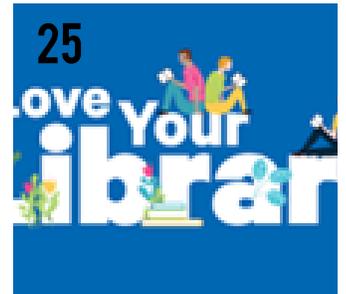


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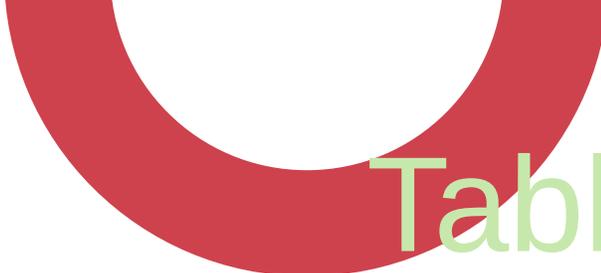


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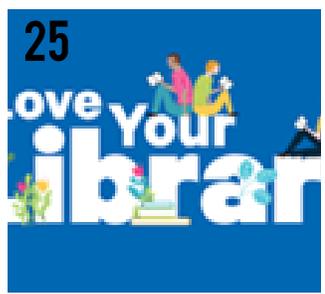
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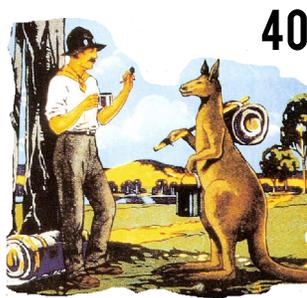
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Wednesday 9th February

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 largely revolved around tidying up various administrative and works related issues so we have a clear path into 2022. We have had to look at the various grants such as the LRCI Grants and the BBRF Grant and make adjustments to ensure we are meeting and can continue to meet our obligations.

All our Regional Road Group obligations have been met and we now move onto completing the Roads to Recovery works we also have the very real potential to pick up between \$200,000 - \$400,000 for our Indigenous Access Roads – Landor to Burringurrah. If we pick up the later we will have a full dance card for the rest of the financial year.

I have made a request to the State Roads Advisory Committee for \$2-3M be allocated to the Shire each year under the State Initiatives on Local Roads Fund administered by Main Roads for the Carnarvon – Meekatharra Bitumen project. This will be looked at by SAC at their meeting scheduled for the 10th of December 2021.

Action a plenty is occurring at the Two Rivers Memorial Park with the Amphitheatre nearing completion, the ablution block nearing completion, concreting 70% complete, trees are being planted and we have come to an arrangement with GBSC to assist with the car park remediation where we are getting paid for the work that we will be undertaking.

Gyprock has been completed in the Music Shell, electrical works are continuing and the culverts are being installed. We have decided to leave the grass until April/May next year due to the heat and it may give us enough time to find an alternative water supply. The landscaper has got all the reticulation in place and has planted the trees.

Both Sean Walker and I attended a meeting with the Leader of the Opposition, Mia Davies and Vince Catania on the 1st of December to discuss the issues we are having with gaining access to the Gascoyne River to enable the Shire to put in new bore and telecommunications. I am pleased that as a result of these discussions we now have an onsite meeting with a representative of the Yinggarda Aboriginal Corporation on the 16th of December 2021

CEO Update continued

Unfortunately our Community Emergency Service Manager, Mr Warren Hatt, has resigned from his position and the three Shires will need to come together to appoint a new person into this position. I would like to thank Warren for his input into this side of our business and wish him all the very best in the future.

Movement is still happening with the Hastings Road Use Agreement with Greenfields providing a report on the report from ARRB. This has been shared with the Shires of Carnarvon and Ashburton and with Hastings. I am in the process of trying to organise an onsite road inspection of the entire route so that we have an understanding of the current standard.

We had a couple of rescue missions this month attending a medical incident in Gascoyne Junction, Sean, Jarrod and myself attended and we managed to stabilise him whilst waiting for the RFDS to attend, it must be said that Sean was the lead and he did a great job, in addition, Sean and I had to go out to Mooka and pull the DBCA out of the river as they had got stuck in their 70 series Landcruiser.

I would like to congratulate my staff on a great year, as I always say we are punching well above our weight and the results on the ground are there for all to see, from both from the outside and inside teams. My managers have provided me with great support, the Shire are extremely fortunate to have two people of such a high calibre in our ranks Finally I wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

The Corporate team come into December hot off the heels of finalising our End of Year Audit and project acquittals for the 20/21 financial year. We breathe a heavy sigh of relief knowing that these processes are now done and dusted for another year and find ourselves picking up a lot of the unfinished tasks we parked in the interim. We hope to finalise these tasks before the office closes down for the Christmas/New Year period.

In the spirit of Christmas staff have been eagerly counting down the days until we can officially begin our festive season celebrations. We have been very busy behind the scenes preparing for the highly anticipated 2021 Horizon Power Community Christmas Party and have received a lot of great support from both the local and business community. We look forward to what I'm sure will be a great night filled with fun, food and entertainment.



Community Resource Centre Update

After a busy end to October, the focus of the CRC has turned to Christmas and the annual Community Christmas Party. The support from the local community and businesses has been amazing and we look forward to delivering an exciting event

Community Resource Centre Update continued

Visitor numbers have begun to slow down, so time to prepare for the 2022 season with new signage and marketing materials being developed. Meetings have been held in Carnarvon working on joint tourism ventures with the Shire of Carnarvon in 2022. The TCDO also attended a full day workshop with the Chambers of Commerce from Carnarvon and Exmouth, and the Tourism and Business Association of Shark Bay identifying ways that we can work together to support businesses and economic development across the region.

