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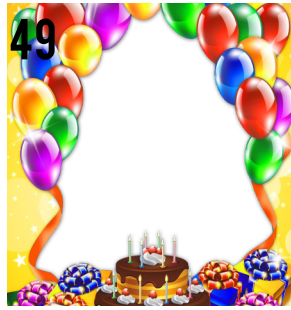
Learn what the local school children have been up to and all the highlights of the RFDS Ball.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Friday 9th February

Wednesday 23rd March

Wednesday 27th April

Wednesday 25th May

Wednesday 22nd June

Wednesday 27th July

Wednesday 24th August

Wednesday 21st September

Wednesday 26th October

Wednesday 23rd November

Thursday 15th December

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

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



# COUNCIL NEWS

## CEO Update

This month has come and gone in the blink of an eye and has been mainly centred on administrative tasks such as preparing the Annual Report, Local Laws, requests for quotations, tenders, issues surrounding the visitors stop, various grant opportunities, native title, OH&S introduction and Human Resources Policy Reviews.

It is heartening to see the visitors stop finally progressing with the aircraft now in situ and the music shell in place. Once complete this will be a major draw card for Gascoyne Junction and the Shire. I anticipate that the later part of November will be very hectic with the WALGA Zone and Regional Road Group meetings, the Coronial Inquest for Mount Augustus, the combined LEMC Meeting in Carnarvon, LGIS Visitation and the final COVID 19 vaccination shots all taking place.

## Corporate Services Update

Since the October Council Meeting the Corporate Services team have really kicked some work goals. Our 2020/21 End of Year Audit has been completed and our Financial Report has been finalised. This has been a great effort by staff and RSM alike as we have received really good feedback in regards to our preparation and prompt assistance during the audit process. I would like to extend a big thank you to my team who helped to make the overall process run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

In addition, we also finalised our Roads to Recovery and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) acquittals and our reports were audited and signed off by the OAG towards the end of October, just in time to meet the deadline set by the funding bodies. Again, the team received high praise for their prompt assistance and timely action during this audit process.

In the midst of all this and to help keep things light, staff have also been working hard on preparing for our annual Community Christmas party which is coming together nicely.





### **Community Resource Centre Update**

October has been a busy one at the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre.

The Centre has hosted community events including a Be Connected Workshop, our third COVID vaccination Clinic, a Bike WA month event and a series of activities each afternoon for a week celebrating Children's Week. Both Bike WA Month and the Children's Week activities were conducted utilising grants. Our feedback from these events has been very positive with arts and craft activities a popular request from the participants for throughout the year. The third COVID vaccination clinic was again well supported. A final clinic for 2021 will be held in November which will provide an opportunity for those who received Astra Zeneca at the August clinic to also become double vaccinated. Conversations have commenced about arranging for a booster clinic to be conducted back in Gascoyne Junction towards March next year for those who will require a booster.

Emails are going backwards and forwards with WAHCS in regards to restoring a regular medical clinic out of the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre. Measuring the medical room and checking insurances has been on the list, and the correct equipment is being ordered. Each email brings this goal a step further.

The TCDO travelled with DBCA along the Kennedy Loop Track mapping the route, generating content and identifying areas of interest over two nights. Meetings have also been held with Carnarvon Shire re the opportunity to cross promote our destinations in the upcoming 2022 Tourism Season.

### **Works and Services Update**

Power has been connected to the new staff house and retaining walls are now complete, unfortunately the original landscaper has reneged and the next available supplier will finish the gardens off after summer. The fencing will be completed over the next two weeks.

The new visitors stop has seen a change of pace with the cladding of the ablutions and shade structures. The aeroplane main feature has been suspended in the air and is proving to be very popular with passer byes. The landscaping should be completed by mid-November however unfortunately we have delayed the installation of the lawns until more water is sourced from the river and once summer has passed. The defective bitumen parking area has been removed and new material will be imported once sufficient dry back of the sub grade has been achieved.

## Works and Services Update Continued



Our pursuit of finding a new location for our bore supplying reticulation water has stalled with exploratory drilling not yielding great results. Bond Rural conducted some spear drilling which produced unfavourable conditions for more water. We are now revisiting permits/applications for entry to Eastern location and or entering into discussions with Water Corp and DWER. This outcome is putting more emphasis on the importance of securing a more permanent solution. Richard Nixon from Global Groundwater has presented a report to council on possible drill sites for sub-artesian water. We are now in the process of obtaining drill specs so we can go to public tender for drilling services.

### **Construction Crew:**

We have finally finished laying in the remaining 4.5km of basecourse in readiness for bitumen. Downer have advised they will be onsite on the 8th December to put down the seal. This will add a total of 11.75km of new seal to the Carnarvon Mullewa road this year. The crew will return to complete the shoulders, drains and batters once the seal is complete before we shut down for Christmas. Our next capital works project will be preparing 5km of the Landor Meekatharra road for new seal in 2022-23.





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We will re-open on Monday the 10th January 2022 as per normal business hours.

The Shire and CRC Staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas!



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

# Shire of Upper Gascoyne Public Notice



## Annual General Meeting of Electors

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS (Local Government Act 1995; Part 1 S 1.7) 2020/21 YEAR

The Annual General Meeting of Electors is to be held on Thursday the 16th December 2021 commencing at 8.30am in the Council Chambers, Gascoyne Junction.

#### Agenda

- Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting of Electors held on 24th March 2021.
- Consideration and acceptance of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne 2020/2021 Annual Report, which includes:
  - Presidents Report,
  - Chief Executive Officers Report
- Annual Financial Report and Auditors Report
  - General Business.

A copy of the 2020/21 Annual Report may be obtained from the Shire Offices, Scott Street Gascoyne Junction.

In order that the relevant information may be readily available at the meeting, it would be appreciated if questions could be submitted in writing by Wednesday 9th of December 2021.

John McCleary  
Chief Executive Officer

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



## Shire of Upper Gascoyne



### The 2020/2021 Annual Report is now available

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, under Division 5 Section 5.55, it is hereby notified that the 2020/2021 Shire of Upper Gascoyne Annual Report has been accepted by Council on the 17th November 2021 and is now available to the public.

A copy of the 2020/2021 Annual Report can be viewed at the Shire Office and the CRC at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, and a copy is also available on the Shire's website at [www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](http://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au)

John McCleary  
Chief Executive Officer

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



## COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2022

4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Each Month*	
February*	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>
March	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>
April	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>
May	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>
June	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
July	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>
August	Wednesday 24 <sup>h</sup>
September*	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>
October	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>
November	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>
December*	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>
*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 8:30am 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 2022 - Western Road inspections  
 May 2022 - 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





# Christmas/New Year Bin Collection



**DUE TO THE BOXING DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY, BINS WILL BE COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2021.**

(NORMAL BIN DAY SERVICE WILL APPLY IN THE NEW YEAR)

## Containers for Change

When discarding your rubbish, remember that the students at the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School are participating in Containers for Change. You can place any accepted container in the bins outside the school fence. Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible. Eligible containers must be included on the scheme's list of products or display the refund mark eg. 10c refund at a collection depots/points. These bins are not for general rubbish and plain milk containers of all sizes, glass containers that have contained wine or pure spirits, containers larger than 1L that have contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice, cask wine or cask water, concentrated or undiluted cordial or syrup containers, sachets above 250ml that have contained wine and registered health tonics. For more details visit the Containers or Change website. All funds raised support the Gascoyne Junction RCS.



Items we accept



Excluded containers



# COUNCIL UPDATE....



## FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

### SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – Nov 2021 (PACKAGE 1)

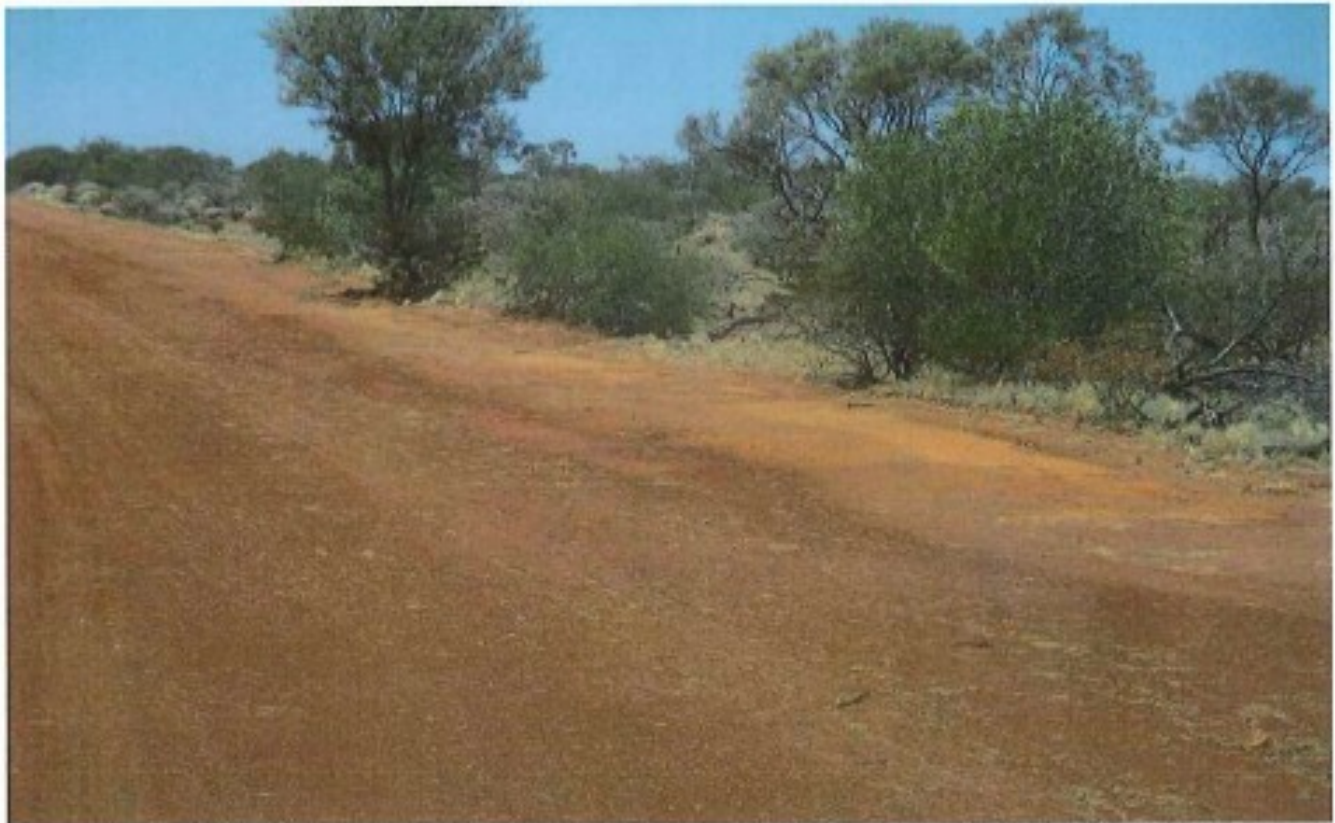
Contractor	QEM Group	Package Start Date:	19 Sept 2020
		Actual Completion Date:	31 Oct 2021
Works this period (Nov 2021)		Works next period (Dec 2021)	
<p>All remaining works on Edmund Gifford Creek Rd, Wanna Rd and Cobra Gifford Creek Rd were completed in late October 2021.</p> <p>The majority of the QEM work crew left site for a short break and will be returning ready to commence works on the AGRN951 works around 17 November 2021.</p>		No further works.	
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	100%	97%	
Bingegaroo Rd	100%	100%	
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd	100%	12%	
Cobra Mt Augustus Rd	100%	100%	
Dooley Downs Rd	100%	100%	
Edmund Gifford Creek Rd	100%	85%	
Londor Mt Clere Rd	100%	100%	
Londor Meekatharra Rd	100%	100%	
Londor Mt Augustus Rd	100%	100%	
Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd	100%	100%	
Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd	100%	100%	
Mount Augustus Rd	100%	100%	
Mount Augustus Woodlands Rd	100%	100%	
Pingandy Rd	100%	100%	

