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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 8th February

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 31st 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.



CEO Report

Given the early February OMC and this meeting it appears to be a long time between drinks. The last six weeks from my perspective seems to have been a flurry of activity with little to show on the ground but a lot of leg work going into issues such as Housing, Land Development, Water Resources, Tenders, Administration – Compliance Audit Return, Budget Review and getting things set-up for the 2023/24 Budget Process.

Councillor Jim Caunt and I undertook a two day road / mining operation inspection. This trip was invaluable as we got to see what was happening with the junior miners such as Dreadnought Resources, Buxton Resources, Lathanein Resources, Red Dust Resources, White Crest Resources and Hastings. We stayed the night at the Hastings camp and were well looked after, I managed to teach Jim and Lisa how to play pool and table tennis. Hastings have done a mountain of work with the Airstrip, Haul Road and Camp Accommodation nearing completion. Currently there is a lot of work being done behind the scenes with the commencement and fully implementing the Hastings Road use Agreement. Whilst on the trip we took the opportunity to call into our Pastoral Properties, in general everyone was happy with the Shire.

Councillor Caunt and I attended the Gascoyne WALGA Zone Meeting and the Regional Road Group Meeting which were held in Carnarvon on the 17th of February 2023. There were some issues in the Zone Meeting that were contentious at the macro level; however, not within our region.

The Insurance works and claim finalisation are taking shape; we had the Structural Engineer inspect both Mick's and Billies Homes. It will be a week or two before we receive the report but I am expecting to be given a payout figure for Mick's House. In relation to Billie's Home he could see no structural damage.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts have released the amounts that each Local Government will receive in the 2023/24 financial period, which in our case is \$624,873. There is a further \$250M to be allocated to Regional / Remote L/Gv'ts for expenditure on Roads, at this stage we have not been advised of our allocation.

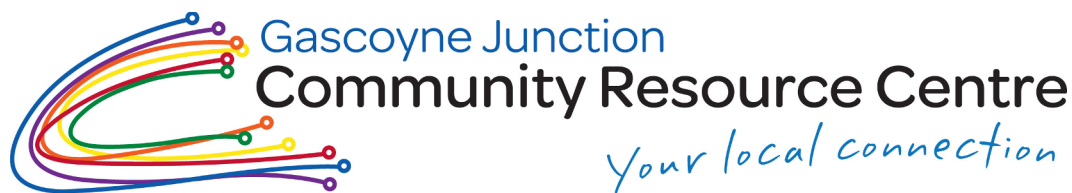
Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

In early February the management team spent two full days with Travis and Bertus, our accountants from RSM, to work on the mid-year budget review which is a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act. At today's council meeting staff will be presenting the budget review report and request that Council adopt all the budget amendments that have been put forward as part of this process.

Considering all the projects we have programmed in for the current financial year, what has been completed so far and what we still have left to do, the mid-year review went relatively well. The management team took a holistic approach to reviewing our recurrent maintenance and significant projects and for the most part, were able to offset increases in budgets with savings identified in others. For areas where there was a significant change, staff applied a realistic methodology and discussed deferring some expenditure into the following year to assist in bridging this budget gap – that is, providing it would not create too much of a setback or disruption to other works already in progress or hinder the delivery of key projects identified in our strategic plans.

Next month will see our Audit Committee meet with the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) and our Auditors at William Buck to conduct our Entrance meeting for 2022/23. This will lead into our interim Audit and then our End of Financial Year Audit. The cycle begins again.

We will also commence preparation of the 2023/24 budget this month, with the first budget workshop intended to be held in May. Council will recall that the CEO sent out budget request forms to all Councillors prior to last month's council meeting as part of our inception discussions around the 23/24 budget. For consideration into the draft budget, these request forms are due on the 22nd March.



Community Resource Centre Update

Author – Ainsley Hardie, Tourism & Community Development Officer

Community

February saw the CRC host a community meeting for residents interested in delivering events above and beyond the scope of events run by the Shire. We had nine people attend with two apologies. A working group a part of the Town Teams program was formed with a follow up meeting scheduled for March to identify events to add to the 2023 event calendar. This meeting saw six community members attend and four community events were identified to add to the calendar for 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for early April. It was wonderful to see the community coming together on this project.

With the storage room now operational we have again been able to open up full access to library which the local children have been enjoying. We also had five kids join us at the CRC in February for a Friday Afternoon Movie to celebrate back to school.

After the February GP Clinic was sadly cancelled due a doctor not being available, the March GP Clinic went ahead on March 2 with 10 people attending. We continue to work with WACHS to continue to improve the delivery of this service.

The National Judges for Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities have visited Gascoyne Junction. The judges left with amazement of what had been achieved in the past two years. Gascoyne Junction has submitted projects for consideration in all nine categories and will automatically be considered for the overall title.

Tourism

Marketing: February has been a busy month with lots of promotional activities underway.

- Launch of Australia's Golden Outback DeTour Gascoyne Murchison Digital Campaign
- Four stories on the Upper Gascoyne on Caravan and Camping WA TV Program Channel 7
- EDM of Upper Gascoyne to 40000 subscribers of Caravan and Camping WA
- Australia's Golden Outback Solar Eclipse Landing Page
- ABC Pilbara – Storm Clean Up
- ABC Midwest – Gascoyne Junction part of Solar Eclipse Discovery Tour
- The West Australian 10 Mar – Walking on A Dream Liftout

In April we begin a focused social media campaign using content obtained through the Caravan and Camping WA visit. The campaign is designed to further identify and understand our market segments before the launch of the TV Campaign and to grow our audience reach through both facebook – Visit Upper Gascoyne and Instagram @shireofuppergascoyne

Solar Eclipse/Under Gascoyne Skies Festival:

A series of events are planned for the day of the Solar Eclipse and the days following from a Community Viewing Party for the Solar Eclipse events, to a Community Bush Dance and Star Gazing activities. Meetings have been held with key stakeholders to discuss emergency services support and tourist overflow plans for the increased traffic through the area. A page for the event is live on the shire website and is also being promoted through Australia's Golden Outback.

