional WA*

# *Merry Christmas*



## Dear Customers

The Shire and the CRC will be closed from 12pm  
Friday 18th December 2020 and re-opening on  
Monday 4th January 2021.

During the Christmas Shut Down period,  
residents can collect their mail from the CRC on  
the following days:

**TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER 8AM - 12PM**

**THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER 7:30am - 10AM**







# 2020

## **HORIZON POWER**

## *Community Christmas Party*

### **THU 17TH DEC FROM 5PM**

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF FUN & FESTIVITIES AT  
THE GJ PAVILION. EOY SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS  
KICK OFF AT 5PM, SANTA VISITS AT 6:30PM FOLLOWED  
BY A SCRUMPTIOUS FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER  
PREPARED WITH LOVE BY VALERIA  
BYO DRINKS

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
ARE ATTENDING FOR CATERING PURPOSES



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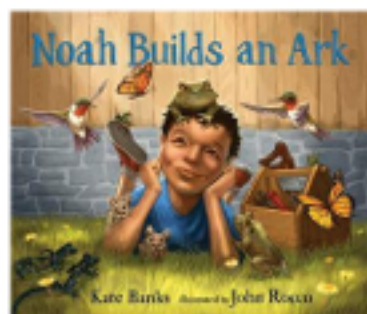
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**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER**

## BOOKS OF THE MONTH

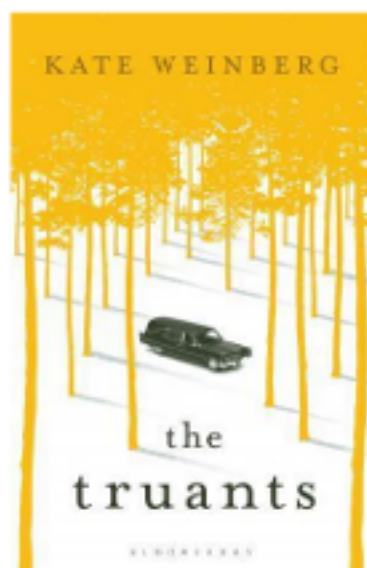


### NOAH BUILDS AN ARK



While his family readies his townhouse for an approaching storm, boarding up windows and laying in groceries, Noah heads to the back garden, where beetles are burrowing deeper into the bark and mice are stuffing their hole with moss. Quickly and efficiently, Noah sets to work building an ark for them and other backyard creatures -- salamanders and toads, snakes and spiders, even brightly coloured hummingbirds. Setting out fistfuls of nuts and leaves, berries and seeds, the boy props a flashlight inside and arranges some miniature furniture for the animals to sit or sleep on. "Come," Noah whispers to his friends just as his mother calls him inside and the dark storm roars in. From an award-winning author and a Caldecott Honoree comes a quietly inspiring story about how taking action on behalf of our fellow earth travellers can help us face fearsome events.

### THE TRUANTS



In this seductive coming-of-age debut, Jess Walker, a young and uninitiated first year student, falls in love with two great story-tellers. One, Alec, a journalist in exile, the other, Lorna, a charismatic literature professor. Starting out under the flat grey skies of an east Anglian university campus and ending up on an idyllic Mediterranean island, *The Truants* is about a group of clever and eccentric misfits who yearn to break the rules. As Jess' experience of infatuation and betrayal, disappearance and loss gives way to a breathless search for the truth, she finds herself detective in a twisted crime of the heart. Unsettling, challenging, surprisingly funny and beautifully written, *The Truants* is a compulsively readable literary debut with a twist – and a dead body to boot.

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# Newsletter

9/11/2020

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello there Everyone,  
Our book week dress up day was an entertaining day for all and full of laughs!  
Characters included The Grinch who stole Christmas, Little Red Riding Hood, Ned Kelly, the Big Bad Wolf, Inky Winsy Spider, Mrs Wish Washy, The Wimpy Kid with the cheese touch, Professor Mc Onnegall from Harry Potter and The Cat in the Hat.



