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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 Report

The tail end for the month of October and November have been quite busy and in some cases quite memorable.

On the 25th of October we had the community engagement workshop in the Pavilion for our Integrated Planning Framework. This was well attended by various members of the Community. On the 26th of October we had our October Ordinary Meeting of Council and Councillor engagement with the Integrated Planning Framework. On the 27th of October the staff had the opportunity to contribute towards the Integrated Planning Framework where we worked on the Workforce Plan and Long Term Financial Plan. The Integrated Planning Framework will be adopted within the designated/statutory timeframe despite the difficulties presented by COVID 19 and getting consultants on-site to assist with the work.

On the 29th of October we had the opening of the Two Rivers Memorial Park. This was very well attended and overall it was a great way to showcase our Shire. This was a credit to Sa and her team as they did an outstanding job of organising and running the event. Jim and Alys did a fantastic job in presenting on behalf of the Shire and our broader community.

I have spent a lot of time compiling the 21/22 Annual Report. This is now in the final stages of being completed. I have changed the format quite extensively and ensured all the relevant statutory information is included.

We have been advised by Hastings Technologies that Mr Andrew Reid (Chief Operating Officer) has resigned from his position and Mr Alwyn Vorster was appointed as the Interim Chief Executive Officer. We look forward to continuing to foster relationships with the new executive team.

Works on the bore is continuing, as I write this report. I won't go into any detail in this report as by the time we hold the Council Meeting things will / may have changed substantially.

Works in the Admin Building and the CRC have commenced with two new offices being constructed and a store room in the CRC along with making an entry from the veranda where we can get a stretcher in and out of the RFDS room.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

The Corporate team headed into November feeling absolutely spent given the mammoth effort made by staff the month before delivering on various Community events and the IPR Workshop.

The Community Engagement Workshop was well attended with up to 20 members of our community onsite to participate. As I write this report, we wait for a draft copy of our integrated plans to be presented by Moore Australia. This will be provided to Council prior to the finalisation of our IPR process for review and then subsequent adoption. We aim to have the suite of our plans adopted by the end of this calendar year.

Last month I advised Council that we were hoping to finalise the 2021/22 Audit in November, this is still our goal as I received confirmation from William Buck that our Exit Meeting with the OAG is still tracking on schedule for the day of the November OMC. We anticipate the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) to be signed off by the OAG after the Exit Meeting is conducted, ready to be presented with the Annual Report to Council at the December OMC.

At last month's Council meeting I had mentioned in my report that we were getting ready for the official opening of our Two Rivers Memorial Park, which was held on the 29th October. The lead up to the event and then the subsequent delivery on the day (and well into the night) was a massive task for staff to execute, and I am beyond proud of the huge effort that was made on their part to roll it out! To all the staff involved in ensuring this community event went off without a hitch, I say THANK YOU!!

The overall feedback received from those who attended was positive and of great appreciation – everyone enjoyed the night, the venue received rave reviews and the efforts made by staff on the delivery of such a large scale event did not go unnoticed! I would like to give my team a special shout out to recognise all the amazing work they did in making sure this event was a great success!!



Community Resource Centre Update

Author – Ainsley Hardie, Tourism & Community Development Officer

October was the month of events at the CRC. First event for the month was Fun Run for Mental Health Week on October 13, where locals completed either a 2km or 5km fun run around the Junction followed by a sausage sizzle. As part of this grant we also received new flooring for the gym. We are now seeking grants and discussing opportunities to upgrade the gym equipment to create a community space to come together and work on both physical and mental fitness.



The Community Resource Centre celebrated it's 10th Birthday looking after the Gascoyne Junction community on October 19. A community lunch was held at the CRC and of course a cake to celebrate were in order.

October 25th & 26th saw the first of three First Aid Courses held for the community in Gascoyne Junction. 12 participants undertook training over two days at the Pavilion. The other two courses were postponed until December.

The opening of the Two Rivers Memorial Park on Saturday October 29 was a highlight for staff after months of planning and preparation, and it was wonderful to watch everyone enjoy the new public space. We reached out for community feedback on the event. The Two Rivers Memorial Park facility was applauded and attendees are looking to more events being held here. Lighting was an area that respondents believed could be enhanced at the facility but overall a great night was held. Staff have also undertaken a review of the event and have made notes for future events. Billie, Cherie and Sa also hosted a Halloween Movie afternoon on Sunday October 30 for the local community. The event was well attended in the CRC. A Design a Bike Helmet Competition was held leading up to the event with the winners announced and receiving a bike and helmet donated by Real Futures under a program in conjunction with Roadwise Carnarvon.



It was wonderful to hear of our nominations for the Tidy Towns Awards. The General Appearance category was for the town in general but a real focus on our new oasis at the Two Rivers Memorial Park. The Environment and Sustainability Award reflects the water conservation efforts both in putting forward the bore proposal, but also the new reticulation for the oval and Two Rivers Memorial Park.

The Community Spirit reflects the efforts of the Junction Netball Team and the way that the team created a sense of community not only amongst the players, but in their cheer and support crowd back in the Junction each week. The Young Leaders award acknowledges the role of Dustin and Bridie Walker and Barney and Hazel McTaggart and the way they participate in the community. School leadership, hosting the community Remembrance Day celebrations, participating in sports, writing for the Gassy Gossip and showing entrepreneurial skills was also taken into account.

The Containers for Change Award recognises the efforts of the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School in bringing recycling to the forefront of minds and making a difference. The number of categories also see us also in consideration for the overall State Winner. I look forward to representing the Upper Gascoyne along with John McCleary and Cr Caunt in late November at the awards luncheon in Perth.

GP Clinic

Our second GP Clinic occurred on Wednesday November 2 and was again well attended. Like anything new there are few small things to keep working on to deliver the best service possible to the Upper Gascoyne but we are working together with WACHS to achieve this. The next clinic will be held on Wednesday December 7. Both online and radio interviews were held with ABC Pilbara sharing the return of a GP Clinic to Gascoyne Junction in early November. I received feedback from someone in Kalgoorlie who had heard the interview on radio there.

Tourism

Billie and I attended the Perth 4WD Show representing the Shire of Upper Gascoyne promoting our Wander Outback campaign from Friday November 4 to Sunday November 6. Over the three days we spoke to around 850 people and shared 1000 of our Visit Upper Gascoyne brochures. We also had a 10 minute window on stage each afternoon to share our Wander Outback video, to invite attendees on a wander outback and answer questions. Our displays were well received not only by patrons to the event but also from other exhibitors.



In late October I was advised that I had successfully been nominated to the board of Australia's Golden Outback as the Gascoyne Murchison representative and attended my first meeting in Esperance on November 7 and 8. At this meeting it was announced that Gascoyne Junction will be hosting the August board meeting in 2023, a fantastic opportunity to showcase our region and natural attractions. We have already reserved all rooms in Gascoyne Junction for the event and are working with local operators to showcase both of our National Parks during the Board's stay.

In October I spent 2.5 days with the Chairman of the Board and the CEO of Australia's Golden Outback discussing tourism in our Shire, showcasing Kennedy Range and the Loop Track, Mount Augustus and Pingandy Road and also the developments in Gascoyne Junction itself.

On October 30 and 31, I hosted Russell from the Storytowns Podcast, to record audio for our Gascoyne Junction story that will be ready in early 2023. This project was co funded by Midwest Gascoyne RDA and will create a trail of podcast across 14 towns across the Gascoyne and Midwest including Murchison and Meekatharra.

The Midwest Gascoyne Regional Development Australia Board also visited Gascoyne Junction on November 10 as part of a week-long visit through the region. The board members met in the Chambers and I was asked to present to them the same presentation I had delivered in July at the AGO Board Meeting. We discussed tourism development and also what is important to the Upper Gascoyne as a community in regional Australia, discussing infrastructure projects, the importance of housing, water, telecommunications and road networks. The board enjoyed a tour of town with a focus on the Waterhole.

By the time of the meeting, I will have hosted the TV Show Caravan and Camping across the Shire for four days to film a series of TV stories to go to air in February and March 2023, with a focus on Gascoyne Junction, the Kennedy Loop Track and both Mount Augustus and Kennedy Range National Park. This also includes the production of TV Commercials to be ready to go to air in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2023 and a social media campaign. These campaigns will be backed by a Gascoyne Murchison focused marketing campaign by the AGO in February and March and a presence at the Perth Caravan and Camping Show in late March.