Pingandy Homestead Access Rd	100%	100%
Potts Rd	100%	100%
Waldburg Rd	100%	100%
Wanna Rd	100%	3%
<b>Discussion Items</b>		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp remains in place at Dooley Downs Rd. Due to the location of the works the camp will remain in this location until the end of the contract.	





***Cobra Gifford Creek Rd – Defect***



***Cobra Gifford Creek Rd – Completed***





***Edmund Gifford Creek Rd – Defect***



***Edmund Gifford Creek Rd – Completed***

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT  
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – Nov 2021 (PACKAGE 2)**

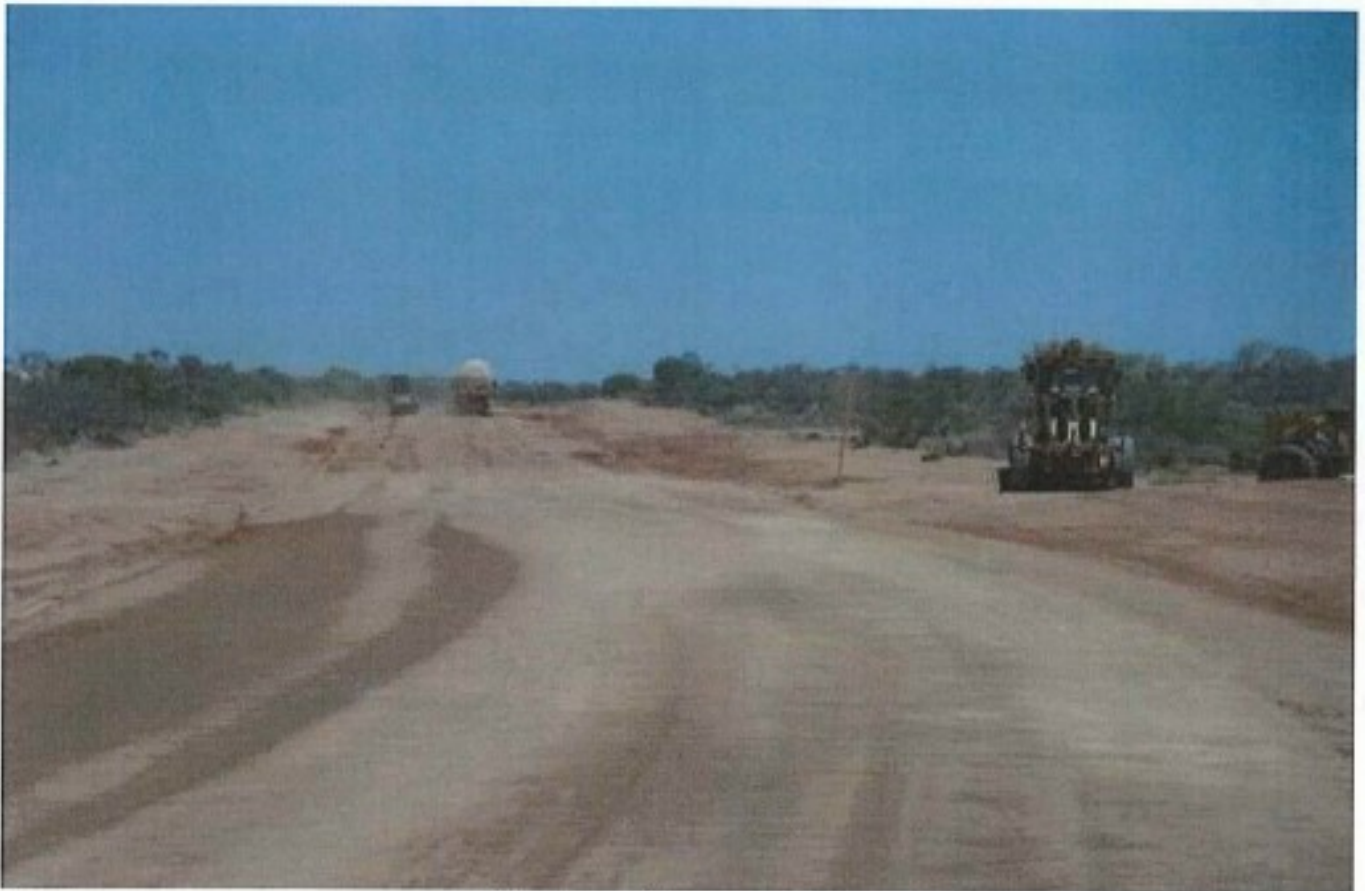
Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	8 Nov 2020
		Forecast Completion Date:	Mar / April 2022
Works this period (Nov 2021)		Works next period (Dec 2021)	
<b>Ullawarra Rd</b> Continued works on this road comprising shoulder repairs, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, removal of silt from drain lines and reforming / resheeting. <b>Lyons River Rd</b> Commenced works on this road comprising removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodway and heavy reforming.		<b>Ullawarra Rd</b> Continue works on this road. There is approx. 35 days remaining predominately in an approx. 20km section between Davis Creek and Lyons River Rd. <b>Lyons River Rd</b> Complete all remaining works on this road (forecast for end November 2021).	
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	63%	56%	
Carey Downs Road	Not yet commenced		
Carnarvon Mullewa Road	100%	100%	
Cobra Dairy Creek Road	0%	0%	
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Road	100%	100%	
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	100%	100%	
Erong Road	100%	100%	
Eudamullah Road	100%	100%	
Gilroyd Road	0%	0%	
Gregory Street	Transferred to AGRN951 scope		
Hatch Street	100%	100%	
Killili Road	100%	100%	



Lyons River Road	86%	0%
Minnie Creek Road	100%	100%
Mooloo Downs Access Road	Not yet commenced	
Newton Drive	100%	100%
Pimbee Road	0%	0%
Riverside Drive	100%	100%
Rubbish Tip Road	100%	100%
Scott Street	100%	100%
Ullawarra Road	67%	59%
Viveash Way	100%	100%
Weedarrah Road	Not yet commenced	
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp has been shifted to southern end of Ullawarra Rd. From this camp, works on the northern end of Pimbee Rd will also be progressed after Christmas.	



*Ullawarra Rd - Current Works*



*Ullawarra Rd - Current Works*





*Lyons River Road - Current Works*





# RESPECT OUR ROADS



## CLOSED MEANS CLOSED FOR LOCALS & VISITORS ALIKE

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

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

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

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

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

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

[www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/roadreport](http://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/roadreport)

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



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

# Say G'Day



**Full name:** Erica Clinch

**Nickname:** Caca

**Place of birth:** Subiaco

**Favourite food?** Pizza

**Favourite animal?** Wombat

**Footy team:** West Coast Eagles

**Where did you grow up?** Carnarvon

**Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?** To help my Aunty & Uncle

**How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?** 3 months

**What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?** The People



# BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

## New look GDC board

COUNCILLOR Inge Stocks from the Shire of Upper Gascoyne was recently appointed to the GDC board as a local government representative by Gascoyne Minister Ljiljanna Ravlich.

Inge first moved to the Gascoyne in 1986 taking up residence at Cobra Station Resort for two years after which she moved to Denham for two years.

Inge and her family then moved to Gascoyne Junction where they have resided for the past 15 years.

Inge elected to the Shire of Upper Gascoyne in 1996 is the first female councillor in the Shire's history.

Inge played an active role on the Upper Gascoyne Health and Recreation Group Inc. and in 2002 was awarded an Australian Sports Medal for services to sport and recreation.

Inge believes the development of the pastoral and tourism industries is the key for sustaining the economic and social growth of the Upper Gascoyne.

Inge's extensive participation in local government and knowledge and understanding of the various issues

affecting her local shire and the broader Gascoyne communities will make her an asset to the Board. Other movements include the appointment of Richard Patty as Chairman to replace Kevin Leahy who resigned to fill a vacancy in the Legislative Council. Peter Green replaces Richard as Deputy Chairman.