A team of three will be attending the Perth Caravan and Camping Show from March 22 to March 26 to encourage visitors to take a Wander Outback through the Shire. Organisers are expecting 40000 people to attend the show.

Product Development: I am currently working with four separate businesses who are in varying stages of establishing tourism businesses based in and around Gascoyne Junction for this upcoming season. It is exciting to see the variety of product from accommodation and tour operators that are looking to establish themselves in the Junction. I look forward to continuing to help them with growing their businesses and services here.

Manager of Works and Services Report

The works crew have had a massive six weeks and I would like to thank them for their efforts. As usual the entire team is extremely busy and we have hit the ground running in 2023.

We have managed to recover from the mini tornado that hit us in February and get the town looking great in time for the Tidy Towns National judging. I would like to thank Ali Watson in particular for her efforts during the blistering heat. The judges were very complimentary and Ainsley did an awesome job of presenting our little town in the best light possible. It is quite an achievement to have won the state award and fingers crossed we take it to the next level in May.

Nat Rogers has returned from a long service leave, in his absence we employed Hamish Tuia as a fill in to stay on top of the gardening.

Sean also enjoyed a much deserved two week break during March. With the addition of the new tourist stop and other improvements, we have engaged another 0.4 FTE to assist our town crew with the upkeep of all of our facilities. Dave Miller has come on board for 2 days a week and will assist with rubbish collection and gardening.

We are working closely with LGIS (our insurer) to remediate all of the damage from the storm cell in February. They have been very accommodating and help accelerate repairs to buildings and vehicles. We are engaging contractors to complete the works as quickly as possible but unfortunately procuring materials has been an issue. A lot of damage was caused from the roof at 6 Scott being blown off and hitting fences, cars and other buildings. Unfortunately two other private houses lost roofs and one house was beyond repair and completely demolished. Once again the true character of our town was on display when nearly all of our residents and contractors chipped in to clean the town up the day after the storm in extremely hot and humid conditions. Thank you to everyone that helped.



The works crew have completed the resheeting between Daurie and Congo creeks. We managed to complete approximately 10kms of sheeting which has set us not nicely to seal it in the future. The crew have been flat out repairing blowouts on the Ullawarra and Pimbee roads. Unfortunately there has been increased heavy vehicle movements on these roads which has caused damage in the dry hot conditions. We engaged three watercarts and all three graders and rollers to get the roads back in shape. Once finished here we have similar damage on the Landor Meekatharra road to repair in April. Once this is complete the maintenance graders can get back to maintenance grading throughout the shire.

Works on the Mt Sandiman hill have begun with the installation of a detour around the hill that is to be blasted and lowered. The blast crew will arrive on the 23rd March and we plan to complete works by the end of April. There is approximately 1.2kms of sheeting to complete on top of lowering the hill and one crest. We have given Ian Golding an opportunity to take on the construction grading for this project and lead the crew. This will increase Ian's capacity to fill in for Dameon in the future when required.

We are still awaiting approvals from DWER and DPLH for the upgrade of the Dalgety Brook crossing. Once approvals are given we can commence construction.

We have been working closely with Hastings regarding road maintenance on their chosen route out through Lyndon. I am happy to say that they completed a full grade from the Lyndon Minnie creek turnoff out to the North West Coastal Hwy and are currently working back from there to Cobra. Hastings have also agreed to do a full maintenance grade from Lyndon Minnie Creek road right down to Gascoyne Junction. We have invited representatives from companies with active and developing exploration and mining enterprises within our shire to attend a meeting on the 23rd March. The aim of the meeting is to develop relationships and open discussions with the stakeholders regarding expectations and deliverables from both the shire and their point of view. Expectations around the use of our road network and facilities will be of high priority so we can ensure that the safety, condition and sustainability of our assets are secure and fit for purpose.



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 31 st
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).	

Ordinary Council Meetings commence at 10:00am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, except for the May meeting – this will be held at the Mount Augustus Tourist Park.

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 of Upper Gascoyne

Public Notice



Change of May Ordinary Council Meeting Date

NOTICE - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.25(1) (g)

At the March Ordinary Council Meeting 2023 Council resolved to change the May Ordinary Council Meeting date.

The May Ordinary Meeting will now be held on 31st May 2023 at 10:00am at the Shire Council Office 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer
28/03/2023

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



Notice of Audit Committee Meeting

It is hereby notified that an Audit Committee Meeting will be held by the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on Wednesday, 26th of April 2023 commencing at 9.30am.

This meeting will be held in the Shire Council Chambers at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

Ratepayers and Residents are welcome to attend the meeting.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OFFICE AND CRC CLOSED FOR EASTER LONG WEEKEND



The Shire would like to advise that our office and the CRC will be closed for the Easter Long Weekend on the following dates:

Friday 7th April 2023
Monday 10th April 2023
Tuesday 11th April 2023

There will be NO bin collection on Tuesday April 11th 2023. Bins will be collected on Wednesday April 12th 2023.

Office hours will resume to normal on Wednesday 12th April 2023.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

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

COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN951 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – MARCH 2023 (PACKAGE 2)

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	29 June 2022
		Completion Date:	12 February 2023
Works last period (February 2022)			
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd			
Completed all remaining unsealed road reinstatement comprising of removal of silt, reinstatement of drain lines and isolated segments of reforming and resheeting. Works were predominately north of Mooloo Downs Rd.			
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		100%	94%
Callagiddy Winderie Rd		100%	100%
Carey Downs Road		100%	100%
Carnarvon Mullewa Road		100%	100%
Cobra Dairy Creek Road		100%	74%
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd		100%	100%
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Road		100%	100%
Gilroyd Rd		100%	100%
Gregory St		100%	100%
Hatch St		100%	100%
Killili Rd		100%	100%
Mooloo Downs Access Road		100%	0%
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	100%	100%
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp remains at Mooloo Downs on Cobra Dairy Creek Rd. May be relocated based on starting point of the next flood damage package.	