The 2022 Events Calendar for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne is on the Shire website with several more activities and workshops to be added as details are confirmed. A survey to the residents of the Upper Gascoyne has also been distributed seeking feedback on what they would like the CRC to provide.

The final of four COVID clinics was held on November 18 which again had a great turnout. The Upper Gascoyne has been very proactive in getting vaccinated. We are discussing Booster Clinics in 2022 and more details on these will be provided when we have more information on the roll out of this program. A draft of the Shire Disability Access and Inclusivity Policy is also being revised to be reviewed by Council in February. Feedback has been obtained from both Shire staff and residents.

Works and Services Update

As we edge closer to the end of 2021 the town crew are ensuring all of the parks and gardens are prepared for the summer and Christmas shutdown. Nat and Ali will work right up to the end of the year and continue with the gardening, rubbish run and any issues that may arise while people are away over the Christmas break.

The new staff house gardens have been installed. The addition of lawn and plants has really complimented the aesthetics and put the finishing touch on the new home. Fencing is expected to complete before Christmas.



Sealing of the Carnarvon Mullewa Road

This project lived up to its reputation with issues due to the aggregate supplier not delivering the material on time however we managed to organise cartage and the job is complete... finally. At the time of writing the works crew still needed to return and finish off the drains and batters before shutting down for Christmas.

Jarrood will work right up to the end of the year and focus on preparing for next year's works program including the Landor Meekatharra 5km seal. With a bit of luck we will secure some further Indigenous Access money to be spent on the Landor Meekatharra Road. An application was submitted in November and we will be notified in mid-late December of the result. Jarrood would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank the works crew and outside staff for the great job this year. 2020-21 has been an extremely challenging time. There has been more program changes and twists and turns than the Gascoyne River due to extreme weather, strained budget, complex funding arrangements, contractor shortages and outside forces. The past year has been taxing due to its dynamic and challenging nature and yet we have managed to deliver on our projects. Well done team! Thank you to the inside staff and Council for their dedication and support throughout the year.

Thank you to the community for their patience and understanding in some delays to our usual road maintenance and works program. Due to the challenges and heavy work load we pulled on additional resources that would usually assist in our day to day operations. Once again thank you.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all next year.



COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2022

4th Wednesday of Each Month*	
February*	Wednesday 9 th
March	Wednesday 23 rd
April	Wednesday 27 th
May	Wednesday 25 th
June	Wednesday 22 nd
July	Wednesday 27 th
August	Wednesday 24 ^h
September*	Wednesday 21 st
October	Wednesday 26 th
November	Wednesday 23 rd
December*	Thursday 15 th
*Exception being February (brought forward due to long break between meetings) September (brought forward due to School Holidays) and December (moved to last day of school).	

Ordinary Council Meetings commence at 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

COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN951 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – Dec 2021 (PACKAGE 1)

Contractor	QEM Group	Package Start Date:	17 Nov 2021
		Forecast Completion Date:	May / June 2022
Works this period (Dec 2021)		Works next period (Jan 2022)	
<p>Bingegaroo Road Completed all works on this road comprising mainly medium reshaping, removal of silt and drain line reinstatement.</p> <p>Cobra Mt Augustus Road Commenced and completed all works on this road comprising medium reshaping, resheeting, removal of silt and shoulder reinstatement.</p> <p>Landor Mt Augustus Road Commenced work on this road from the northern end comprising removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways and heavy reshaping.</p> <p>Mt Augustus Woodlands Road Commenced and completed work on this road comprising reforming, resheeting and removal of silt from drain lines.</p> <p>Waldburg Road Commenced work on this road from the northern end working south. Works comprised resheeting and medium and heavy resheeting. Remainder of works on southern end will be completed from camp at Landor.</p> <p>Wanna Rd Commenced and completed all works on this road comprising removal of silt, medium and heavy resheeting and reconstruction of unsealed floodways.</p>		<p>Landor Mt Augustus Road Continue works on this road working from Mt Augustus Woodlands Rd towards Burringurra. Works comprise removal of silt, reforming and reshaping and reinstatement of unsealed floodways.</p> <p>Potts Rd Commence and complete all works on this road comprising removal of silt from drain lines and medium and heavy reshaping.</p> <p>Mt Augustus Rd Commence work on this road comprising primarily removal of silt, reforming and reinstatement of unsealed floodways.</p>	
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		11%	0%

Bingegaroo Road	100%	0%
Cobra Mt Augustus Road	100%	0%
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	0%	0%
Dooley Downs Road	0%	0%
Edmund Gifford Creek Road	0%	0%
Erong Road	0%	0%
Eudamullah Road	0%	0%
Landor Meekatharra Road	0%	0%
Landor Mt Augustus Road	39%	0%
Landor Mt Clere Road	0%	0%
Lyndon Minnie Creek Road	0%	0%
Lyons River Road	0%	0%
Mangaroon Road	0%	0%
Meekatharra Mt Clere Road	0%	0%
Minnie Creek Road	0%	0%
Mt Augustus Road	0%	0%
Mt Augustus Woodlands Road	100%	0%
Pingandy Road	0%	0%
Potts Road	0%	0%
Ullawarra Road	0%	0%
Waldburg Road	16%	0%
Wanna Road	100%	0%
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	