Thanks are extended to outgoing local government representative Marshall Hipper for his five years of service to the GDC.

The interests of Shark Bay residents will continue to be well represented by their community member Benny Bellottie and Shadow Board Member Darren Capewell.



*Inge Stocks*

**This article was originally published in the Northern Guardian on  
Wednesday December 1st, 2004.**



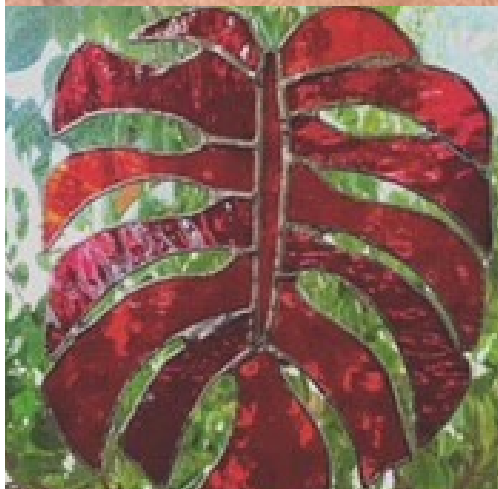
# Gascoyne Junction Craft Group

## STAY TUNED FOR 2022 CRAFT DATES

For any queries, please contact the Secretary Tina Matthews

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# COMING SOON

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

### KIDS OF ALL AGES

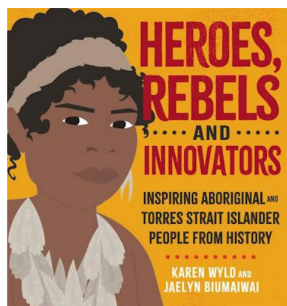


### DEC 18 TO FEB 11



For more information visit our website [uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](http://uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au)  
and visit the Library Page

## BOOKS OF THE MONTH



### HEROES, REBELS AND INNOVATORS

Be inspired and amazed by these incredible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander icons! With colourful artwork and evocative writing, this book tells stories every Australian should know.

Powerful and exciting: here are seven inspiring stories about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from history. Each colourful spread in this illustrated book tells a compelling story.



### THE FIFTH SEASON

Jack retreats to an Airbnb cottage in a small coastal town. As a writer he is pre-occupied with the phenomenon of found people: the Somerton Man, the Gippsland Man, the Isdal Woman, people who are found dead – their identities unknown or erased – and the mysterious pull this has on the public mind.

In Blue Bay, as well as encountering the town's colourful inhabitants, Jack befriends Sarah, whose sister Alice is one of the many thousands of people who go missing every year. Sarah has been painting her sister's likeness in murals throughout the country, hoping that Alice will be found. Then Jack discovers a book about the people of the town, and about Sarah, which was written by a man who called himself Simon. Who once lived in the same cottage and created a backyard garden comprised of crazy mosaics. Until he too disappeared.

While Sarah's life seems beholden to an ambiguous grief, Jack's own condition is unclear. Is he writing or dying? In *The Fifth Season* Philip Salom brings his virtuoso gifts for storytelling, humour and character to a haunting and unforgettable novel about the tenuousness of life and what it means to be both lost and found.

### LIVING WITHOUT PLASTIC



Bloggers Allen and Wong present an eye-opening guide on how to lessen one's dependence on plastics. The authors make a strong case that consumers can't recycle their way out of plastic's deleterious effects on the environment, so a total rethink of habits is necessary.

They offer substitutions for almost every type of plastic one can think of and some we may not think about at all, such as Scotch tape and chewing gum. Among the alternatives are recipes for hair spray, water filters and watercolours alongside photos of ingredients and creations made from all-natural products. Knowing how to sew opens up many options, since one can make gauze pads (sewn cotton scraps) to replace those blended with plastics, plastic wrap (recycled fabric with a DIY wax coating), and other solutions with ease. Though some claims about plastic's harm to a person's health could use more robust scientific explanations, readers will walk away convinced of the harm the proliferation of plastic causes people and the planet. This is a clarion, convincing wake-up call to the scope of the global plastic problem and what readers can do about it

# FIFTY NINE

That is how many new titles arrived at the Gascoyne Junction Library this month. DVDs, Biographies, Audio Books, Childrens Books, Fiction and Non Fiction await. The Library is FREE to join. Make sure you take a look next time you are visiting the CRC.

## FICTION

1. All About Ella by Meredith Appleyard
2. The Duchess by Wendy Holden
3. The Eighth Wonder by Tania Farrelly
4. False Witness by Karin Slaughter
5. A Galway Epiphany by Ken Bruen
6. The Heights by Louise Candish
7. The Heron's Cry by Ann Cleeves
8. Jailhouse Lawyer by James Patterson & Nancy Allen
9. The Inside Man by James Phelps
10. Intimacies by Katie Kitamura
11. Just Murdered by Katherine Kovacic
12. Local Woman Missing by Mary Kubica
13. Magpie's Bend by Maya Linnell
14. Meet Me In Bendigo by Eva Scott
15. The Night Village by Zoe Deleuil
16. Nine Lives by Danielle Steel
17. The Others by Mark Brandi
18. The Price of Two Sparrows by Christy Collins
19. Prisoner by SR White
20. The Riviera House by Natasha Lester
21. The Saboteurs by Clive Cusler and Jack Du Brul
22. Still Life by Sarah Winman
23. The Wattle Island Book Club by Sandie Docker
24. When You Are Mine by Michael Robotham



## ADULT NON FICTION

25. The Boy from Long Gully: Australia's Unsung Hero from the early 1900s heretic age of Antarctic exploration by Wilson McOrist
26. Explore Australia 2022: Australia's Essential Travel Guide
27. Neil Harvey: the last invincible by Ashley Mallett
28. Majak: Majak Daw with Heath O'Loughlin
29. Mix and Match Knit Sweater Designs by Rita Maassen
30. Our Sunburt Country by Anika Molesworth

# NEW TITLES

## NON FICTION

- 31. Rat in the Ranks: Bookies, Police, Pimps, Perjury and Thugs by Alan Leek
- 32. Sharing Stories in an Ancient Land: the Wesern Australian Museum by Terri-Ann White
- 33. Where We Swim: Explorations of Nature, Travel and Family by Ingrid Horrocks
- 34. Work. Love. Body. Work By Jane Gilmore Love by Santilla Chingaipe Body By Emily J Brooks
- 35. Yates Garden Guide

## JUNIOR NON FICTION

- 36. Australian Backyard Birdies by Andy Geppert
- 37. Book of Numbers by Oliver Jeffers
- 38. Great White Shark by Claire Saxby
- 39. Heroes, Rebels and Innovators: inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People from History
- 40. Little Book , Big Universe: Exploring Australia's Night Skies by Lisa Harvey-Smith
- 41. Milbi: Aboriginal Stories from Queensland's Endeavour River told by Tulo Gordon
- 42. My Body Written by Maureen Yanawana
- 43. Real Magic: Tips and Tricks Tik Tok and totally good vibes by Ash Magic
- 44. The Story of the Olympic Games
- 45. Where's the Sporty Poo: on your marks, get set, search

## JUNIOR FICTION

- 46. Bella and the Voyaging House by Meg McKinlay
- 47. Cato's Can Can by Juliet Sampson
- 48. Duck, Duck, Dad? by Lorna Scobie
- 49. Grandpa Loves You by Anna Pignataro
- 50. Happy Fathers Day written by real kids about their dads
- 51. Ninja Dogs by Anh Do
- 52. Pig the Monster by Aaron Blabey
- 53. Poison for Breakfast Lemony Snicket
- 54. The River by Sally Morgan
- 55. A Trip to the Hospital by Freda Chiu

## YOUNG ADULT

- 56. It's Not You It's Me by Gabrielle Williams

## JUNIOR FICTION DVD

- 57. Lena and Snowball
- 58. Moonbound
- 59. Peter Rabbit 2



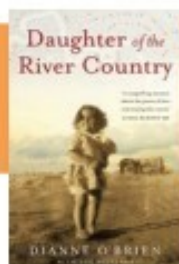


# 16 Days in WA recommended reading list 2021

Curated by the State Library of Western Australia



## Biographies



### **Daughter of the River Country** Dianne O'Brien

From a victim of the Stolen Generations comes a remarkable memoir of abuse, survival – and ultimately hope.

Born in country NSW in the 1940s, baby Dianne is immediately taken from her Aboriginal mother. Raised in the era of the White Australia policy, Dianne grows up believing her adoptive Irish mother, Val, is her birth mother. Val promises Dianne that one day they will take a trip and she will 'tell her a secret'. But before they get the chance, Val tragically dies.

Abandoned by her adoptive father, Dianne is raped at the age of 15, sentenced to Parramatta Girls Home and later forced to marry her rapist in order to keep her baby. She goes on to endure horrific domestic violence at the hands of different partners, alcohol addiction and cruel betrayal by those closest to her. But amazingly her fighting spirit is not extinguished.

At the age of 36, while raising six kids on her own, Dianne learns she is Aboriginal and that her great-grandfather was William Cooper, a famous Aboriginal activist. Miraculously she finds a way to forgive her traumatic past and becomes a leader in her own right, vowing to help other stolen people just like her.



### **Fury** Kathryn Heyman

A raw, painfully honest, heartbreaking account of a young woman raising herself out of abuse and poverty to become her own hero.

A roadmap of recovery and transformation, this is the story of becoming heroic in a culture which doesn't see heroism in the shape of a girl.

At the age of twenty, after a traumatic sexual assault trial, Kathryn Heyman ran away from her life and became a deckhand on a fishing trawler in the Timor Sea.

Coming from a family of poverty and violence, she had no real role models, no example of how to create or live a decent life, how to have hope or expectations. But she was a reader. She understood story, and the power of words to name the world. This was to become her salvation.

After one wild season on board the Ocean Thief, the only girl among tough working men, facing storms, treachery and harder physical labour than she had ever known, Heyman was transformed. Finally, she could name the abuses she thought had broken her, could see 'all that she had been blind to, simply to survive'. More than that, after a period of enforced separation from the world, she was able to return to it newly formed, determined to remake the role she'd been born into.