SITE REPAIR PHOTOS



Figure 1: Cobra Dairy Creek Rd SLK 107 Before



Figure 2: Cobra Dairy Creek Rd SLK 107 After

Gascoyne Junction Craft Group



2023 Calendar

25 th and 26 th February		Untutored /Busy Bee
25 th and 26 th March		Untutored
<i>7th April - 23rd April School Holidays</i>		
6 th and 7 th May		Untutored
10 th and 11 th June		Tutored - TBA
<i>1st July - 16th July School Holidays</i>		
5 th and 6 th August		Untutored
2 nd and 3 rd September		Tutored - TBA
<i>23rd September - 8th October School Holidays</i>		
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

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

This article was originally published in September
2004.

Gascoyne school to reopen doors

GASCOYNE Junction will once again have its own school next year after closure of the previous school almost 10 years ago.

Education and Training Minister Alan Carpenter said the school would reopen in time for the start of the 2005 school year with its own principal and teacher.

The \$450,000 facilities would include two classrooms, an administration block, a library area and a toilet block.

"The old school building, which has since been the site for the Gascoyne Junction Education Centre, is beyond

repair and will be demolished to make way for the \$450,000 facilities," Mr Carpenter said.

"It is an exciting time for the Gascoyne Junction community, who have been united and very passionate about the growing need for a school in the town to meet the educational needs of their children from kindergarten to Year 10."

Providing better education infrastructure was part of the strategy to increase school retention rates in WA by improving the delivery of education in remote communities, he said.

"Gascoyne Junction now has 16 school-aged children of

indigenous and non-indigenous backgrounds in the community and improved school facilities are essential," he said.

"The number of students is expected to rise further due to increased housing construction already under way in the area.

"Moreover, some families have not taken up the available Aboriginal housing due to the lack of a school and we believe some families will return to the area when the school reopens."

Mr Carpenter said the current education program being accessed through distance education, while appreciated by the community, did not meet their

expectations for the education of their children.

"Students of primary age are educated at the Gascoyne Junction Education Centre by accessing programs from the Carnarvon School of the Air and the secondary students through the School of Isolated and Distance Education," he said.

Staff from the School of the Air have regular radio contact and visit Gascoyne Junction twice a term. Meanwhile an education assistant works with the students on a daily basis.

The original Gascoyne Junction school was closed in December 1994.

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:
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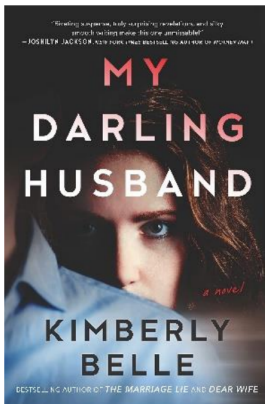
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OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS (PARTNER OR CHILDREN)

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I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD ACT AND THE SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE
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BOOKS OF THE MONTH

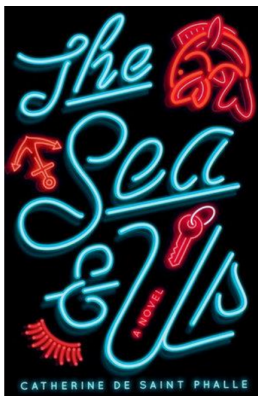


MY DARLING HUSBAND – KIMBERLEY BELLE (AUDIOBOOK)

Jade and Cam Lasky are by all accounts a happily married couple with two adorable kids, a spacious home and a rapidly growing restaurant business. But their world is tipped upside down when Jade is confronted by a masked home invader. As Cam scrambles to gather the ransom money, Jade starts to wonder if they're as financially secure as their lifestyle suggests, and what other secrets her husband is keeping from her.

Cam may be a good father, a celebrity chef and a darling husband, but there's another side he's kept hidden from Jade that has put their family in danger. Unbeknownst to Cam and Jade, the home invader has been watching them and is about to turn their family secrets into a public scandal.

With riveting twists and a breakneck pace, *My Darling Husband* is an utterly compelling thriller that once again showcases Kimberly Belle's exceptional talent for domestic suspense.

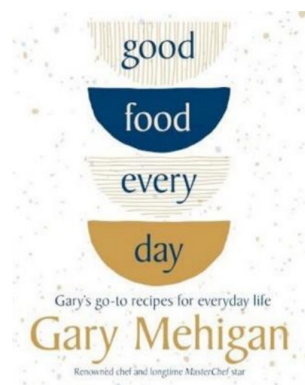


THE SEA & US – CATHERINE DE SAINT PHALLE

This is a heartwarming novel about longing, absence and the people we unexpectedly come to love.

After many years spent living in Seoul, a young man called Harold drifts back to Australia and rents a room above a fish and chip shop called The Sea and Us. Who he meets and what he experiences there propels him to question his own yearnings and failings, and to fight for meaning and a sense of place that can only be reached by facing what is lost.

The Sea and Us is a gem of literary imagination., brilliantly capturing disparate characters and their common human desire for community and connection.



GOOD FOOD EVERY DAY – GARY MEHIGAN

The essential collection of Gary's favourite home recipes, for down-to-earth and delicious cooking that's achievable any day of the week.

Gary Mehigan is an all-round excellent chef who loves cooking at home for his family and sharing a meal together around the table. With thirty years' experience and deep expertise with food, one thing has always remained true- Gary's genuine passion for making and eating good food, every day.

In this approachable book, Gary brings us into his own kitchen and shares the tried and tested and most loved recipes he's been serving with confidence for many years - regular, down-to-earth meals that he comes back to again and again.



Newsletter

21/03/2023

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



SWIMMING: We have swimming lessons next week from Tuesday 28th March-Friday 31st March. Keep an eye out for notes we send home this week.