Students in Room 2 read their original creations to the audience and received many comments about their craft. For your entertainment, please see the published versions later in this newsletter and the poem that was written by Mike Lucas on the theme Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.

Our School Council went into hibernation for a short while whilst community representatives were recruited for the vacant position.

I am happy to announce our members from October 2020 are

Amanda Leighton	(Parent representative)
Sa Toomalatai	(Community representative)
Fred Maluki	(Community representative)
Jodie Gibson	(School representative)
Chris Polakiewicz	(School representative)

Thank you to Sa and Fred who both volunteered to assist with forging directions for our unique school where student success is front and centre of our daily work.

**OUR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 5:00pm NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> in the staff room at GJRCS.**

Like everyone, the school heads into a particularly busy period in the lead up the Christmas. This is a time when teachers keep students grounded and focussed on achieving their goals and aspirations for the 2020 school year. This can be exciting, tiring and sometimes stressful for students and behaviours may be compromised as a result.

I came across this iceberg image which, for me, is a great visual to capture what could be happening behind the behaviours all teachers and parents observe from time to time from their charges. It helps to remind, that it is through behaviour that children try to tell us that something's going on for them.



Pink Stumps 2020 was a resounding success with more attendees, more volunteers and more fun than ever before! To top it all off, more money was raised than ever before too, with a whopping

**\$3,601.00**

to be donated to the McGrath Foundation. Heartfelt thanks to all who participated in ensuring this day was so enjoyable and successful and also a big thanks to Dart and Pronto for supplying the kids with heaps of lollies for the Halloween Party. Thanks to Blanche for coordinating this event for the kids. Thanks too to Cherie and Billie. What a great reflection of the school motto "Together We Succeed" this day demonstrated.

Take a look at the write up from our resident sports reporter Blanche Walker later in this issue. She along with Peter, and Kenny, deserve an enormous cheer for their unwavering support and organisation.

Enjoy the photos and excerpts in the rest of this newsletter. They will provide insight into life at GJRCS. You can also check out our face book page.

Warm regards 'til next time,  
Chris Polakiewicz



# BOOK WEEK





# Curious Creatures, Wild Minds



You should not keep your mind in a box or a cage.  
You should let it run free through the words on a page.  
If you take a good look through a book you will find  
That the boundaries are endless for runaway minds.

There is nothing your mind cannot see, cannot do.  
There is no-one to stop your mind taking you to  
Those impossible places that you can invent  
When the time that you have is creatively spent.

The things you can think of! The things you can think!  
Thing thinking can turn into words made of ink  
On the pages of chapters of books that we read.  
Thing thinking is something I think we all need.

Imagine a thing! Can you do that for me?  
Imagine one thing and then two things, then three...  
Imagine those things and imagine their features.  
You've done it! My word! Those are curious creatures.

They have horns on their wings. They have teeth on their tails.  
They are spotty and stripy, with feathery scales.  
They can travel through walls, disappear in a blink.  
They can do anything that your thinking can think.

They make all kinds of noises, have all kinds of faces,  
Do all kinds of stuff, live in all kinds of places,  
Make all kinds of mischief, have all kinds of fun.  
Imagine they do it and it will be done.

There are creatures so scary and creatures so cute.  
There are creatures enormous and creatures minute.  
There are creatures you couldn't imagine, except...  
When you let your mind out of the cage where it's kept.

So take out the keys and undo all the locks,  
And release your wild mind from its cage or its box.  
For those curious creatures will never be known  
If you don't let your mind wander off on its own.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

11/11	Remembrance Day
13/11	NAIDOC Day
18/11	National Road Safety Week Cycling event hosted by the Shire
23/11	School Council Meeting
25-27/11	Chris out Network Meeting
11/12	Reports out to parents
14/12	Parent interviews
17/12	School presentations 5-5.30pm at the Pavilion followed by Xmas party
17/12	Last day of School

## PINK STUMPS HISTORY

### WINNERS

2015 – Team 'Kempton' captained by Di Kempton defeating Team 'McTaggart' captained by Hamish McTaggart 75/47