A reflection on the wider stories of class, and of growing up female with all its risks and rewards, **Fury** is a memoir of courage and determination, of fighting back and finding joy.





## Malala Yousafzai (Little People, Big Dreams)

Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara,  
Manal Mirza

In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Malala Yousafzai, the incredible activist for girls education and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate.

When Malala was born in Mingora, Pakistan, her father was determined she would have every opportunity that a boy would have. She loved getting an education, but when a hateful regime came to power, girls were no longer allowed to go to school.

Malala spoke out in public about this, which made her a target for violence. She was shot in the left side of her head and woke up in hospital in England. Finally after long months and many surgeries, Malala recovered, and resolved to become an activist for girls education.

Now a recent Oxford graduate, Malala continues to fight for a world where all girls can learn and lead. This powerful book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the activist's life.



## The Beauty of Living Twice

Sharon Stone

She was one of the most renowned actresses in the world—until a massive stroke cost her not only her health, but her career, family, fortune and global fame. In **The Beauty of Living Twice**, Sharon Stone chronicles her efforts to rebuild her life, and the slow road back to wholeness and health. In an industry that doesn't accept failure, in a world where too many voices are silenced, Stone found the power to return, the courage to speak up, and the will to make a difference in the lives of women and children around the globe.

Over the course of these intimate pages, as candid as a personal conversation, Stone talks about her pivotal roles, her life-changing friendships, her worst disappointments and her greatest accomplishments. She reveals how she went from a childhood of trauma and violence to a business that in many ways echoed those same assaults, under cover of money and glamour. She describes the strength and meaning she found in her children and in her humanitarian efforts. And ultimately, she shares how she fought her way back to find not only her truth, but her family's reconciliation and love.

Stone made headlines not just for her beauty and her talent but for her candour and her refusal to "play nice", and it's those same qualities that make this memoir so powerful. **The Beauty of Living Twice** is a book for the wounded and a book for the survivors; it's a celebration of women's strength and resilience, a reckoning and a call to activism. It is proof that it's never too late to raise your voice and speak out.



## Fiction



### The Family Doctor

Debra Oswald

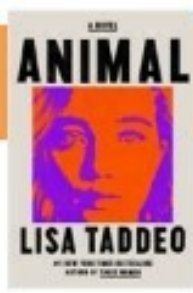
Paula is a dedicated suburban GP, who is devastated by the murder of a friend and her children by their estranged

husband and father. Stacey and the children had been staying with her after fleeing his control, and Paula is haunted by the thought that she couldn't protect them when they most needed it. How had she missed the warning signs? How had she failed to keep them safe?

Not long after, a patient with suspicious injuries brings her anxious young son into Paula's surgery. The woman admits that her husband hurts her, but she's terrified to leave for fear of escalating the violence, and defeated by the consistent failures of the law to help her.

Can Paula go against everything she believes to make sure one woman is saved, one child spared? She isn't motivated by revenge. She's desperately trying to prevent a tragedy.

A riveting, provocative novel about women's fury, traumatic grief, new love, deep friendship, and the preciousness of life, **The Family Doctor** asks the questions: Should you cling to faith in a flawed system, or take control the only way you can? Can a good person justify taking a life to save a life?



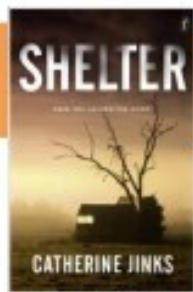
### Animal

Lisa Taddeo

Joan has spent a lifetime enduring the cruelties of men. But when one of them commits a shocking act of violence in

front of her, she flees New York City in search of Alice, the only person alive who can help her make sense of her past. In the sweltering hills above Los Angeles, Joan unravels the horrific event she witnessed as a child—that has haunted her every waking moment—while forging the power to finally strike back.

**Animal** is a depiction of female rage at its rawest, and a visceral exploration of the fallout from a male-dominated society.



### Shelter

Catherine Jinks

Meg lives alone: a little place in the bush outside town. A perfect place to hide. That's one of the reasons she offers

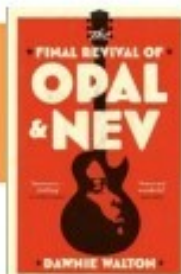
to shelter Nerine, who's escaping a violent ex. The other is that Meg knows what it's like to live with an abusive partner.

Nerine is jumpy and her two little girls are frightened. It tells Meg all she needs to know where they've come from, and she's not all that surprised when Nerine asks her to get hold of a gun. But she knows it's unnecessary. They're safe now.

Then she starts to wonder about some little things. A disturbed flyscreen. A tune playing on her windchimes. Has Nerine's ex tracked them down? Has Meg's husband turned up to torment her some more?

By the time she finds out, it'll be too late to do anything but run for her life.





## **The Final Revival of Opal & Nev**

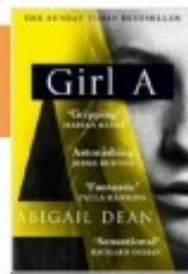
Dawnie Walton

A poignant fictional oral history of a rock 'n' roll duo who shot to fame in 1970s New York, and the secret that lies at the peak of their stardom.

Opal is a fiercely independent young woman pushing against the grain in her style and attitude, Afro-punk before that term existed. Coming of age in Detroit, she can't imagine settling for a 9-to-5 job—despite her unusual looks, Opal believes she can be a star. So when the aspiring British singer/songwriter Neville Charles discovers her at a bar's amateur night, she takes him up on his offer to make rock music together for the fledgling Rivington Records.

In early seventies New York City, just as she's finding her niche as part of a flamboyant and funky creative scene, a rival band signed to her label brandishes a Confederate flag at a promotional concert. Opal's bold protest and the violence that ensues set off a chain of events that will not only change the lives of those she loves, but also be a deadly reminder that repercussions are always harsher for women, especially black women, who dare to speak their truth.

Decades later, as Opal considers a 2016 reunion with Nev, music journalist S. Sunny Shelton seizes the chance to curate an oral history about her idols. Sunny thought she knew most of the stories leading up to the cult duo's most politicized chapter. But as her interviews dig deeper, a nasty new allegation from an unexpected source threatens to blow up everything.



## **Girl A**

Abigail Dean

Lex Gracie doesn't want to think about her family. She doesn't want to think about growing up in her parents' House of Horrors. And she doesn't want to think about her identity as Girl A: the girl who escaped.

When her mother dies in prison and leaves Lex and her siblings the family home, she can't run from her past any longer. Together with her sister, Evie, Lex intends to turn the House of Horrors into a force for good. But first she must come to terms with her six siblings – and with the childhood they shared.



## Newsletter

19/11/2021

### PRINCIPAL'S POST



*Hello to parents, families, and the school community.*

We are extremely proud that our recent *Black-Tie Ball* raised the following grand total for the **Royal Flying Doctor**.

**\$14 737.85**

I would like to thank our school staff, our sponsors, our guests and all the behind-the-scenes staff who made this possible.

An extra special thanks must go to Blanche Walker for initiating such a fine event and for her tireless efforts to make sure that this was such a memorable evening. Blanche recently presented the cheque to Royal Flying Doctor personnel in Perth on behalf of the school. **Great job Blanche!**



*Kind regards  
Jackie Miller, Principal*

### TOUCH RUGBY PROGRAM

This term our students have been learning Touch Rugby skills as part of their Sporting Schools program run by Tessa and her crew from the **Stephen Michael Foundation**.



### MIDWEST EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

Each year WA schools are asked to nominate someone involved with their school whom we wish to recognise for excellence in contributing to the education of our Midwest Region students. For 2021, the school is proud to recognise Ainsley Hardie and we congratulate her on her nomination. All WA school nominees will be displayed in the Midwest Times in mid-November.



*As our recently elected Chair of the School Council, Ainsley is relentless in her support of our school, arranging amazing event for our students and proudly sharing our achievements.*



# ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR BLACK TIE BALL



Terrific band!



Great company!



*Belle  
Of The Ball!*



Best pose  
ever!



Oh dear!  
The room looked  
a bit different at  
the start of the  
evening.



## THE CREW BEHIND THE SCENES

A **HUGE** pat on the back to the staff behind the scenes who worked tirelessly throughout the day and night of the ball to ensure that all our guests had the best possible experience.



*(Sa must have been hiding when these photos were taken but we thank her very much too!)*

**GREAT JOB EVERYONE!**

## OUR SPONSORS

*Thanks to all of our  
sponsors for their  
outstanding support.*



LEE UWIN  
COAST



## GASCOYNE SCHOOL COMING EVENTS

Friday 26/11/21	Triple P Seminar in school library
Friday 10/12/21	Semester Two reports go home
Thursday 16/12/21	Last day of school for students Presentation Night at the Pavilion (5:00pm start)
Friday 17/12/21	School Development Day for staff



# CORRECT SUNSCREEN APPLICATION



Apply sunscreen at least  
**20 minutes**  
before sun exposure



 = **5 mL**  
One teaspoon is equal to 5mL of sunscreen

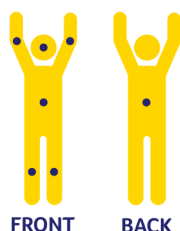


You need at least  
**7 teaspoons**  
for a full body application.  
One for each arm, each leg,  
your front, your back,  
face, neck and ears.

This means a full body application\*  
**is 35mL of sunscreen**



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\*35mL equals one full body:  
• Front of body  
• Back of body  
• Face, neck and ears  
• Arms and legs

For a Cancer Council 110mL tube, this is approx. 3 full body applications.



Always read the label. Use only as directed.



Reapply sunscreen after  
**2 hours, or sooner**  
if you've been swimming,  
sweating or towel drying.

**Do a test**  
if it's a first time use,  
or if you're applying to  
sensitive skin. If irritation  
occurs, discontinue use.

# COUNTRY FAMILIES @ NGALA

Support to families with children from birth to 8 years living in regional, rural and remote Western Australia



Ngala have partnered with WA Country Health Service (WACHS) to provide free child health parenting information and support to families living in regional, rural or remote WA.