NAPLAN: Students have finished NAPLAN assessments in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. In 2023 NAPLAN was moved to term one so schools can receive their results earlier to inform their planning for the year.

Reporting NAPLAN results has also changed. The new proficiency standard has four levels of achievement for each year level and replaces the previous 10-band structure & the national minimum standard.

The four levels of achievement are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

NAPLAN reports will be sent home when they are available.

Kind regards

Jackie Miller, Principal

Student Councillor Report



On the last day of term, our student leaders are inviting community members to join us for a game of Golden Child basketball in the undercover area to help us raise funds for a new bicycle for our school.

The entry fee is \$10 per adult and the teams will be **students & staff versus visitors**. Entry fees can be paid through direct deposit or pay with cash on the day.

Join us on **Thursday 6th April at 1:30pm** so we can organise teams ready for a 1:45pm start. The game will be finished by 2:30pm. We hope to see you there.

From Milo and Janice ★



2023 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DATES

Semester 1

Term 2

Pupil Free Day Monday 24 April
 Students return Wednesday 26 April (Tuesday is ANZAC Day)
Term 2 ends Friday 30 June
(School Holidays- Sat 1 July – Sun 16 July)

Semester 2

Term 3

Pupil Free Day Mon 17 July
 Students return Tues 18 July
Term 3 ends Friday 22 Sept
(School Holidays: Sat 23 Sept – Sun 8 Oct)

Term 4

Pupil Free Day Mon 9 October
 Students return Tues 10 October
Term 4 ends Thursday 14 December

TRAFFIC LIGHT NUTRITION GUIDE		choice	
		THE PEOPLE'S WATCHDOG	
FOODS	LOW (per 100g)	MED (per 100g)	HIGH (per 100g)
NUTRIENT	LOW (per 100g)	MED (per 100g)	HIGH (per 100g)
Total fat	≤ 3g	3.1g – 19.9g	≥ 20g
Saturated fat	≤ 1.5g	1.6g – 4.9g	≥ 5g
Sugars	≤ 5g	5.1g – 14.9g	≥ 15g
Sodium	≤ 120mg	121mg – 599mg	≥ 600mg

MAKERS M EMPIRE



This semester our students have been invited by the Makers Empire 3D printing app creators to participate in the Kids in Space challenge alongside 7 other WA schools.

In this challenge course students will learn about Australia's role in the space industry and the exciting and diverse career opportunities this field offers. Students will explore some of the problems scientists need to solve to enable space exploration to occur, including the ethical considerations this creates. Students will develop a greater understanding of how we use and benefit from space technologies on Earth. Students respond to video content by participating in in-app quizzes and design tutorials related to the information shared.

The challenge course concludes with a design thinking project in which students are asked to design something that might help astronauts to work and live in space or use space technologies to design something that will help solve a problem on Earth.

So far this term students have created spacesuits for their avatars, rockets that are designed to collect space debris and a spaceport. Everyone has been having a lot of fun creating and seeing their masterpieces come to 3D life using the printer.

Students have the possibility to have their work showcased at Scitech Perth in June 2023.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KINDY / PRE-PRIMARY ROOM

MAPPING: The purpose of this activity was to introduce symbols that represent real objects. With their pointy fingers, students were shown how to draw symbols like trees, rivers, and mountains in the coloured sand.



EYE TRACKING: Eye tracking activities helps us to observe major eye movement, pupil dilation, point of gaze, and blinking to see where students focus their vision attention, what they engage with, and what they ignore. For this activity we used the torch. Students were following the lights with their own torch. Rickeal, Jackie and Kehlanne had a turn to follow their lights on the ceiling then on the mat. We all agreed that we could see the lights better on the mat. Next time, we had to make our room darker to see better, as Rickeal suggested.



COMING EVENTS

23/3/23	Jackie out – Desert Coast Meeting Carnarvon
27/3/23	School Psych visit
28/3/22-31/3/22	Swimming Lessons Carnarvon
6/4/23	Anzac Day Ceremony 9:00am
6/4/23	LAST DAY OF TERM
7/4/23	GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Easy Bake Bean Cottage Pie

INGREDIENTS

1kg gravy beef, cut into chunks (see recipe notes)

2 tbsp gravox

1 tbsp plain flour

500g baby potatoes, halved

200g button mushrooms, halved

2 carrots, chopped

6 shallots, halved

125ml (1/2cup) Massel Beef Style Liquid Stock

400g can chopped tomatoes

225g jar tomato chutney



INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Toss cut beef in gravox and plain flour in the bowl of a slow cooker. Arrange potato, mushroom, carrot and shallot over beef. Pour over stock, tomatoes and chutney. Cook on HIGH for 8 hours or until the beef is tender. Serve with steamed green vegetables, if desired.



APRIL

- 3 Mitchell Hoseason-Smith
- 8 Bridie Walker
- 11 Riley McKeough
- 15 Katelyn Wright
- 19 Felicity Blackburn
- 19 Yasmin Blackburn

MAY

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

JUNE

- 19 Heejong Hwang
- 19 Cherie Walker
- 20 Sean Walker



2023 National Local Government Awards



Voting for the 2023 National Awards for Local Government have opened. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne has entered two of the eleven categories in this year's National Awards, and we need YOUR vote to win.

Cohesive Communities: Two Rivers Memorial Park

Productivity through Infrastructure: Gascoyne Junction Water Sustainability Project

Vote by visiting: bit.ly/voteNALG2023

The National Awards highlight initiatives implemented by local governments that are innovative, make a difference to their local communities, display excellence, and have outcomes that are replicable across the country.

For more information on the awards visit:

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/nalg/>



ANZAC DAY 2023

This year our ANZAC Day service will be a little different. The service itself will be held at the War Memorial at the Two Rivers Memorial Park now that the construction works are finished. It will be wonderful to use this purpose built space again in 2023.

