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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

COUNCIL NEWS

CEO Report

This month has been focused on Administrative tasks , i visited Perth and picked up the Shires new telescope and brought this back. We are now waiting on the team from Astrotourism WA to come to Gascoyne Junction where they will show us how to operate the telescope in early 2024.

As with most months I have been busy with Hastings and establishing another Road User Agreement. It has been very difficult to get them to commit to a certain process in order to move this forward. I am seeking a meeting with their CEO and others for the week commencing on the 4th of December so we can move this along.

Administratively I have been busy putting the Annual Report and Delegation Register together. This is the first year we have had to report against the new Community Strategic Plan and this has taken sometime to reformat and report.

This are moving along with the Commercial Development albeit at a glaucous pace. I am now being told that it could take up to 2 years to do a re-zoning. This is a work in progress but I will try every trick in the book to reduce this time frame.

I have been working with various colleagues to bring the issue of Miscellaneous Mining Licences to the table as rateable properties. It appears that there is no legal impairment and this would provide additional revenue that is badly needed.

The Shire have negotiated with Mr Clive Price to re-purchase the vacant Hatch Street Lot. These negotiations have now concluded and the necessary paperwork has been submitted to our lawyer to progress the sale. This purchase will ensure the Shire has sufficient land available to build any further staff homes into the future. We have had two major medical emergencies in the last two weeks which further highlights the need for a nursing post and a patient transfer vehicle. It is unrealistic to expect staff to attend to these emergencies given our very limited training and availability.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

It has been a fast paced month that has been helped along with the support of a wonderful team. Our financial audit exit interview was attended by the Shire of Upper Gascoyne Audit Committee, Chief Executive Officer, William Buck our auditors and the Office of the Auditor General. We received a recommendation for an unqualified (Clean) audit opinion and three best practice initiatives to improve our internal control and risk mitigation. Overall it was a very positive result and a tribute to the team. Once we receive the final audit documents and report in early November we will be putting our annual report together in readiness for holding an annual electors meeting in December finalising our statutory obligations.

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday 27th March

Wednesday 24th April

Wednesday 22nd May

Thursday 26th June

Wednesday 24th July

Wednesday 28th August

Wednesday 18th September

Wednesday 23rd October

Wednesday 27th November

Thursday 12th 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.



Community Resource Centre Update

On October 22 thanks to a grant from Meeralinga, the Upper Gascoyne celebrated Children's Week with 11 children from across the Shire solving clues and completing challenges enroute to their final treasure at the Upper Gascoyne Treasure Hunt. This was a great fun day for the children and the parents who participated. On Halloween, Billie led the little ghosts and ghouls of the Upper Gascoyne around Gascoyne Junction trick or treating. 13 houses participated in this fun community event. Youth Group in November was based around Constructing and Creating with Lego Building and craft making.

The installation works of the EV Charging station is underway. This infrastructure was a topic of conversation at the recent AGO Board meeting I attended with Tourism WA and the network that is spreading across WA. Tourism operators in the Upper Gascoyne are being asked about charging options as the options for larger vehicles is increasing in the market. Being on the map as an EV Charging town helps with our tourism promotion message and also as a sustainable community.

Our new telescope has been collected and delivered safely and work is underway to create a series of events and activities around this in 2024 including onsite training early in the new year. I am pleased to advise that the Shire has been chosen as one of 17 locations across the state (one of only five north of Geraldton) to be the permanent home of a night sky camera which will be mounted on the Community Resource Centre. The camera is part of program run by the Perth Observatory and the Global Meteor Network. Each night pictures will be taken of the night sky every 3 minutes which can be watched live from anywhere in the world. Each day's recordings will also create a timelapse image of each night's sky. The data collected will help to monitor meteors and night sky phenomenon. Students across the world are using the data for scientific research with this a possibility for our local schools to participate.

Further from my visit to the Station Stays workshop at Bullara in October, I have obtained funding through Tourism WA to undertake a Tourism Capability and Development Mentoring Program for the Upper Gascoyne with at present seven potential businesses expressing an interest in being involved. This project has an aim of building our accommodation and experiences available across the Shire. An RFQ is being prepared ready to start the project in early 2024.

