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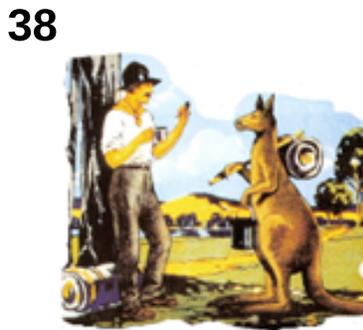
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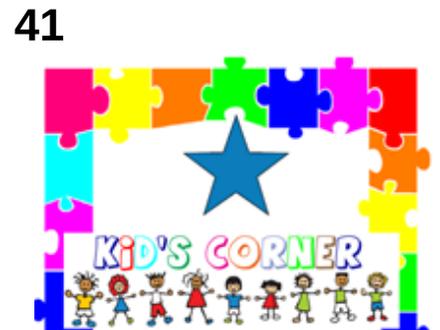
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FOOD SENSATIONS COOKING CLASS 15 MARCH	UPPER GASCOYNE SOCIAL TENNIS COMP 16 MARCH	FOOD SENSATIONS COOKING CLASS 16 MARCH	HARMONY WEEK MOVIE NIGHT POT LUCK DINNER 18 MARCH
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Find out what exciting events are coming up next in our Community Calendar.

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 been particularly challenging with rain and COVID-19 throwing up considerable challenges for our entire workforce. Unfortunately we lost Jarrod, Cherie and Sean to the virus for 7 days as they had to go into isolation. This was at a time when we had reasonably significant rainfall necessitating road closures and we had the cement stabilisation crew and the sealing crew all heading out to the Landor / Meekatharra Road whilst the majority of roads were closed. For those of us left standing we managed to keep things on track, by the skin of our teeth, and get all the works completed.

Staff have been busy with preparing for the 2022/23 Budget. There is a lot of paper work that needs to be done behind the scenes prior to bringing a working document before Council for consideration.

Works are continuing with the Two Rivers Memorial Park with the two Culverts having been completed, electricity has been connected to the music shell with all the light fittings, etc. being installed, the painters have completed painting both indoor and outdoor. Contractors are coming to the Junction to compact around the culverts so the final earthworks can be completed with the bitumen following close behind. The plumber will commence works on or around the 22nd of April and he will finalise his side of things. All in all the project is moving ahead albeit at slightly better speed than glacier speed.

Work has commenced on the Carnarvon/Mullewa sealing project with design drawings having been completed and the gravel pushed up. THEM Construction have commenced their works in the week commencing on the 18th of April 2022.

As part of my role, I am continually trying to advocate for Ministers to visit our region so we can have a chance to tell our story and perhaps get some assistance. I have invitations with John Carey – Minister for Local Government; Alannah MacTiernan – Minister for Regional Development, Agriculture and Food, Hydrogen – At this stage Alannah may visit Gascoyne Junction sometime in May; Minister Stephen Dawson – Emergency Services, Innovation and ICT is yet to respond.

Work is still progressing with the Hastings Road Use Agreement. We believe that they have nearly got it right and have sent this to our solicitor for him to go over and insert any of the legal terms as required. Once this is back we will have to undertake a further review and once we are happy will present to Council for consideration, I am anticipating that this will be ready for the May 22 OMC.

Corporate Services Update

The month of April has absolutely flown by and our plates are quickly filling with routine compliance work such as budget reviews, new budget preparation and audits. Last month we held our first audit committee meeting with the OAG and our Auditors from William Buck. This entrance meeting officially kicks off the Shire's audit process for the current financial year. Our interim audit dates with William Buck were originally scheduled for April, however due to conflicting commitments in our Auditors calendar, these dates have since been rescheduled to the end of May.

Amongst other compliance work the Corporate team is currently invested in, we are also gearing up to carry out staff performance reviews which we hope to finalise towards the end of May or possibly early June.

As I write this report, we are starting to see our first trickle of tourists in the area. It is a welcome sight particularly as the recent rain has added a nice green touch to the landscape and brought in a hint of cooler weather – the only downside is that the flies also seem to be in favour of these conditions which is unfortunate, particularly when you are trying to enjoy a leisurely stroll around town and catch a few in your mouth in passing (very unpleasant).

Although the Easter break has offered a nice reprieve for staff and allowed us to enjoy time away from the office, we return to a busy schedule ahead filled with further budget preparation, rate modelling, project reporting and audits. This will continue to be the case for many months to come so we are very much back to business as per normal.



Community Resource Centre Update

A further COVID clinic was held in April with many first time attendees. Whilst our next visit is not yet scheduled we will look to host this in conjunction with a flu vaccine clinic. We received a small grant through the State Library of Western Australia to offset costs incurred at the Community Resource Centre in helping residents with Service WA. It has been used to offset wages and to cover postage costs of free pulse oximeters that were sent to every household across the Shire along with a booklet on how to use the Services WA app. We have also sent out free RAT tests and face masks to all residents courtesy of WAHCS and the Shire.

Goods continue to arrive for the Medical Clinic and we have been advised we will be visited by both a GP and Clinical Nurse Manager. As I write this I do not have a new potential start date but each day brings us closer.

Unfortunately the Shire had to postpone one of their flagship community events for 2022 being the Bogan Bingo night that was originally scheduled for the 1st April, this was due to a significant amount of rain we received in the area leading up to the event and the days to follow. Rather than cancel the show altogether, we have been lucky enough to find another date to hold it – this event has now been rescheduled for the 10th June 2022.

Tourism Update

At the time this is presented to the April Council Meeting, the Tourism and Community Development Officer (TCDO) is currently in Mt Magnet attending a meeting representing the Shire and the Shire Stakeholders at an Australia's Golden Outback Meeting to begin discussions on a Destination Management Plan for our region. Access and Infrastructure are key points that I will be raising.

Visitors are again starting to make their way into the Shire. We are seeing a strong mix of families with primary aged children and empty nesters making their way on adventures. We welcomed a gentleman from Poland who is walking across Australia and is on his way to Mt Augustus via the Kennedy Range as part of his adventure. Our walking tours from the CRC are set to begin with admin staff taking a sample tour in April. These will be run on demand and are designed to encourage visitors to stay a little longer in the Junction and learn more about our Shire. QR codes will begin in May, to collect data from visitors in our region to better understand why they travel through the Shire.

Our new welcome to Shire signs are in the final stages of design and are about to be sent off for production. New signage for around town and welcome to Gascoyne Junction signs are also in this scope of work. They are utilising our new branding. An updated Visit Upper Gascoyne brochure is at the printers along with the A3 town maps which will add to our marketing collateral. Design work is underway on a Kennedy Range Loop Track version

Ainsley (TCDO) has been working in collaboration with our fellow Gascoyne Shires on the Astro Tourism Dark Sky project. Astro tourism WA will be visiting in August to commence work on identifying key sites across our Shire. April 20, 2023 will see a solar eclipse in Exmouth. In Gascoyne Junction there will be 90.25% coverage, 92.19% at Kennedy Range and 87.81% at Mt Augustus which provides us with the opportunity to take on some of the overflow of interested visitors. We are also working together on keeping visitors in the region over this period of time and providing activities in the weeks before and after the solar eclipse event. There are another two solar eclipses in the region in the next 10 to 15 years to also consolidate for.