To mark the occasion we have the Kelmscott Pinjarra 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop bringing two of their members to town to lead a march in Gascoyne Junction.

Anyone is welcome to join the march. We are asking that those wanting to participate meet at the CRC at 10.30am with the march commencing at 10.45am down Gregory Street to the Memorial ready for the service to begin at 11am. At the conclusion of the service light refreshments will be served at the Gascoyne Junction Pub and Tourist Park. All are welcome.

New Shared Path

Shire staff are happy to announce that we were successful in securing a grant of \$22,000 through the WA Bicycle Network program, to construct a new shared path that connects Scott Street to Hatch Street – this initiative is supported and administered by the Department of Transport (DoT).

Construction on the shared path is anticipated to start at the end of April and completed in May 2023. The Shire will keep our community up to date with the construction program as the work progresses. Any queries regarding the project and/or construction work can be directed to the Shire Admin Office during normal business hours.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Transport



GASSY GOSSIP

Busy Bee dates

29 & 30 April

20 & 21 May

3 & 4 June

1 & 2 July

12 & 13 August

If you are able to help out at our busy
bee's please give Hamish a call

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Gascoyne Junction



2023 MEDICAL CLINIC DATES



11 JAN*	01 FEB	02 MAR
05 APR	03 MAY	07 JUN
05 JUL	02 AUG	06 SEP
04 OCT	01 NOV	06 DEC

Gascoyne Junction now has a regular monthly GP Clinic on the first Wednesday of the month at the Medical Room at the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre. *Except January Clinic to be held 2nd Wednesday.



- GP Clinics will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.
- First Appointment is at 10am with the last at 2.15pm



- Appointments will be 30 minutes long but longer consultations can be requested
- Appointments will be bulk billed
- Appointment can be made by calling the CRC on 08 9943 0988

This medical service is being supported by the WA Country Health Service Midwest

Delivering a Healthy WA



5 Scott Street Gascoyne Junction | 08 9943 0988
www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

GASSIFIEDS

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

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$42.00

A5 - \$26.00

A6 - \$21.00

Business Card Size - \$8.50

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

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

Free advertising for community groups and not for profit organisations.



Country Stargazing

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA
How Do We Get the Easter Date & The Total Solar Eclipse

So why does the Easter date change each year?

Believe it or not, the reason the Easter date changes every year has a lot to do with astronomy! It's got nothing to do with a decision made by churches, public holiday makers or governments.

Quite simply, Easter Sunday is deemed to be the first Sunday after the full Moon, following the March Equinox. The March Equinox is always on or around 22nd March each year.

Easter date 2023

It's a bit of a calculation and here it is for the Easter date 2023: This year the March Equinox was on 21st March. The full Moon after this date is on the 6th of April and therefore Easter Sunday is the following Sunday which is the 9th of April 2023! We hope you enjoy plenty of yummy Easter Eggs!

The Total Solar Eclipse 20th April, 2023

For natural cosmic phenomena, you don't get more remarkable than a Total Eclipse of the Sun! For a total solar eclipse to occur, the Sun, Moon and Earth need to be perfectly aligned in their orbits, with the Moon in the middle. As the Moon travels between the Sun and the Earth, its shadow is cast onto the surface of the Earth.

Eclipses are excellent examples of the extraordinary motion of the objects within our Solar System. This year, Western Australians have the privilege of viewing a Total Solar Eclipse on 20th April. On mainland Western Australia, the Total Solar Eclipse will only be visible from the Exmouth area. The rest of WA and Australia will only witness a partial solar eclipse.

How to View a Solar Eclipse Safely

Never look directly at the Sun. Looking directly at the Sun is unsafe except during the brief total phase ("totality") of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon entirely blocks the Sun's bright face. On mainland WA, totality will only occur in the Exmouth area. Everywhere else in WA and Australia will experience a partial solar eclipse which is not safe to look at with the unprotected eye. Solar eclipse glasses that are compliant with Australian and international standards provide necessary protection to view the eclipse safely. Only buy from trusted sources to ensure compliance with Australian and international safety standards, such as BinoCentral or Being in the Shadow.

When to look: From 11:29:41am to 11:30:40am, 20th April.

Where to look from: On mainland Western Australia, the Total Solar Eclipse will only be visible from the Exmouth area. The rest of WA and Australia will witness a partial solar eclipse.

To view the path of 'Totality' visit this map:

http://xjubier.free.fr/en/site_pages/solar_eclipses/HSE_2023_GoogleMapFull.html

Credit: Xavier M. Jubier.

Find more stargazing tips and country events at www.astrotourismwa.com.au.



Starting with the Solar Eclipse 2023 Event on April 20 and finishing with the iconic desert race the GasDash, join us for 11 days of fun Under Gascoyne Skies. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is an Astrotourism WA Dark Sky Destination, with minimal light pollution there are a multitude of places to sit back and enjoy the night sky whilst taking a wander outback.

FESTIVAL EVENTS	APRIL 20: 10:30am to 12:30pm: Solar Eclipse Community Viewing Party Gascoyne Junction Amphitheatre	APRIL 25: 10.30am: ANZAC Day March and Service With Greenough Lighthouse Section Gascoyne Junction War Memorial
	APRIL 21: 3:00pm: Town Walking Tour	APRIL 26: 3.00pm: Town Walking Tour
	APRIL 22: 5pm til 9pm Family Bush Dance* & Dark Sky Viewing Gascoyne Junction Pavilion	APRIL 27: 3.00pm: Town Walking Tour
	APRIL 23: 6.00pm: Cinema Under the Stars Gascoyne Junction Amphitheatre	APRIL 28: 3.00pm: Town Walking Tour
	APRIL 24: 3.00pm: Town Walking Tour After Sunset Stargazing and Astro Tour* with Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys	APRIL 29: From 6.00pm til Late Under Gascoyne Skies Live Music at Junction Pub and Tourist Park
		APRIL 29-30: Coral Coast Helicopters Kickstarters GasDash 
		* Ticketed events

www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/tourism/under-gascoyne-skies-festival.aspx



