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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 8th February
Wednesday 22nd March
Wednesday 26th April
Wednesday 24th May
Wednesday 28th June
Wednesday 26th July
Wednesday 23rd August
Wednesday 20th September
Wednesday 25th October
Wednesday 22nd November
Thursday 14th 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

Firstly this will be my last report for 2022, so on behalf of my Staff, myself and my family we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

This month has been busy finalising major issues such as the Integrated Strategic Planning Plans and our 21/22 Audit. Staff are extremely busy with getting ready for the Christmas function and participating in professional development with all staff completing their First Aid Qualification and several staff participating in a WALGA Supervisors Training both held in house at the Shire Chambers.

On the 25th of November 2022 Councillor Caunt, Ainsley Hardie and myself attended the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards. The Shire won the Environmental Sustainability Category and also the overall State Tidy Town Award. This now means that the National Judges will come to town and we will be representing WA in the national awards to be held at King Island sometime in May 2023.

Jarrold and I attended a meeting with members of Hastings staff to identify potential bores and gravel pits that could be used for up-grading and maintaining our roads contained within the RUA. Hastings will do all the Flora and Fauna and Heritage studies on the Shire's behalf in order to ensure compliance with the various legislative requirements.

The construction of the bore is now complete from an infrastructure view point. In early 2023 the bore will be pump tested and we will be in a position to determine the water quality. Depending on results we will have a better picture of what will need to happen next, if anything.

I am still working on various grant opportunities to determine what some of the identified projects will look like, the anticipated costs and how we can leverage grants to assist. I have found out that the River access and pontoon is a project where grants are available, in this case they will contribute up to 75% of the cost. In this case I am still working up what is practical given our issue of having to remove infrastructure from the river when it is in flood.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

After the Exit meeting was conducted last month with the Audit Committee and our Auditors from William Buck and the OAG, staff were advised that the final copy of our Annual Financial Statements (AFS) had been prepared for sign off.4

I am pleased to advise Council that at the time of writing my report, I received an email from the OAG stating that our Opinion Letter had been issued and a finalised copy of our AFS was now available. The timing of this is absolutely critical as our statements need to be completed and signed off by our auditors by the 31st December in order to comply with legislation. To say I was 'happy' to receive this notification is an understatement – given the timing, I was super excited!

As a result of this great news from the OAG, the final, signed copy of our AFS will be presented to Council along with the CEO's Annual Report for 2021/22 at this month's OMC.

Also in the final stages of preparation, again in anticipation of presenting it to Council this month, is our Plan for the Future. Council will recall the update at last month's OMC regarding the pending review of the first draft, this has taken place and Moore Australia are now compiling the final copy of the report ready for Council to adopt.

As I reflect on all that has happened this calendar year, all I can think of to say is 'we've finally made it!' This year has been incredible and staff have achieved so much in terms of output in the delivery of projects and events, the level of work that has been completed in the last 12 months has been huge! I am extremely proud of my team and cannot thank them enough for all the great work they have done this year - it has been amazing to see them come together and kick collective goals, particularly in the more challenging times when the momentum was hard to maintain. Nonetheless, my team's continued support of one another and commitment to the task at hand has always been unwavering and for that, I recognise, acknowledge and commend their efforts.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2023.



Community Resource Centre Update

Author – Ainsley Hardie, Tourism & Community Development Officer

A fully booked GP Clinic for December a week out is another strong indication of the support of the program. We are working closely with WACHS to get some IT issues sorted to make the process easier especially in getting follow up results. The January Clinic has been rescheduled to January 11 as the Shire and CRC will be closed during the first week of the month before resuming the first Wednesday of the month clinics in February. On December 2 I am attending the District Advisory Committee for WACHS and look forward to reporting on the success and goodwill felt so far. Another First Aid Course was also held on December 5 & 6 seeing Shire Staff all updating their qualifications.

We are delighted with the construction of our new storage facility in the CRC and are looking forward to it being painted and shelves to be put in place. We have also been successful in a digital inclusivity grant through the WA State Library combined with technology funding from DPIRD, we will be able to upgrade our digital media to hold community workshops and information sessions in the CRC.

Billie and I along with the rest of the administration team have been putting the finishing touches on the 2022 Gascoyne Junction Community Christmas Party. Billie has also held a Christmas Movie Night in the CRC.

It was a pleasure to represent the Shire of Upper Gascoyne and the Gascoyne Junction Community at the WA State Awards for the 2022 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities. Our own nominations reflected the spirit and passion of our town, with nominations for work undertaken by the Shire, the School and also the community spirit of residents of the Shire. This combined passion for town saw us take out the overall State Winner Category so it is something for us all to share. It was a highlight to also be awarded the Environmental Sustainability Award for the State, which reflects on both the Water Bore Project and the Reticulation of the Oval and Two Rivers Memorial Park. What a showcase of the forethought and innovation of our Shire.