Camp	<p>Camp is still in place on Dooley Downs Rd providing accommodation, mess facilities and workshop facilities for the QEM crew.</p> <p>Rolling continuous roster and weekly flights into camp are also going.</p>
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Landor Mt Augustus Road – Current Works



Landor Mt Augustus Road – Current Works

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

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	8 Nov 2020
		Forecast Completion Date:	Mar / April 2022
Works this period (Dec 2021)		Works next period (Jan 2022)	
<p>Ullawarra Rd Continued works on this road between Lyons River Rd and Gascoyne Junction. Works have comprised removal of silt, reshaping of drains, reconstruction of floodways and resheeting.</p> <p>Lyons River Rd Completed all remaining works on this road. Works predominately comprised removal of silt and reforming and reshaping the formation.</p> <p>The work crew will be on break from 22 December – 5 January 2022 (inclusive).</p>		<p>Ullawarra Rd Complete the remaining works on this road which will involve approx. 15 days work.</p> <p>Pimbee Rd Commence works on this road south of Carey Downs Rd intersection. Works primarily comprise removal of silt and reforming and reshaping the road formation.</p>	
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	70%	63%	
Carey Downs Road	0%	0%	
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	100%	86%
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	86%	67%
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.	



Lyons River Rd- Current Works



Lyons River Rd - 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. 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

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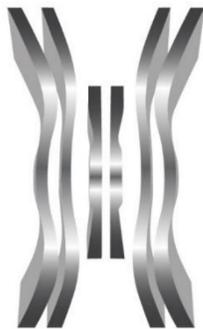
Shire Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8.30am to 4.30pm Fri 8.30am to 3.00pm



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

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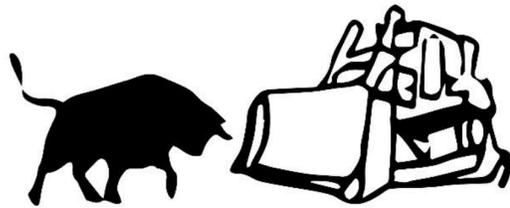


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Nickname: Tori

Place of birth: Perth

Favourite food? Anything

Favourite animal? Cheetah

Footy team: Fremantle Dockers

Where did you grow up? Carnarvon

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? To help my family run the pub

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

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The people

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



BLAST FROM THE PAST



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

Rock of ages

A geological marvel known as Mt Augustus is part of a bush lover's paradise, says **Samille Mitchell**.

We're deep within the red heart of Western Australia, watching the sun's dying rays transform the land blood red. Before me sprawls what could be the State's heart itself — the world's biggest monocline standing as sentinel to the desolate surrounds.

An Aboriginal Dreamtime story describes the ancient rock as a boy called Burringurrah. Burringurrah escaped the rigours of his tribal initiation, only to face the consequent wrath of his tribesmen, who speared him and clubbed him to death.

The Wadjari people say the shape of the rock is the boy lying as he died, on his belly with his left leg bent up, beside his body. The rock formations on the west of the rock show his wounds.

The rock is known now as Mt Augustus, a geological marvel that soars 1105m above sea level and 858m above the surrounding plain. It is twice the size of its more famous cousin, Uluru, and the granite which lies beneath it is 1650 million years old.

Mt Augustus exudes an ethereal quality — a haze seems to envelope it in colour which changes from hues of greens and blues to purple and finally a brilliant red in the glow of the setting sun.

It is more accessible than ever, thanks to the opening of the Outback Pathways self-drive tours. Mt Augustus is on the pathway known as the Kingsford Smith Run.

Ancient Aboriginal art adorns caves at Mt Augustus' base. It is very primitive and is thought to be pre-Dreamtime, so the meaning has been lost in time.

**This article was originally published in the West Australian on
Saturday January 15th, 2005.**

Visitors can see the Aboriginal art at four signposted places on the rock. They can also follow a series of walk trails to picnic areas, lookouts and gorges and even climb to the top.

The walks range from short 250m trails through to one and two-hour hikes and finally the six-hour, 12km hike to the summit.

Nearby Cattle Pool is also well worth a visit. A permanent pool on the Lyons River, this area is a birdwatcher's paradise because in the late afternoon an assortment of birds descends on the river, creating a symphony ranging from the chitter-chatter of colourful budgerigars to the raucous cries of galahs and crows.

Cattle Pool was one of the first visiting points for explorer Francis Thomas Gregory, who, in June 1858, became the first known European to scale Mt Augustus. Less than 20 years later, settlers followed Gregory's path and laid the foundations of a pastoral industry. A further 20 years on and gold miners also descended on the area, prompting the opening of a hotel — the Bangemall Inn.

Established in 1896 as the Eurana, the pub's name was changed to Bangemall Inn in 1910. Its early customers were gold-hungry men trying to etch out a living from the area's desolate plains. Several lonely graves mark the resting places of these early Europeans, including one for a surveyor who became lost while searching for his horse and died from dehydration less than 2km from



A remnant of the past. PICTURES: SAMILLE MITCHELL.

Bangemall Inn. Author Albert Facey, who wrote *A Fortunate Life*, is said to have nearly died in 1909 when he became lost in the area for five days after a thunderstorm. Wadjari people found him, fed him on kangaroo and led him back to his droving mates.

Today, Carnarvon man Jim Millar has taken on Bangemall, which is part of Cobra station — so named for the snake-like shape the station forms.