On the long weekend in June, the Model A Ford Club and Trackcare will be holding event through the Kennedy Range Loop starting from Murchison Settlement and finishing in Gascoyne Junction. Ainsley will be working with them and Western 4WD Magazine on coverage of the event including creating digital content for our own marketing and use moving forward.

Two new projects that will be a focus in 2022 will be developing a business case for additional accommodation in Gascoyne Junction, both motel/chalet style and also overflow area for camping for events and peak periods. The second is updated the town museum displays and interpretative signage. Designs for this are underway.

Ainsley (TCDO) has been representing the businesses of the Shire at a working group created by Gascoyne Development Commission of local Chambers of Commerce and Progress Associations. I will look at seeking expressions of interest in forming an Upper Gascoyne Tourism and Progress Association. Members would then have access to work collaboratively with the Chambers across the Gascoyne. This is still a work in progress and updates will be provided. The concept is to be able to share resources, training opportunities, nominated for Business Awards and recognition and streamline the administration involved.

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Public Notice



Notice of Intention to Impose Differential Rates for 2022/2023

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 the Shire of Upper Gascoyne hereby gives notice of its intention to impose differential rates and differential minimum rates on all rateable unimproved valued (U.V) properties within its boundaries during the 2022/23 financial year. The differential rates are imposed on the basis of predominant land use as detailed below-

LAND USE	RATE IN \$	MINIMUM
G.R.V. General	10.5000 cents	\$500
U.V. Mining	29.8000 cents	\$950
U.V. Rural	7.0000 cents	\$900

A statement of Objects and Reasons for each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected at or obtained from, the Shire of Upper Gascoyne Administration Centre, 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Further queries can be directed to the undersigned by telephoning (08) 9943 0988 or by email to:

financemanager@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Submissions regarding the proposed differential rate and minimums can be made in writing and submitted by email or post to the above details or by fax to (08) 9943 0507. Submissions must be received by 4.30pm on Thursday 26th May 2022.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer
04/05/2022

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

COUNCIL UPDATE....



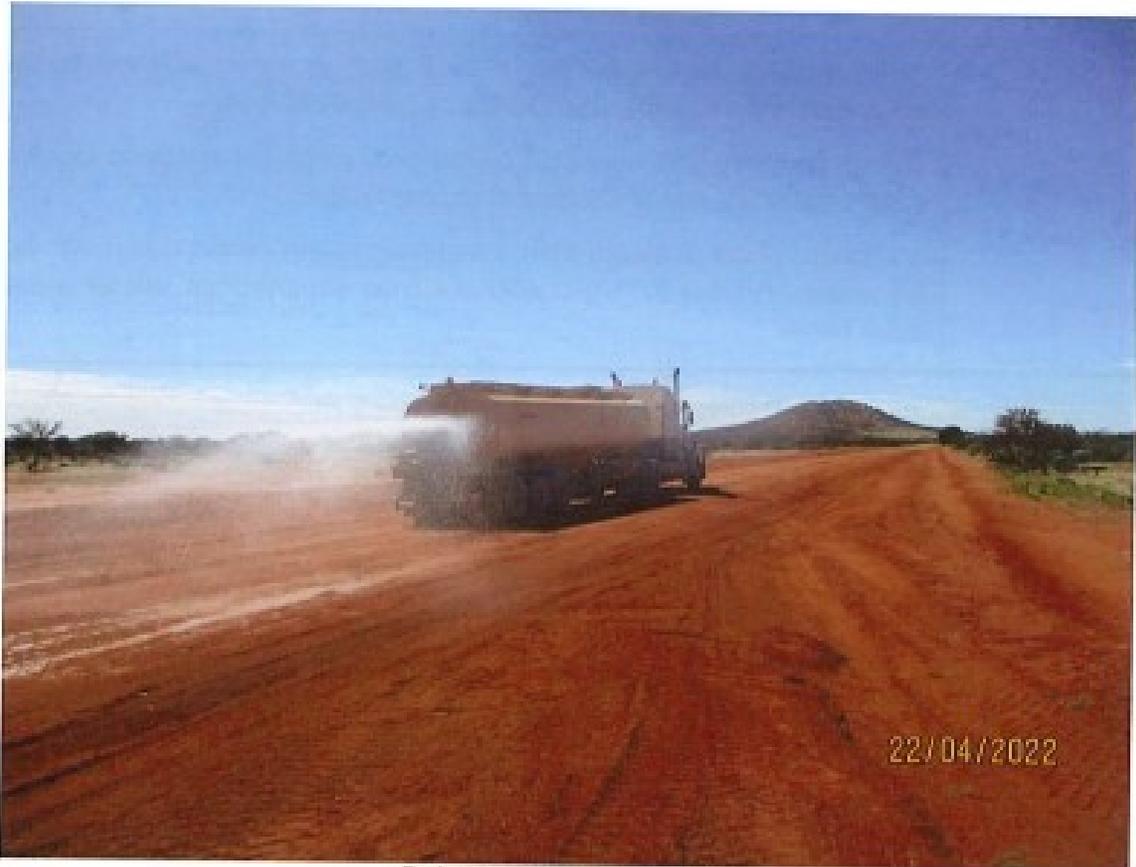
FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN951 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – April 2022 (PACKAGE 1)

Contractor	QEM Group	Package Start Date:	17 Nov 2021
		Forecast Completion Date:	June / July 2022
Works this period (Apr 2022)		Works next period (May 2022)	
<p>Ullawarra Rd</p> <p>Completed all defects from Minnie Creek Rd Intersection heading south towards Gascoyne Junction townsite. Works have comprised heavy grading and resheeting gravel pavement.</p> <p>Proposed defect repair works on Bundagee wash are scheduled for Jul / Aug 2022. The works are proposed to include some betterment works comprising additional rock protection and a concrete cut-off wall funded directly by the Shire.</p> <p>Dalgety Downs Landor Rd</p> <p>Commence defect rectification on Dalgety Downs Landor heading towards Landor Meekatharra Rd Intersection. Works have comprised reinstatement of shoulders and drains, medium and heavy grade, removal of silt and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement, resheeting of gravel pavement, scour repairs.</p>		<p>Landor Meekatharra Rd</p> <p>Commence works on this road working from the Meekatharra boundary north towards Landor homestead. Works comprises of drain and road shoulder reinstatement, silt removal and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement, heavy grade of gravel pavement, resheeting of gravel pavement.</p> <p>Landor Mt Augustus Rd</p> <p>Continue works on this road working from Burringurrah south towards Landor homestead. Works comprise of heavy grade to pavement gravel, reinstatement of road shoulder, pavement gravel resheet, silt removal and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement.</p> <p>Waldburg Rd</p> <p>Continue works on this road working from the Waldburg Homestead south towards Landor Mt Clere Rd. Works comprise of heavy grade to gravel pavement, shoulder reinstatement, drain silt and debris removal, resheeting of pavement gravel and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement.</p> <p>Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd</p> <p>Commence works on this road working from the Meekatharra boundary towards Mt Clere homestead. Works include heavy grading of scours on pavement.</p> <p>Landor Mt Clere Rd</p> <p>Commence works on this road together with defect rectification works at Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd. Works include minor and medium silt/debris removal from subgrade and pavement, reform subgrade, heavy grading to pavement, silt removal and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement</p>	
Status of Roads			