2016 – Team 'Station Mob' captained by Jox Collins defeated 'All Stars' captained by Di Kempton 72/61

2017 – Team 'Town Di' captained by Di Kempton defeated Team 'Bidgemia' captained by Peter Marsh 156/88

2018 – Team 'Catania' captained by Vince Catania defeated 'Townies' captained by Di Kempton 80/78

2019 – Team 'Townies' captained by Di Kempton defeated Team 'Catania' captained by Vince Catania 113/74

2020 – Team 'Catania' captained by Vince Catania defeated Team 'Kempton' captained by Di Kempton 126/82

### MONIES RAISED

\$1142.00

\$1225.00

\$1262.40

\$1976.15

\$2034.80

\$3601.00

Please fill in the survey, at this link, to assist with future planning of events in Gascoyne Junction. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSSZMHC>





# PINK STUMPS DAY 2020

On the 31st October the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School hosted a Pink Stumps Day for the McGrath Foundation. There was a great turnout of town and station folk who came along to try out their cricketing skills. Two teams 'Kempton' captained by Dianne Kempton (2015, 2017 and 2019 winner) and 'Catania' captained by Vince Catania (2018 winner) rallied their troops together before the game.

The game kicked off with Team 'Catania' winning the toss and batting first. Vince and Danny were first off the rank scoring the teams highest partnership with 21 runs between them. Unfortunately things went quiet with the next 3 partnerships making 9 runs all up. Matt and Josh came out and made 13 runs from here on in runs became steady with partners averaging 8 runs each until Condo appeared out of nowhere from Carnarvon partnered up with Max and came out and made 17 runs for their team! Unfortunately it was slowly down hill from there with the last few batsman back to averaging 4 runs each.



The coin toss

There were many dropped catches from team Kempton before the change of innings. Dianne and Blanche started the batting off steady with Dianne making 1 run and Blanche 6. Ian came in next and got everyone excited hitting a four and 4 singles with his partner Eney making 1. The game went a little quiet until Jox and Jodie came in and scored 20 runs between them, Jox being the highest scoring batsman of the day making 17 runs. Tessa came in to bat and hit 2 fours and a couple of singles to make her and partner Billies score 12. Another high scorer for team Kempton was Phil Frzop all the way from Carnarvon scoring 13 runs. Team Catantias fielders were dwindling away quickly due to thirst. Leeson made sure he was balking the batters by standing only meters away from the player with a big grin on his face.

Both teams played with outstanding skills, Team Kempton scoring 82 but were no match for Team Catania scoring 126 runs! Big thanks to our scorer Joolz and Umpires Sean and Spags.

A couple of games were played during and after the match with Peter Matthews taking out 'Top of the line' and 'Classic Catches' going to Adrian Rumble.

Best dressed pink outfit went to Bridie Walker for the kids and Leeson Dorey for the adults.

The presentation of the annual trophy was presented to winning team captain Vince followed by the raffles with lots of prizes kindly donated by our sponsors below. An auction was held for a baby webberQ and a painting which fetched a nice price thanks to Spags. Spags also generously donated the painting to the Shires Community Resource Centre. The pub put on a great buffet thanks Omol

The kids were entertained after the auctions with a Halloween party. Trinity and Kaylee took out best dressed Halloween boy and girl and Eney took out best dressed adult Halloween costume. A great night was had by all and would like to thank all the volunteers who helped before and after the event.

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Thanks everyone for your support for our Pink Stumps Day to help us raise money for the McGrath Foundation. Together, we raised a whopping \$3061.00 our best yet! We look forward to next year's return match.



## A large collage of 30 small photographs capturing various moments from a community cricket event. The photos show players in pink and blue uniforms, spectators, a baby in a high chair, and various activities on the field and around the perimeter.



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# HALLOWEEN PARTY





# thank you

The Shire would like to say Thank you to Spags for his donation of the “Children of the Junction” canvas for our Community Resource Centre.