He is caretaker of the land for the Department of Conservation and Land Management, which bought the former pastoral property in a bid to conserve its natural values. The station borders Mt Augustus National Park.

Mr Millar's love of the land is obvious. He reckons his move here last June was the best thing he has done.

"You don't realise what life's about

until you come out here," he said. "Bush is about the slow time — you've got to put people back in the slow time. I love it, it's paradise, absolute magic."

He is proud of what he has to offer visitors. He recommends a visit to Edithanna, another permanent waterhole on Lyons River.

Visitors can picnic among the gnarled, giant gums and relax to the sound of birds and the wind rustling through the trees.

As we enjoy a glass of wine and watch the sunset turn the distant Mt Augustus a breathtaking hue of red and the sky above the rock turn from brilliant red into the velvety black of night, I can't help agreeing with Mr Millar's assessment.

This magical land is indeed a slice of a bush lover's paradise.





GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP 2022 CALENDAR

5th & 6th February Untutored & AGM

19th and 20th March Tutored - TBC

9th & 10th April Dongara Autumn Craft Round Up

21st and 22nd May Untutored

11th & 12th June Tutored - TBC

30th & 31st July Untutored

13th & 14th August Tutored - TBC

3rd and 4th September Untutored

29th & 30th October Mosaic Workshop

26th & 27th November Christmas Craft

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DVD

1. Alive
2. Chicago Fire. Season Nine
3. Green Rush
4. The Mallorca Files. Series Two.
5. Savage
6. Superstore. Season Five.

NON FICTION DVD

7. Collective
8. Firestarter: the story of the Bangarra Dance Theatre
9. King Otto
10. Todd Sampson's Body Hack. 3.0

AUDIO BOOKS

11. The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman by Julietta Henderson
12. In My Room: The Recovery Journey as Encountered by a Psychiatrist by Jim Lucey

LARGE PRINT

13. Death Leaves the Station by Alexander Thorpe
14. The Final Twist by Jeffrey Deaver
15. The Great Escape from Woodlands Nursing Home by Joanna Nell
16. The Liar's Girl by Catherine Ryan Howard
17. The Postscript Murders by Elly Griffiths
18. The Reluctant Heiress by Dilly Court

FICTION

19. Another Kind of Eden by James Lee Burke
20. The Butler by Danielle Steel
21. Echoes of War by Tania Blanchard
22. Enemy at the Gates by Kylie Mills
23. The Enemy Within with Tim Ayliffe
24. Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid
25. Private Prosecution by Lisa Ellery
26. The Rabbits by Sophie Overett
27. Summer of Serenity by Nicola Marsh
28. The Things We See In The Light by Amal Awad
29. Three Sisters by Heather Morris



new titles

30. The Wish by Nicholas Sparks

BIOGRAPHY

31. The Brilliant Boy: Doc Evatt & The Great Australian Dissent by Gideon Haigh

32. Coping: Life, Illness, Grief, Heartbreak, Unemployment by Derryn Hinch

33. Daring to Fly: The TV Star on Facing Fear & Finding Joy on a Deadline by Lisa Millar

34. Last Shot: A Coming of Age Memoir of Addiction, Ambition & Redemption by Jock Zonfrillo

NON FICTION

35. The Air Fryer: Your Fave Fried Foods Made Healthy

36. Dark Tales from the Long River by David Price

37. Guinness World Records 2022

38. The Natural History Book: the ultimate visual guide to everything on Earth

39. Puff Piece: How Philip Morris set vaping alight by John Safran

40. Why You Should Give A F*** About Farming? Because you Eat by Gabrielle Chan

41. Wildlife of the Australian Rainforests: A State by State Guide by Peter Rowland

JUNIOR FICTION

42. Cranky Chicken by Katherine Battersby

43. Eggplants & Dinosaurs by Andrew Levins

44. Everything Under the Sun by Molly Oldfield

45. Happily Ever Afterwards: A Tale From a Taller Forest by Shaun Micallef

46. Lore of the Wild: Folklore and Wisdom from Nature by Claire Cock-Starkey

47. My Encyclopedia of Very Important Oceans by Ben Hubbard

48. My name is Paloma by Barbara Booth

49. Tele-Porta-Loo by Richard Higgins and Matt Kelly

50. Wandí by Favel Parrett

PICTURE BOOKS

51. Bonnie and Ben Rhyme Again by Mem Fox & Judy Horacek

52. Cat and Dog Eat Christmas by Jonathan Bentley

53. Christmas in Summer by Suzy Cato and Itty Bitty Beats

54. The Gift Of Animals: A Christmas Tale by Carole Gerber

55. In Australia: A Down Under Baby Animal Counting Book by Marianne Berkes

56. Mr Filkins in the Desert by Quentin Blake

57. Noni the Pony Counts To A Million by Alison Lester

58. The O In The Snow by Judith Barker

59. Palace Party by Megan Hess

60. Santa Loves Australia by Colette Dinnigan

JUNIOR NON FICTION

61. Everything Under the Sun by Molly Oldfield

62. Freedom Day by Rosie Smiler and Thomas Mayer

63. Kids Love to Cook: Easy Recipes For Kids

64. Lore of the Wild: Folklore and Wisdom

KIDS DVDS

65. Boonie Bears: The Wild Life

66. My Adventures with Santa

67. The Wiggles: Lullabies with Love





SUMMER READING QUEST

EPIC ADVENTURES AWAIT

18 December 2021 – 31 January 2022

Complete reading adventures, fill in the reading log
and enter the draw to win great prizes

Visit your local library and let the quest begin!