	This Month	Last Period
Overall Package	64% (21st April)	61%
Bingegaroo Road	100%	100%
Cobra Mt Augustus Road	100%	100%
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	3%	0%
Dooley Downs Road	100%	100%
Edmund Gifford Creek Road	100%	0%
Erong Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Eudamullah Road	100%	100%
Landor Meekatharra Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Landor Mt Augustus Road	39%	39%
Landor Mt Clere Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Lyndon Minnie Creek Road	100%	100%
Lyons River Road	100%	100%
Mangaroon Road	100%	100%
Meekatharra Mt Clere Road	Construction not commenced yet	
Minnie Creek Road	100%	100%
Mt Augustus Road	100%	100%
Mt Augustus Woodlands Road	100%	100%
Pingandy Road	100%	100%
Potts Road	100%	100%
Ullawarra Road	98%	95%
Waldburg Road	16%	16%
Wanna Road	100%	100%
Discussion Items		

Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report
Camp	<p>Camp recently established at Landor Station providing accommodation, mess facilities and workshop facilities for the QEM crew.</p> <p>The camp move was impacted by the heavy rain fall and road closures across the Shire due to flooding of access roads.</p> <p>Contractor plans to switch from the current rolling continuous roster to a 3/1 roster from the 27th April after the crew departs from site for a one-week break.</p>



Dalgety Downs Landor Rd



Dalgety Downs Landor Rd

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – April 2022 (PACKAGE 2)**

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	8 Nov 2020
		Forecast Completion Date:	June 2022
Works this period (April 2022)		Works next period (June 2022)	
<p>Pimbee Rd Continued damage reinstatement works on this road working towards Gascoyne Junction. Works have comprised removal of silt, medium and heavy reshaping and drain line reinstatement, resheeting of gravel pavement, reinstatement of unsealed floodway gravel pavement. Works are now placed on hold temporarily due to resequencing of work.</p> <p>Cobra Dairy Creek Rd Commenced and progressed works from SLK114 heading south through towards Camarvon Mullewa Rd intersection. Works comprised removal of silt, reforming, and reshaping drain lines, resheet and reinstate gravel pavement, remove silt, and reinstate unsealed floodway pavement gravel, road shoulder reinstatement, medium and heavy grade to road pavement surface and scour repairs. Works are now on hold temporarily due to resequencing of work.</p> <p>Weedarrah Rd Defect rectification works complete. Works comprised removal of silt, reforming and reshaping drain lines, reinstatement of RHS road shoulder, medium and heavy grade to pavement and scour repairs.</p> <p>Mooloo Downs Access Rd Defect rectification works complete. Works comprised resheeting of pavement gravel, removal of silt and debris in drains on both sides of road – medium.</p>		<p>Remaining flood damage works put on hold whilst THEM focus on Camarvon Mullewa Rd upgrade works. Remaining flood damage works will be completed in June 2022.</p> <p>Pimbee Rd Complete remaining works on this road comprising defects on the northern end of the road. Works will include drain silt and debris removal, pavement gravel resheeting, medium and heavy grading of pavement gravel, reconstruction of drains and culvert end</p> <p>Cobra Dairy Creek Rd Complete remaining works on this road working from north to south. Works will comprise removal of silt, reforming, and reshaping drain lines, resheet and reinstate gravel pavement, remove silt, and reinstate unsealed floodway pavement gravel, road shoulder reinstatement, medium and heavy grade to road pavement surface and scour repairs.</p>	

Status of Roads		
	This Month	Last Period
Overall Package	98% (21st April)	89%
Carey Downs Road	100%	100%
Carnarvon Mullewa Road	100%	100%
Cobra Dairy Creek Road	97%	0%
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Road	100%	100%
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	100%	100%
Erong Road	100%	100%
Eudamullah Road	100%	100%
Gilroyd Road	100%	100%
Gregory Street	Transferred to AGRN951 scope	
Hatch Street	100%	100%
Killili Road	100%	100%
Lyons River Road	100%	100%
Minnie Creek Road	100%	100%
Mooloo Downs Access Road	100%	0%
Newton Drive	100%	100%
Pimbee Road	87%	71%
Riverside Drive	100%	100%
Rubbish Tip Road	100%	100%
Scott Street	100%	100%
Ullawarra Road	100%	100%
Viveash Way	100%	100%

Weedarrah Road	100%	0%
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp remains in place at southern end of Ullawarra Rd.	



2022/04/13

Cobra Dairy Creek Rd



2022/04/19

Cobra Dairy Creek Rd

BLAST FROM THE PAST



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

Track winding back to Bonegilla camp

By JASON MAROCCHI

IT WAS a trip down memory lane for Gascoyne Junction Shire councillor Inge Stocks on Tuesday.

The opening of the Western Australian Museum Geraldton's new exhibition From the Steps of Bonegilla brought back a host of childhood memories.

Cr Stocks spent her first year in Australia at the Bonegilla Migrant Reception Centre, near Shepparton in Victoria, as a six-year-old in 1953.

Bonegilla was the place where more than 320,000 migrants gained their first taste of Australia.

Cr Stocks can still remember arriving in Bonegilla after a long boat trip from Germany.

"We got off the train just before dawn," she said.

"We heard the magpies in the trees and were absolutely terrified, even mum and dad, we had no idea what they were."

The exhibition is a unique collection of photographs, stories and memorabilia depicting life at the migrant centre from 1947 to 1971.

It provides an insight



GASCOYNE Junction Shire councillor Inge Stocks reminisces the year she spent at the Bonegilla Migrant Reception Centre. A new exhibition at the museum will provide an insight into life at the centre. (Photo by Angie Sluims.)

into the lives of the men and women who have helped shape and develop Australia's rich multicultural heritage.

Cr Stocks said the new exhibition was appropriately named.

"I love the name From the Steps of Bonegilla because the mums and kids used to sit on the steps at the front of the centre at the end of the day waiting for the men to come home from work," she said.

From the Steps of Bonegilla was compiled by the Albury Regional Museum as a touring exhibition.

It will be on display in Geraldton until the end of June.

This article was originally published in the Geraldton Guardian on Tuesday May 21, 2001.



GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP 2022 CALENDAR

5th & 6th February Untutored

19th and 20th March Untutored

9th & 10th April Junk Art

21st and 22nd May Untutored

11th & 12th June Basket weaving

30th & 31st July Mystery Quilt

13th & 14th August Untutored

3rd and 4th September Untutored

29th & 30th October Mosaic Workshop

26th & 27th November Christmas Craft

For any queries, please contact the Secretary Tina Matthews

E: junctioncraft@gmail.com

P: 9943 0531

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

CALLING ALL LOCAL CELEBRITIES...



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

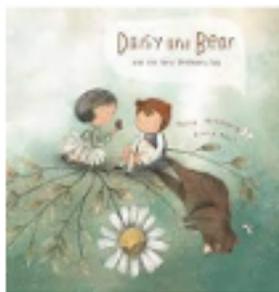
We want to know more about our community and our community is keen to get to know

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

You could be our next local celebrity...



BOOKS OF THE MONTH

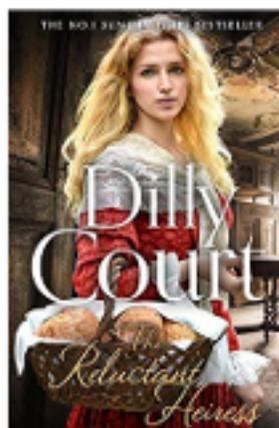


DAISY AND BEAR AND THE VERY ORDINARY DAY

Daisy and Bear live in a small house. They do the same ordinary things every day. Or do they?