Manager of Works and Services Report

The past month has been an extremely busy one for management and admin staff. We held the Community Strategic Planning workshops, Council Integrated Plans, Workforce Integrated Plans, Long Term Financial Plan, Council Meeting and Two Rivers Memorial Park opening all in the one week on top of an already busy work schedule.

Well done to the admin and town staff on a very successful and entertaining opening concert for the Two Rivers Memorial Park. A special mention must go to Sa, Cherie, Billie, Cynthia and Ainsley who all worked the entire day and night to make sure the community enjoyed themselves.

Austral Drilling have returned to work and are executing a last ditched attempt to bypass the broken drill head that is stuck at 666m below ground. The team have cemented the bottom 20m and hope to successfully deflect off to the side and continue drilling further.

Refurbishment of the Works manager and Town Maintenance Officer's offices has begun. All of the asbestos has been removed and a dividing wall constructed. The contractor is also installing a new storage room in the CRC and emergency access door to the medical room.

The new side tipper and service truck have arrived. These two items were ordered in the 2021-22 financial but due to availability and materials shortages there was a 13 month lead time. The 2T excavator has also arrived and the new grader has an ETA of early January. The new mobile operator accommodation unit should arrive in December.



Ian and Thomas have completed grading the Cobra Dairy Creek and top end section of the Ullawarra including Ashburton's section. They are currently working from Cobra to Landor and we anticipate to have this completed before Christmas. The section between Cobra and Landor has suffered significant damage due to a combination of additional mining and tourist activity, dry conditions, cattle movements and the traffic associated with the Landor Races having to detour back through this route due to road closures to the south and east. I have engaged NGE to do some maintenance grading on the Ullawarra road from Gascoyne Junction to Minnie Creek. Hastings have agreed to grade from Yangibana to our Boundary on Lyndon Minnie Reek road.

The resheeting works on Carnarvon/Mullewa road between Congo and Daurie Creek is well progressed. To date we have completed approximately 3kms and hope to have 5.5kms done before Christmas. We will complete a further 5km next year.



COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Notice of Ordinary Council Meetings 2023

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Administration Regulations 12 (1), it is hereby notified that as from January 2023 to December 2023, Ordinary Council meetings of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne will be held as follows:

4 th Wednesday of Each Month*	
February*	Wednesday 8 th
March	Wednesday 22 nd
April	Wednesday 26 th
May	Wednesday 24 th
June	Wednesday 28 th
July	Wednesday 26 th
August	Wednesday 23 rd
September*	Wednesday 20 th
October	Wednesday 25 th
November	Wednesday 22 nd
December*	Thursday 14 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).	

This is your traditional 4th Wednesday, model for your consideration. The September meeting date falls in the same week as a public holiday and September School Holidays so there is a higher chance that councillors and staff may capitalise on the 4 day work week which may result in absences for the meeting.

September 27th meeting falls the same week as the Queen's Birthday PH and clashes with the September School Holidays 23rd September – 8th October 2023.

*Exception being February (brought forward due to long break between meetings) and December (moved to last day of school)

Rate payers and residents are welcome to attend the Council Meetings and participate in the Public Question Time session which is held at the beginning of each Council Meeting.

John McCleary JP
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OFFICE AND CRC



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES FOR 2022/2023

We would like to advise that the Shire and the CRC will be closed from 12noon on the 23rd of December 2022 to the 9th of January 2023.

We will re-open on Monday the 9th January 2023 as per normal business hours.

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



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

Shire Office & CRC Closed due to Staff Training



The Shire office and CRC
will be closed on the following
dates due to staff training:

Monday 5th December 2022
and
Tuesday 6th December 2022

Office hours will resume as
normal on Wednesday 7th
December 2022.

We apologise for any
inconvenience.

COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN974 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022

Contractor	QEM Group	Package Start Date:	5 August 2022
		Forecast Completion Date:	TBA - 2023
Works this period (November 2022)		Works next period (December 2022)	
<p>Carnarvon Mullewa Rd</p> <p>Continued work on this road comprising removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting.</p> <p>Cobra Dairy Creek Rd</p> <p>Continued work on this road comprising removal of silt, reinstatement of floodways and reforming and resheeting.</p> <p>The only defect remaining on this road is the floodway stabilisation.</p> <p>The following roads with only a small number of defects have also been completed during this period;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Killili Rd- Mooloo Downs Access Rd- Newton Dr- Pimbee Rd- Rubbish Tip Access Rd- Rubbish Tip Rd- Viveash Way- Weedarra Rd		<p>The contractor has withdrawn from the project with approx. 14% of the total works still outstanding.</p> <p>Greenfield will work with the Shire to assess procurement options to have the remainder of the works completed.</p>	
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		86%	65%
Callagiddy Winderie Rd		100%	0%
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd		84%	33%
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd		98%	83%

Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd	95%	95%
Dalgety Downs Landor Rd	100%	100%
Eudamullah Rd	Works yet to commence	
Killili Rd	100%	0%
Landor Meekatharra Rd	100%	100%
Landor Mt Augustus Rd	100%	100%
Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd	Works yet to commence	
Lyons River Rd	Works yet to commence	
Minnie Creek Rd	Works yet to commence	
Mooloo Downs Access Rd	100%	0%
Newton Dr	100%	0%
Pimbee Rd	100%	0%
Rubbish Tip Access Rd	100%	0%
Rubbish Tip Rd	100%	0%
Viveash Way	100%	0%
Weedarrah Rd	100%	0%
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	All camp buildings have been demobilised from the Shire. Various rehabilitation works at camp locations require attention and will be followed up with relevant personnel.	

RUBBISH TIP ACCESS RD



**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN951 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022 (PACKAGE 2)**

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	29 June 2022
		Forecast Completion Date:	April 2023
Works this period (November 2022)		Works next period (December 2022)	
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Commenced works on this road comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting between Pells Crossing and Cobra Dairy Creek Rd. Preparation works for the stabilisation of 13 floodways ongoing.. Cobra Dairy Creek Rd Commencemed works on this road comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting from Carnarvon Mullewa Rd north to Mooloo Downs Rd. Cobra Gifford Creek Rd Commenced works on this road comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting from Cobra Dairy Creek Rd working towards Gifford Creek. Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd Preparation works for stabilisation of 3 floodways are currently being completed.		Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Continue with unsealed road reinstatement comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting working east from Cobra Dairy Creek Rd. Cobra Dairy Creek Rd Continue with unsealed road reinstatement comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting. Works will predominately be north of Mooloo Downs Rd. Weedarrah Complete heavy grading and silt removal works.	
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		51%	41%
Callagiddy Winderie Rd		100%	100%
Carey Downs Road		87%	87%

Carnarvon Mullewa Road	40%	21%
Cobra Dairy Creek Road	4%	0%
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd	68%	0%
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Road	Works yet to commence	
Gilroyd Rd	100%	100%
Gregory St	100%	100%
Hatch St	100%	100%
Killili Rd	100%	100%
Mooloo Downs Access Road	Works yet to commence	
Newton Drive	100%	0%
Pimbee Road	100%	57%
Rubbish Tip Access Rd	100%	100%
Rubbish Tip Road	100%	100%
Viveash Way	100%	100%
Weedarrah Road	Works yet to commence	
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp has recently been relocated to Mooloo Downs on Cobra Dairy Creek Rd.	

GENERAL SITE WORKS PHOTOS





BLAST FROM THE PAST



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



This article was originally published in The Northern Guardian on Wednesday November 10, 2003.



DOUG RYDER calls this painting "Together". He said there was enough room for in Australia for the blacks, whites, Indians, Chinese and all other kinds of people. He said the emu and kangaroo drank from the same water hole and ate in the same field and had been getting along forever. He said the different coloured hands meant we must walk together, join hands and live together.

By Jennifer Peate

NUNDA artist Doug Ryder keeps his people's stories alive through selling his art on his work.

Mr Ryder said Aboriginal people used to do paintings in caves to tell their stories.

Now he is painting them on canvas.

He said his mother gave him the right to tell the stories of the people of the mouth of the Murchison because if they were not told they would be lost and never known.

He said the Nunda people were coastal people who did not travel far inland. He said they kept to the limestone land for the fresh water springs and soaks found there.