I represented the Shire at the Perth 4WD and Adventure Show. We had just under 1500 visitors through the display over the three day event with 700 brochures distributed. We received great feedback from visitors past who love our 'highway' like roads and the warm greetings received in our in our community. At the Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards we were finalists in the Marketing Campaign and Brand category for our Wander Outback campaign. It was humbling to be finalists in the category against larger competitors including WAITOC and the South West Regional Tourism Organisation. This was a great achievement in our first year of nominations and a fantastic benchmark from which to grow.

Gascoyne Junction has been recognised as finalists again this year in the 2023 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities State Awards in the Waste Management category for the reduction of landfill after Dust Up Projects worked with Woolworths on a new delivery method for groceries to the Shire and in the Young Legends category where Billie O'Sullivan is being recognised for her contribution to our community. Billie and I will attend the awards luncheon on November 24 and handover the State title to the new winner. A frame made of Gidgee wood from old fence posts at Winderie has been made to present to the State Winner in 2023.

Our GP Clinic's continue to be heavily patronised. Work is underway to bring a monthly Physio visit to the clinic in 2024. Gavin Griffiths visited Gascoyne Junction in early November to look at our facilities. He will look to run a physio clinic and a Fit4Life program to assist with chronic disease prevention and assistance with exercise and diet programs.



Manager of Works and Services

The installation of the electric vehicle charging station in front of the CRC has begun. The base slab and power supply have been installed with the new unit expected to be completed by the end of the month.

The footpath and crossover in front of the DBCA building have been completed along with filling in the redundant workshop pit and concrete apron at the CEO's new shed.

Unfortunately November saw a few separate medical emergencies involving the RFDS. Shire staff and members of the community did a great job to assist the patients and the RFDS team with limited training and resources. Once again it highlights the need for a full time nursing station here in town.

As per usual, the Telstra mobile network was faulty during the incidents and hampered efforts at times. The network has been intermittent or non-existent since August this year. We have contacted Telstra several times but the issues still remain. The installation of Starlink on admin buildings, staff houses and several vehicles has been a saviour.

The new Dalgety Brook concrete floodway is nearly fully completed. The approaches will be stabilised and sealed by the end of the month. The crew will then finish off the drainage and rehabilitate the detours before a final tidy up. We will also restabilise and reseal two floodways 25km east of town along with resealing various sections of the Carnarvon Mullewa (east) road.



Figure1 Preparing for restabilising and reforming floodway

MTF are well progressed on the Landor Meekatharra bitumen upgrade. They have managed to achieve very good compaction results and will be completed by the 20th Dec. The bitumen crew will arrive on the 27th November to completed reseals and the Dalgety Brook before sealing approximately 12km of the Landor Meeka road.

Resheeting and reforming sections of the Cobra Dairy Creek is nearly completed. We have several sections on the south end needing reforming before we repair blowouts. We will then move onto the C'von Mullewa road to repair blown out sections before we demobilise for Christmas. When we return next year we will head towards Cobra Mount Augustus road to complete our RRG program for the 23-24 financial year.

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) 2022/23 YEAR

The Annual General Meeting of Electors is to be held on Thursday the 14th December 2023 commencing at 10.30am in the Council Chambers, Gascoyne Junction.

Agenda

- Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting of Electors held on 8th February 2023.
- Consideration and acceptance of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne 2022/2023 Annual Report, which includes:
 - Presidents Report
 - Chief Executive Officers Report
- Annual Financial Report and Auditors Report
 - General Business.