Follow the adventures of this delightful brother and sister duo as they find the sparkle and fun in the daily routine of family life.

With charming pencil illustrations by Bianca Pozzi, this is a delightful book that values innocence, imaginative play and love.



THE RELUCTANT HEIRESS

In London's twisting streets, it's hard to tell friend from foe. And for Katherine Martin, arriving back in London after years away, the city is far crueler than she remembers.

Her eyes opened to the plight of London's poor, Kate is determined to do what she can to help – even if it means defying her parents.

In secret, she opens a soup kitchen. But there is a world of criminals within London's poorest alleys. Catching the notice of Harry Trader and his gang, Kate is out of her depth. Until she begins to discover that her true enemies might not be who she thought...



We've received a bunch of new library books, dvd's and auto books this month. Make sure you pop in and check them out!

Can't make it into the CRC, send us an email at crc@uppergasocyne.wa.gov.au or call on 9943 0988 and we will hand select a pile of books to be delivered on the mail truck out to you.

By: Barney Mctgart

Plastic bags should be banned

Plastic bags are a worldwide trouble. They have been killing plants and animals for years. Do you want the Earth to die? How would you feel if you were choking on a plastic bag like a sea turtle? Animals die daily from this horrible thing and what do we do? Make more plastic bags and kill more and more animals. It would not be this bad if we did not throw plastic bags in the bin but then is the bin safe? Most plastic bags that are taken to the dump simply get blown into our precious environment.

Did you know that the average Australian uses 170 plastic bags a year? If we keep dumping plastic bags in the ocean at this rate there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean. It takes 10 to 20 years for a plastic bag to break down .the chemicals in plastic bags have a horrible effect on the environment.

If you have a little kid and a plastic bag lying around you better pick up your kid because 20 small children die a year because they put it over their head and choke. Plastic bags cause a devastating effect on Earths creatures particularly sea animals. Sea turtles can think that plastic bags are jellyfish and eat them they get very sick and well I am sure you will know what happens next they get better and live happily ever after? No they die. What a lovely story.

Imagine you are at a luxurious hotel you know the usual stuff like queen sized bed, a spa, a balcony and a personal butler just to name a few and you are going to the hotel restaurant. A waiter shows you to your seat you look out of the window on the glorious beach and see plastic bags all around the shore and in rolling around in the ocean. This is what happens to some people! Plastic bags look really messy and horrible.

It is clear that plastic bags should be banned [see why in paragraphs 1 to 4]. It kills nature and looks horrible in the ocean. There are many alternatives to using plastic bags like using re-useable bags and boxes. So next time the checkout lady asks you if you if you would like a plastic with that say NO! And walk away.





Newsletter

29/04/2022

PRINCIPAL'S POST

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
RESILIENCE

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

FAREWELL TO MISS JODIE

This week we said an unexpected farewell to our AIEO Jodie Gibson who is leaving Gascoyne Junction to move closer to her family and her grandchildren. Jodie has worked tirelessly in her role for 17 years to provide a supportive and safe environment for Aboriginal students.

Over the years, she has collaborated with teachers and Principals to help Aboriginal students improve their engagement, attendance, achievement, and retention. AIEOs and teachers work together. Jodie will be missed and will be a great loss to both the school and to the community. We wish her all the best for this next stage in her remarkably busy life.

Jodie will be returning briefly to Gascoyne Junction soon, and we will organise a more formal farewell so we can properly recognise her years of wonderful service. We will pass on details once they're finalised.



VALUES BOXES

Thanks to the school community for using the Values Boxes located at the CRC, the Shire and the school's front office to note a student's name, the date and to tick one or more of the values that you have seen being demonstrated by a student at our school. We will be counting the slips and rewarding students who have been recognised the most for demonstrating our school values. We thank you for your participation.

Kind regards
Jackie Miller (Principal)

STUDENT COUNCILLOR NEWS

Student council members have decided to hold a lapathon at the end of term for all students. All proceeds will go to Telethon. A date will be announced soon.



A Wakakirri Story-Dance is a performance by a group of students that tells a story using a combination of creative movement, dancing and acting to pre-recorded music.

Each year hundreds of schools across Australia create and perform Story-Dances for Wakakirri that reflect students' thoughts, ideas, and aspirations. This year's theme is "RISE" and students are creating a story with Miss Wilson based on this theme.

Next week on Wednesday 4th May, Thursday 5th May and Friday 6th May, we have a Wakakirri coordinator flying from Perth as part of an Artist in Residence Program to create the Story-Dance with our students.

For the remainder of this term, students will practise their dance regularly, build scenery for the background, make their costumes, and organise lighting for our dance-story before submitting our Wakakirri Video next term.

It will be a fantastic experience for our students and our community, and we will be inviting family and community members to a live performance before we submit our video.



SWIMMING WEEK



STUDENT FEEDBACK

Last term we participated in swimming lessons and each morning undertook other excursions around Carnarvon. Upon their return to school, students rated each excursion and justified their ratings with comments.



This was their order of preference:

1. Space & Technology Museum
2. Swimming lessons
3. Cultural Centre
4. Heritage Cottage

Students will have active input into planning for 2023 Swimming Week.



COMING EVENTS

4 th , 5 th , and 6 th May	Wakakirri Artist in Residence Program
Sunday 08/05/22	Mother's Day
Monday 09/05/22	School Psychologist visit
10/5/22-13/5/22	NAPLAN Week
19/5/22	Sporting Schools AFL
2/6/22	Sporting Schools AFL
6/6/22	WA DAY Public Holiday
16/6/22	Sporting Schools AFL
22/6/22-23/6/22	CSOTA Sports Day & Cross Country in Carnarvon



Career Conversations 2022

Talking to young people about pathways and opportunities

This is an exciting time for young people to make their mark on the world; the world-of-work is changing and there are many opportunities to explore.

Parents are the greatest influence on the career decisions of their children.

Join the conversation about post school options at our free parent events in your local area. Come along to and hear:

- what industry want from young people
- the opportunities on offer
- young people sharing their experiences
- where to find up-to-date career information.

Together, with schools we can prepare young people for the many opportunities and challenges ahead.

Register for an event



Region	Location	Date
Breakfast events (7:30 am to 8:15 am)		
Central Perth	Perth CBD	Wednesday, 16 March
		Thursday, 28 April
Metropolitan events (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)		
East Metropolitan	Caversham	Thursday, 9 June
North Metropolitan	Joondalup	Monday, 14 March
	Scarborough	Wednesday, 18 May
South Metropolitan	Lathlain	Tuesday, 17 May
	Henderson	Tuesday, 5 April
	Mandurah	Wednesday, 9 March
Regional events (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)		
Goldfields	Esperance	Wednesday, 15 June
	Kalgoorlie	Wednesday, 3 August
Kimberley	Broome	Monday, 25 July
	Kununurra	Tuesday, 21 June
Mid-West	Carnarvon	Monday, 2 May
	Geraldton	Thursday, 5 May
Pilbara	Hadland	Monday, 30 May
	Karrotha	Tuesday, 24 May
	Newman	Wednesday, 11 May
	Tom Price	Monday, 9 May
Southwest	Albany	Thursday, 24 March
	Bunbury	Wednesday, 30 March
	Busselton	Monday, 28 March
Wheatbelt	Narrogin	Thursday, 17 March
	Northam	Monday, 21 March
Online events (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)		
All	Online	Wednesday, 6 April
All	Online	Thursday, 26 May



Career Conversations 2022

Talking to young people about pathways and opportunities

Professional learning event for teachers

The world-of-work is changing. While this is an exciting time for young people, with many opportunities to explore, choosing a career pathway requires much consideration and exploration.