Mr Ryder said the Nunda would go inland during the winter to the clay pans where water was trapped but mostly travelled up the coast spearing fish, turtle and dugong.

He said they lived on the rock kangaroo that stayed fat all year round by eating

the seeds caught around the rocks.

Mr Ryder was born in Geraldton and grew up in Northampton.

After 30 years driving graders and trucks all over the region, Mr Ryder took up painting and has not looked back.

In between grading jobs, as well as painting and selling his art, Mr Ryder has taught Aboriginal painting in schools, communities and prisons.

This winter season, Mr Ryder worked grading the road from the Carnarvon shire boundary to Mt Augustus road has spent time with his sister in Carnarvon.

Mr Ryder said his family went back a long way to the land. He said his sister Edna Ryder was born on Murchison House Station under the same pepper tree as her mother had been born.

He said Edna's grandmother Mary Morgan had been born in the red sand hills at Monkey Mia where the dolphins come and her great grandmother Jilda at Murchison House Station.

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CALLING ALL LOCAL CELEBRITIES...



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

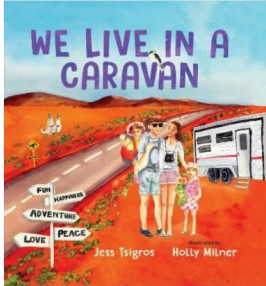
We want to know more about our community and our community is keen to get to know you!

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

You could be our next local celebrity...

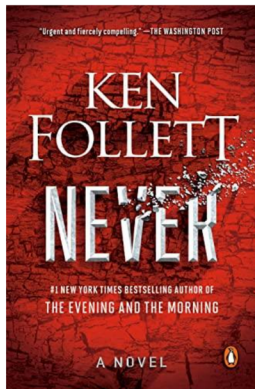


BOOKS OF THE MONTH



WE LIVE IN A CARAVAN

We Live in a Caravan is the picture book for every Australian family to inspire travel and an appreciation over possessions. The book follows a family travelling around Australia in their caravan, visiting each state and territory along the way. They meet many different people, see wildlife, reconnect with nature and enjoy time as a family on the road.

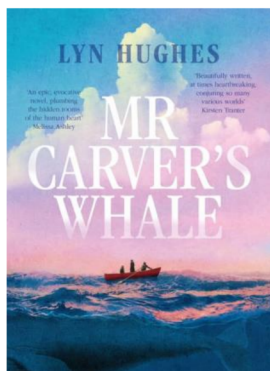


NEVER

In the Sahara Desert, two elite intelligence agents are on the trail of a powerful group of drug-smuggling terrorists, risking their lives and when they fall desperately in love, their careers. Nearby a beautiful young widow fights against human traffickers while traveling illegally to Europe with the help of a mysterious man who may not be who he says he is.

In China, a senior government official with vast ambitions for himself and his country battles against the older Communist hawks in the government, who may be pushing China--and its close military ally, North Korea--to a place of no return.

And in the United States, Pauline Green, the country's first woman president, navigates terrorist attacks, illegal arms trading, and the smear campaigns of her blustering political opponent with careful and deft diplomacy. She will do everything in her power to avoid starting an unnecessary war. But when one act of aggression leads to another, the most powerful countries in the world are caught in a complex web of alliances they can't escape. And once all the sinister pieces are in place, can anyone--even those with the best of intentions and most elite skills--stop the inevitable?



MR CARVER'S WHALE

The Carvalho brothers - handsome Marcelinho and clever Antonio - are destined to spend their lives hunting whales. But the arrival of an unexpected gift changes both their lives forever. As the younger Carvalho discovers the fascinating world of the whale, a chasm opens between the two brothers, made all the more perilous by their shared passion for the alluring and wilful Margarida Machado.

From the Azores to Lisbon, from Newfoundland to Australia, our hero travels in search of love, fortune and his very soul. It is in Eden, a small whaling port on the south coast of New South Wales, that he finally finds salvation in the shape of Alice Binney, fellow lost soul and impostor, in flight from her dark past. An enduring bond forms between the two, culminating in a final, dazzling act of atonement.

CAMP TWILIGHT

BY BARNEY MCTAGGART

Hi, my name is Allan Jennings, and I'm not your average boy. Right now, I am on a bus heading to the most amount of fun I will ever have in my life – Camp Twilight! Now, many people will think I'm just exaggerating but alas, I have a very dangerous disease called.... something I cannot pronounce, Anhidrosis. It is a condition where my body does not produce any sweat glands. I have had it all my life and it drives me crazy. If I get too excited, I usually vomit or pass out. Anyway, the reason I am so exited is because I am on a bus with my best friend Mary Jones headed to Camp Twilight for one whole week. Somewhere along the way, Mary and I grow tired of chatting and she offers me a bag of assorted lollies,

"Want one?" she asks, I am tempted for a moment but then I realized that if I eat lollies, the sugar will make me sick and then my body would try to sweat of course it wouldn't be able to, so I would get sick.

"No thanks Mary, I don't like those types anyway." I lie. A few moments went by and Mary moves onto a chocolate bar, my absolute favourite, "Can I have half of that crunchie, please Mary?"

"Sure Allan, but what about the sugar?" she replies.

"Ah, a little bit wont hurt." I say with confidence, plus, crunchies are too amazing to pass up.

It's a few hours later and I don't feel that amazing, Mary and I have eaten all the food in her bag. We have chocolate smeared all over our faces like 5-year-olds. I even got some on my rectangular wire rimmed glasses. I take them off and everything goes blurry. I quickly wipe them on my T shirt, accidentally elbowing Mary in the process. Everything is still a little blurry. If only I wasn't feeling so sick and so tired. It's so warm and stuffy on this bus.... so drowsy...so sick.... My body is fading into darkness.

I open my eyes and all I see is blurs and shapeless forms. Where are my glasses?! I think to myself. My hand travels feebly over to a bedside table my fingers close in mid- air pathetically.

"Here they are, dear" came a kind voice from somewhere in the gloom. A man stepped out of the darkness and handed me my glasses. I put them on and I immediately realized that it is Dr Aven, my specialist doctor who gives me check-ups with my Anhidrosis.

"Dr Aven?!" I murmur, confused.

"That's right dear, how do you feel?" he enquires and I finally realise where I am.

"Am I in hospital?" I ask, ignoring his question.

"Yes of course you are in hospital you blacked out on the bus, your friend was screaming for some time when you stopped breathing. We had to give you mouth to mouth resuscitation. I think you need to lay off the lollies a bit, Alan."

I immediately start to wipe my mouth, gagging at the thought of the doctors mouth on mine.

"Mouth to mouth resuscitation?!" I splutter.

"Yes, and if it wasn't for that you would have died!" exclaims Dr Avon testily.

"Now, Alan, we need to discuss how you are going to get back home. Your parents said you should catch the nearest plane but personally I think you should stay here for a few nigh-" Dr Aven doesn't get a chance to finish his sentence before I interrupt...

"HOME?!" I scream, horrified. "I want to go back to my school camp. I was about to have the most amount of fun I will ever have in my life!" A curious, but understanding look comes over Dr Aven's

"Alright!, I'll let you go to your school camp, but Ala –" once again Dr Aven cannot finish due to my interruption

"I DON'T NEED TO GO HO.....wait, you're letting me go to school, camp?!?" I storm, disbelievingly.

"Yes, I am," he replies "but Allan, your Anhidrosis is always be going to be with you and you know how these things excite you. You must look after yourself, and Alan, good luck." I notice this was a strange way to bid farewell but think nothing more of it.

Its dark now and after a short trip in the car, I have arrived at camp twilight, but, unknowingly to me, this will also be the night that will begin a change in my life as I know it...

I am lying in a hard bed staring up through a window, feeling excited and anxious about the rest of the week's activities, then, I see it. Up on a hill is an old shack that looks like it could crumble into dust at any second, there is something creepy about it, something scary. Then out of nowhere comes the most blood curdling scream filled the still air. It is so terrifying, I let out a yell and tumble out of bed. The screaming stops. I glance over at Mary's bed, but no one is there. I scream "HELP! Marys gone missing!" But no one comes. I got to go get help "Oh no, not again" I think, a familiar feeling of nausea and light-headedness. I have a rising feeling of dread I try to stay calm, but I can't. I'm falling into darkness.