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There will be prizes for:

- 5 hours completed in your reading log
- 5 days of reading in a row

Check in with your local library for other achievement prizes.

PLUS, Big Statewide prizes:

Most time spent reading -
Winner and runner up prizes

Those who read every day
will go into a prize draw
(no matter how long spent reading)

Any returned logs to your library go into
a state prize draw.

**Bring your Reading Log back to your
library by February 11.**

**Keep
going on
your quest...**



SUMMER READING QUEST

This Quest Log belongs to:

Age:

.....

Total Days Reading

Total Minutes Read

.....

Parent Email:

Parent phone number or Library Card number & Library:

The email will be used to contact readers if they win state prizes and for a wrap up survey. Phone number to only be used if contact can't be made by email.

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Newsletter

17/12/2021

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



The year has flown by and I would like to thank the families, the staff and the community for your support and trust in our school during the year.

Our presentation night was great and the students performed their item with enthusiasm and energy. Thanks to Miss Wilson, Miss Kenny and Miss Jodie for their hard work in preparing and practicing for the big night.

Thanks also to Blanche, as a parent, for organising the Power Point presentation for our Year 6 Graduate, Dustin Walker. We will be asking parents of graduate students to organise a Power Point or similar in upcoming years.

The 2021 *Contributions & Charges* information was sent home in November so that all families can be well prepared for the 2022 school year. Collection of these is not required until 2022.

A reminder that the *school booklists* were also sent home in November. Please ensure that your child has all the resources that will be needed, ready for the start of school next year on **Monday 31st January**.

As permanent Principal at GJRCS, I am really looking forward to moving forward with the school's vision. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Catch you in 2022.

Kind regards

Jackie Miller, Principal

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2022

Term One

**Thursday 27th January &
Friday 28th January**

Students start Monday 31/01/22

Term Two

Tuesday 26th April

Students start Wednesday 27/04/22

Term Three

Monday 18th July

Students start Tuesday 19/07/22

Term Four

Monday 10th October

*Students start Tuesday 11/10/22
Friday 16/12/22*

HEALTHY EATING

Our focus on healthy eating has been positive and we thank all the families for supporting this. The students are becoming experts at thinking about what type of food they can bring for recess and lunch and are quite proud of the choices they are making.

Some have started looking at the list of ingredients to check out the **Energy, Saturated fat, Sugar, Fibre and Sodium** in their packets of food and whether or not their food fits within the healthy eating guidelines.

We will send home some useful tips at the start of term one next year that will make life even easier. **Great job everyone!**



END OF YEAR WATER PLAY



The students wrote persuasive letters to Mrs Miller to convince her that *their* suggestion for an end of year event was the best. She ended up being persuaded to have a water play afternoon and to invite some special guests. Thanks to Harley and Bridie for writing their winning persuasive letters. Well done!



Miss Wilson looked very surprised when she was 'accidentally' drenched by a bucketful of cold water.



PRESENTATION NIGHT



Happy
HOLIDAYS

2022 Start of school dates

Thursday 27/01/22	Teachers and support staff start term one
Friday 28/01/22	Teachers and support staff start term one
Monday 31/01/22	Students start term one at school



Older Persons
COVID-19 Support Line
1800 171 866

8:30am-6pm (AEST) Monday - Friday

Or call COTA Australia directly on 1300 COTA AU

1300 268 228

The Older Persons Support Line is a joint initiative of:

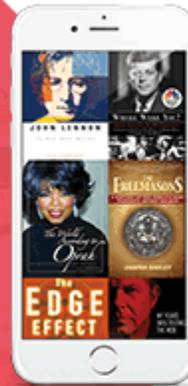


National Seniors
AUSTRALIA



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APP OF THE MONTH



a new look at
EBOOK LENDING

www.freading.com



Freading is an app used by the State Library of WA to offer a digital book club to residents.

Whether you want to join the discussion or just want to enjoy a read you can make use of this free resource by registering with the Upper Gascoyne Book Club.

Let the team at the CRC know the best email address for you to use and an email will come your way with a sign in and a range of books will regularly be updated for you to read at home or on the road.

Through the app you will be able to read with features that you would expect from a reading app allowing you to either tap or swipe to turn the page,



Upper Gascoyne Australia Day Celebration

Join us for an Australian BBQ to celebrate Australia Day Upper Gascoyne Style.
Free Sausage Sizzle will be provided.

DATE: Wednesday January 26 2022

TIME: From 3pm onwards

LOCATION: Junction Pub & Tourist Park Gascoyne Junction

For more information: Gascoyne Junction CRC

T: 08 9943 0988

E: crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

CORNER COOK'S

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

INGREDIENTS

- 2 SHEETS FROZEN PUFF PASTRY, THAWED
- $\frac{3}{4}$ CUP (165G) CASTER SUGAR
- $\frac{1}{4}$ CUP (60ML) WATER
- 50G UNSALTED BUTTER, CHOPPED
- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA BEAN PASTE
- 4 GRANNY SMITH APPLES, PEELED, CORED AND QUARTERED
- VANILLA ICE-CREAM, TO SERVE (SEE RECIPE)



METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180°C. Press the pastry sheets together to form one 5mm-thick sheet and, using a plate as a guide, cut out a 23cm round. Set aside.
- Place the sugar and water in a 20cm non-stick ovenproof frying pan over low heat and cook, stirring constantly, until the sugar is dissolved. Increase heat to medium and bring to the boil. Cook, without stirring, for 7–9 minutes or until light golden. Carefully add the butter and vanilla and stir until melted and well combined. Remove the pan from the heat and carefully arrange the apple, cut-side up and slightly overlapping, in the caramel. Top the apple with the pastry round and tuck the edges under to secure.
- Using a sharp knife, make 3 small cuts in the centre of the pastry. Place the pan on a baking tray and cook for 35 minutes or until the pastry is puffed and golden. Set aside for 2–3 minutes to cool slightly. Loosen the edges with a knife and carefully turn out the tart. Serve warm with the ice-cream.