## Facebook Group

Join a community of other country families to access parenting information, resources & program updates.  
Search: CountryFamilies@Ngala.

## Tutorials and Facebook Live Sessions

See recorded and live videos with information for parents with children aged 0 – 8 years.

## Online 'Live Chat'

Chat with a Ngala Child Health Nurse via Facebook.  
Please check website for session times.

## Individual Consultations

30 minute video or phone consults with a Ngala Child Health Nurse for child development information and parenting support.

## Country Dads' SMS Service

Receive information and resources via SMS or Email.

**Call: 9368 9342**

**Email: [CountryFamilies@ngala.com.au](mailto:CountryFamilies@ngala.com.au)**



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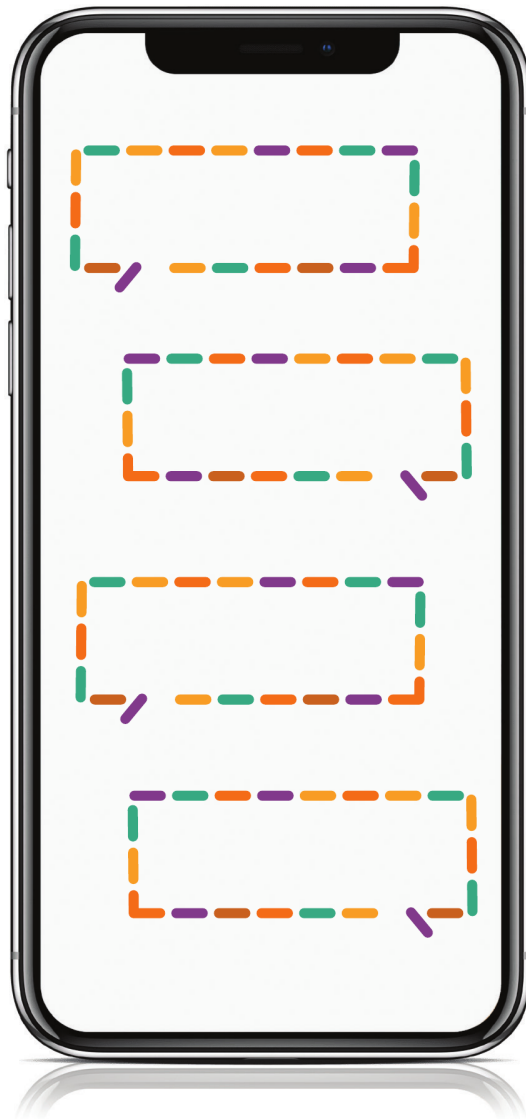
**To find out more visit**

**[www.ngala.com.au/program/country-services](http://www.ngala.com.au/program/country-services)**



# WE'RE REVIEWING THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT

# Have your say



The Mental Health Commission is reviewing the *Mental Health Act (2014)* and wants to hear from people who:

- Have received treatment under the Act;
- Have supported someone who received treatment under the Act;
- Work in the mental health sector, including as an advocate or volunteer;
- Have feedback about the operation and effectiveness of the Act.

Tell us what is working well with the Act or where things could be improved.

This is your chance to have your say and help improve the Act for the Western Australian community.

Visit [www.mhc.wa.gov.au/mhactreview](http://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/mhactreview) or telephone (08) 6553 0600 for more information.

Feedback can be provided up to 31 January 2022.



Government of Western Australia  
Mental Health Commission



# Preparing Your Home and Property

**PREPARE,  
TAKE ACTION,  
RECOVER**

## Prepare your home and property for cyclone and floods

Preparing your family and your home for a cyclone is your responsibility. If you live in a cyclone prone area, you must make it a priority between **May and October** to get your home ready inside and out.

### Before the cyclone season you must

- ☐ Trim branches and treetops around your home
- ☐ Remove or secure loose items around your home
- ☐ Fix shutters or metal screens to all your glass windows and doors
- ☐ Know how to switch off the electricity, gas and water

### Ask yourself

- ☐ Does your home meet local council cyclone and flood standards?
- ☐ Is your home safe to stay in during a cyclone?
- ☐ Are the walls, roof and eaves secure?
- ☐ Are your shutters and locks working?
- ☐ Does your property insurance cover you for cyclone and flood?

A full list of preparedness actions can be found at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)



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Mark Rhodes  
photography



### Did you know?

Not all homes are a safe place to be during a cyclone. Where will you go if your home is not well prepared?



When a **Blue Alert** is issued, you need to start preparing your home for the possible threat of a cyclone. This includes securing all items outside such as your boat, caravan or trailer.

For more information visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or contact **DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816**



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# Driving in floodwaters

## Plan your trip. Drive with care.

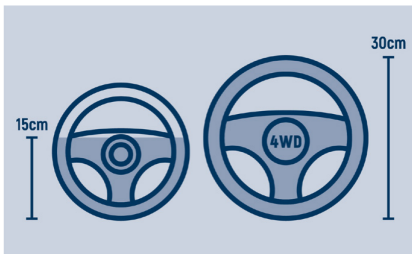
Driving on roads during or after a flood is extremely hazardous.

1 in 3 flood-related fatalities in WA involve a vehicle. Roads and bridges can be severely damaged by the power of floodwaters. Communities that experience flooding may be isolated for days, weeks or even months.

If the area you are traveling through has experienced recent flooding, review your plans before you leave.

## When you see floodwaters, **STOP**

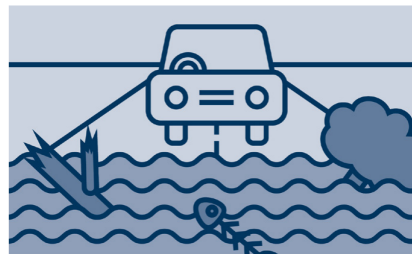
Skilled drivers always ask 3 questions



### 1. How deep is the water?

In just 15cms of flowing water, floods can take control of a small car.

In just 30cms of flowing water, floods can take control of a 4WD.



### 2. What condition is the road in?

If you can't see the road, you can't see the damage and obstructions.



### 3. How strong is the current?

Cars have been washed away in shallow floodwaters.

## IF UNSURE, IT'S OK TO DRIVE AWAY!

And remember: **CLOSED MEANS CLOSED**. Obey road closures and check road conditions.

### Stay informed

#### Emergency WA

[emergency.wa.gov.au](https://emergency.wa.gov.au)

#### Weather and Flood Warnings

1300 659 213  
[bom.gov.au/wa](https://bom.gov.au/wa)

#### Main Roads WA

138 138  
[mainroads.wa.gov.au](https://mainroads.wa.gov.au)

#### Listen

ABC Radio  
or local radio

For more information, visit [dfes.wa.gov.au](https://dfes.wa.gov.au)  
or call DFES Community Preparedness on **08 9395 9816**



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# Tropical cyclones and flooding

Summertime is tropical cyclone season in our North West. It's important to know your risks and be prepared for cyclones and flooding.

## GET PREPARED BEFORE YOU GO

### KNOW THE RISKS

Tropical cyclones hit the Kimberley and Pilbara coasts from November to April, and the Midwest-Gascoyne often floods as they move south.

Cyclones can be severe, and hit WA every year with destructive winds, torrential rainfall, flooding, dangerous storm surges and heavy swells.

Your safety is your responsibility. Follow the advice below to get prepared, stay informed and keep safe during the cyclone season.

### KNOW THE WARNING SYSTEM

For current cyclone alerts and warnings visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://emergency.wa.gov.au)

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) issues cyclone information to the public in the form of a Cyclone Watch and Cyclone Warning. DFES then issues community alerts to keep people informed and safe.

The alert level changes to reflect the increasing risk to your life and advises what you need to do before, during and after a cyclone.

#### > BLUE ALERT

Get ready for a cyclone. You need to start preparing for cyclone weather.



#### > YELLOW ALERT

Take action and get ready to shelter from a cyclone. You need to prepare for the arrival of a cyclone.

#### > RED ALERT

Take shelter from the cyclone. You need to shelter immediately.

#### > ALL CLEAR

The cyclone has passed but take care. Wind and storm surge dangers have passed but you need to take care to avoid the dangers caused by damage.

### BE READY FOR TRAVELLING

To ensure you are prepared for a cyclone when travelling in the North West:

#### > PACK A WATERPROOF EMERGENCY KIT

As a minimum, your emergency kit should include a battery-operated radio, torch, spare batteries, mobile phone and charger, medications, first aid kit, toiletries and sanitary items. For more information visit [dfes.wa.gov.au/cyclone](https://dfes.wa.gov.au/cyclone)

#### > TAKE SUPPLIES FOR 5 DAYS

Roads and supplies are often blocked during a cyclone. You need to take enough food, water and fuel for at least five days.

#### > PLAN YOUR ROUTE(S)

Plan how you can leave safely from your destination or route if impacted by a cyclone. For information on roads in Western Australia, including current road closures and conditions, visit [mainroads.wa.gov.au](https://mainroads.wa.gov.au) or call 138 138.

**BE THE CALM  
BEFORE THE STORM**



# STAY AWARE WHEN YOU GET THERE



## > KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER

Tropical cyclones are forecast weather events, so you have time to plan. Stay up to date with weather and cyclone warnings in the weeks and days before your trip:

- Visit [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au) for current and forecasted weather and warnings
- Visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au) for current warnings and alerts
- Listen to ABC radio or local radio station.

Remember, there may be no mobile phone reception in remote areas, so it is important to have a battery-operated radio with you.

## > KEEP YOUR FUEL TANK TOPPED UP

Service stations are limited in the North West. In the event of a cyclone, queues will be long and fuel supplies may be cut off. Keep your tank as full as possible during your trip and carry spare fuel.

## > PEOPLE WITH CARAVANS WILL BE TOLD TO LEAVE

Caravans cannot be made safe in a cyclone. If you are travelling with a caravan you will be told to leave the area before the cyclone arrives. You may not be able to tie down or anchor your caravan at a local caravan park.