A copy of the 2022/23 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 Friday 8th of December 2023.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

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



COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Notice of Ordinary Council Meetings 2024

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Administration Regulations 12 (1), it is hereby notified that as from January 2024 to December 2024, Ordinary Council meetings of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne will be held as follows:

4th Wednesday of Each Month*	
February*	Wednesday 7 th
March	Wednesday 27 th
April	Wednesday 24 th
May	Wednesday 22 nd
June	Wednesday 26 th
July	Wednesday 24 th
August	Wednesday 28 th
September*	Wednesday 18 th
October	Wednesday 23 rd
November	Wednesday 27 th
December*	Thursday 12 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 10:30am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, except for the May meeting – this will be held at the Mount Augustus Tourist Park in conjunction with the Eastern Road inspections.

Road inspections are scheduled for:

April 2024 - Western Road inspections

May 2024 - Eastern Road Inspections

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

John McCleary JP
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OFFICE & CRC CLOSED



The Shire office and the CRC will be closed on Friday 15th December 2023.

The office and CRC will re-open for normal business hours on Monday 18th December 2023.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience.

SHIRE OFFICE AND CRC



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES FOR 2023/2024

We would like to advise that the Shire and the CRC will be closed from 12noon on the 22nd of December 2023 to the 8th of January 2024.

We will re-open on Monday the 8th January 2024 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

GASSY GOSSIP SUBSCRIPTION

The Gassy Gossip is going digital in 2024, but if you want to received a hardcopy you still can you will just need to subscribe.

I wish to receive a hardcopy of the Gassy Gossip from January 2024 to December 2024.

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I will pay the \$36 annual subscription

In Person at the CRC

Debit/Credit Card

I _____ authorise the Shire of Upper Gascoyne to charge the credit card/debit card below the amount of \$36.00 for the annual Gassy Gossip Hard Copy Subscription.

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Please return this form completed to the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre by Monday December 18.

COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – LANDOR MEEKATHARRA RD UPGRADE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

Contractor	MTF Services	Start Date:	17 September 2023
		Forecast Completion Date:	December 2023

Project Overview

The upgrade project consists of the upgrade of approx. 12km of the Landor Meekatharra Rd Slk 9 – 21 from gravel to seal.

The work is funded 100% by Main Roads WA. Additionally, as there was some AGRN1021 and AGRN1065 flood damage within this area, there is a small amount of additional money from the DRFAWA program that will be contributed towards this project.

The earthworks and pavement work is being completed by MTF.

The spray sealing work is to be completed by Downer. Sealing is scheduled for early December 2023.

Note, the sealing crew will also be sealing the approaches to the newly constructed concrete floodway over the Dalgety Brook as well as sealing works on Carnarvon Mullewa Rd (2 x floodways) and various reseal works on Carnarvon Mullewa Rd.

Works this period (Nov 2023)	Works next period (Dec 2023)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed all subgrade works – all compaction testing as verified by the Shire's Clegg Hammer met the specification Completed 6kms of basecourse pavement from Slk 9 – 15. All Nuclear Density Tests have met specification. Depth testing to verify pavement depth have generally been 180mm or greater. The specification calls for a target of 200mm thickness pavement. Remaining 6km of basecourse pavement in progress and is expected to be completed towards end of November / early December 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete remaining pavement construction Commence spray sealing on or around 30 November 2023. Following spray sealing, the contractor will complete the road shoulders and offroad drainage. <p>Note: the progress below for clearing and subgrade is <100% as there is still remaining work involved for the construction of the roadside and offroad drainage involving subgrade work.</p> <p>Additionally, whilst the pavement work in Slk 9 – 15 is complete ready for sealing, there is still work remaining on the unsealed pavement shoulders which will be done post sealing. This is why the progress is not shown as 100%.</p>

Status Breakdown

	Clearing	Subgrade & Drainage	Basecourse/ Pavement	Overall

Slk 9 - 12	80%	85%	50%	70%
Slk 12 – 15	80%	80%	75%	
Slk 15- 18	80%	80%	25%	
Slk 18 - 21	80%	50%	20%	
Discussion Items				
Camp	The contractor is camped at the old Landor woolshed at approx. Slk 25			

BASECOURSE CONSTRUCTION – SELECTION OF PHOTOS



BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

This months Blast from the Past is something very interesting sent in by local boy Lachlan

Dinosaur sighting?!!