YOUR GASSY GOSSIP IN 2022

You have been gossiping and we have been listening. The Gassy Gossip is a way for the Shire and the Community Resource Centre to communicate what is happening across the Upper Gascoyne, with important updates and community notices. We want it to reflect the community and your stories - we also try to be a little entertaining! If you have an article you would like to share, please send it in.

In 2022 we will be adding a have a laugh section, an app of the month section and a pastoral roundup. Sharing stories is what brings a community together.

We will be hearing more from our new neighbours at DBCA to hear what they have happening across our National Parks and Hastings will also be sharing updates as they come to hand.

If there is something else you would like to see in the gossip just let us know? We look forward to sharing another great year of editions with you.

WIN A 50L ESKY & \$75 OF MEAT & \$75 OF SEAFOOD

Thank you to everyone who has returned their CRC Customer Survey to the CRC so far.

A reminder that entries need to be submitted by Tuesday January 25. Surveys were sent out with your December Gassy Gossip. Extra copies can be emailed or collected at the CRC.

The prize will be drawn at 4pm on Australia Day at the Junction Pub & Tourist Park. Good Luck and thanks for your feedback. It helps us to make sure we deliver the best level of service we can for you.

KIDS! DON'T FORGET THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Now that the CRC and the Library have reopened for 2022, it time to take up the Summer Reading Challenge. You can either use the copy of the reading log in this edition of the Gassy Gossip or pick one up on your next library visit. Keep track of how many books you read between now and school going back.

There are also adventure challenges. Challenge 1 is in the Kids Corner section of this edition , Once you have completed this and returned it to the Library we will then send you off on adventure 2.

Enjoy!



UPPER GASCOYNE 1ST TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Starting in 2022 we will be holding the First Book Club session. Join us at the CRC in person or via Zoom to spend some time chatting about the book of the month. On the first Tuesday night of each month starting at 6.45pm we will gather, bring a plate of food and your favourite drink.

We can download books through the library so no need to order books online. To register and get access to the first book, simply send an email to tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au with your preferred email address. You will then be added to the Book Club: Upper Gascoyne and receive an email with your log in details. You will also need to download the Freading App.

OUR FIRST BOOK

All Our Shimmering Skies (2020) **Publisher** : 4th Estate

Author : Dalton, Trent

The author of *Boy Swallows Universe*, Trent Dalton returns with *All Our Shimmering Skies* - the bestselling, critically acclaimed novel destined to become another Australian classic.

'A glinting, big-hearted miracle of a book' Richard Glover

'A work of shimmering originality and energy, with extraordinary characters and a clever, thrilling plot ... unputdownable' Sydney Morning Herald

Darwin, 1942, and as Japanese bombs rain down, motherless Molly Hook, the gravedigger's daughter, turns once again to the sky for guidance. She carries a stone heart inside a duffel bag next to the map that leads to Longcoat Bob, the deep-country sorcerer who put a curse on her family. By her side are the most unlikely travelling companions: Greta, a razor-tongued actress, and Yukio, a fallen Japanese fighter pilot. Run, Molly, run, says the daytime sky. Run to the vine forests. Run to northern Australia's wild and magical monsoon lands. Run to friendship. Run to love. Run. Because the graverobber's coming, Molly, and the night-time sky is coming with him. So run, Molly, run.

All Our Shimmering Skies is a story about gifts that fall from the sky, curses we dig from the earth and the secrets we bury inside ourselves. It is an odyssey of true love and grave danger, of darkness and light, of bones and blue skies; a buoyant, beautiful and magical novel abrim with warmth, wit and wonder; and a love letter to Australia and the art of looking up.

'Dalton is an author of 19th-century expansiveness, one with a sense that intelligence, talent for characterisation and sheer narrative brio can still be the whole cloth of the writer's ambition ... it is storytelling manna, fallen straight from the Territorian skies.' *The Australian*

'Achingly beautiful and poetic in its melancholy, *All Our Shimmering Skies* is a majestic and riveting tale of curses and the true meaning of treasure.' *Booklist*, starred review

GOSSIP



JANUARY

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

MARCH

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

FEBRUARY

- 5 Billie O'Sullivan
- 6 Sophie Wright
- 17 Dart
- 20 Juanita O
- 21 Cynthia Wright
- 24 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.