## > NEVER DRIVE THROUGH FLOODWATERS

Most cyclone-related deaths are from drowning. Floodwaters can take control of your 4WD in just 30cm of flowing water. For other cars it's only 15cm. Download the Driving in Floodwater factsheet from [dfes.wa.gov.au/cyclone](http://dfes.wa.gov.au/cyclone) for more information.

## > TELL SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

Ensure someone knows your travel itinerary, including when you are expecting to be travelling between destinations. Let them know when you have arrived safely.

## BOAT OWNERS

If you own a boat ensure you are aware of the following:

### > SEVERE WEATHER CAUSES UNPREDICTABLE SEAS AND SWELL

Don't go out on the water when there is an incoming cyclone as conditions can change contrary to forecasts and without notice.

Visit the **Bureau of Meteorology** to find out about current marine and ocean weather conditions and warnings.

### > STAY INFORMED

When a cyclone is coming community alerts will be issued on the radio and other media. Listen carefully and do what the alerts say to help keep safe.

We recommend you use a range of sources to keep informed about weather conditions and current alerts. You can find information through the following:

- **Emergency WA:** For current alerts
- **Bureau of Meteorology:** For weather and warnings
- **DFES Facebook**
- **DFES Twitter feed**
- **DFES Public information line:** Call 13 DFES (13 3337)
- **Bureau of Meteorology cyclone information line:** Call 1300 659 210
- **ABC radio and other local media.**

**BE THE CALM  
BEFORE THE STORM**

# 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)

## WHITE CHRISTMAS ICE-CREAM SANDWICHES

### Ingredients

60g (24) natural ice-cream wafers  
375ml (1 1/2 cups) thickened cream  
395g can sweetened condensed milk  
270ml can coconut cream  
70g (2 cups) rice bubbles  
160g (1 1/2 cups) frozen raspberries, plus extra, to serve  
290g packet white chocolate melts, melted  
20g (1/4 cup) shredded coconut, toasted



### Method

1. Line a 20 x 30cm slice pan with 2 layers of plastic wrap, extending 10cm over the sides. Arrange 2 rows of 6 wafers, side by side in the pan, leaving a 2cm gap down the middle of the pan.
2. Use an electric mixer to whisk the cream and condensed milk in a bowl until soft peaks form. With the beaters going, gradually add the coconut cream and whisk until just combine and the cream still holds its shape (be careful not to over-beat or beat to high as the mixture will curdle). Fold in the rice bubbles and frozen raspberries until just combined. Carefully spoon over the wafers and smooth the surface. Cover with rows of remaining wafers to line up with the base wafers, leaving a 2cm gap in the centre. Fold over the plastic wrap. Place in the freezer for 4 hours or until firm.
3. Use the plastic wrap to lift the ice-cream slab out of the pan and onto a chopping board. Trim off the excess ice-cream around the wafers and down the 2cm centre gap. Working from the centre, carefully slice the slab into 12 wafer-sized sandwiches. Place the sandwiches on a tray lined with baking paper and return to the freezer for at least 1 hour or until you are ready to decorate
4. Taking one ice-cream sandwich from the freezer at a time, dip one end into the melted chocolate to come 2cm up the sides. Sprinkle half the sandwiches with coconut and half with pistachio. Return each sandwich to the tray in the freezer. Repeat for remaining sandwiches. Place in the freezer for 1 hour or until firm.



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## Bocconcini and Tomato Pasta Salad

### Ingredients

- 300g dried spiral pasta
- 3 zucchini, thinly sliced lengthways
- 150g basil pesto dip
- 170g (2/3 cup) aioli
- 60g baby rocket
- 2 x 220g tubs bambini bocconcini, drained
- 200g baby tomatoes, halved



### Method

1. Cook the pasta in a large saucepan of boiling salted water until al dente. Drain. Refresh under cold water. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, spray a chargrill pan with oil and heat over high heat. Cook zucchini for 1-2 minutes on each side or until charred and tender. Transfer to a plate.
3. Combine the pesto dip, aioli and 1-2 tablespoons water (enough to make a pourable dressing) in a small bowl. Season.
4. Place the pasta in the base of a glass serving bowl. Top with layers of rocket, bocconcini, tomato, zucchini, capsicum, pesto dressing, basil and top with pine nuts.

# GUS THE GARDEN GURU

## Native Christmas Trees



Tis time to Trim the Tree. Normally our homes are littered with plastic imitation fir and pine trees from far away places but have you ever considered a native real life Christmas Tree for your home.

What better way to celebrate Christmas than stringing some tinsels and lights around your very own living Christmas Tree. Its far more sustainable and you get to add some native flora to your backyard after Christmas. Another bonus is if you have potted and indoors for the festive season it helps with your indoor air purification and it helps with preserving native plant species. By taking special care the tree will be the focus of family Christmas's to come and make a great family tradition.

There is of course the Western Australia Christmas Tree or *Nuytsia Floribunda*. It is quite a unique species with no relatives and is actually part of the mistletoe family. Unlike other mistletoe trees it grows in the ground and not on the branches of other trees. The flowers are a rich source of nectar for nectar eating birds.



Other Options for the perfect Australian Native Christmas Tree include:

- Norfolk Island Pine
- Wollemi Pine
- South Esk Pine
- Woolly Bush
- Geebung
- Bush Christmas Lilly Pilly



## DFES WEATHER STATION

November 16 saw the installation of a new automated weather station in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne Depot. Works Manager Sean Walker and Weather Recorder Cherie Walker were on hand to review the finished product.

The new station will take readings every 10 minutes and the recordings can be viewed in two places on line also with links from the Shire website.

First stop is [weather.agric.wa.gov.au](http://weather.agric.wa.gov.au)

This site brings up a map of Western Australia. Our dot is known as DFES-A Portable BTSA. If you click on the dot where Gascoyne Junction is will bring up readings including temperature, lowest temperature in the past 24

hours, the feels like temperature, relative humidity, rainfall since 9am, wind speed, height and direction and much more. You can also find this data on the BOM website. If you first go to WA and All WA Observations from the drop down menu, then scroll to the very bottom of the page until you come to the table entitled Portable you can then select the Gascoyne Junction observations by selecting Portable BTSA (DFES).

This automated station will not only help with day to day weather recordings but also help with obtaining accurate and timely information during emergency situations. Thanks to the DFES crew for making this possible.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School hosted the 2021 Remembrance Day Service in the school grounds on November 11.

Representatives from the School, the Shire, the wider community attended the service that was conducted by school leaders Dustin and Bridie Walker. The pair conducted the service with confidence and respect.

After hearing the reasons why we stop for a moment of silence on the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month the School invited the community to share in a small morning tea.

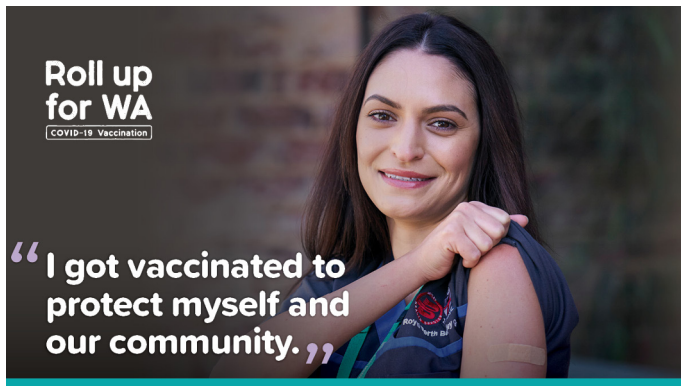
LEST WE FORGET

## COVID CLINIC

The fourth and final COVID Clinic of 2021 was held at the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre on November 18. Again, the clinic was well attended with a few first time vaccinations and a host of other members of the community joining the double vaxxed club. The Upper Gascoyne is doing well in reaching important vaccination milestones so thank you to all.

If you still need a first or second vaccine you can still receive these in Carnarvon. You can book an appointment online at [rollup.wa.gov.au](https://rollup.wa.gov.au)

In the New Year we will have further details on potential Booster Clinics to be held around the start of April. Further details will be in future editions of the Gassy Gossip when they become available.



## YOGA & FITNESS CLASSES

Wednesday mornings from 6.30am to 7am the Gascoyne Junction Oval is covered in yoga mats as weekly classes have resumed. Run by Hee Jeong, the classes combine yoga, pilates and general fitness to get the heart started and muscles stretched on a Wednesday. The perfect mid week pick me up. These classes are open to all. \$10 a lesson. For more details call Hee Jeong on 0499 107 761



## UPPER GASCOYNE 1ST TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Starting in February we will be holding the First Tuesday Night Book Club. Join us at the CRC in person or via Zoom to spend some time chatting about the book of the month. From 6.45pm we will gather, bring a plate of food and your favourite drink.

We will be able to download books through the library so no need to be ordering books online. If you are interested and want to find out more please register your interest by email to Ainsley on [tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](mailto:tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au) or call 9943 0988.



## Christmas & New Year Trading Hours

Christmas Day - CLOSED



December 26th to December 31st

10am until Close

NEW YEARS DAY

12 Noon until Close



January 2nd to January 6th

10am until Close

A collage of six photographs showing a young boy in a straw hat and a floral shirt posing in a field with white trees. The photos are arranged in a 3x2 grid. The central text is overlaid on a dark green background with gold bokeh lights.

THE BAREFOOT PHOTOGRAPHER

# Christmas Minis

**\$85**

20 MINUTE SESSION  
5 HIGH QUALITY DIGITAL IMAGES

**BOOK NOW!!!**

17TH DECEMBER  
JUNCTION CHRISTMAS PARTY  
OR LYONS RIVER STATION



## DECEMBER

- 16 Scarlet Atherton
- 27 Levi ChongWee

## JANUARY

- 3 Ella Hoseason-Smith
- 3 Hazel McTaggart
- 3 John McCleary
- 17 Nat Rogers
- 17 Gracie Collins

## FEBRUARY

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





# GASSIFIEDS

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

## ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$42.00

A5 - \$26.00

A6 - \$21.00

Business Card Size - \$8.50

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

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

Free advertising for community groups and not for profit organisations.