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**FREE
EVENT**

UNDER
Gascoyne
SKIES
FESTIVAL
APRIL 20TH-30TH, 2023

**THURSDAY
APRIL 20**

**SOLAR ECLIPSE
VIEWING PARTY**

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET AND
SHARE THE EVENT WITH FAMILY
& FRIENDS. ECLIPSE TIME 11.27AM**



SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING GLASSES AVAILABLE \$2

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VISIT
Upper Gascoyne
**WANDER
OUTBACK**



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TICKETS ON SALE MARCH 1ST

UNDER Gascoyne SKIES FESTIVAL APRIL 20TH-30TH, 2023



SATURDAY
APRIL 22

FAMILY BUSH DANCE & DARK SKY VIEWING

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION 5PM-9PM

FAMILY
BUSH DANCE
WITH THE
MUCKYDUCK
BUSH BAND



6PM-6.30PM:

LEARN ABOUT STARGAZING
WITH ASTROTOURISM WA



7PM-9PM:

DARK SKY VIEWING WITH
PERTH OBSERVATORY TEAM



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**FREE
EVENT**

UNDER
Gascoyne
SKIES
FESTIVAL
APRIL 20TH-30TH, 2023

SUNDAY
APRIL 23

CINEMA UNDER
The **STARS**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

GASCOYNE JUNCTION
AMPHITHEATRE 6PM-8PM

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS,
BLANKETS & MOVIE SNACKS.**



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LEST WE FORGET
**ANZAC
DAY**

TUESDAY APRIL 25

10.45AM MARCH TO WAR MEMORIAL FROM CRC

11:00AM ANZAC SERVICE AT WAR MEMORIAL

**THE SHIRE INVITES YOU TO ENJOY LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE
AT THE JUNCTION PUB & TOURIST PARK
COIN DONATION TO LEGACY**

AUSTRALIA'S TOUGHEST DESERT RACE

CARNARVON • GASCOYNE JUNCTION • POINT TO POINT RACE FORMAT



CORAL COAST
HELICOPTER SERVICES

GASDASH

KICKSTARTERS

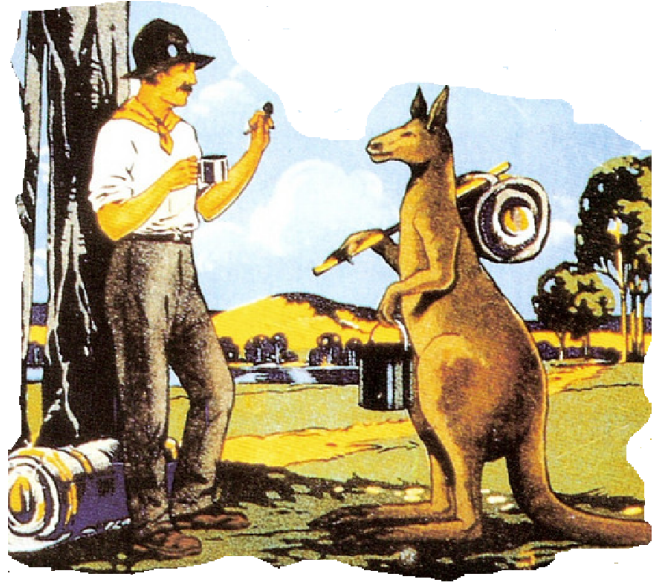
<p>27 APRIL 2023 CIVIC CENTRE 1.30PM - 6PM</p> <p>Rego, Scrutineering & Community Display</p>	<p>28 APRIL 2023 HOMEBASE FROM 8AM</p> <p>Prologue & Recon</p>	<p>29 APRIL 2023 HOMEBASE FROM 7AM</p> <p>Day One of Racing - Carnarvon to Gascoyne Junction</p>	<p>30 APRIL 2023 GASCOYNE JUNCTION FROM 7AM</p> <p>Day Two of Racing - Gascoyne Junction to Carnarvon</p>
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EVENT PARTNER: CORAL COAST HELICOPTER SERVICES, GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GOLD SPONSOR: CARNARVON, Regional Express, GASCOYNE AUTO, MIGHTY HELPFUL MITRE 10

SILVER SPONSOR: Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, RioTinto, Sea Harvest

FRIENDS OF THE DASH: AVIS, CARNARVON DISTRICT, GASCOYNE DISTRICT, GASCOYNE REGIONAL COUNCIL, JUNCTION, WOOLWORTHS, AUTO/RO



SMOKO TIME



Analogies

Complete each analogy by writing the correct word on the blank line.

1. Sing is to sang as eat is to _____.
2. Bear is to cub as cat is to _____.
3. Nickel is to five as quarter is to _____.
4. Left is to right as down is to _____.
5. Mouse is to mammal as snake is to _____.
6. Which is to witch as weather is to _____.
7. Automobile is to gasoline as television is to _____.
8. Bird is to chirp as cow is to _____.
9. Smile is to frown as ugly is to _____.
10. Apple is to fruit as carrot is to _____.
11. Morning is to breakfast as evening is to _____.
12. Bed is to sleeping as chair is to _____.
13. Fifty-three is to fifty-two as six is to _____.
14. Sound is to hear as odor is to _____.
15. Capital letter is to beginning as period is to _____.
16. Oven is to bake as knife is to _____.
17. Husband is to wife as brother is to _____.