SMOKO TIME



New Years Word Search

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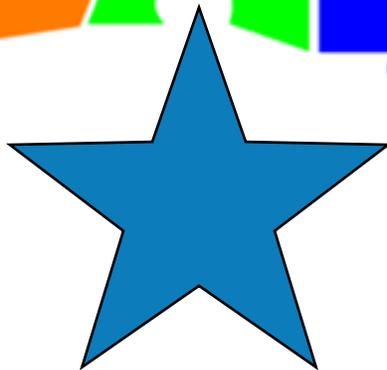
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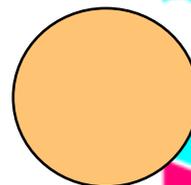
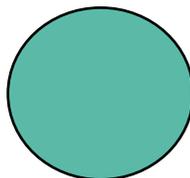
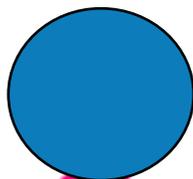
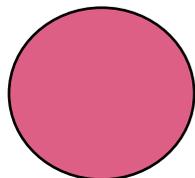
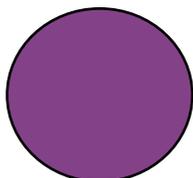
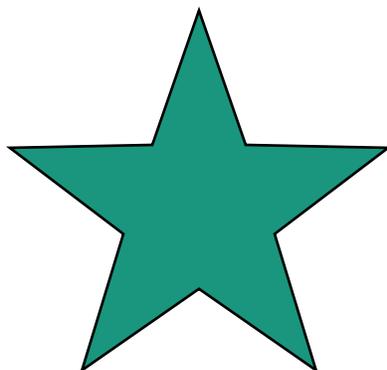
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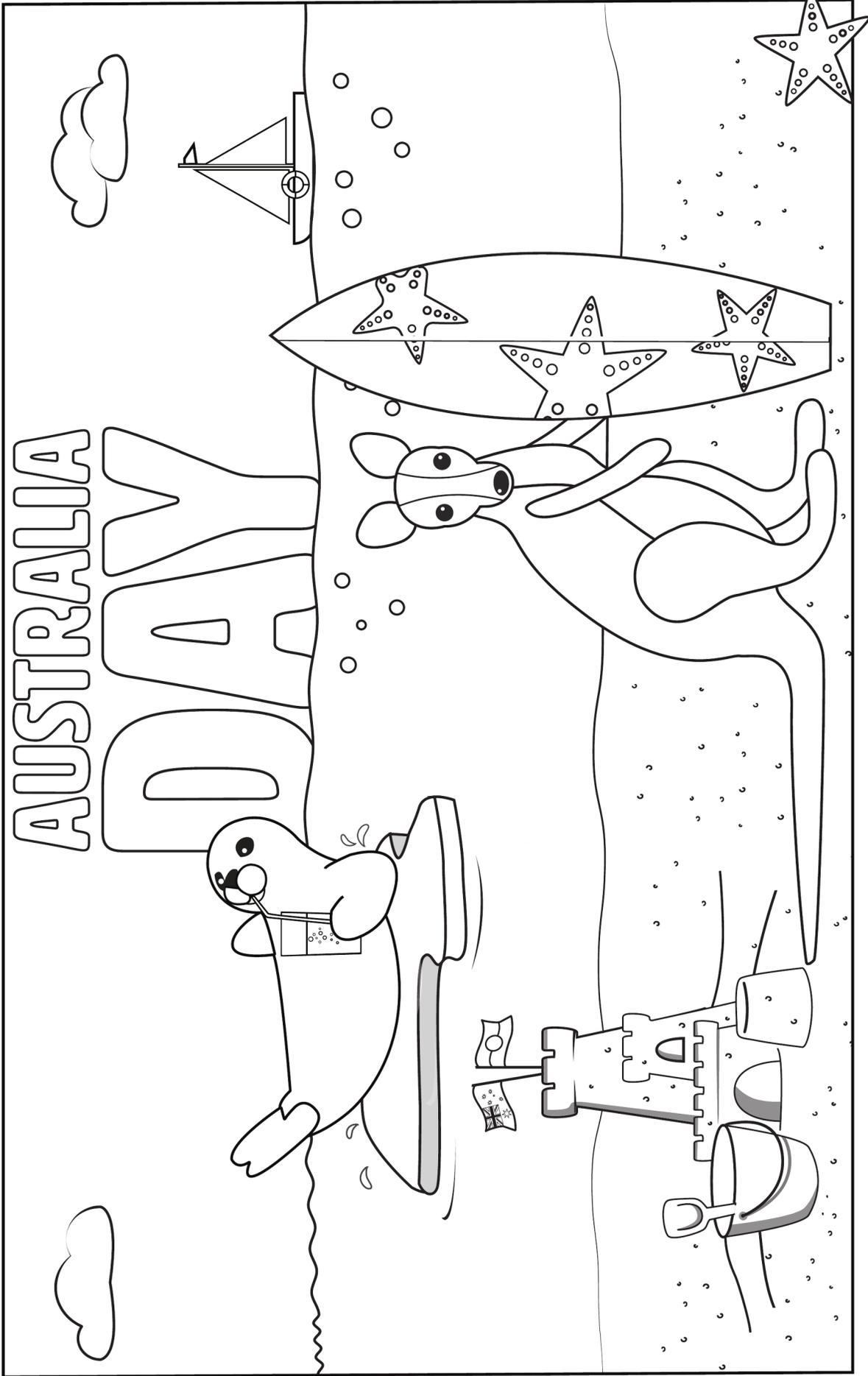
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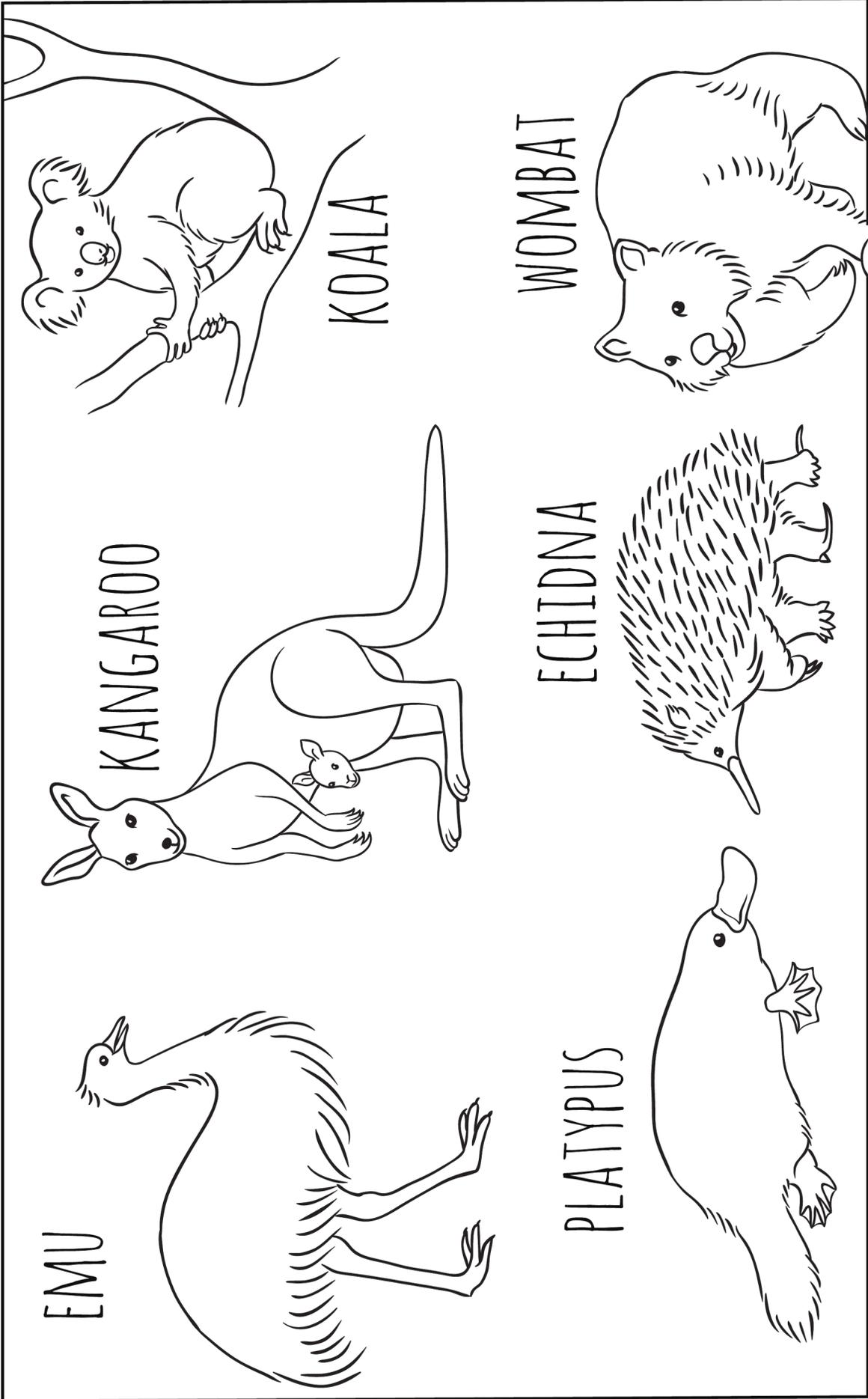