## Trading Hours

### ROADHOUSE

Monday to Saturday

8am to 5pm

Sunday

10am to 6pm

### BAR & RESTAURANT

Monday to Saturday

12 Noon to 12 Midnight

Sunday

12 Noon to 10pm

New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Christmas Day & ANZAC Day Hours of Trading will differ.  
Sometimes we may close without notice due to unavoidable circumstances.  
The Trading Hours are in accordance with Section 9B of the Liquor Licensing Act.



## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY ROAST

Last Sunday of the Month

\$15

From 6pm



October 31

November 28

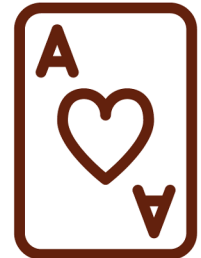


## FRIDAY NIGHTS

AT THE JUNCTION PUB & TOURIST PARK



HAPPY HOUR  
5pm to 6pm



THE RETURN OF CHASE THE ACE

To be drawn at 8:30pm each Friday



Keep Up To Date

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GascoyneJunctionPubTouristPark



2021

# HORIZON POWER

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER  
FROM 5PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN & FESTIVITES AT THE  
GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION!

END OF YEAR SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS KICK OFF AT 5PM,  
FOLLOWED BY A VISIT FROM SANTA AT 6:30PM.

FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE  
NIGHT - BYO DRINKS.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES, RSVP IS ESSENTIAL!  
PLEASE RSVP BY CONTACTING THE CRC ON (08)9943 0988  
OR BY EMAIL: [CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU](mailto:CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU)

*let's celebrate!*





# TOYS FOR TOTS

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN  
FOR A PRESENT FROM**

**SANTA**

**FOR THE 2021 HORIZON  
POWER COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**\*UPPER GASCOYNE RESIDENTS  
ONLY \$12.50  
NON RESIDENTS \$25.00**

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES FRIDAY 3RD  
DECEMBER 2021**

**PHONE: (08) 9943 0988 OR EMAIL:  
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# The Disability Gateway

## Frequently asked questions

The Disability Gateway is a free, Australia-wide service to help people with disability, and their families and carers, find information and services.

### What is the Disability Gateway?

The Disability Gateway is a central point to help people with disability and their families and carers find and access services across Australia.

The aim of the Disability Gateway is to **make it easy for people with disability to find helpful and trusted information and services.**

### Who is the Disability Gateway for?

**The Disability Gateway is for all people with disability, and their families and carers.**

### What does it offer?

The Disability Gateway **comprises a website, phone line and social media channels** to help connect people to the information and services they need.

#### Website – [disabilitygateway.gov.au](https://disabilitygateway.gov.au)

The Disability Gateway website has a search function that makes it easier for people to find relevant information and services. It uses the **'Ask Izzy' search platform** to identify trusted providers that are nearby.

The website is an accessible, welcoming and safe place, structured around 10 topics including income and finance, employment, aids and equipment, housing, transport, health and wellbeing, everyday living, education, leisure, rights and legal.

### What does it offer? (continued)

#### Phone line – 1800 643 787

The Disability Gateway phone line provides free, clear and fact-checked information and can transfer people directly to other support services if needed, like counselling or advocacy.

The Disability Gateway phone line was previously called the Disability Information Helpline – the name has changed but the number remains the same.

If a person needs information in a language other than English, they can **call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask to be connected to the Disability Gateway.**

If a person is deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, they can call the **National Relay Service on 133 677 and ask to be connected to the Disability Gateway.**

#### Social media – [facebook.com/disabilitygateway](https://facebook.com/disabilitygateway)

The Disability Gateway is available on **Facebook** – providing trusted information and news, and helping people with disability engage with the Disability Gateway and wider community.

The Disability Gateway's social media presence provides information and news about topics and issues relevant for people with disability, as well as their families, carers, support workers, service providers and stakeholders.



# An easier way to find disability services and support

Whether it's employment, housing or financial support, the Disability Gateway can connect you to the information and services you need.

**[disabilitygateway.gov.au](https://disabilitygateway.gov.au)**

Search the website to find information you can trust and support services where you live.

**1800 643 787**

Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm AEST/AEDT

Call the phone line for fact-checked information and help connecting with support services.

**[facebook.com/disabilitygateway](https://facebook.com/disabilitygateway)**

Go to Facebook for information, news and updates.





# SMOKO TIME



# CHRISTMAS TREE CROSSWORD



## Across

- 2 The expressed juice of apples (5)
- 3 One of the rear quarters of a pig - a Christmas Dinner delicacy (3)
- 5 A pear-shaped fruit eaten at Christmas (3)
- 6 One who does not behave like a gentleman at the party (3)
- 7 Auld Lang ... , a song traditionally sung on New Years Eve (4)
- 8 Christmas presents hoped for by children (4)
- 9 A Hebrew judge and high priest (3)
- 11 Monday to Friday evenings (10)
- 15 What must be done to the house at Christmas (9)
- 17 That which is eaten on Christmas Day (4)
- 18 A person who is seen to be closest to an admired stereotype (4)
- 19 Stable troughs from which cattle eat (7)
- 21 White flakes that fall at Christmas - more in other countries (4)
- 22 The writer of A Christmas Carol, Charles ... (7)
- 23 A spirit distilled from the fermented juice of grapes (6)

## Down

- 1 Rudolph the ... (3-5,8)
- 4 Covered tarts, filled with mincemeat (5,4)
- 5 That which is done on Christmas Day (8)
- 10 What the Three Wise Men saw in the East (4)
- 12 Less than twentyone (5-3)
- 13 What is done eagerly to the Christmas pudding (5)
- 14 That which often covers the Christmas cake (5)
- 16 It mostly takes place in the middle of Christmas Day (6)
- 20 A baked dinner (5)





# 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

Write in the answers to these questions from the famous poem by Clement C. Moore.

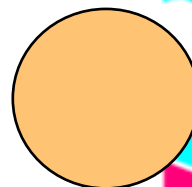
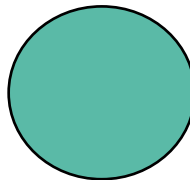
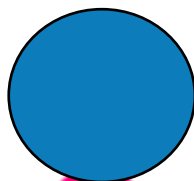
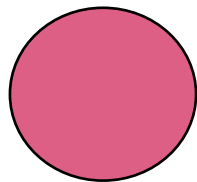
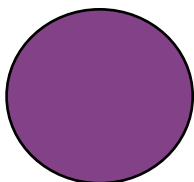
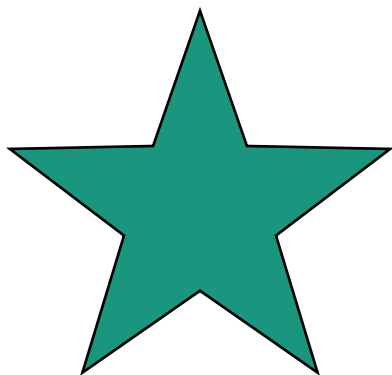
## Merry Christmas!

1. Why did St Nick put his finger aside his nose and give a nod? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was "not even" stirring all through the house? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many reindeer did he see? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did St Nick do to get his "team" to fly away? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What had he and mamma just settled down for? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What visions did the children have dancing in their heads? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did St. Nick have flung on his back? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What to his wondering eyes appeared? \_\_\_\_\_
9. The color of St. Nick's beard was compared to what? \_\_\_\_\_
10. The smoke from St Nick's pipe formed what shape over his head? \_\_\_\_\_
11. He heard "prancing" and what else on the roof? \_\_\_\_\_
12. St. Nick's belly did what when he laughed? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What did the author do after he tore open the shutters? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What did St. Nick hold tight in his teeth? \_\_\_\_\_
15. St. Nick's cheeks looked like what? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What were St Nick's clothes tarnished with? \_\_\_\_\_
17. How was St. Nicholas dressed? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What was his nose described to look like? \_\_\_\_\_
19. How were the stockings hung by the chimney? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What did St. Nick exclaim as he drove out of sight?  
\_\_\_\_\_





# KID'S CORNER





HERRE

The word 'HERRE' is rendered in large, outlined, blocky letters. The 'H' is decorated with a sprig of holly leaves and berries. The first 'E' has a vertical bar with a row of small circles. The 'R' has a small evergreen tree at its base. The second 'R' has a holly sprig and berries on its upper curve. The final 'E' has a holly sprig and berries on its lower curve. Small evergreen trees are also placed around the letters: one to the left of the 'H', one between the two 'R's, and one to the right of the final 'E'.


COMES

The word 'COMES' is rendered in large, outlined, blocky letters. Each letter is filled with a pattern of diagonal lines. The 'C' and 'O' have a circular cutout in the center. The 'M' and 'E' have a small circular cutout in the middle of their vertical strokes. The 'S' is a simple outline.