I must have blacked out. I wake up a few hours later laying on the dusty floor at the feet of our headmaster Mr Sawders,

"Are you OK, Jennings?" he asks. Classic teachers always calling their pupils by their surnames rather than their actual names.

"I'm fine sir, but it's not me you should be worried about, its Mary! She's missing! We need to get a search party for her!"

Sawders face darkens, but I can see a faint look of understanding in his eyes.

"Get into your bed, before I make you, Jennings." He replies. I cant believe what I'm hearing! Why haven't the other woken u? This is an emergency!

"But sir..." I begin, a plea in my voice.

"NOW! And not a word of this to anyone, Jennings." He boomed.

As I climb back into bed lots of feelings cloud my mind like the injustice of Mr Sawders disbelief and worry about where has Mary gone? I hope she is OK.

I spend the next two nights wide awake, not because of the screaming, that has become a nightly event, but because of the disappearances, two nights ago Lucifer went missing and last night it was Hamish. Its now my third night at Camp Twilight and I sitting here staring at the shack wondering what is going on. My watch beeps, its and I look over at my dorm mate Sean's bed and he's not there. If what Im seeing is true, this is the third night in a row that a disappearance that has occurred. I walk to his bed and looked at it, no signs of struggle, he must have been taken while he was asleep. I feel worried and scared, what if it was me next?! I could feel my temperature rising, my stomach began to churn, and I can start to feel bile rising in my throat... I knew what was coming next, it would be dizziness and a feeling of being drunk...oh my stupid Andrhosis! I think to myself "NO Alan, you need to find out what's going on, keep calm and take deep breaths..." I feel a surge of energy and a sense of confidence flood through me. It takes me by surprise but I like it. Just then a shadow moves outside in the direction of the shack, I shake off the last of my drowsiness and realise with horror that the silhouette could be none other than Mr Sawders....

I woke early this morning, (did I even sleep?) and make my way to the the canteen for breakfast, my thoughts replaying the events of last night - how I hadn't passed out. I know I should be worried about Mary, Lucifer, Hamish and the others, and I am, but I also feel a little inspired. I feel so brave and confident in myself and a feeling of hope that maybe I can block out the symptoms of my condition.

My mind also keeps flicking back to the shadow that looked like Mr Sawders. What was he doing out there in the dead of night, is he involved in the disappearances, is working alone, or does he have an accomplice? Who can I tell and who will believe me?!

I was down at the lake skimming stones, still wondering who I could trust with my new information, when suddenly my Mum and Dad came around the corner. Now things were getting really weird! They looked relieved, and I wondered if the school has asked parents to come and collect their kids before they were all kidnapped!

"Well-done Alan, we are very proud of you for completing the test." Dad said softly. Next to him, Mums eyes were filling with tears.

"TEST?! What test?" I said disbelievingly, but before they could answer, Mr Sawders appeared...

"NO! get him away from me! Mum, Dad, there's something you need to know..." I screamed... all at once I feel the familiar pricks of heat on my skin, thumping head.... I say to myself "calm down Alan, this is my chance to tell everyone I know where the kids have gone..." I gain control of myself just like I did the night before, I feel a sense of calm and power and turn to Mum and Dad... but I didn't get a chance to talk before Dr Aven came along, with a smile on his face and a clipboard in his hands. Great, looks like I am about to pass out again!

"Well done Alan, you've passed the test." He says calmly

"What is this test everyone keeps going on about?!" I yell.

Dr Aven fixes me with a stare and says "The test, Alan, is that you have unknowingly been a part of a research project into the control of symptoms caused by Anhidrosis. our hypothesis was that passing out, nausea and high temperatures could be largely controlled by ones state of mind and ability to remain calm. there were only three participants across the world involved in the study, and you were our patient from Australia. it really is a remarkable outcome for the medical community if i do say so myself. "

I feel betrayed, hurt and angered. I look directly at Dr Aven my blood rising, and then turn my gaze to the calm lake waters. I can do this, I think to myself, its like a super power now. All at once I feel calmer and more relaxed.

"You know you could have told me!" I said, nettled.

"No, we could not, you would never agree to this" said Mum "Imagine if we so much such suggested a test, you would have flipped out, or worse still, passed out!"

Just then Mary walks over grinning at m.

"Well done." she says.

"So, this is seriously just a test?" I ask.

"Yep" replies Dad.

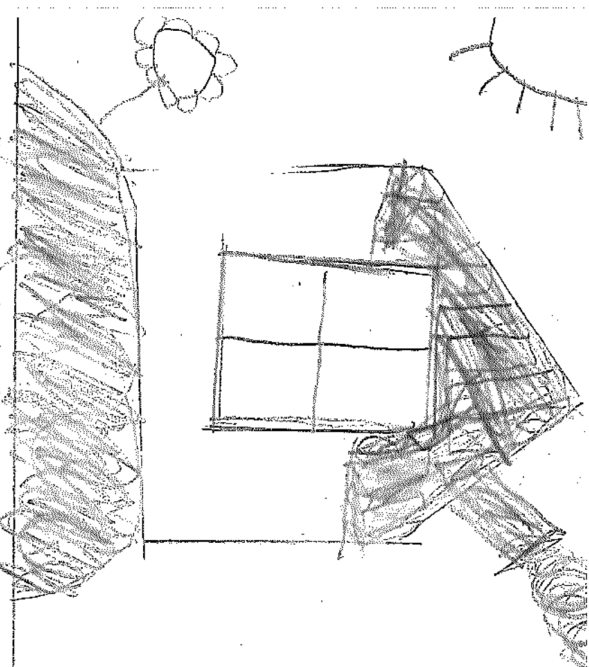
"Come on, we have to go home now, you can see Mary tonight, you earned it." Mum says, ushering me towards the car.

"OK, Mrs Jennings." smiled Mary, but just as we are about to leave, I turn to Mary and said just one more thing.

"Yeah?" said Mary

"DO NOT BRING ANY SWEETS, I don't think the research went that far!"

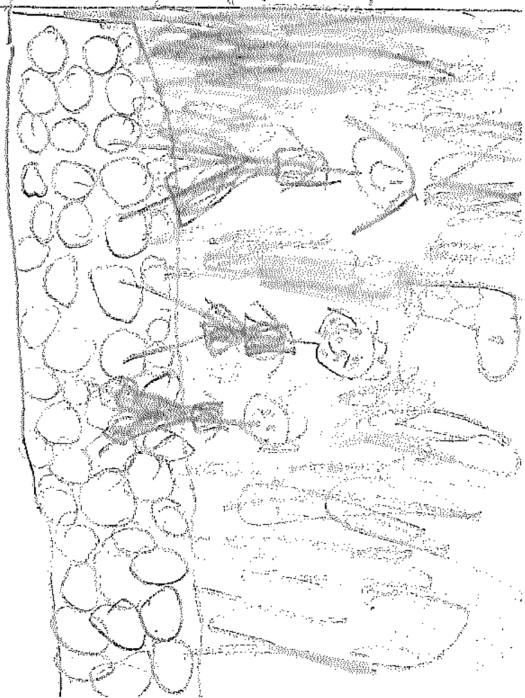
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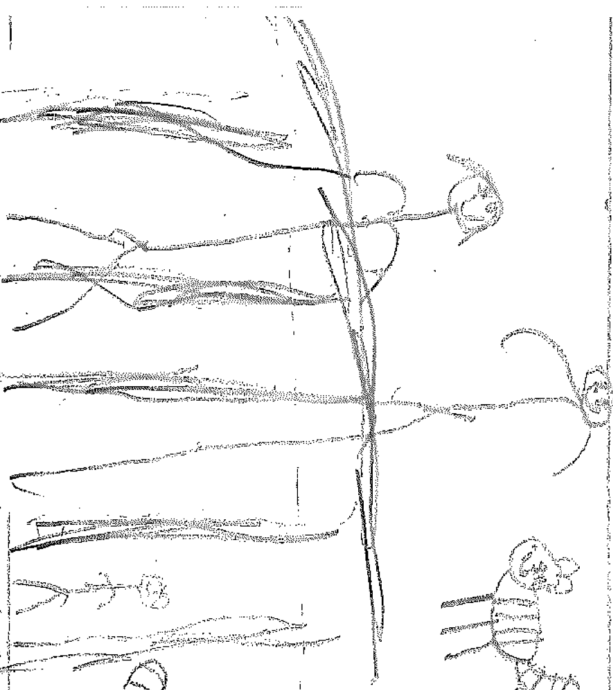
In a little green hill, there was a dusty old house. A mother and father and a curious child lived there.