Parents, carers, teachers and peers are the greatest influencers of the career decision-making of young people. Together we must prepare young people for the opportunities and challenges ahead.

We all need to be having career conversations with our students and children, beginning much earlier than secondary school.

Armed with accurate, up-to-date information, you can point young people to the full range of options and pathways open to them.

Come and hear:

- how we can support parents and young people with career information
- what employers want from young people
- which industries have opportunities on offer
- young people sharing their experiences
- where to find accurate, up-to-date career information.

Region	Location	Date
Metropolitan events (8:30 am to 11:45 am)		
East Metropolitan	Caversham	Wednesday, 8 June
North Metropolitan	Jeandrup	Tuesday, 15 March
	Scarborough	Friday, 20 May
South Metropolitan	Henderson	Monday, 4 April
	Lathlain	Monday, 16 May
	Mondurah	Thursday, 10 March
Regional events (9:00 am to 3:00 pm)		
Goldfields	Esperance	Thursday, 16 June
	Kalgoorlie	Thursday, 4 August
Kimberley	Broome	Tuesday, 26 July
	Kununurra	Wednesday, 22 June
Mid-West	Carnarvon	Tuesday, 3 May
	Geraldton	Friday, 6 May
Pilbara	Hedland	Tuesday, 31 May
	Karratha	Wednesday, 25 May
	Newman	Thursday, 12 May
	Tom Price	Tuesday, 10 May
Southwest	Albany	Friday, 25 March
	Bunbury	Thursday, 31 March
Wheatbelt	Busselton	Tuesday, 29 March
	Narrogin	Friday, 18 March
	Northam	Tuesday, 22 March
Online events (9:00 am to 10:00 am)		
All	Online	Thursday, 7 April
All	Online	Thursday, 2 June



Department of
Education

Shaping the future

School enrolments are now open for 2023

If your child is starting **Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 7** or **changing schools** you will need to apply to enrol by **22 July 2022**.

Find out more:

education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol





Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

WA have your say

on seniors and ageing



The State Government, on behalf of the Hon. Don Punch MLA, Minister for Seniors and Ageing, is developing WA's first Seniors Strategy.

The Department of Communities is keen to hear the thoughts and opinions of older Western Australians to help shape the strategy.

Have your say on how you can age well in your community!

Consultation sessions are being held across the state in May and June 2022, with sessions in Carnarvon taking place on:

Tuesday 31st May at 10:00am - 12:00pm at Gwoonwardu Mia

Tuesday 31st May at 12:30pm - 2:30pm at Gwoonwardu Mia

We would like to hear from:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 55 years and over, and
- Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 65 years and over.

People approaching their senior years are also encouraged to participate.

These sessions are being facilitated by Indigenous Professional Services Management Consultants on behalf of the Department of Communities.

Can't make it to a session?

One-on-one phone interviews are available for people who are unable to attend a consultation session.

If you would like to book an interview, please contact our consultants (available 8am-3pm Monday to Friday):

- **Emma O'Hara:** Mobile 0431 239 075; Email: emma.ohara@ipsau.com.au
- **Liam Ashworth:** Mobile 0410 910 450; Email: liam.ashworth@ispau.com.au

To register for a session visit: www.communities.wa.gov.au/SeniorsStrategy

COOK'S CORNER

Easy Thai Red Chicken Curry

Ingredients

- 2 tsp. vegetable oil
- 275g The Spice Tailor Thai red curry kit
- 500g chicken thigh fillets (cut into 3cm pieces)
- 200g green beans (trimmed) cup
- 450g Sunrice microwave jasmine rice
- coriander (to serve)

Method

Step 1

Heat oil in a large, deep frying pan over medium-high heat. Remove kaffir lime leaves from spice pouch in curry kit, then add spices and cook for 1 minute, stirring, or until fragrant. Add chicken and cook for 4 minutes, stirring, or until browned. Add spice paste from curry kit, then cook, stirring, for 1 minute to coat. Add coconut sauce sachet, reserved kaffir lime leaves and 1 tbs water, then stir to combine. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, uncovered, for 4 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

Step 2

Meanwhile, cook beans in a medium saucepan of boiling water for 2 minutes or until bright green and tender. Drain.

Step 3

Heat rice according to packet instructions.

Step 4

Divide rice and curry among bowls, then top with beans and scatter over coriander. Serve.

Recipe from www.woolworths.com.au





MAY

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

JUNE

- 13 Sa Toomalatai
- 19 Cherie Walker
- 20 Sean Walker

JULY

- 4 Blanche Walker
- 7 Hamish McTaggart
- 13 Darcy McKeough
- 17 Dameon Whitby
- 24 Jarrod Walker
- 30 Beth Burnett



☆☆☆ CONGRATULATIONS ☆☆☆

The Shire would like to acknowledge Nat Rogers and Leeson Dorey on 10 years of service for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

We congratulate them on this wonderful achievement and thank them for their service.



Visiting GP Clinic

Whilst we have had a delay to the start date of our GP Clinic it is getting closer, due to a change in staffing. We have had an onsite visit from the new Clinical Nursing Manager to create a list of what further equipment is required. We will continue to keep you posted on the progress of the new opening date and how to go about making bookings. We would love to hear your feedback on what services you would like offered through the clinic.

Pub & Tourist Park.



Walking Tours

CRC staff are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a Walking Tour for visitors to the town, showcasing all our local landmarks and hot spots. The tour will be offered from April to September, each afternoon at 3pm departing from the CRC. Visitors will enjoy a leisurely stroll while learning all about the history of our town and our community. Further enquiries about the Walking Tours can be made by contacting Ainsley, our TCDO at the CRC.

ANZAC Day 2022

The Upper Gascoyne Memorial Services was held with over 30 residents and visitors in attendance. The service was conducted by Shire President Mr Don Hammarquist with a special ANZAC Day address delivered by WO2 Benetio Oti from the Pilbara Regiment. A poem was read by Cr Alys McKeogh and a wreath was laid by Cr Ray Hoseason-Smith on behalf of the residents of the Shire. Wreaths were also laid by the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School and Bidgemia Station.

The service itself focussed on the service of those who had served and their families from Anzac Cove through to recent conflicts in the Middle East. A news crew from ABC in Carnarvon also reported on the service and what ANZAC Day means to the Upper Gascoyne.

Guests remained afterwards and enjoyed a light lunch and ANZAC biscuits from the Junction Pub & Tourist Park.



New Banners on Gregory Street

The old banners and banner poles have recently been replaced and upgraded on Gregory Street due to breakages and practicality.

With a grant funded by Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (Phase One). The Shire were able to make the improvements and order new more accessible poles and sturdier banners to hopefully re-frame breakages in the future.



Great Australian Bird Count Results

Last October the residents of the Upper Gascoyne were asked to participate in the Great Australian Bird Count. The results are in. We will be registering for this again in 2022 so watch this space for more details. Thank you to those who participated. What a great way to collect current data on the bird life around us in the Shire.

2021 Aussie Backyard Bird Count Results

Count Summary

The following statistics summarise the results of the 2021 Aussie Backyard Bird Count for the **Shire of Upper Gascoyne**. The count ran from the **18th to 24th October 2021**.