We have still had visitors coming through albeit in smaller numbers through November, but many have been enjoying experiencing our National Parks with less crowds and have taken the rising temperatures as a small price to pay. It is lovely to see the tourist season extending for the benefit of our local tourism stakeholders. It has also been wonderful speaking to several new potential tourism entities that would like to get established in the Upper Gascoyne in both the accommodation and tour space.

I had a successful trip with the Caravan and Camping WA team, and they have captured some amazing images of the Shire to share in February. They were blown away by the Upper Gascoyne and did not want to leave, they want to spend more time hiking the trails in our National Parks and completing the Loop Track. They thought the Shire could be the subject of a documentary. They loved chatting with locals and were made to feel so welcome so thank you for helping me be great hosts.



Manager of Works and Services Report

Congratulations to all of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne staff on taking out the overall winner of the State Tidy Towns Awards and the Environmental Sustainability Award. This is a real credit to the dedication and hard work all of our staff and Councillors who contribute to this community and area.

Renovations of the Works Manager and Town Maintenance Officer's offices, new access door to the medical room and new storage space in the CRC are almost complete. The contractor was required to perform some additional works on the offices due to revealing the old original 1960's glass wall concealed behind works completed in the early 2000's. The complete removal of this wall was required to successfully remove all asbestos and to meet building standards. This has allowed us to utilise this space and have two separate offices.

Gascoyne Plumbing Solutions have replaced the septic systems on Lots 23 and 40 Gregory Street. The systems were found to be inadequate and installed incorrectly when the houses were first constructed.

Drilling is completed, casing is installed, headworks installed. Waiting on pump testing. At present it flows on its own at 2L a second (7000L per hour), at 49 degrees Celsius. The initial salt reading was around 9000ppm, it dropped to 7500ppm after the bore was allowed to run to clean it out. We have been running the bore in hopes of further cleaning to reduce the salt levels. However we have no tester capable of reading above 2000ppm. Water Corp will try test it for us next week.

Global Groundwater will return in January to complete the Pump testing for 24hrs. Once that test is completed, we will have official final figures for quality and quantity.

The outside staff attended First Aid training on 5-6th December along with our admin staff. The training was well received. Dameon Whitby, Sean Walker and Sa Toomalatai also attended some advanced supervisor training on the 1st to 2nd December. The training is aimed to equip leaders with the knowledge and skills to get the best out of their team and how to handle difficult situations.

Ian and Thomas have completed grading from Cobra to Landor, this section was in desperate need of grading after receiving higher than normal traffic loads throughout the year. They will continue through to our Meekatharra boundary before the Christmas shutdown. We have engaged a maintenance grader from NGE to complete grading from Gascoyne Junction to the Minnie Creek Access road as this section also has experienced higher than average traffic this year. We currently have several exploration and mining companies that are extremely active in the area at the moment. We are making a conservative effort to contact these companies and express the importance of slowing down and minimising damage to our roads. Unfortunately there has been quite a lot of heavy vehicles not doing the right thing and we are struggling to keep up with repairs and maintenance.

The CEO and I spent a day with Hasting representatives to drive the designated haulage route to identify suitable gravel and water points. We used this opportunity to discuss the road use agreement and our expectations on them to perform preventative maintenance and improvements on this route immediately. We will meet with the newly appointed CEO of Hastings on Monday the 12th December.

The works crew have almost complete 6km of resheeting on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road. We will demobilise our equipment back to town for the Christmas shutdown between the 17th to 21st December.

I would like to wish Councillors, staff and the community a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to working with you all 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

The 2021/2022 Annual Report is now available

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, under Division 5 Section 5.55, it is hereby notified that the 2021/2022 Shire of Upper Gascoyne Annual Report has been accepted by Council on the 15th December 2022 and is now available to the public.

A copy of the 2021/2022 Annual Report can be viewed at the Shire Office and the CRC at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, and a copy is also available on the Shire's website at www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Public Notice



Annual General Meeting of Electors

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS (Local Government Act 1995; Part 1 S 1.7) 2021/22 YEAR

The Annual General Meeting of Electors is to be held on Wednesday the 8th February 2023 commencing at 9.30am in the Council Chambers, Gascoyne Junction.

Agenda

- Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting of Electors held on 16th December 2021.
- Consideration and acceptance of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne 2021/2022 Annual Report, which includes:
 - Presidents Report
 - Chief Executive Officers Report
 - Annual Financial Report and Auditors Report
 - General Business.

A copy of the 2021/22 Annual Report may be obtained from the Shire Office, Scott Street Gascoyne Junction and is available on the Shire's website at www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

In order that the relevant information may be readily available at the meeting, it would be appreciated if questions could be submitted in writing by Wednesday 1st of February 2023.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

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

The Integrated Strategic 'Plan for the Future' report is now available

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, under Division 3 Section 19D, it is hereby notified that the Shire's integrated Plan for the Future has been adopted by Council on the 15th December 2022 and is now available to the public.