One summer morning, they went to the old zoo that they always went to.



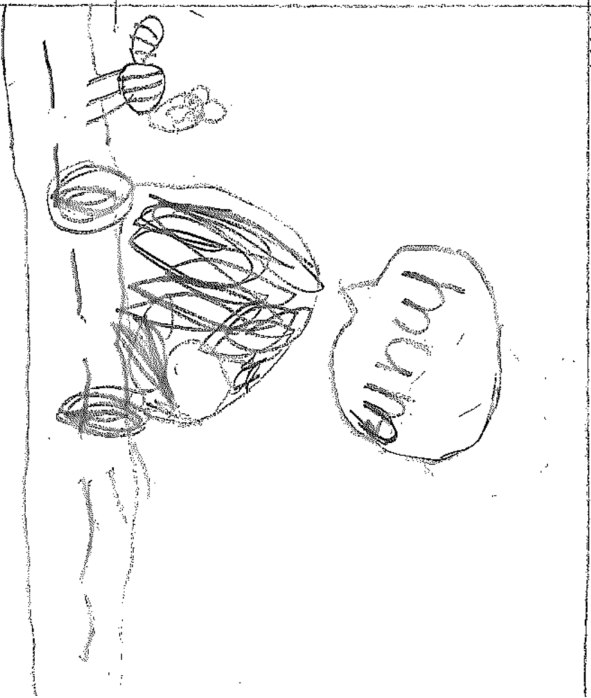
They arrive at the zoo and the first thing they see is a giraffe, next they see a tiger. But then, the curious kid saw a baby tiger, and liked him.



The curious kid squeezed through the bars and saw the baby tiger, but the Mum and Dad pulled him back in and



They sang along in the car, cheerfully on the summer morning. Then the curious kid saw the baby tiger from the car window after him.



The curious kid screamed MUM! The Mum looked at the tiger behind them, she screamed, and then then the dad screamed and then then on. then, had to take



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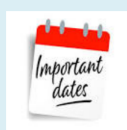
PRINCIPAL'S POST



VALUES SLIPS

Values slips will be collected on Wednesday 7th December and the student with the most slips for this term will win a \$50-00 Toyworld voucher. Please fill out a slip at the CRC if you notice a student demonstrating our school values of **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.**

Students feel more valued when their efforts are recognised and appreciated by others.



The last day of school for students this year is
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER.

The first day of school for students next year is
WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY.

We will hit the ground running from day one of school next year with our teaching and learning so be sure to get our students to school on the first day so that they can have a great start to their new school year.

Teachers and assistants start work on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January next year. The best time to come in to purchase school uniforms will be on the Tuesday as staff will be having Professional Development on the Monday. You can see Blanche before the end of this year to organise or purchase uniforms if needed.

Warm regards, Jackie Miller (Principal)

STUDENT COUNCILLOR NEWS

In week 6, Mark and Sete from Awesome Arts came to teach us how to make a few instruments and showed us how to play them. We did some acting and they even helped us to learn an African song named CHE CHE KULÉ. They did beats and we played around and made an oboe from a straw. At the end of our last session with the guys we had a huge fruit salad platter, and answered a few questions for them to let them know how the session was personally for us. Photos from their visit can be found further in the newsletter.



From Jannavah and Bridie

2023 School Development Days (pupil-free days)

TERM ONE

Monday 30th January 2023

Tuesday 31st January 2023

TERM TWO

Monday 24th April 2023

TERM THREE

Monday 17th July 2023

TERM FOUR

Monday 8th October 2023

Friday 15th December 2023

Congratulations!

Blanche has successfully completed her Graduate Certificate in Education Business Leadership and her graduation ceremony will take place early in 2023.



Kenny has successfully completed her TAFE Course for Certificate III in Education Support and will graduate next week in Carnarvon.

We'll show you lots of photos of their big days next time.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KINDY AND PRE-PRIMARY

In the Kindy/Pre-Primary room, the students learnt about the life cycle of a ladybug. Andre and Richard showed a keen interest in ladybugs after viewing a video about them. Our goal was to extend their interest in ladybugs by doing different activities about them. First, we painted plates red and black and waited for them to dry. The next day, we assembled them to create a cute ladybug. Look at those proud faces!

Making ladybugs:



Preparing the paper plates for the ladybugs



Assembling the ladybugs



Completed ladybugs

Also, we learned about the ladybug's life cycle. It begins with eggs then larvae, pupa and adult. We were fascinated to discover that hatched larvae ate unhatched eggs! In our last activity, we made ladybugs and suncatchers. The contact paper was tricky to peel off, but we managed to do it! The veranda was the perfect place to test it out. Of course, it caught a lot of sunlight. Well done, boys!

Learning about the life cycle of a ladybug: Making a ladybug poster



Making ladybugs and leaf suncatchers:



Making the suncatchers



Completed suncatchers



Testing the suncatchers

From Miss Heejeong and Miss Kenny.

AWESOME ARTS VISIT



Students made whirly trumpets which made low, deep sounds.



Mark and Sete asked students to write what they loved most about their community.



Sete performed some creative movement activities with the students.



Mark and the students made pan pipes with which produced some soft musical notes.





REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our School Councillors, Jannayah and Bridie, hosted our recent Remembrance Day Ceremony which was attended by both Shire staff and school staff. Their simple speech reminded us all of why we were remembering the fallen soldiers on this day. Harley, Scarlet, Eli and Juanita also took part and read poems about poppies. After the ceremony, we held a delicious morning tea for our guests.

SWINGS



The swings are finally finished, and our students have spent every spare second during recess and lunch times for the past few weeks swinging their time away. Our next fundraising goal will now be to purchase shade for the swings so they will be able to use them comfortably in the hot weather.

JACKIE'S KINDY ORIENTATION DAY



Jackie spent a morning with us for Kindy Orientation Day.

- * She made body parts using Play-Doh.
- * She helped other students build a train track for the trains.
- * She also showed us how well she could balance & climb.

We are really looking forward to seeing Jackie join us next year as a Kindy student. Hope you had a great day!



COMING EVENTS

01/12/22	Sporting Schools - Stephen Michael Foundation Basketball
09/12/22	Reports to be sent home
09/12/22	End of year concert (5:30pm start)
12/12/22-16/12/22	Jackie away
Thursday 15/12/22	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN 2022
Friday 16/12/22	PUPIL FREE DAY (staff have traded off this day)
Wednesday 01/02/23	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN 2023

COOK'S CORNER

Mircowave Christmas Coconut Fudge

INGREDIENTS

- 2 x 320g cans sweetened condensed coconut milk
- 150g butter, chopped
- 110g (1/2 cup) caster sugar
- 2 tbsp glucose syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 180g white chocolate, finely chopped
- 20g (1/3 cup) flaked coconut, toasted
- 1 tsp silver cachous



INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Grease an 18 x 28cm slice pan and line the base and sides with baking paper, allowing the edges to overhang.

Step 2

Place the condensed milk, butter, sugar, syrup, vanilla and salt in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on High, stirring every 2 minutes, for 14 minutes or until the mixture thickens slightly.

Step 3

Add the chocolate to the fudge mixture and stir until smooth. Working quickly, pour the mixture into the prepared pan. Smooth the surface with a spoon. Sprinkle with the coconut and cachous. Set at room temperature for 30 minutes. Place in the fridge for 4 hours or until set.



DECEMBER

- 15 Ali Watson
- 16 Scarlett Boddington
- 27 Levi ChongWee

FEBRUARY

- 6 Sophie Wright
- 17 Dart
- 20 Juanita Omotosho
- 21 Cynthia Wright
- 24 Anna Collins
- 24 Lachlan Wright
- 24 Carmen Wilson

JANUARY

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



TIDY TOWNS WINNERS

Western Australia's regional and remote communities have been recognised at the 2022 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards, with Gascoyne Junction taking out the top honour. Gascoyne Junction also won the Environmental Sustainability category for leading the way with its litter prevention initiatives and water planning.

Environment Minister Reece Whitby stated that "Gascoyne Junction has shown with determination and community support, towns can become more environmentally friendly and sustainable".

Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards Judge, Joanne Ferguson commented that "The remote town of Gascoyne Junction impressed the judges with their resourcefulness, sheer determination, and commitment to a vast array of projects, activities and outcomes, across all categories, well and truly punching above their weight for a town of this size".

The awards are not just about being tidy but also reflect the community, its values and the way the community adapts to living with local environmental factors.

The past year has been challenging, with flooding causing significant damage and delays to planned initiatives. However, the community battled on to improve their town and make it welcoming.

Supportive Shire leadership and engaged community members demonstrated strong community action and connectedness. This sense of belonging is apparent in the town, examples being the community supporting out-of-town sporting activities, a meet-and-greet with the Yinggarda Aboriginal Corporation and young people contributing to the local newsletter.



Community initiatives in the past year have brought to completion beautiful place making projects and water-saving action which, combined with litter- prevention activities, have transformed Gascoyne Junction into a green and welcoming town. As you drive into town, you are instantly drawn to the Cessna airplane mounted high above the Gascoyne Junction Tourist Stop – Two Rivers Memorial Park, which depicts the historical significance of aerial mustering in the region. The park remodelling has been many years in the making, having been delayed by COVID, rain and a lack of contractors. It is a stunning and valuable multi-use space to the local community and travellers. The park provides a respite stop, with parking for caravans and RVs, new toilet blocks, shade structures with seating, a huge lawn and an amphitheatre for community events. This space will eventually have additional installations, functioning as an outdoor museum and linking with the Town Pavilion and War Memorial.



The town has new banner poles and signs welcoming visitors and providing tourists with directions. The neglected Caravan and Tourist Park has been repaired and refurbished. This facility is a focal point for locals and tourists, resulting in longer and multiple returning stays. Busy bees to pick up litter, distribution of Outback Packs, with resources for litter collection and messaging for Leave No Trace, are contributing to a well-kept litter free community

On Friday November 25, Gascoyne Junction was declared the State Category Winner for Environmental Sustainability at the 2022 WA Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards Luncheon in Perth.

This category was one of five that Gascoyne Junction was nominated in, along with the overall State Winner category.

This award reflects the work of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne in future proofing Gascoyne Junction reflecting the communities outstanding achievements in adapting to environmental change. Sustainability is important for living in an area prone to drought. Without a stable water source, a town like Gascoyne Junction which has potential for growth (Our population has grown by 25 people in the past 12 months alone) would become stagnant or decline. It is also important to have the resources available to support this growth.

To foster a sustainable community, water is imperative for both sustaining and growing our population. Despite being situated where the Lyons and Gascoyne Rivers meet, Gascoyne Junction is a remote community with hostile summers with day time temperatures in the mid to high 40s. It is no surprise that there is a shortage of water available for both the supply of the town's potable water and the water required for parks and gardens. In 2021 the Shire of Upper Gascoyne undertook two projects aimed at future proofing the water supply in town and secondly improving the efficiency of how this water was used.

Currently the water supply for Gascoyne Junction utilises the alluvium aquifer within the Gascoyne River. This aquifer is heavily reliant on recharge from river flows. Droughts or dry periods have a massive impact on both the quantity and quality of water available. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne engaged hydrogeologists to conduct a study of the area and devised a project to dig a bore, create a bore logging study and pump test the hole. Currently, work is underway to see if the water source is viable and the bore hole is being cased and screened.

Should a viable water source be found, the Shire of Upper Gascoyne can remove their pump from the Gascoyne River alluvium aquifer. The environmental impact it would have on the permanent water hole of which these pumps are located would be massive, with the water no longer been drawn, the surrounding flora and fauna would benefit a more reliable permanent water source.

To ensure the efficient use of water, the Shire of Upper Gascoyne also undertook a project which saw new reticulation put into the Town Oval and the new Two River Memorial Park to improve water consumption. With the addition of the Two Rivers Memorial Park, the greenspaces of Gascoyne Junction have effectively doubled. By installing the new reticulation across the oval and memorial park, the amount of water required is half of what was previously used on the Town Oval alone over both spaces. The importance of Greenscapes to community wellness and mental health is important creating a community where people want to be.



GASSY GOSSIP

GP CLINIC UPDATE

Thank you again to those who have been in to try our GP Clinics. We are continually talking with the team in Carnarvon to continue to improve this service.

UPCOMING CLINIC DATES

Wednesday December 7

JANUARY CLINIC DATE TO BE CONFIRMED DUE TO CRC CLOSURE ON 1ST WED OF JAN

Wednesday February 1

Wednesday March 1

Wednesday April 5

Wednesday May 3

Wednesday June 7

Please contact the office on (08) 99430988 to make an appointment.



TWO RIVERS MEMORIAL PARK OPENING

The Gascoyne Junction Visitor Stop Project or as it is now to be known the Two Rivers Memorial Park started as a thought in 2018, when initial drawings to revitalise this 4 acre non-functional and underutilised space into a welcoming oasis for use by both locals and visitors alike were created.

Thanks to funding through the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund, this project has brought to life another key project for the Upper Gascoyne as part of revitalising the township of Gascoyne Junction after the 2010 Flood Event.

The Two Rivers Memorial Park provides day use parking for travellers taking a wander outback through our region with easy access for all vehicles including caravans and RVs. For visitors, the park is a welcoming space to take a break and plan their travels to local and regional attractions. It also creates a new venue for Gascoyne Junction to host events enjoying a large grassed amphitheatre where we can enjoy music and live events and come together as a community.

A project like this takes many hands and so to all who have helped bring this community space to fruition we say thank you. To our Architects – Eastman and Poletti, GBSC our building contractors, Tammy King from Empire Grants for helping put the grant proposal together we say thank you. To each and every contractor who has shared their skills and knowledge to bring this space to life, we say thank you for your professionalism, dedication and support. To the Bain Family for their donation of VH-DMT we also say a special thanks – we look forward to dedicating the aircraft in 2023 with you all. The entire Shire staff past and present, a job well done with each team member bring their strengths to the project.

To the community of the Upper Gascoyne for their patience throughout the construction, a special thanks.

Our opening event - a free musical concert was a fantastic culmination and celebration of this project coming to fruition. With over 300 people attending, the amptiheatre was christened by Meggan McCleary, Elavina and the headline act for the night Proud Mary. The sound was amazing, and what a benchmark for events to come. Food Trucks were on hand to grab a dinner to enjoy on the lawn and listen to fantastic musicians as the sunset over Gascoyne Junction.





Solar Eclipse 2023

We are collaborating with the Shire of Carnarvon to coordinate the marketing of a series of events based around the 2023 Solar Eclipse that will be occurring on Thursday 20 April in Exmouth. Around 11.27am the path of totality will graze the tip of WA along the Gascoyne coastline drawing thousands of

visitors to the Gascoyne. With both our Shire and the Shire of Carnarvon becoming Astrotourism Towns we are poised to attract visitors to the region. On the day Gascoyne Junction will receive 90.25% coverage, Kennedy Range National Park 92.19% coverage and Mt Augustus 87.81% coverage. You can find more details on the Solar Eclipse on the Shire webpage: www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/tourism/what-to-see/solar-eclipse-2023

KEY DATES

- 18 April: Stargazing Cocktail Event at Coral Bay
- 20 April: Solar Eclipse
- 22 April: Bush Dance under the Stars in Gascoyne Junction
- 25 April: ANZAC Day in the Junction

How can you benefit from this rare opportunity?

The 2023 eclipse is expected to be very well attended by enthusiasts and media from all over the world. Eclipse chasers travel obsessively to see these solar occurrences. There is an opportunity to leverage off the exposure of this event and increased visitor levels to the region.

What we are looking for:

Event organisers or venues interested in creating and implementing a suitable event under the Carnarvon/Coral Bay/Upper Gascoyne Solar Eclipse event brand, which is unique to the program and may not necessarily be available at any other time of the year

- A mix of free and ticketed events that will entice day trippers, locals and short haul visitors from Perth and other target markets
- Expressions of interest, even though you may not have an idea, we can support to develop your concept with you
- Products or services that meet the needs of additional visitors to the region

Opportunities to Consider:

Open Sky Accommodation	Stargazing Tours	Visiting geological & natural attractions
Musical Performances under the Stars	Special Event Astrophotography	Star Bathing
Aboriginal and Guided Astronomy Tour	Navigational Team Building Experience under the Stars	Yoga under the Stars
Day turns to night Quad Tours	Silent Disco	Camping under the Stars
Micro Flights	Viewing wildlife at Night	Dinner under the Stars
Public Stargazing		

If you have an idea, or an event you would like to develop please do not hesitate to reach out. The earlier we start the further reach we can get for the event.