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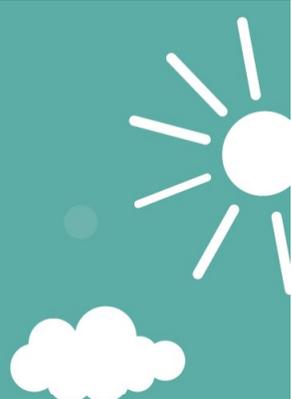
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AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL OF
NEW SOUTH WALES





SUMMER
READING
QUEST

ADVENTURE CARD



Enjoy a book by an Indigenous author or illustrator	Enjoy a graphic novel or comic	Make something yummy from a cookbook
Visit your local library	Enjoy a book set in another country	Read a poetry book and write your own poem
Read to a pet	Learn a new word	Write a review about a book you liked



CHOOSE
TO PASS!

Strike through one adventure on the grid that you don't want to complete

This Adventure Card belongs to:

Age:

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Parent Email:

Parent phone number or Library Card number & Library:

*The email will be used to contact readers if they win state prizes and for a wrap up survey.
Phone number to only be used if contact can't be made by email.*

Keep going on your quest...

Completed your Adventure card?

First Adventure Card completed gets a prize.

Check with your Library as special challenges will get you spot prizes over the weeks!

Bring your Adventure cards stapled together back to your library by **February 11**.

You'll get an entry for every card in the big state-wide draw.

The more cards the more chances!

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**AUSTRALIA
DAY**

JUNCTION PUB

26 JANUARY

BOOK CLUB

CRC

01 FEBRUARY

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

PAVILION

11 FEBRUARY

**FOOD
SENSATIONS
COOKING
CLASS**

CRC

01 MARCH

TO BE RESCHEDULED

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



**FOOD
SENSATIONS
COOKING
CLASS**

CRC

08 MARCH

**UPPER
GASCOYNE
SOCIAL
TENNIS
COMP**

PAVILION

12 - 13 MARCH

**FOOD
SENSATIONS
COOKING
CLASS**

CRC

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