The Plan for the Future combines both the Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan.

A copy of the Plan for the Future can be viewed at the Shire Office and the CRC at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction. A copy is also available on the Shire's website at www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

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

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	29 June 2022
		Forecast Completion Date:	April 2023
Works this period (December 2022)		Works next period (January 2023)	
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Continue with works on this road comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting east of Cobra Dairy Creek Rd. Stabilisation of 13 floodways ongoing with specialised sub-contractor.		Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Continue with unsealed road reinstatement comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting east of Cobra Dairy Creek Rd.	
Dalgaty Downs Glenburgh Rd Commenced and completed works on this road comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting. Stabilisation of 3 floodways now completed with specialised sub-contractor.		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.	
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd Stabilisation of 3 floodways is completed. 1 additional floodway at the beginning of the road will also be stabilised while completing works on adjacent Carnarvon Mullewa Rd (mid December 2022).			
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	57%	51%	
Callagiddy Winderie Rd	100%	100%	
Carey Downs Road	100%	87%	
Carnarvon Mullewa Road	43%	40%	
Cobra Dairy Creek Road	13%	4%	

Cobra Gifford Creek Rd	100%	68%
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Road	5%	0%
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%	100%
Pimbee Road	100%	100%
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 remains at Mooloo Downs on Cobra Dairy Creek Rd.	
Christmas/ New Year Break	The last working day for 2023 will be the 19 th of December. The crew will recommence on Wednesday 4 th of January 2023.	

GENERAL SITE WORKS PHOTOS



Gascoyne Junction Craft Group



2023 Calendar

25 th and 26 th February		Untutored /Busy Bee
25 th and 26 th March		Untutored
7 th April - 23 rd April School Holidays		
6 th and 7 th May		Untutored
10 th and 11 th June		Tutored - TBA
1 st July - 16 th July School Holidays		
5 th and 6 th August		Untutored
2 nd and 3 rd September		Tutored - TBA
23 rd September - 8 th October School Holidays		
28 th and 29 th October		Creative Workshop
25 th and 26 th November		Christmas Craft

For any queries, please contact the President/ Secretary Alys McKeough 08 9943 0924
Or Treasurer Chris Kearney 0428 841 818
E: junctioncraft@gmail.com

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

Gascoyne Junction Craft Group



Hey Everyone,

We had a great year this year at Craft with everything from Junk Art, Basket making, Mystery Quilts and Turkish lamps. Its not all about sewing we also have a lot of laughs..

At this stage we have no tutors booked for workshops in 2023, so if you have any ideas or know of any Tutors that would like to come to the Gascoyne for a weekend, let us know and we can try and organise it.

We look forward to the New Year and hope to see some new faces at craft in 2023.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year with some rain thrown in for good measure....

Tina xx

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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



CULTURAL PLANNING: Steering Committee members John Newton, Shirley Slatter, Christine Armstrong, Liz Bullard and Noelene Lewis.

Cultural plan funded

THE four Gascoyne shires, the Gascoyne Development Commission and Arts WA have combined resources to fund a cultural plan for the area.

The Gascoyne Cultural Plan, for 1997-2002, is to assist local government to efficiently develop and manage cultural resources.

Plan Steering Committee chairman John Newton, who is also the Upper Gascoyne Shire's chief executive, said it was important a cultural policy be set.

"It makes it easier for councils to make decisions with confidence on what are the most important facilities and services for the community," Mr Newton said.

"Cultural planning is based on extensive community consultation to identify what communities believe is their unique local identity as well as how that unique culture or lifestyle contributes to the economy of the town.

The six person steering committee will monitor and guide the chosen study consultants Brian Peddie and

Di Shaw on behalf of the shire councils of the region.

The community will be asked to attend workshops, complete surveys and make themselves available for interviews as a part of the vital process of local data collection for the plan.

Mr Newton said an important feature of the community survey was to ask age, industry and ethnic groups about their expectations for the future cultural development of the region.

Anyone interested in participating in the cultural planning process should contact a steering committee member. They are: Chairman John Newton ph 9943 0509, fax: 9943 0507, Shark Bay representative Noelene Lewis, ph: 9941 1015, fax 9941 1420, Shirley Slatter of the Carnarvon Shire library ph: 9941 1680, fax: 9941 2766, Carnarvon representative Debbie Avery ph: 9941 2579, fax 9941 1343, Exmouth representative Liz Bullard ph: 9949 2499, fax 9949 2499 and Chris Armstrong of the Gascoyne Development Commission as executive officer for the project.

This article was originally published in The
Northern Guardian on Wednesday May 28, 1997.

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, contact the CRC now with your answers to the questions below!