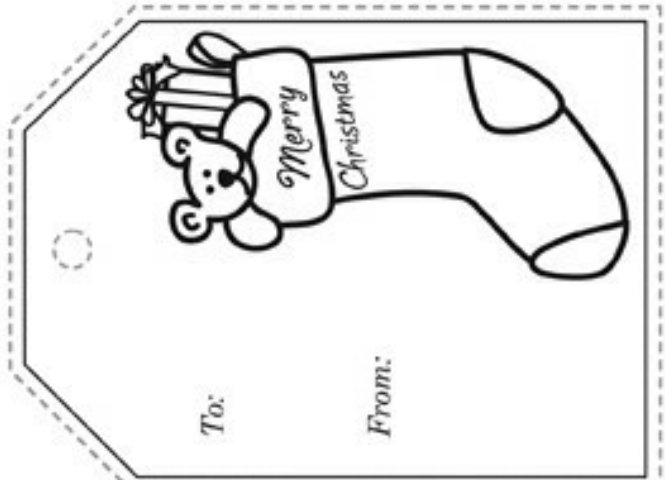
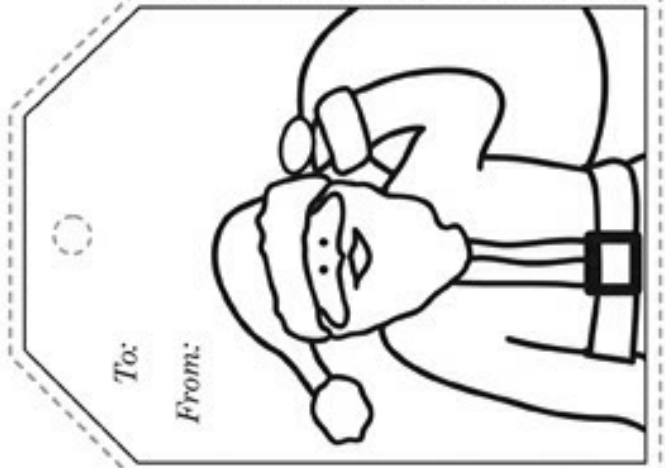
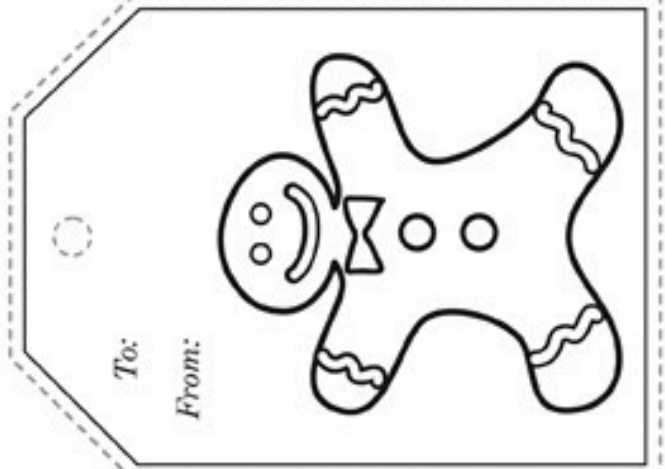
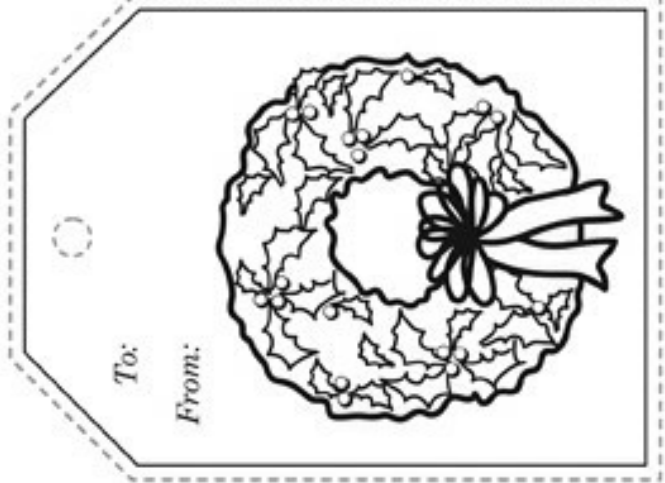
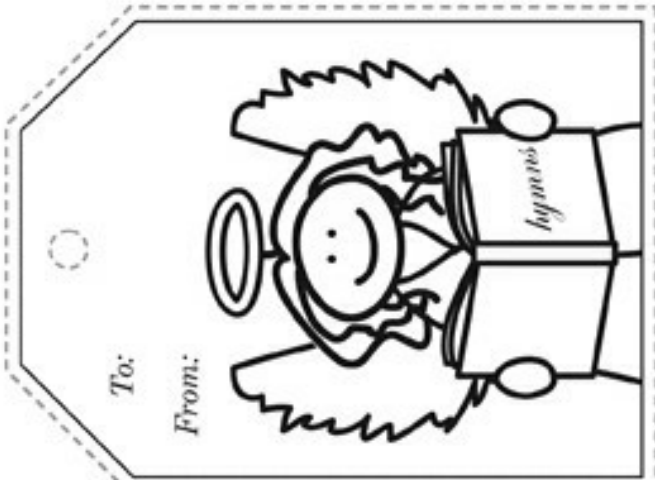
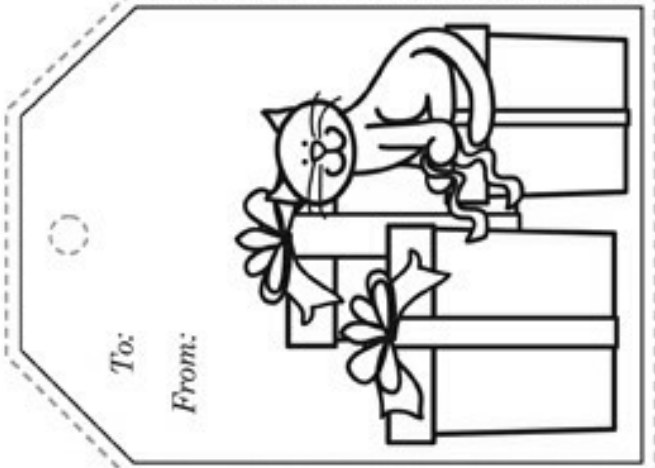
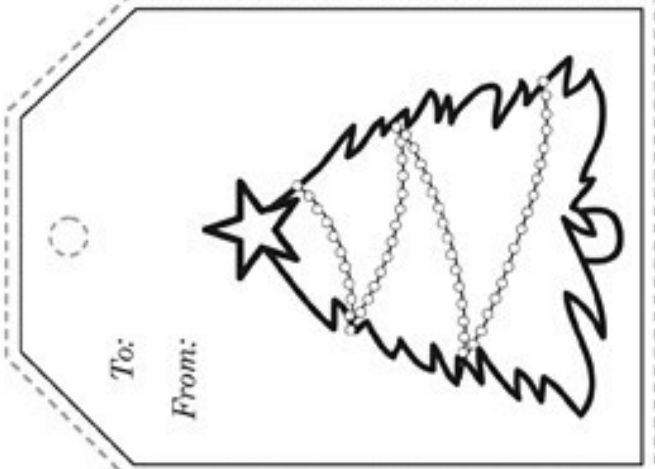
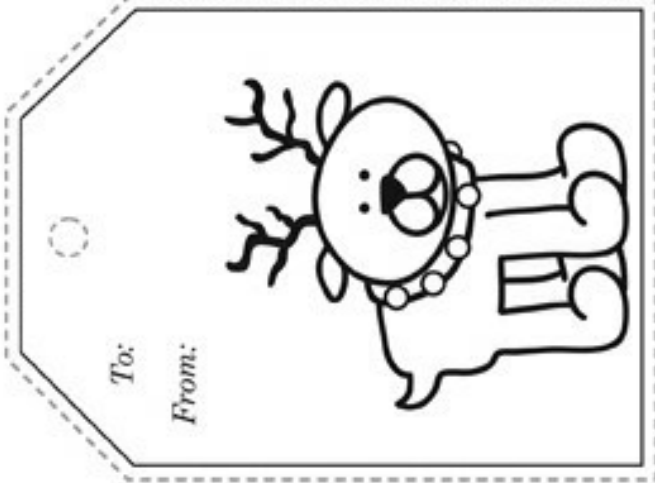
SANTA

The word 'SANTA' is rendered in large, outlined, blocky letters. The letters are filled with a pattern of small circles. The 'S' has a small circle in the center. The 'A' has a small circle in the center. The 'N' has a small circle in the center. The 'T' has a small circle in the center. The 'A' has a small circle in the center.

CLAUS

The word 'CLAUS' is rendered in large, outlined, blocky letters. The letters are filled with a pattern of small circles. The 'C' has a small circle in the center. The 'L' has a small circle in the center. The 'A' has a small circle in the center. The 'U' has a small circle in the center. The 'S' has a small circle in the center.

# Colouring In Christmas Gift Tags





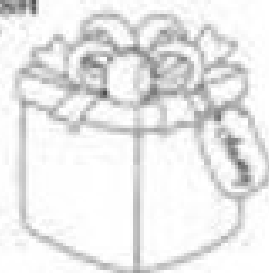


Help Frosty get through the maze and to his gift!

★  
START



★  
FINISH



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

K	F	A	M	I	L	Y	T	R	N	K	B	J	L	H
Y	M	U	T	J	C	O	R	B	S	X	G	O	J	H
Y	U	P	L	R	C	A	R	O	L	S	I	Y	I	F
Y	C	M	R	R	E	Q	N	W	E	E	V	E	N	N
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H	S	T	A	R	W	S	A	N	T	A	T	L	V	M

BOW  
CANDY CANE  
CAROLS  
CHRISTMAS  
ELF

FAMILY  
GIVING  
JINGLE  
JOY  
LIGHTS

NORTH POLE  
PRESENTS  
REINDEER  
SANTA  
SLEIGH

SNOW  
STAR  
STOCKINGS  
TREES



**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

PAVILION

16 DECEMBER

**AUSTRALIA  
DAY**

JUNCTION PUB

26 JANUARY

**MOVIE  
NIGHT**

PAVILION

11 FEBRUARY

**FOOD  
SENSATIONS  
COOKING  
CLASS**

CRC

01 MARCH

U P C O M I N G | **20 20**  
**E V E N T S** | **21 22**



**UPPER  
GASCOYNE  
SOCIAL  
TENNIS  
COMP**

PAVILION

5 to 6 MARCH

**FOOD  
SENSATIONS  
COOKING  
CLASS**

CRC

08 MARCH

**FOOD  
SENSATIONS  
COOKING  
CLASS**

PAVILION

15 MARCH

**HARMONY  
WEEK  
MOVIE NIGHT  
POT LUCK  
DINNER**

PAVILION

18 MARCH

**FOOD  
SENSATIONS  
COOKING  
CLASS**

CRC

22 MARCH

**BOGAN  
BINGO**

PAVILION

01 APRIL

**MOVIE  
NIGHT**

PAVILION

01 APRIL

**ANZAC DAY**

WAR  
MEMORIAL

25 APRIL