★ Challenge ★

18. Star is to rats as flow is to _____.

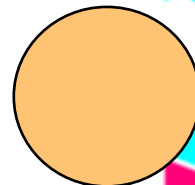
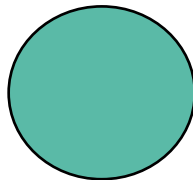
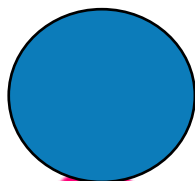
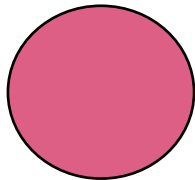
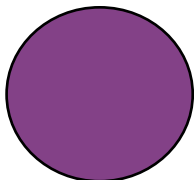
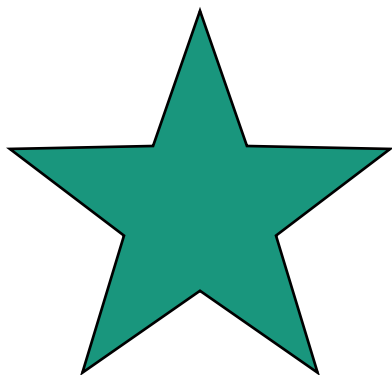
THE HOUSE

Complete the words in these sentences.

1. You put books or small objects on it. **sh** _ _ _
2. You keep your car here. **g** _ _ _ _ _
3. You sleep in this room. **b** _ _ _ _ _
4. You find it in the bathroom. **sh** _ _ _ _
5. You use it for making dinner. **c** _ _ _ _ _
6. You put things in it. It can be in the kitchen. **cu** _ _ _ _ _
7. It's cold and big and it's in the kitchen. **fri** _ _ _
8. You turn it on when it's dark. It's in the ceiling. **l** _ _ _ _
9. You sit on it. It's only for one person. **ar** _ _ _ _ _
10. You prepare breakfast here. **k** _ _ _ _ _
11. Three people can sit on it. **s** _ _ _
12. It's on the floor generally in the living room. **c** _ _ _ _ _

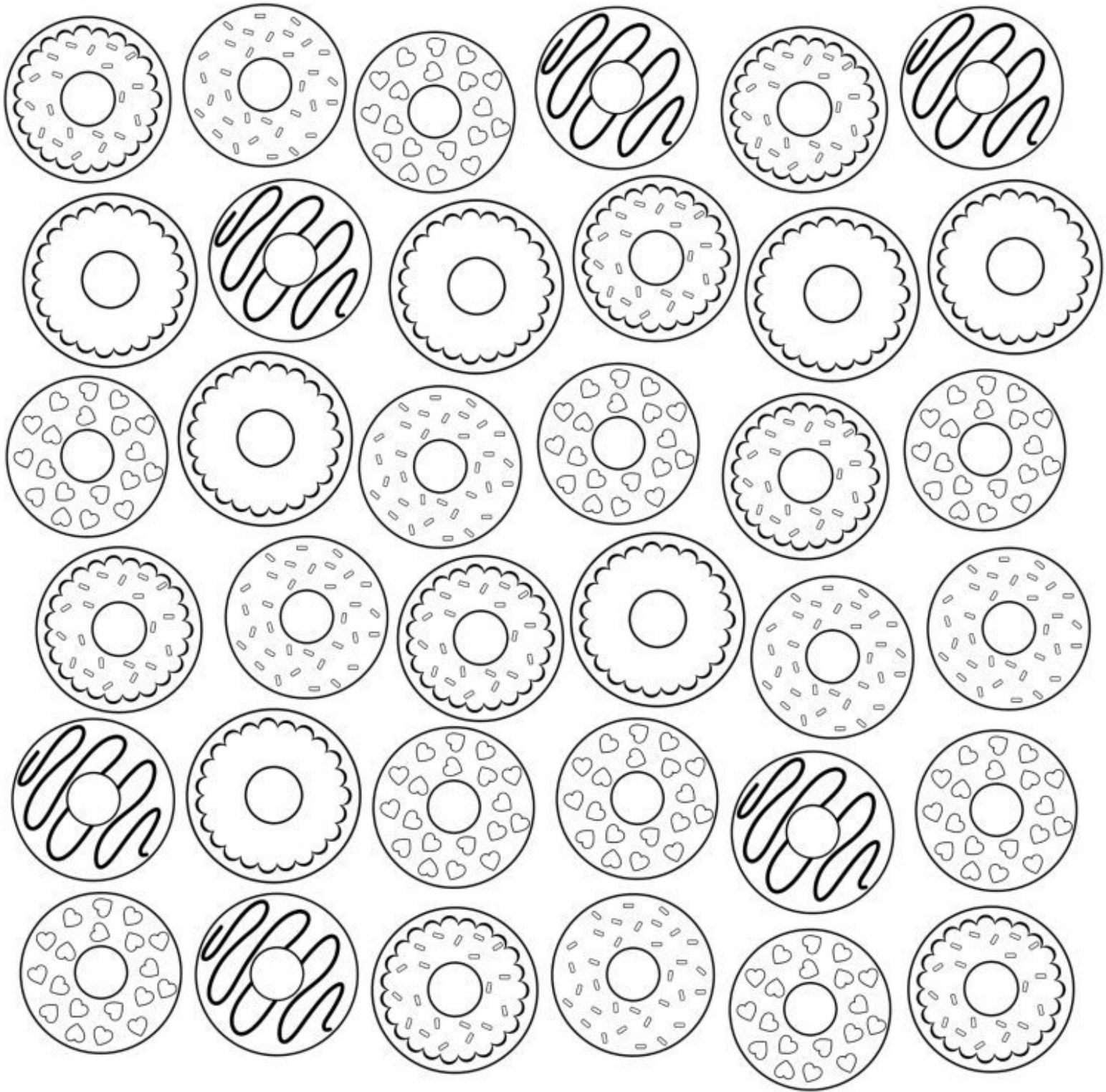


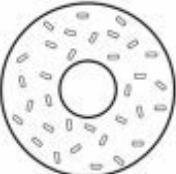




KID'S CORNER



DONUT i-SPY

FIND EACH TYPE OF DONUT AND WRITE THE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM.