You could be our next local celebrity...

Full name:

Nickname:

Place of birth:

Favourite food?

Favourite animal?

Footy team:

Where did you grow up?

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?

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





We have received a huge new range of books for the start of 2023!

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Audio Books, DVD's, Picture Books, Jnr Fiction, the list keeps going.

Pop into the Community Resource Centre to what stock we have on offer, can't make it in? We can always pop in on the mail truck at your request to members of the library.

Not a member? Fill out the membership form and email it to crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or bring it in and see our friendly staff.

PLEASE TICK THE MEMBERSHIP YOU REQUIRE:

MYSELF ONLY ☐ MYSELF AND PARTNER ☐ MYSELF AND CHILDREN ☐ CHILDREN ONLY ☐

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss SURNAME _____
 GIVEN NAMES _____
 DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ PHONE _____ MOBILE _____
 EMAIL _____

PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

 TOWN/SUBURB _____ POSTCODE _____

POSTAL ADDRESS (tick if same as above ☐)

 TOWN/SUBURB _____ POSTCODE _____

TEMPORARY ADDRESS IN GASCOYNE JUNCTION (if applicable)

PLEASE PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS (Friend or family NOT living at your address)

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TOWN/SUBURB _____ POSTCODE _____
 PHONE _____

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS (PARTNER OR CHILDREN)

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TOGETHER WE SUCCEED

Newsletter

15/12/2022

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



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

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

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

The 2023 *Contributions & Charges* information was sent home in November so that all families can be well prepared for the 2023 school year. Collection of these is not required until 2023.

A reminder that the *school booklists* will be sent home in December. Please ensure that your child has all the resources that will be needed, ready for the start of school next year on **Wednesday 1st February**.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Catch you in 2023.

Kind regards

Jackie Miller, Principal

STUDENT COUNCILLOR 2022 RECAP

As student councillors we have organised many special events this year some to raise money and some for special occasions. We have also been on excursions and made some incursions come to our school.

WE HAVE RAISED MONEY FOR MANY ORGANISATIONS

In term two we had a lapathon for telethon, we raised \$417. In term three we had a colour fun run for the Leukemia Foundation of WA and raised \$1376. In term four the school hosted Pink Stumps Day for the McGrath Foundation and raised \$3491.

WE HAVE CELEBRATED MANY SPECIAL OCCASIONS

During reconciliation week we read Archie Roach's new children's book which was based on his song. We hosted a Remembrance Day ceremony for school and community members.

WE HAVE HOSTED SOME FANTASTIC INCURSIONS AT THE SCHOOL

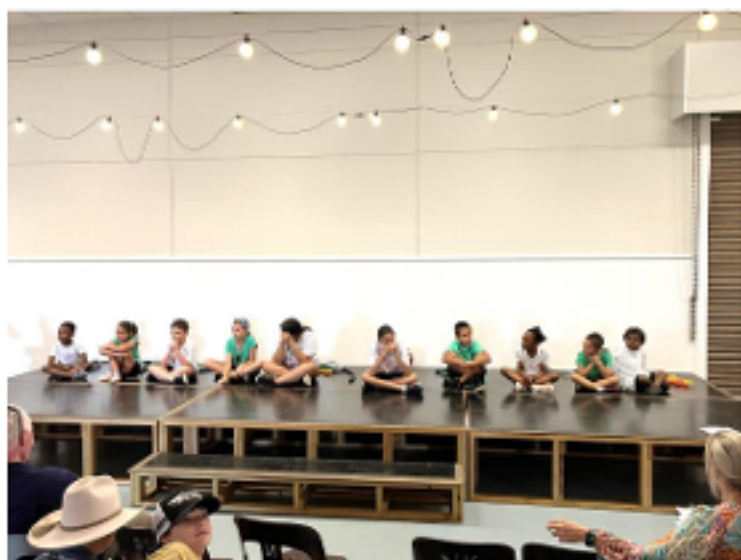
Stephen Michael Foundation has delivered sporting schools programs each term for AFL, Athletics, Soccer, Basketball, and football. In term two we had a Wakakiri song dance, artist in residence program Talitha taught us a dance which we practiced a lot. We videoed our dance and submitted it to the Wakakiri judges where we were nominated as a national finalist but unfortunately did not win. Ngala visited in term three to help us learn about healthy eating. This term we hosted Awesome Arts who helped us turn our school vision statement into a musical item.

WE HAVE BEEN ON EXCURSIONS

In term one we had swimming lessons in Carnarvon and got to explore the space museum. Term two saw students go to Carnarvon for Cross Country, CSOTA athletics carnival, Winter carnival at CCC, Biggest Morning Tea at the CRC.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Jannayah and Bridie

PRESENTATION NIGHT



END OF TERM FUN DAY



Miss Kenny receiving her certificate III in Education Support. Congratulations once again!