- 5 observers participated in the bird count.
- Observers recorded a total of **61** individual birds during Bird Week.
- 6 bird species were recorded (Table 1).

Table 1: Total count of all 6 bird species observed within the Shire of Upper Gascoyne boundaries during the 2021 Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

* Introduced species; RA = Rare; NT = Near Threatened; VU = Vulnerable; En = Endangered, CE = Critically Endangered (based on IUCN listings; BirdLife Australia, 2019).

Bird Species	Count
Yellow-throated Miner	20
Fairy Martin	12
Little Corella	12
Australian Ringneck	8
Zebra Finch	6
Australian Magpie	3

Australian Electoral Commission

Remote voting near you

A voting team will be visiting this community soon.
Here's where the team will visit and when:

Gascoyne Junction

Time: 8:00 AM 9:00 AM
Tuesday : Tuesday 10th May 2022
Location: Community School

The poster features a stylized landscape with rolling hills, a blue sky with white clouds, and two windmills in the foreground. One windmill has a blue ribbon with the word 'VOTE' written on it.



TIPPING

ROUND 3

ROUND 4

ROUND 5

ROUND 6

ROUND 7

Clint Hardie	7	Scott Maxwell	6	Cherie Walker	8	Matt Wright	9	Brad Wright	8
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Upper Gascoyne Footy Tipping

2022 Footy Tipping is back! Stay tuned to see who's on top of the ladder at the beginning of each month. Currently in the lead is Shane Pridham - who will it be next month?

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**FOOTY TIPPING
ONLINE IN 2022**

Roll up for WA

COVID-19 Vaccination

COVID 19 & Flu Vaccine Clinic



Gascoyne Junction
Community
Resource Centre
02 June 2022
10am to 12 Noon

COVID 19
1st, 2nd & Boosters Available
Bookings & Walk Ins Welcome

Flu Vaccinations
Must be NIP Eligible
Bookings Preferred
Please book with the CRC Staff

Ph 08 9943 0988

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday May 6
Friday June 17
Friday July 8



Gascoyne Junction Pavilion

6:00pm Family Movie
7:30pm A Movie Classic (M Rated)

Bring along a chair or beanbag and a picnic dinner or your favourite snacks to catch a movie on the big screen.

Children are to be supervised by an adult at all times.



Shire of Upper Gascoyne Presents

Bogan & Bingo

IT'S BINGO WITH BALLS

Gascoyne Junction Pavillion
Gascoyne Junction

NEW DATE
FRIDAY JUNE 10 2022
Entry from 7:30pm

Come dressed as your inner Bogan.
Ace Prizes to be won throughout the night
Bogan platter supplied
BYO Bevies and Munchies

18+ Only Event

Tickets Sold Out!

For more information please contact the Shire 9943 0988 or crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au



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.

CREALITY (FORMERLY GASCOYNE IN MAY) PRESENTS

GASCOYNE TRAVELLING ARTS FESTIVAL 2022

BAREFOOT BLACK TIE
DENHAM · 6-8 MAY

GASCOYNE RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL
GASCOYNE JUNCTION
13-15 MAY

BURRINGURRAH FESTIVAL OF FIRE
Mt AUGUSTUS · 21-22 MAY

EXMOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL
EXMOUTH · 27-29 MAY

FESTIVAL OF THE REEF
CORAL BAY · 3-5 JUNE

EVENTIDE ARTS FESTIVAL
CARNARVON
8-12 JUNE



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Department of Transport Remote Services

Visiting: Gascoyne Junction

When: Wednesday 25th May 2022 10am to 12.30pm

Where: CRC Offices

We will be able to help you with the following services:

- theory test
- photo card applications
- driver's licence applications
- change of address
- registration and driver's licence renewals
- vehicle transfers
- return of vehicle plates
- driving assessments

To enable us to help you, please ensure you bring your birth certificate, Medicare card, bank card and two types of proof of residency, along with cash or card for payment.

For enquiries please call: Karen - 9216 8194

Swap queue time, for you time



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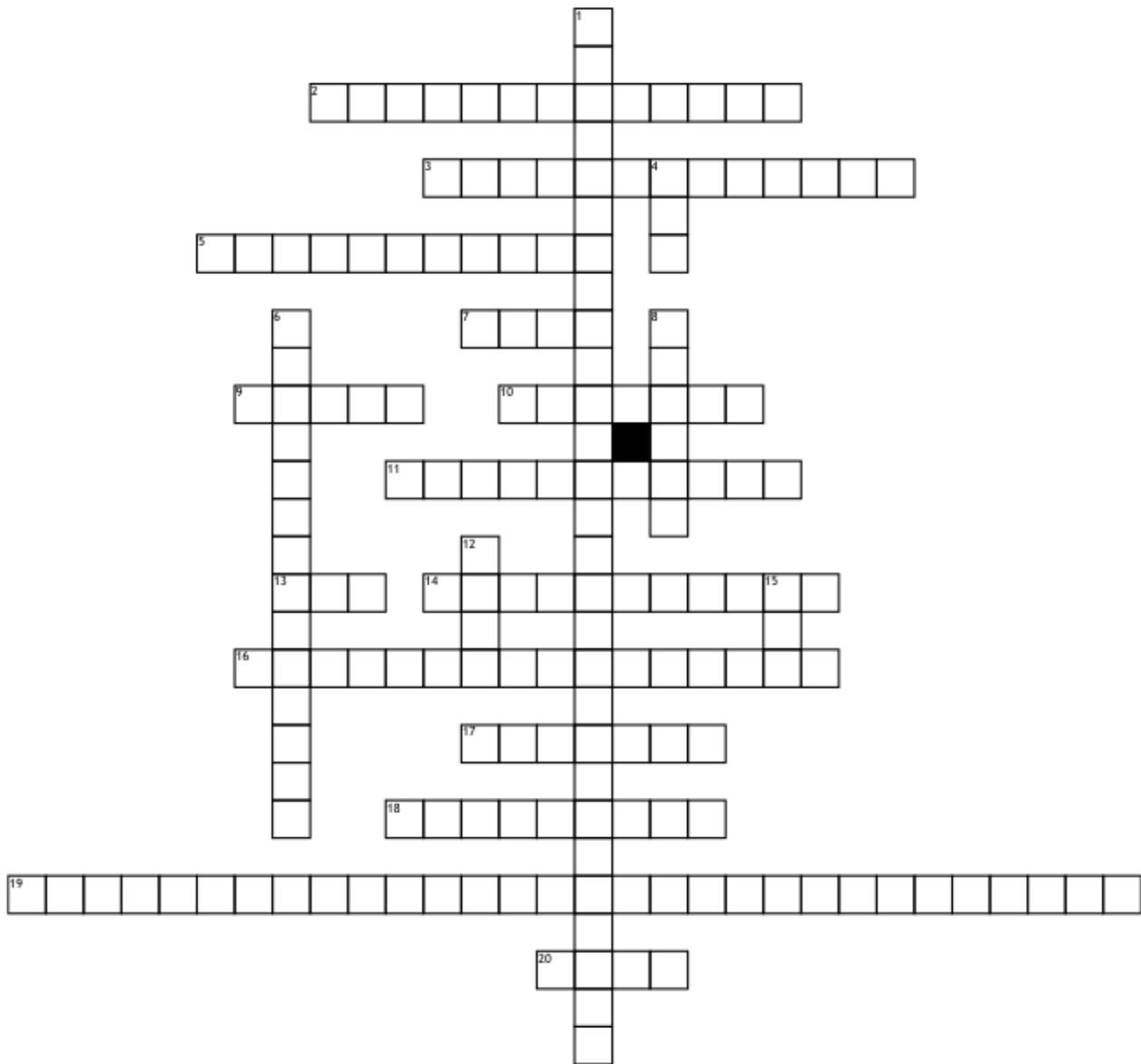
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SMOKO TIME



CPR/AED/First Aid Crossword



Across

2. After removing object, give two _____.

3. _____ occurs when the heart stops beating or beats too ineffectively to circulate blood to the brain and other vital organs.