# COOK'S CORNER

Do you have family recipe that you would love to share with us? Send it through to us at [crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au)

## Chicken, Cranberry and Brie

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 sheets frozen puff pastry
- 1 small chicken breast (finely chopped)
- 100g brie (cut into 24 even pieces)
- 1/4 cup whole cranberry sauce
- 2 tsp. fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp. fresh chives (finely chopped)



### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220C/200C fan forced.
2. Cut whole pastry sheet into 16 even squares. Cut the half sheet into 8 even squares.
3. Line 1 1/2 mini muffin pans with pastry squares ( the pastry edges will be higher than the muffin holes).
4. Place in freezer for 15 minutes to firm.
5. Bake the pastry for 10 minutes until golden and crisp.
6. Use a spoon to gently press down on the pastry to flatten slightly.
7. Fill each hole with a little chicken and top with a piece of brie , cranberry sauce and a sprinkle of thyme.
8. Bake for 5-7 minutes or until golden and the cheese has melted slightly.
9. Sprinkle with chives and serve.



# Homemade Aioli Sauce

## Ingredients

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tbsp. lemon juice
- 3 tsp. pepper
- 3 tbsp. minced garlic
- 3 tsp. fresh parsley
- 3 tbsp. tomato sauce



## Method

1. In a medium sized bowl, mixed all the ingredients together until combined.
2. Ready to serve

# CHRISTMAS TREE MERINGUES

## Ingredients

- 4 egg whites, at room temperature
- 3/4 cups sugar
- green food colouring (gel)
- sprinkles

## Method

1. Preheat the oven to 100c and line two trays with baking paper.
2. In a stand mixer with a wire whisk beat the egg whites until stiff peaks begin to form.
3. Slowly add sugar while on a low speed and add a dash of food colouring
4. Continue beating until egg whites are thick and glossy.
5. Transfer the meringue into a piping bag with a star nozzle fitted and pipe Christmas tree shapes onto the baking paper.
6. Decorate with sprinkles.
7. Bake the meringues for 2 hours, check throughout to make sure they don't brown. Allow to cool before serving.





## BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DECEMBER

- 1 Damian Leighton  
27 Levi ChongWee

### JANURARY

- 3 Ella Hoseseason-Smith  
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3 John Mcclearly  
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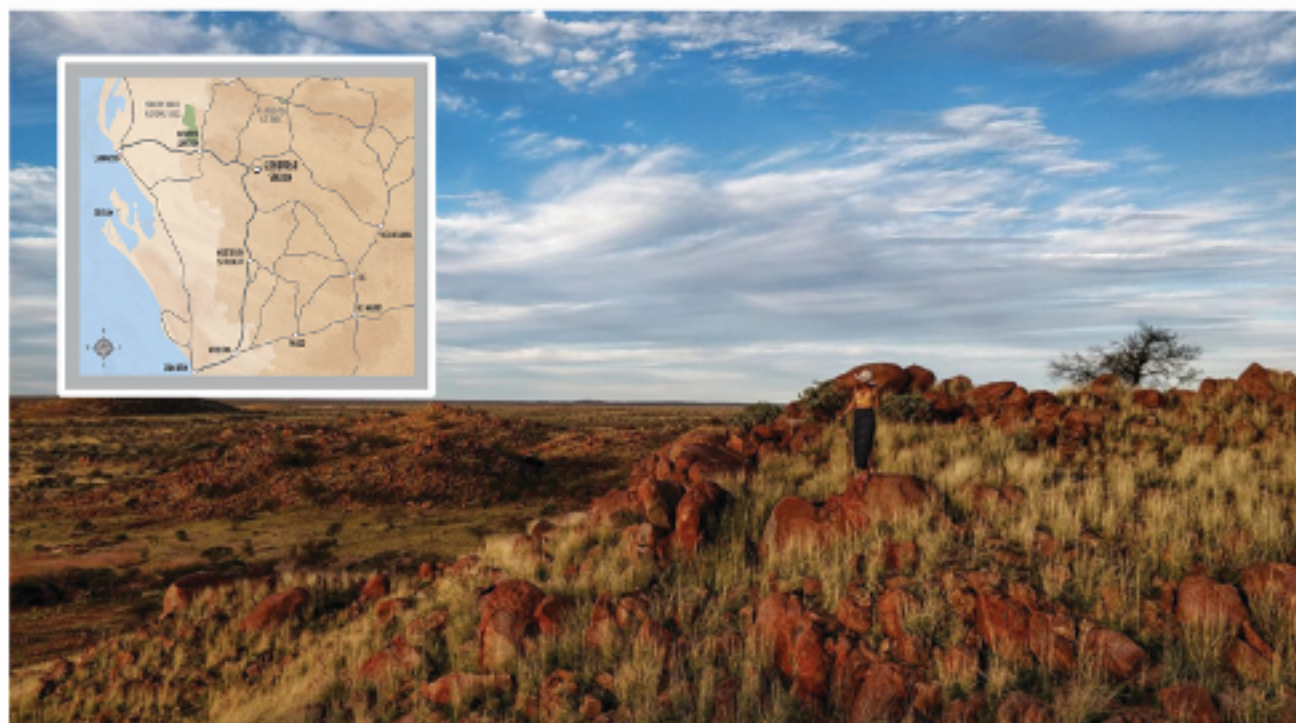
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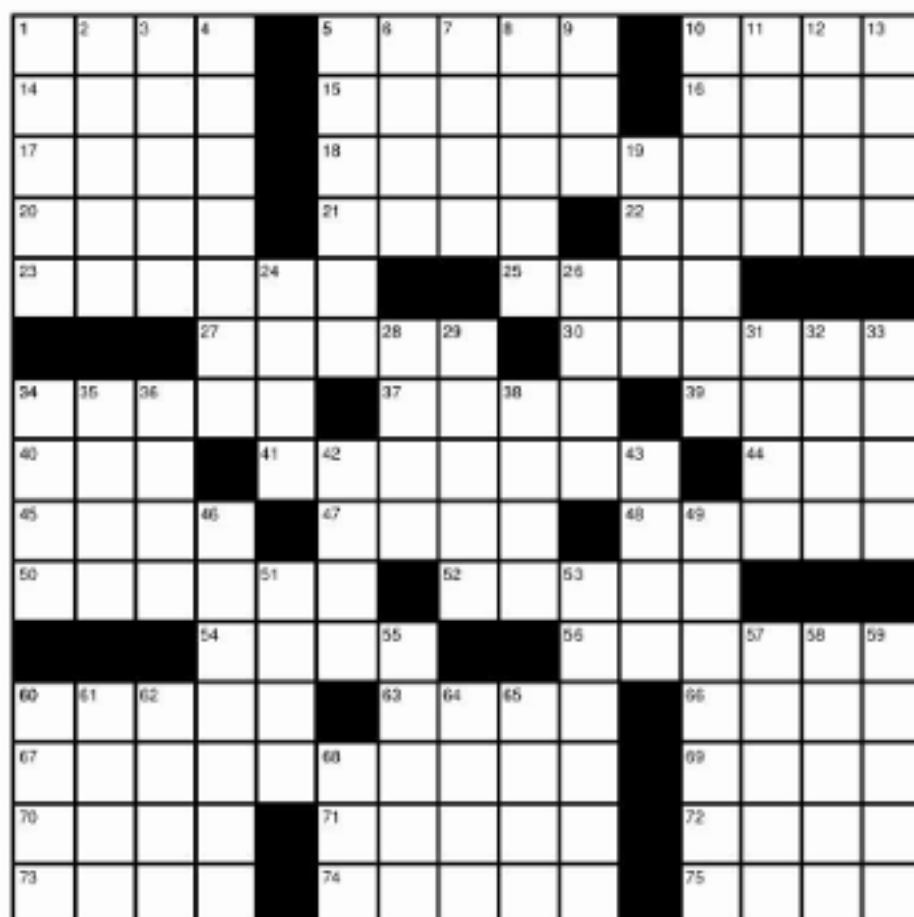