2023 Start of school dates

Monday 30/01/23	Teachers and support staff start term one
Tuesday 31/01/23	Teachers and support staff start term one
Wednesday 1/02/23	Students start term one at school

COOK'S CORNER

One-Pan French Onion Chicken

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 4 chicken breast fillets
- 40g butter
- 2 large brown onions, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- 1 1/2 tbsp cornflour
- 1 1/2 cups Massel Beef Style Liquid Stock
- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 125g gruyère cheese, coarsely grated
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- Steamed green beans, to serve
- Crusty bread, to serve

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Heat oil in a large ovenproof frying pan over medium-high heat. Add chicken. Cook, turning, for 8 to 10 minutes or until chicken is just cooked through. Transfer to a plate.

Step 2

Melt butter in the same pan over medium-high heat. Add onion and thyme. Cook, stirring, for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown and caramelised. Blend cornflour with 1/4 cup stock in a small bowl until smooth. Add remaining 1 1/4 cup stock and Worcestershire sauce to pan. Simmer, uncovered, for 2 minutes. Add cornflour mixture to pan. Season with pepper. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until sauce thickens. Preheat grill.

Step 3

Add chicken to pan. Cook, turning, for 2 minutes or until heated through. Top chicken with cheese. Grill for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve with beans and bread.





JANUARY

- 3 Ella Hoseason-Smith
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- 3 John McCleary
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FEBRUARY

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2022 GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a night! Thank you to all who attended the 2022 Gascoyne Junction Community Christmas Party and made it such a memorable evening. To our sponsors who provide financial support to help offset the costs of the Gascoyne Junction Community Christmas Party we say thank you. Being able to offer an event of this scale to the community as a FREE community event each year is so rewarding. These funds get used for decorations, entertainment, transport and all the pieces of magic that make the night special. A special thanks to:

Greenfield Technologies

THEM Earthmoving

Quantum Surveys

Carnarvon Electrics

Dust Up Projects

Mount Augustus Tourist Park

Gascoyne Earthmoving

Bidgemia Cattle Co

Paul Kearney Capentry

Yuin Station

Santa Visited Gascoyne Junction

Thank you Santa for taking the time out of your busy December to visit all the good boys and girls in the Upper Gascoyne. Santa made his way to the 2022 Gascoyne Junction Community Christmas Party in style on board the Gascoyne Junction Fire Engine driven by CEO John McCleary. Thank you to Real Futures and Toyworld Carnarvon for helping Santa with gifts for everyone. A true highlight of the evening



Gascoyne Groovers

The Gascoyne Groovers hit the dance floor with DJ Keno travelling from Carnarvon to entertain us for the evening and he did not disappoint. Great music, line dancing and a limbo contest or two. From the kids to the grown ups the dance floor was the place to be until stumps. Thanks to the West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers for some great prizes for dancer extraordinaires Thanks Keno for making the night special. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Junction in 2023.



Raffle Winners

The raffles were again a big hit on the night with five amazing prizes to be won.

Congratulations to Meggan M, David M and Dusty W who were the three lucky winners. Yes, Meggan and Dusty won twice.

The raffle was made possible the support of local businesses. Please thank them and support them when you can.

- Carnarvon Growers Association
- Amcal Chemist Carnarvon
- Repco Australia Carnarvon
- Barry Evans Furniture
- Refuel Australia
- Heddi's Hair Salon
- BWS Carnarvon
- Carnarvon Mitre 10
- Norwest Surf Store
- IGA Carnarvon
- Westrac
- Everywhere Travel Carnarvon
- Home Hardware Carnarvon
- Carnarvon Sportspower
- Betta Electrical Carnarvon
- Pharmacy 777 Carnarvon



Food

A very big thank you first and foremost to the guests who brought along side dishes and desserts to share. What a variety, and what a spread to accompany the dinner lovingly prepared by the team at the Gascoyne Junction Pub and Tourist Park. The Junction Pub team also collected and delivered to the Junction the kindly donated goods and prepared them ready to share with the community.

Thank you to local resident Spags who donated prawns for the evening and Chicken Treat who provided the chicken and coleslaw. Not to forget the Kingsford Bakery who prepared dinner rolls and a scrummy chocolate cake for dessert. Thank you to Woolworths for the ham.

Finally a very big thank you to Hastings Technology Metals who donated funds to cover the costs of catering for the evening.



GASSY GOSSIP



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.

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.