5. If the chest does not rise with rescue breaths, remove object by doing a _____.

7. Check _____ Care

9. Do not _____ the victim while the AED is analyzing or defibrillating.

10. _____ is a common cause of injury and death in children under the age of five years.

11. A _____ occurs when blood flow to part of the heart muscle is blocked.

13. How many rescue breaths should you give in CPR?

14. _____ only CPR does not require you to give rescue breaths.

16. Continue CPR until another _____ arrives and takes over.

17. Do not give care but call 911 if the person does not give you...

18. The Good _____ Law protects people who voluntarily give care.

19. AED stands for _____.

20. You should preform _____ back blows for a choking adult/child.

Down

1. CPR means _____.

4. If person becomes unresponsive begin _____.

6. You should preform five _____ on a choking adult/child.

8. How many compressions should you do when giving CPR?

12. Choking occurs when the airway is blocked by an object such as _____.

15. Each rescue breath should be _____ second.

WILDFLOWERS

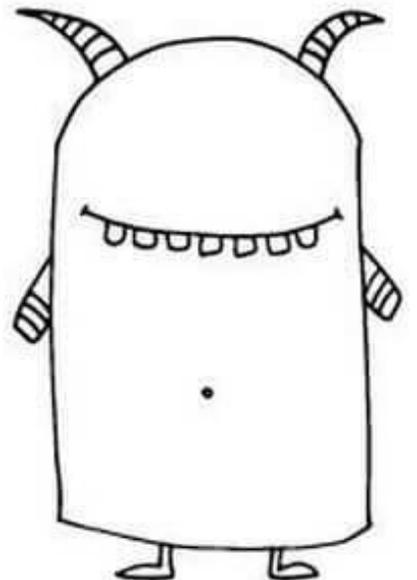
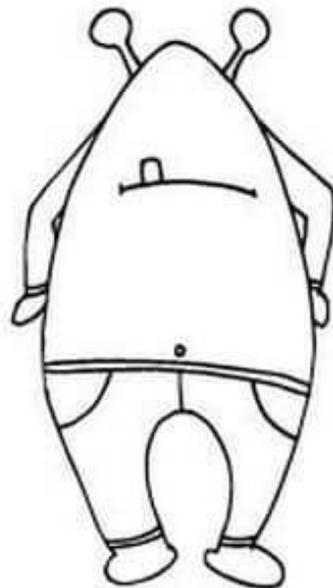
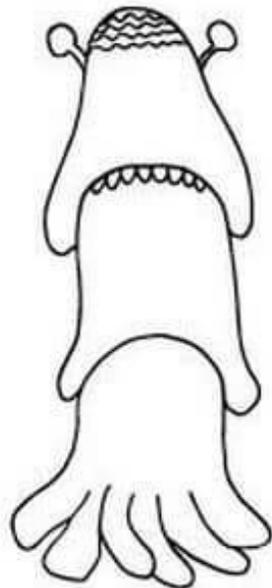
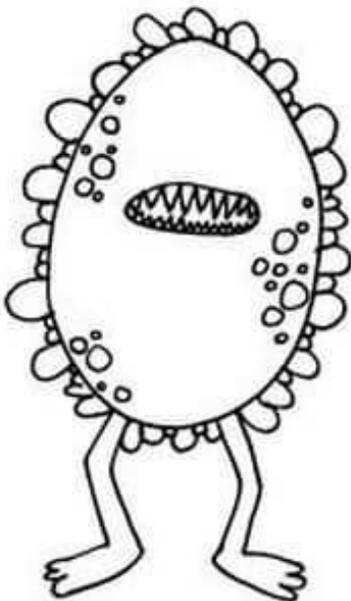
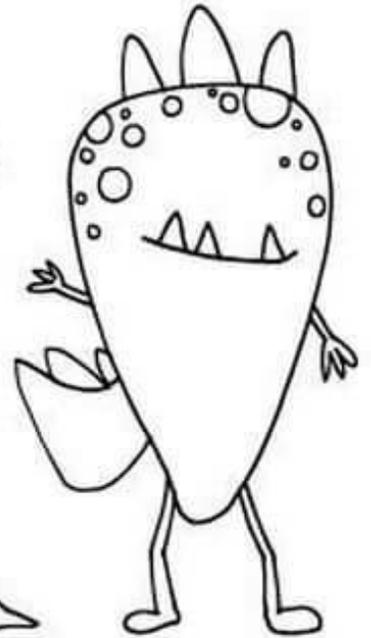
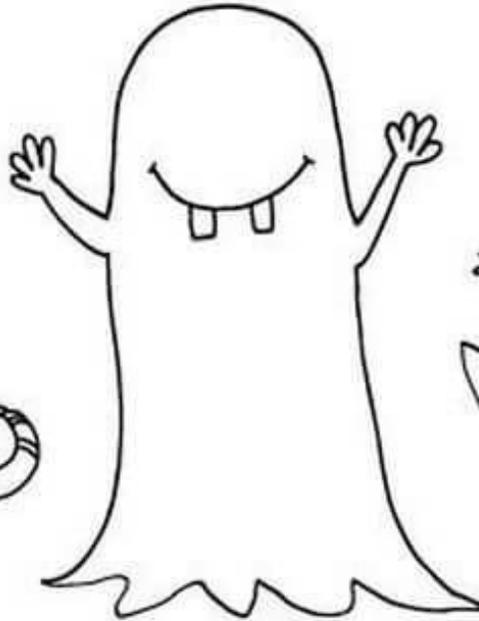
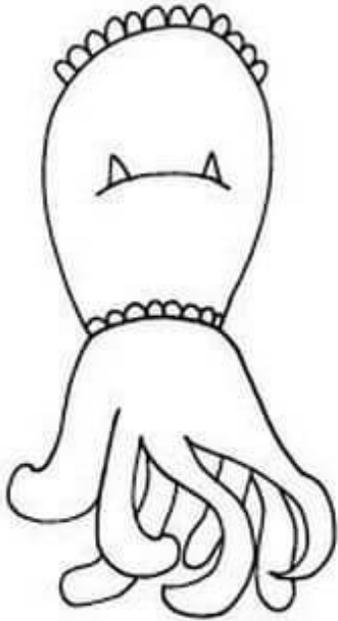
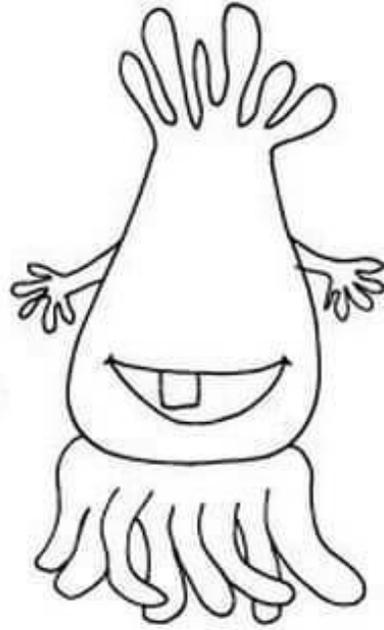
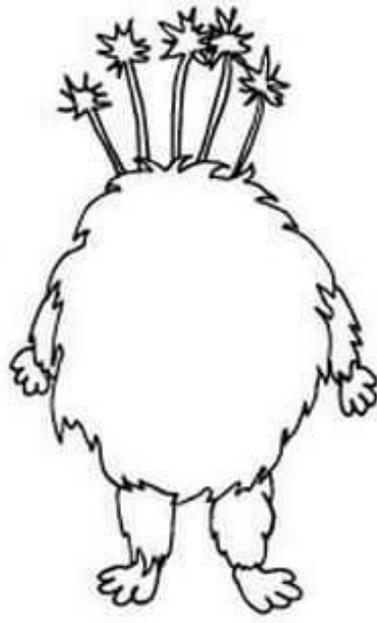
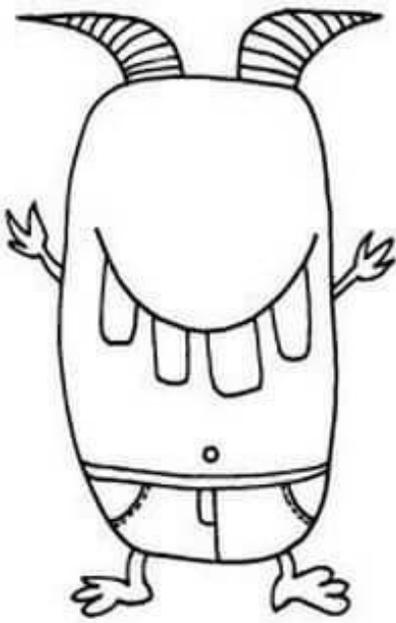
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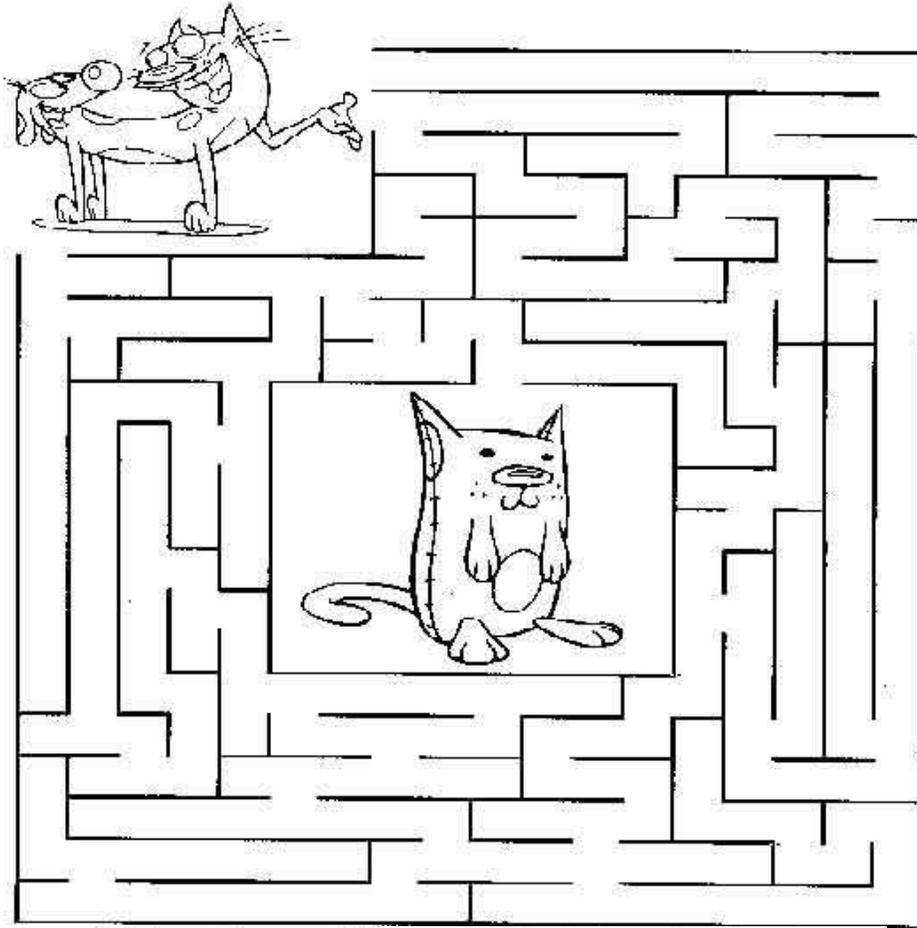
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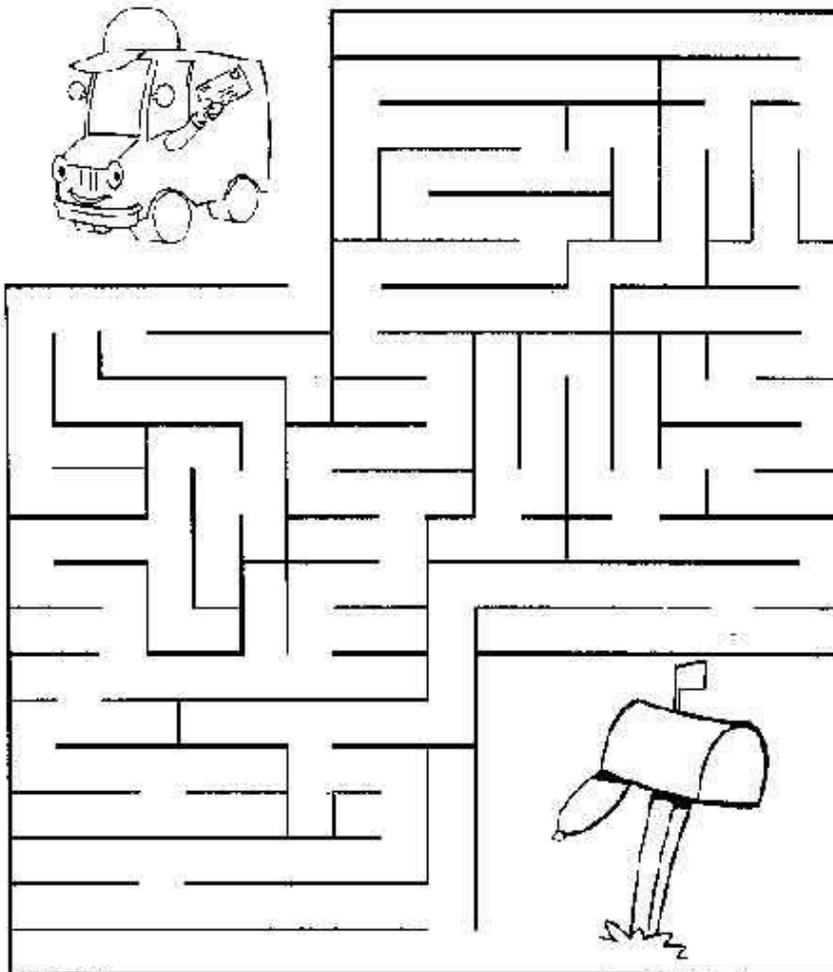




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21 - 22 MAY

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