# Round the World

Robert Stockton

## ACROSS

1. It's green in your garden?
5. Fit
10. Part of a Hawaiian feast?
14. "\_\_\_ Plata," Montana motto
15. Swung like a sail
16. Spanish nuts?
17. Kitty Litter tycoon Edward
18. Karmic Sitcom set in Camden County
20. Put on a throne
21. Poses
22. Trouble
23. Famous musical trio
25. Part of a Hawaiian feast
27. Greens from the garden
30. Says without sound
34. 1986 Janet Jackson gold record
37. Gold records, e.g.
39. Spree
40. Word with blond or wood
41. "The Honeymooners" duration as a TV series
44. Deli selection
45. The fellow in front of the keyboard
47. Trans-Siberian Railroad stop
48. Award earned by 50 across for "Milk"
50. See 48 across
52. Follower of Kafka?
54. Matches or catches
56. Reveal
60. Zulu or Xhosa
63. Opening for Romeo
66. Wells' Weena, for one
67. Nurture the next generation



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69. Google heading
70. Fleming and Thorpe
71. Amber alternative
72. "Under Siege" star
73. He and she
74. Fashion
75. The last word of the year, perhaps
10. Begin an elopement
11. Sit for a fake photo?
12. Part of a plot
13. Shed
19. Prefix with vision or pop
24. Deli choice
26. Childish retort
28. Lecturer's sound
29. Malady
31. Iron age adornment
32. Georgetown player
33. Pun follower
34. Result of rocking and rolling
35. AARP part
36. George's great big peanut-loving poochie
38. Lecturer's sounds?
42. Bar \_\_\_
43. Part of speech for 43 down
46. Has a great mattress?
49. Famous waterways hidden within this puzzle
51. 62 down, in Dijon
53. Veep famous slipping on a potatoe?
55. Neighbor of Fiji
57. Poem of lament
58. James T. Kirk, for one
59. Two-ply cotton thread
60. Lad from Liverpool
61. How you might spell relief
62. Yellow-striped billiards ball
64. "Rocky Horror Picture Show" icon
65. Digs for 60 down
68. A fifth of "Hamlet"

## DOWN

1. Pierced
2. Maine college town
3. Pitiful source for a silk purse
4. It checks whether you look right
5. Deliveries protected by the Federal Gov.
6. Some mattresses
7. Place for a mattress
8. Superlatively slight
9. Home of N. Amer.'s largest mall