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



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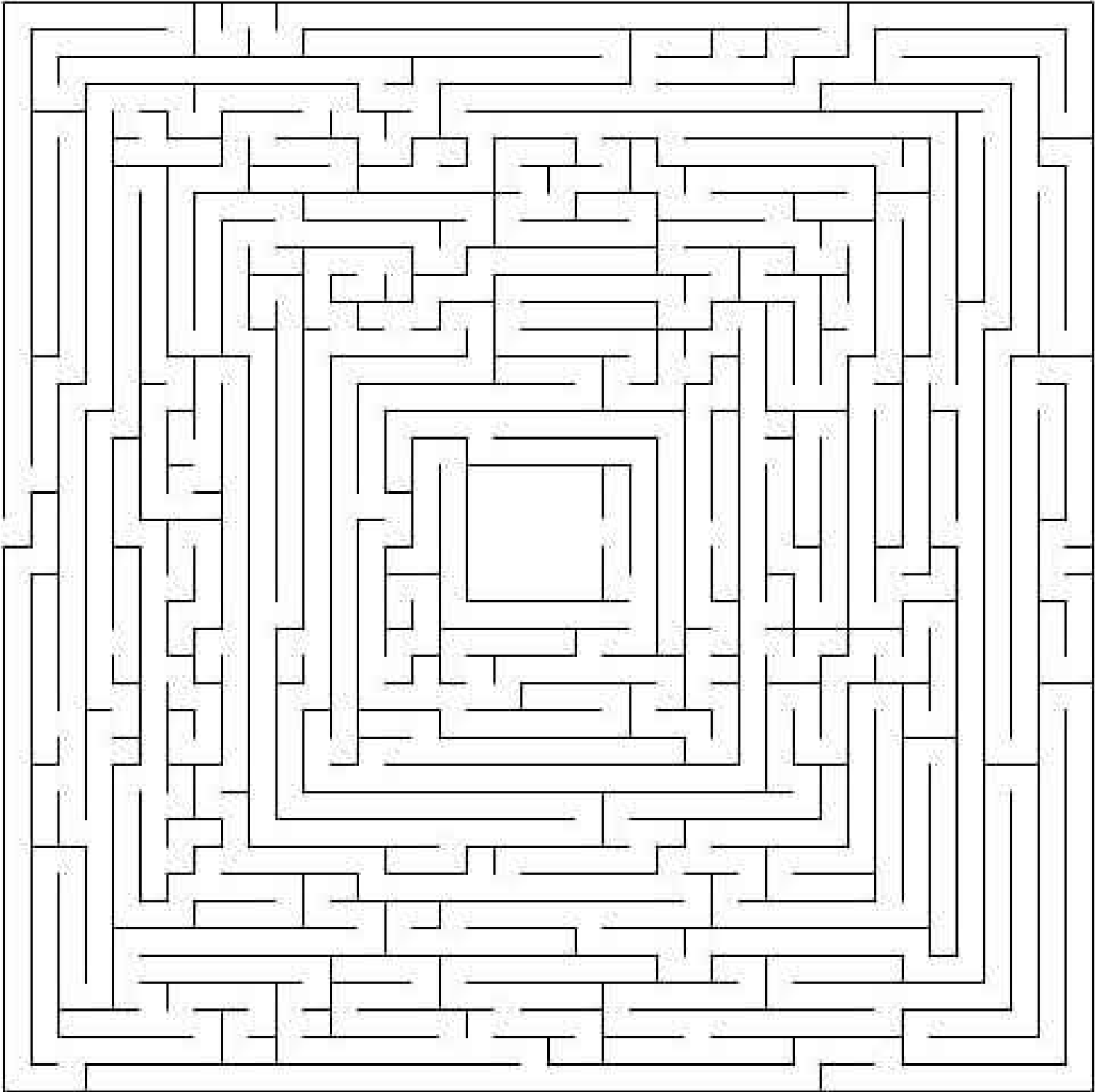
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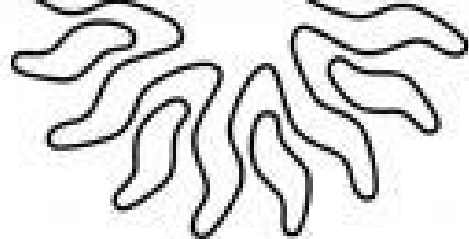
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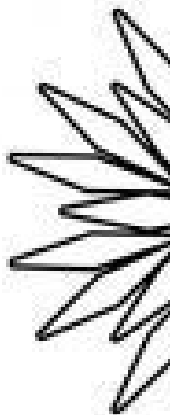
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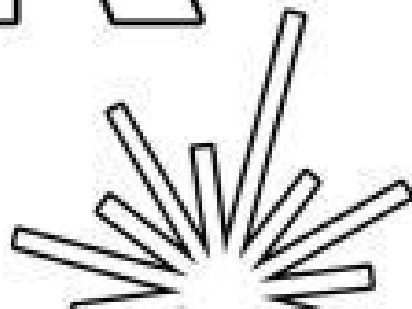
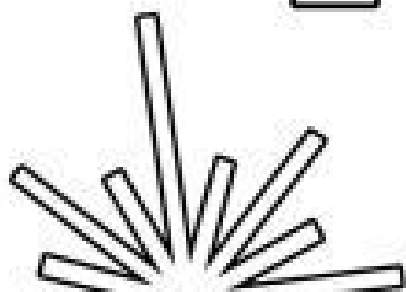