Country Stargazing

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

Christmas Stargazing!

With Christmas just around the corner, it's a hectic and crazy time. So why not take a breath throughout the month and head outside and look up at the night sky. Stargazing is awe-inspiring and yet peaceful and calming at the same time. It's bound to refresh your spirits, relax your mind and get you ready to tackle the Christmas preparations with renewed vigour.

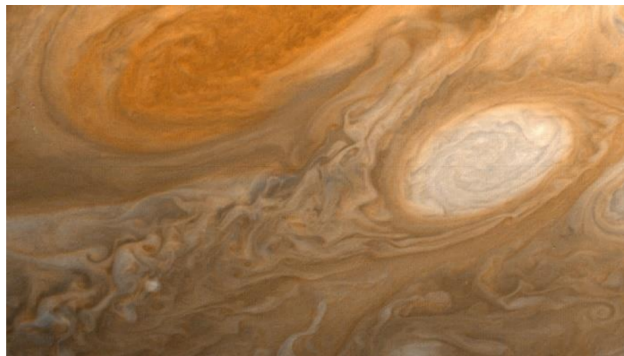
Geminids Meteor Shower: December 13 and 14

This month, stargazers will be treated to a special display from the Geminids Meteor Shower. On a dark night, away from artificial light pollution, you might see up to 120 meteors (or "shooting stars") an hour! The Geminids meteor shower is generated from asteroid 3200 Phaethon and is one of the most active and best meteor showers to see.

When and where to look: The best time to watch is after midnight on 13th and 14th December. Look to the northeast and north about 45 degrees above the horizon.

Parade of Planets: December 24

Throughout December the planets are celebrating Christmas by putting on a 'Parade of Planets'! From our perspective here on Earth, as the planets continue their never-ending path around the Sun, their orbits can sometimes bring the planets together to form incredible conjunctions. On Dec 24th Venus and Mercury will be joined by a thin slither of the Moon, low in the western sky, while Saturn is higher up in the sky. Jupiter is high overhead and Mars will be rising in the northeast.



When to look: Around 8pm, 24th December

Have a wonderful Christmas from the team at Astrotourism WA. We will have more stargazing tips and helpful hints coming up next year! Have a very sparkly Christmas!

Find more stargazing tips and country events at www.astrotourismwa.com.au. If you're a budding "astro-enthusiast", check our Stargazers Club WA's telescope classes & astronomy events for beginners at: www.stargazersclubwa.com.au.

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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.



PUB & TOURIST PARK

Christmas & New Years



Trading Hours



CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED

DECEMBER 26 to DECEMBER 30

ROADHOUSE 12 noon to 5pm

BAR 12 noon to 9pm

NEW YEARS EVE

ROADHOUSE 12 noon to 5pm

BAR 12 noon to 12 midnight

JANUARY 1 to JANUARY 16

ROADHOUSE 12 noon to 5pm

BAR 12 noon to 9pm

RESTAURANT

Lunch 12 to 2pm

Dinner 6 to 8pm



Support Services Worldwide



ESS is looking to fill multiple Fly In Fly Out (out of Carnarvon) hospitality superstar positions.

You will be responsible for cleaning all areas of the village including but not limited to accommodation rooms, laundries, dining rooms, offices & mine site infrastructure. other responsibilities will include food service, food preparation & entry level administrative duties.

To be considered for this role you will need

- 2+ years' experience hospitality
- Open drivers license
- Ability to pass pre-employment medical with drug and alcohol screening and national police clearance
- Passion for providing exceptional customer service

This role is for someone willing to work 2 weeks on 1 week off (11 hours per day)

All accommodation, food and utilities provided on site.

This role is located at the Hastings Yangibana Rare earths project which is approximately 1 hours flight or 4-5 hours drive from Carnarvon.

Preference given & generous salary on offer for those located in the Carnarvon region.

To apply, please email a copy of your resume to jailovett@compass-group.com.au



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MOMENTUM BUILDS AT YANGIBANA

December 2022

Work continues at the Yangibana Rare Earths Project site to build the infrastructure that will allow for full scale plant construction..

Currently under construction are access road, airstrip, accommodation village, microwave communication link and water supply. These works are well progressed with plant construction scheduled to commence in 2023.



Good progress on construction of Yangibana **airstrip** which, will transport the workforce to build the mine and plant.



Yangibana's "Kurrbirli" (Kangaroo) **village** for 300 construction and operations workers is rapidly taking shape.



Three bores provide **water** for construction which is pumped and stored in turkey nests. Water trucks provide water for dust suppression, materials conditioning and compaction.



High speed network access to be delivered to site using point to point, line of sight microwave technology utilising existing and Hastings built towers spanning a 300 kms..

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The 20 kilometre *site access road*, adjoining the Cobra Gifford Creek Road, is nearing completion of construction.

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Community

Hastings is again supporting the Gascoyne Junction Community Christmas Party – we hope to see you there.

Gascoyne Junction School is the beneficiary of \$1000 from the Yangibana Social Club following their first fund-raising quiz night and their on-site Containers for Change project.

Heritage

The Native Title holders, the Thiin-Mah Warriyangka Tharrkari and Jiwarli People, with Hastings, have conducted multiple heritage surveys, with more than 100 heritage sites recorded at the Yangibana project site since 2016. Hastings has designed its operations to avoid these sites.

Grinding patches and stones on the Yangibana site.



Shires Back Roads for Rare Earths

The Shires of Carnarvon, Upper Gascoyne and Ashburton back development of Yangibana in execution of Road User Agreement.

“We are excited to be working with Hastings. We see employment opportunities, service provision opportunities and growth within our Shire,” said Cr Dom Hammerquist.

Employment

We are seeking the following roles at Yangibana:

- Village Supervisor 2:1 roster (6 months)
- Senior Site Surveyor 2:1 roster (24 months)
- Senior H&S Advisor / Alt Superintendent, 2:1 roster (24 months).


Please send enquiries or your application to: careers@hastingstechmetals.com

Contact information

For further information contact:
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KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

Friday December 2 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
(PLAYING HOME ALONE)

At the Community Resource Centre
Starting times: 5:30pm



Popcorn provided (all other snacks BYO)
Bring along a comfy chair or beanbag to get yourself comfortable to catch a movie on the big screen.

The family movie session require all children have an adult accompanying them for the duration of the movie.

2023 dates to be announced!





9TH DECEMBER 2022

A Night of Fun and Festivities!

- Santa Visit
- Raffles
- Entertainment
- BYO Drinks
- EOY School Presentation
- Xmas Dinner
- & More!

**6PM
Start**

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU (08) 9943 0988





Shire of
UPPER GASCOYNE



2022 COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS PARTY
FOOD
REGISTRATION

*We are asking for the
community to bring a dish*

A LIVE GOOGLE DOC IS AVAILABLE TO REGISTER
YOUR DISH OR THE FOLLOWING FORM

*If dishes can be dropped off on
Friday 9th December 5:30-6pm*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US ON
(08) 9943 0988 OR EMAIL
CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU



I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER TO BRING A DISH

To register send an email to the CRC requesting a link to the Community Google Share Doc or complete this form and return to the CRC.