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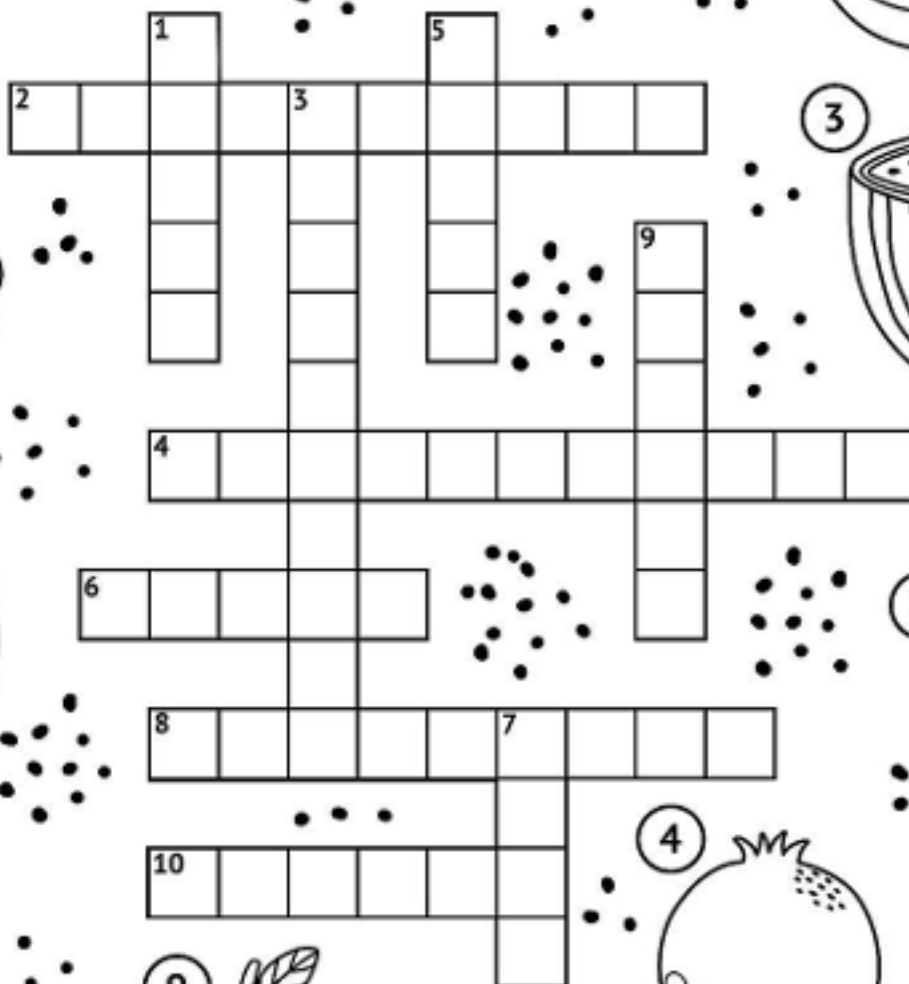
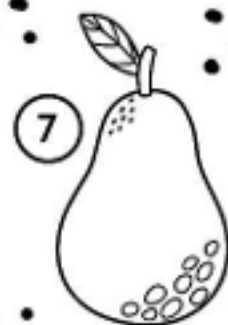
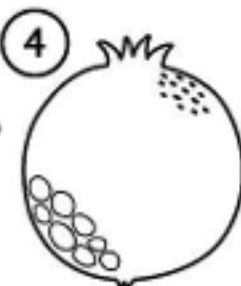
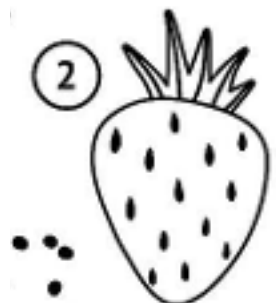
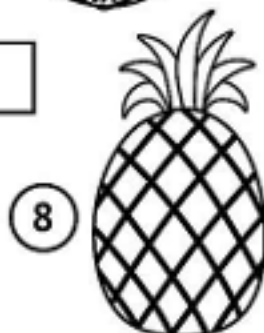
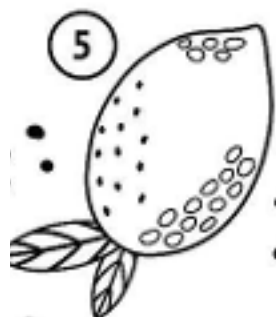
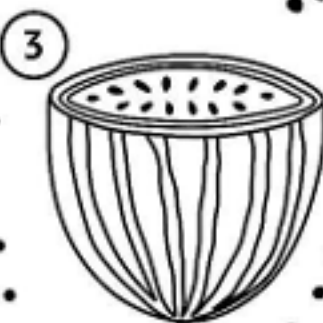
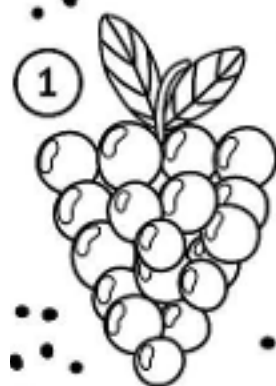
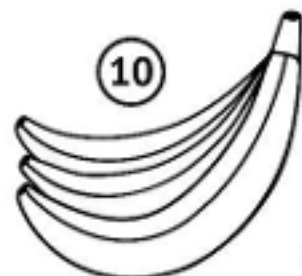


# KID'S CORNER





# Fruits



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4.Pomegranate 5.Lemon 6.Apple 7.Pear  
8.Pineapple 9.Orange 10.Banana