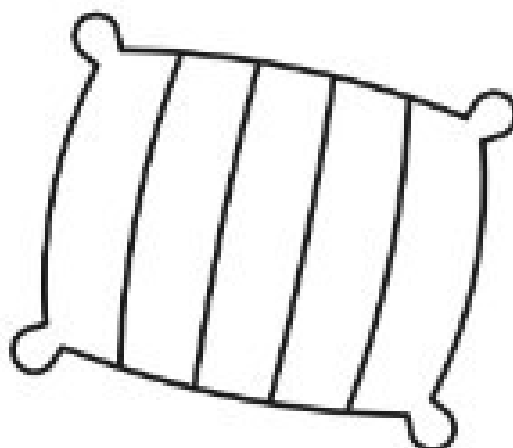
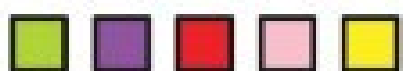
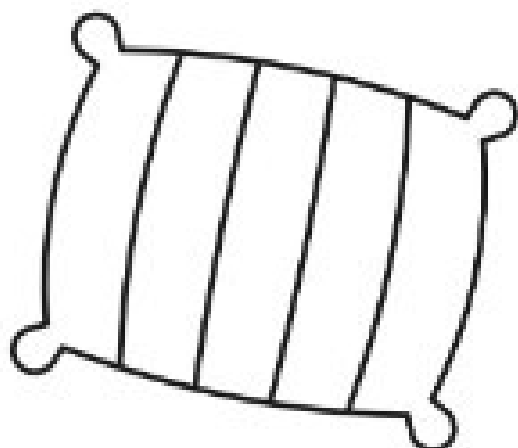
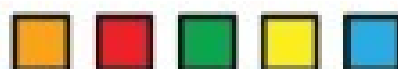
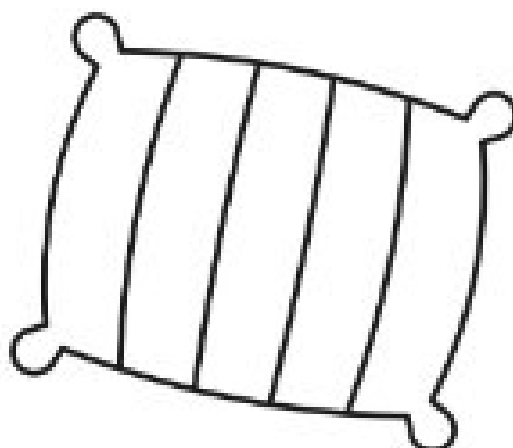
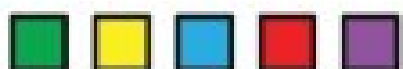
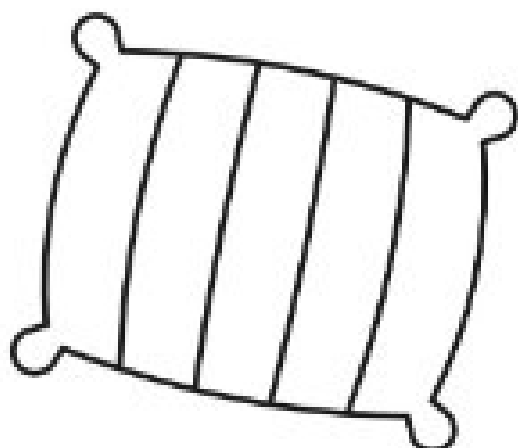
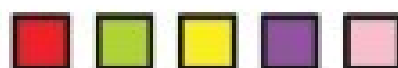
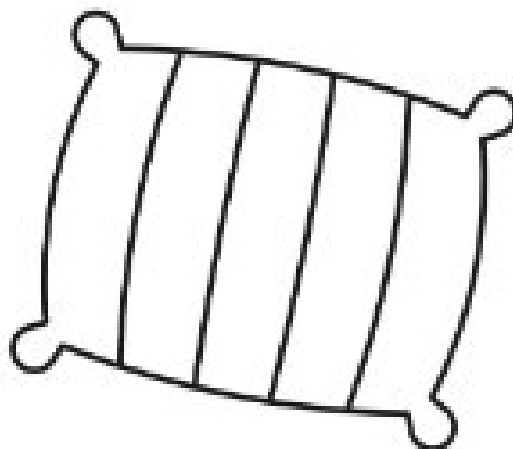
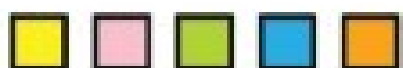
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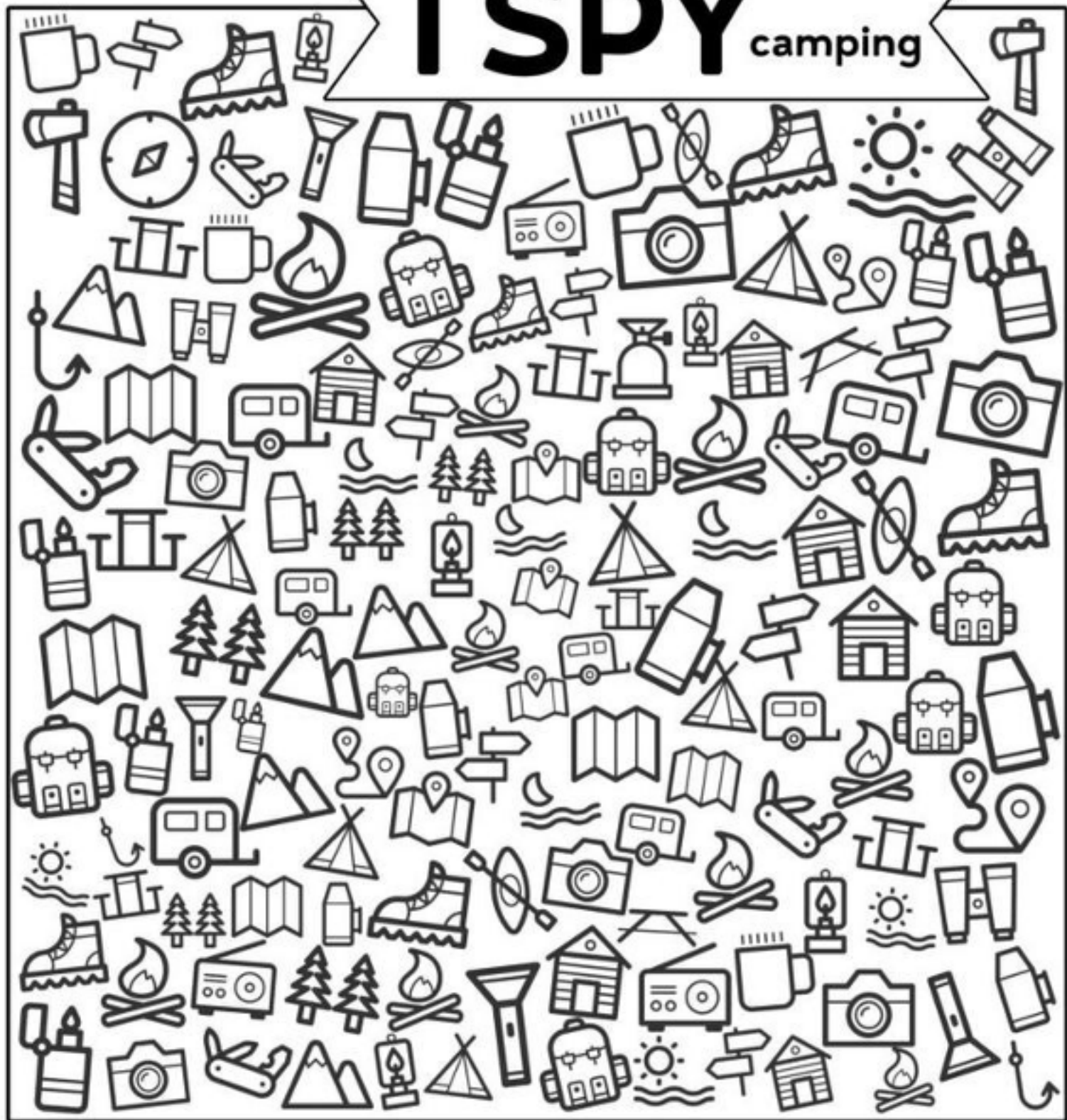
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Expression of Interest **2023**



EVENTS

Community Working Group

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2023 4:00pm
**Gascoyne Junction Community Resource
Centre**

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne and Gascoyne Junction CRC are holding this community meeting to obtain expressions of interest from community members to form a Community Events Working Group as we continue to host events throughout the Shire.

The Community Group would work to establish the types of events to be held and to coordinate volunteers to assist with the delivery of successful events. Support for this group will be provided by the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

We invite interested community members to attend this meeting. For catering please RSVP on 08 9943 0988 or email tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au.

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EVENTS

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GP CLINIC

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01 FEBRUARY

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS
WORKING
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CRC

02 FEBRUARY

**GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
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GASCOYNE
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01 MARCH

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05 APRIL

**SOLAR
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TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

20 APRIL

**STARGAZING
BUSHDANCE**

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK
AMPITHEATRE

22 APRIL

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK
AMPITHEATRE

23 APRIL

**GASCOYNE
DASH**

CARNARVON
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27-30 APRIL

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