In 2022 we are asking for your help in providing a side dish or dessert to share at the 2022 Community Christmas Party Event. Dishes can be dropped off at the Pavilion between 5.30pm and 6.00pm on Friday December 9. If possible, please serve dishes in aluminium trays OR in serving dishes that are clearly labelled. For more details call us on 9943 0988 or email crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

I will bring a side dish/dessert (Circle)

NAME OF DISH: _____



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

FOR THE 2022 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

UPPER GASCOYNE RESIDENTS \$12.50 NON RESIDENTS \$25

PHONE (08) 9943 0988 OR EMAIL CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022

Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSURE

DEAR CRC CUSTOMERS

*The Shire and the CRC will be closed from 12noon
on Friday 23rd December 2022 and re-open
at 8.30am on Monday 9th January 2023.*

*Please note that during the shut down period, services offered by
the CRC including collection of mail, will not be available until the
Monday 9th January 2023.*

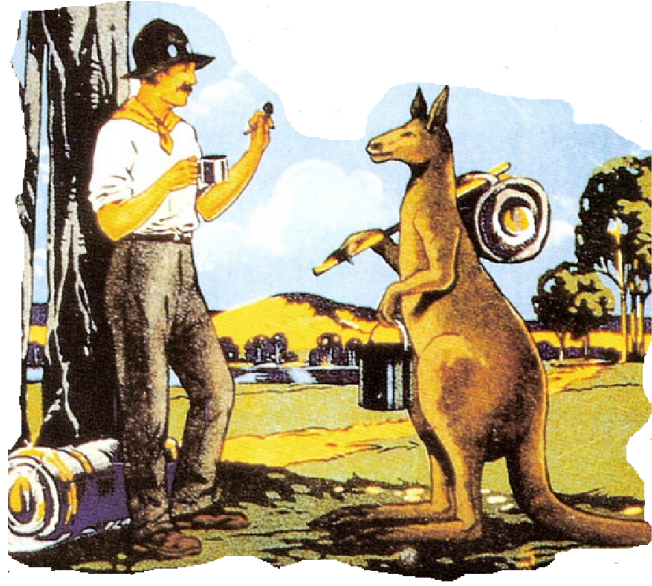
*Residents can access the following services by phone or visit their
websites for more information:*

*Centrelink - 13 24 68
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/>*

*Department of Transport - 13 11 56
<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/>*

*Horizon Power - 1800 447 707
<https://www.horizonpower.com.au/>*

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



SMOKO TIME



100 words

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

things	toys	sun	sticks	trucks	plants	trees	sisters
shoes	sheep	songs	planes	fairies	clocks	rings	rain
rabbits	pigs	spiders	friends	mice	teeth	money	tomatoes
men	ants	letters	legs	kittens	houses	horses	bikes
oranges	pizzas	hands	pies	grass	snakes	girls	books
pets	flowers	trains	fish	clouds	feet	lizards	waves
snails	eyes	eggs	ducks	frogs	dolls	wind	dogs
cows	chickens	chairs	corn	children	cats	cars	cakes
dinosaurs	giants	boats	brothers	birds	bells	boys	bears
beds	balls	babies	apples				

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6			3	8	2		9	5

Name: _____

Date: _____



Giant Christmas Word Search



b g y p y r u d o l p h s c f u l w a r r u o r z
 f d z f v b z l q x j k l t u r k e y l y h f e s
 s s l j j c o w q n n j e j g a r l a n d a f i l
 a n w o o v a p p r e c i a t i o n m p w i d n e
 l o t y l s a m c f s p e s t o c k i n g s g d i
 f w g t l y c h a v c h e g g n o g k a e d i e g
 a d w t y u v g e l i d o i k p h b z s d f f e h
 m w o c o w l k t i n s e l e n s c b m u y t r v
 i s v r h y k w b n s q v h l p x s a g q c s s j
 l n l o t r s j c t s h s w r y q k f r e e n f i
 y o v s t k i q w r q q d a i w y t u e o z b t n
 z w a n u r k s g e l d x u n q m i f l c l y r g
 q f e o w i p x t e a n f x s t k n y g z i s a l
 x l b w g o r n a m e n t s w x a u g a k q c d e
 u a v m q c q n b o a j h a l c g t y t r l z i b
 j k b a v k c i e j f s s b l a y c s h u i z t e
 d e c n t x a p v l p w d q z u l r k e a g i i l
 t b h h t g y a s o f d d f c e v a k r b h p o l
 c f w l e t h a n k f u l k f a w c n i d t r n s
 c d o h j e z r h s v c t r g u j k q n f s c s v
 u r v d e z r o m q q p u m u d x e w g y z i x g
 n o r t h p o l e e j s d f s n a r s v b k q a n
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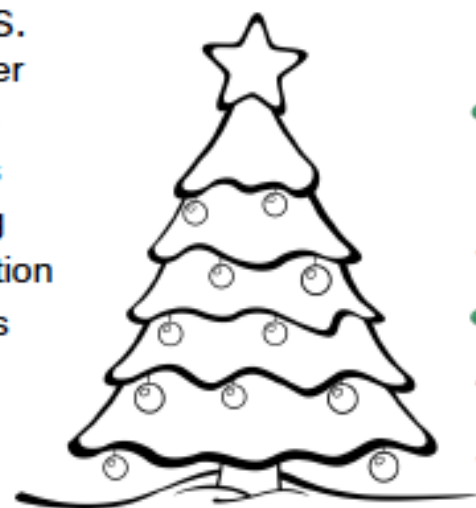
Find these **Christmas** words.

North Pole
 family
 joy
 tinsel
 thankful
 garland
 snow
 turkey
 cheer

Santa
 reindeer
 toys
 snowflake
 Frosty
 holly
 lights
 stockings
 jolly

ornaments
 tree skirt
 jingle bells
 eggnog
 gratitude
 carols
 sleigh
 snowman
 gifts

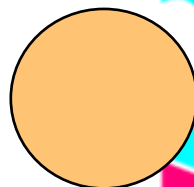
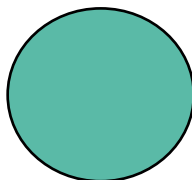
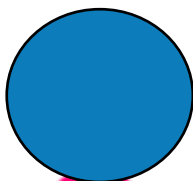
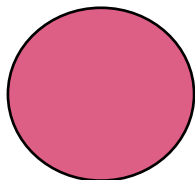
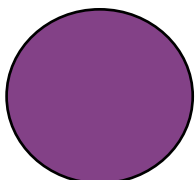
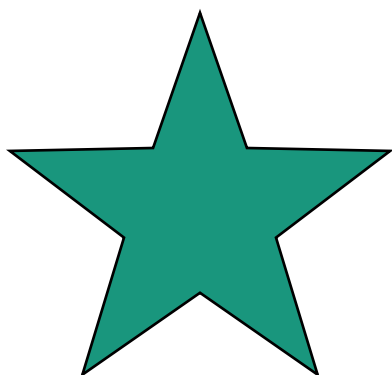
nutcracker
 mistletoe
 traditions
 gathering
 appreciation
 christmas
 Rudolph
 tree
 elf



(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)



KID'S CORNER





MERRY CHRISTMAS

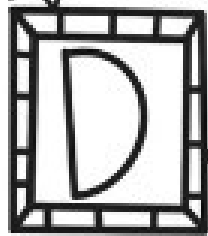
K F A M I L Y T R N K B J L H
Y M U T J C O R B S X G O J H
Y U P L R C A R O L S I Y I F
Y C M R R E Q N W E E V E N N
L H F E E P E H D N D I J G O
S R B T D S C S S Y W N G L R
Y I Q M T Y E R C M C G S E T
U S T O C K I N G S J A E I H
U T L I G H T S T G S D N W P
L M F L I O V S M S N J S E O
K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

BOW
CANDY CANE
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS
ELF

FAMILY
GIVING
JINGLE
JOY
LIGHTS

NORTH POLE
PRESENTS
REINDEER
SANTA
SLEIGH

SNOW
STAR
STOCKINGS
TREES



Dear Santa,



My name is _____

And I am _____ Years old

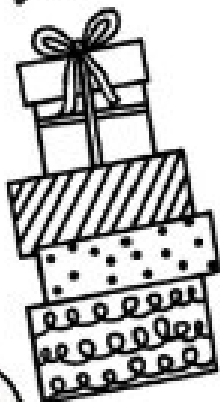


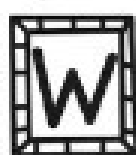
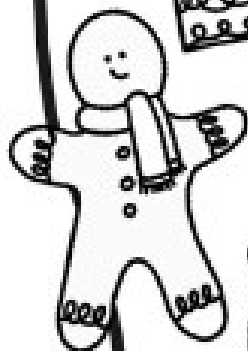
This year I have been very

☐ Naughty ☐ Nice



For Christmas please bring me





With Love,



**CHRISTMAS
MOVIE
NIGHT**

GASCOYNE JUNCTION
COMMUNITY RESOURCE
CENTRE

02 DECEMBER

**COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

09 DECEMBER

U P C O M I N G
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**STAY TUNED FOR THE
2023 EVENTS
CALENDAR**