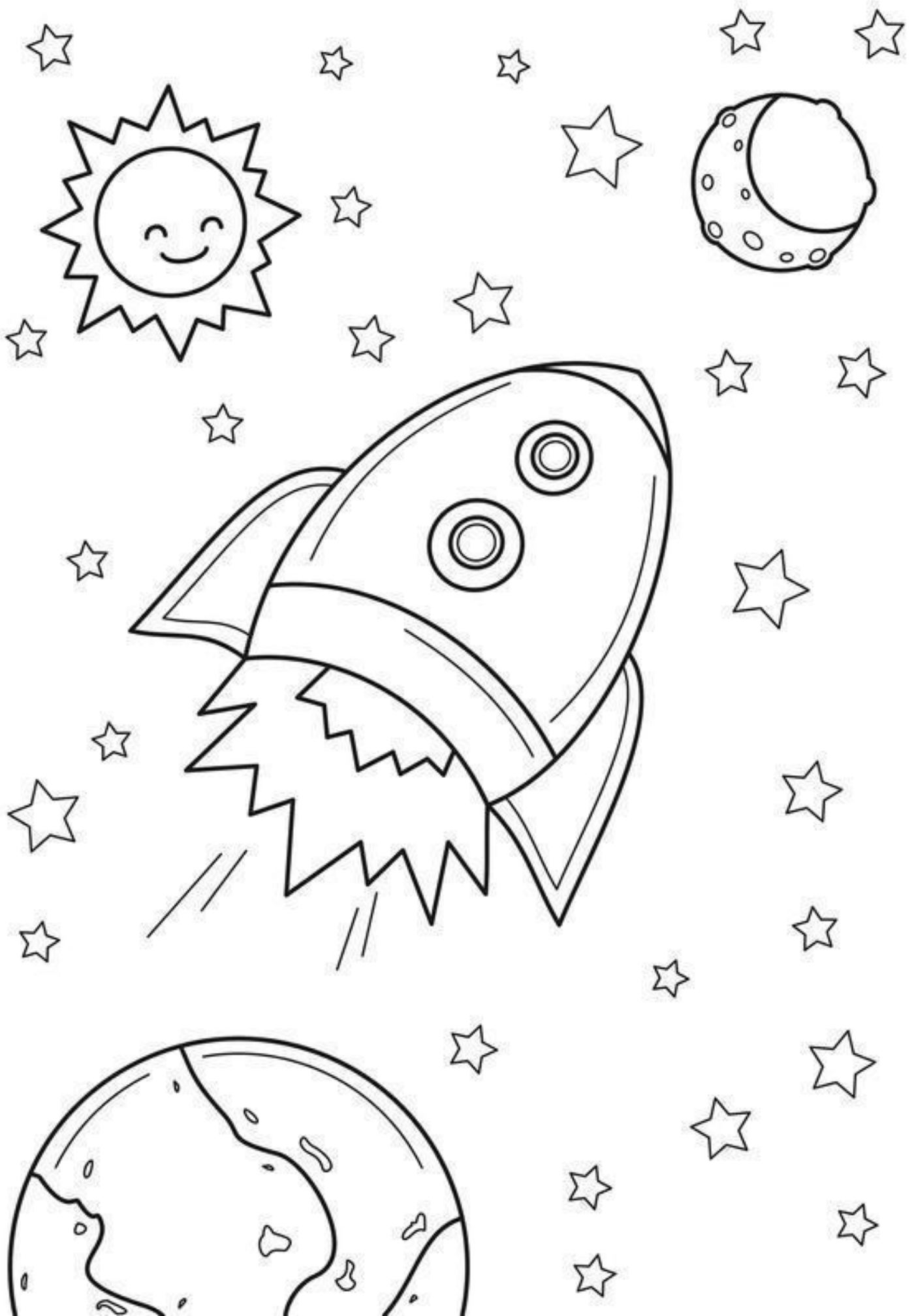
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 Q D Y T N I D O L C S E E D  
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 Y P C A Y S A Z N I T V E J  
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