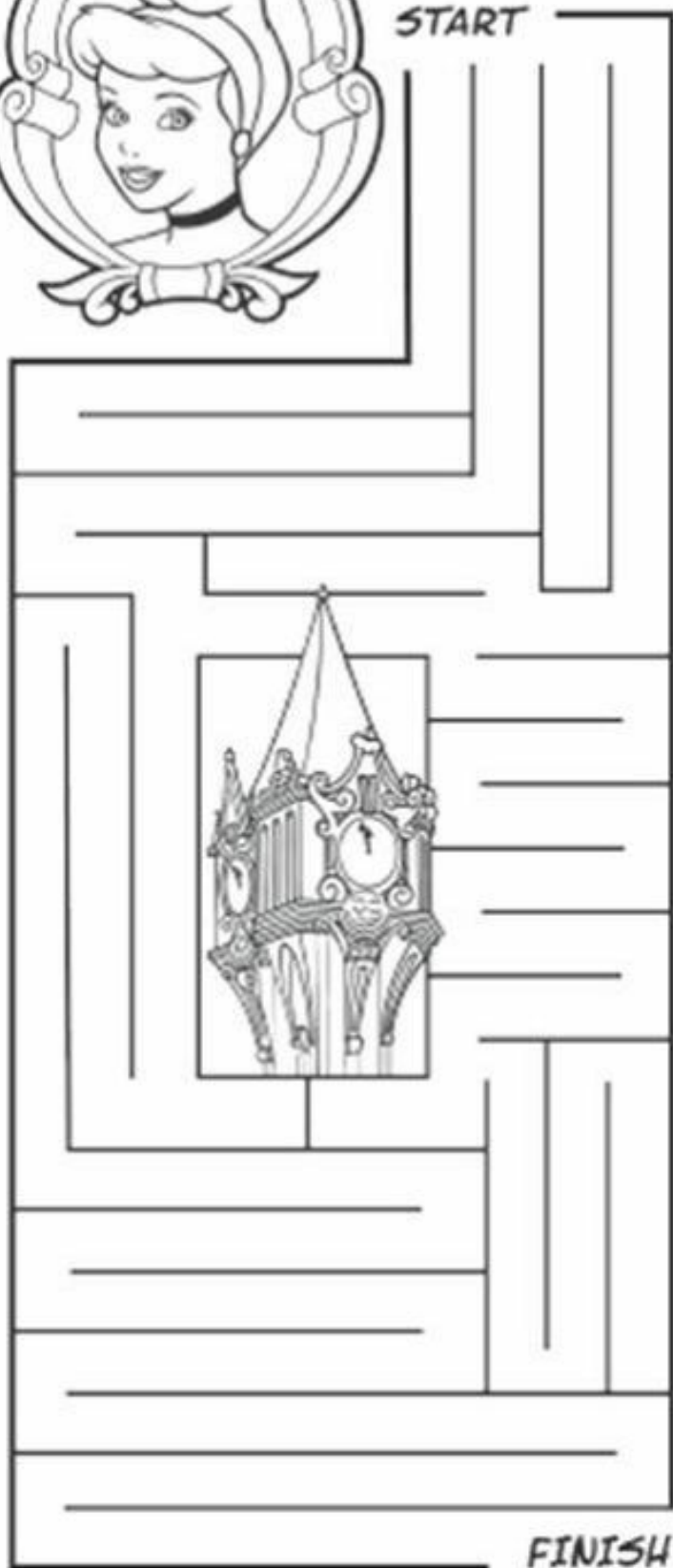




Bring Cinderella Home Before It Strikes Midnight!

START



FINISH



Gus can't figure out where the words are hiding. Help him out.

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

Find these words:

- ◆ Cinderella
- ◆ Prince
- ◆ Gus
- ◆ Pumpkin
- ◆ Jaq
- ◆ Slipper
- ◆ Bruno
- ◆ Godmother



Connect The Dots...



Easter Colouring In Competition

**Please have colouring back to the Community Resource Centre by
Tuesday 4th April 5pm for the chance to win a Easter Egg.**

Name:



Gascoyne Junction Town Team



2023 EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2023 5:00pm

Gascoyne Junction CRC

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended our Expressions of Interest meeting on the 2nd of February. The group decided unanimously to form the Gascoyne Junction Town Team. The group will work as a community group autonomous of the Shire to deliver activities and events outside of what the Shire deliver each year. At the March Meeting the Gascoyne Town Team will identify events that they would like to add to the Upper Gascoyne calendar, If you would like to join this group we would love to see you at the March meeting.

A Town Team is	A Town Team is not
About improving a place or area	About promoting a group or interest
Positive and proactive	Negative and reactionary
Action-focussed	Just about talking and advocacy
Apolitical	Politically aligned
Inclusive and open to all	Just for particular people or groups
By the community, for the community	Controlled by a local government
Required to align with the Charter	Operating without principles
Creative, innovative and fun!	Overly formal, stuffy or hierarchical



WHAT
EVENTS

DO
YOU

WANT
TO

SEE
HERE?

**GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
TOWN
TEAMS**

GJ COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

04 APRIL

GJ CLINIC

GJ
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

05 APRIL

**KIDS
EASTER
CRAFT
ACTIVITIES**

GJ COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

05 APRIL

**BENNY
MAYHEM**

JUNCTION
PUB AND
TOURIST
PARK

14 APRIL

UPCOMING
2023
EVENTS



**SOLAR
ECLIPSE**

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK
AMPITHEATRE

20 APRIL

**FAMILY
BUSHDANCE
& DARK
SKIES
VIEWING**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

22 APRIL

**CINEMA
UNDER
THE STARS**

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK
AMPITHEATRE

23 APRIL

ANZAC DAY

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

WAR
MEMORIAL

25 APRIL

**GASCOYNE
DASH**

CARNARVON /
GASCOYNE
JUNCTION

27-30 APRIL

GP CLINIC

GJ
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

03 MAY

**GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
CRAFT
GROUP**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

06-07 MAY

**HORSEMANS
CLUB
GYMKHANA**

HACKERS
HECTER

TBC