Photo of mystery creature taken on Yinnietharra St.

Residents of the Upper Gascoyne Shire are in uproar after numerous reported sightings of long-believed extinct dinosaurs.

"I never thought I'd be sayin' this, but I swear I saw a dinosaur-lookin' beast pulling down my cattle," reports Roger, a local sation owner. Another resident reports seeing something resembling a velociraptor run across the road in front of his ute, whilst doing a water run. Police have tried to calm down rumours by saying the animal deaths are likely to be caused by a large wild dog. However those who have sighted the speedy two legged reptile swear it could only be a dinosaur. "Laugh all you want but i know what I saw." Said Jarrod, local townsman.

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?



SAY G'DAY TO...

Full name: Jamie Podmore

Nickname: Poddy, Pods, Podsy

Place of birth: Geraldton

Favourite food? Steak

Favourite animal? Kangaroo's

Footy team: Bombers

Where did you grow up? Mingenew



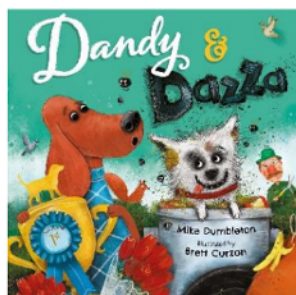
Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? Work

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

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? It's peaceful

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

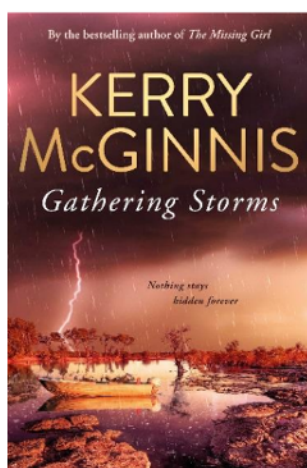
BOOKS OF THE MONTH



DANDY & DAZZA – MIKE DUMBLETON & BRETT CURZON

Dandy and Dazza are different in so many ways. Dandy is a best in show sort of hound. Dazza is a rough and tumble sort of mongrel.

Can these very different dogs ever be friends?



GATHERING STORMS – KERRY MCGINNIS

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Gulf country's monsoon season, this is a dramatic story of betrayal and forgiveness.

Penny Carter's quiet life in Southbend, running a nursery with her ex father-in-law, is turned upside down when Lisa, the young daughter of her late husband, is unexpectedly deposited on her doorstep. The unwelcome houseguest stirs up more than just memories of Penny's husband's betrayal, when a cyclone leads to the discovery of a skeleton buried next to the town cemetery.

As the mystery around the unsettling discovery grows, Penny, supported by her enigmatic neighbour Flint, begins to question everything she thought she knew about her own childhood and her mother's death. Family secrets long thought buried come bubbling to the surface, as other shocking revelations see Penny and Lisa in an ultimate race for survival.

But what other secrets will the Wet season uncover, while the whole town is cut off from the rest of the world?



COBALT BLUE – MATTHEW REILLY

For 35 years, the United States and Russia each had their own superhero.

Three days ago, America's hero died.

Today will be bad.

In the face of an overwhelming attack, one young woman - unassuming and anonymous - might be America's only hope.

Her code name ... COBALT BLUE



Newsletter

23/11/2023

Responsibility Resilience Respect

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



FAREWELL MISS WILSON

It's with great sadness that we say farewell to Carmen at the end of this term after three years at Gascoyne Junction RCS. We thank Carmen for her relentless dedication to providing the best possible learning opportunities for our students. She knows her students extremely well and has deservedly earned their trust. Carmen has high expectations, believing that every student can reach their potential in a supportive and nurturing learning environment. But, also especially important is how she has always been there for her students. When they needed support, whenever one of them went off track, felt overwhelmed or was just having a bad day, Carmen was there to pick up the pieces and give them the confidence to keep moving forward.

Carmen has made strong connections with students, staff and in the community and her contribution to our school and our community is something that hasn't go unnoticed. We will truly miss her presence here, including the laughter and the tears. It is sad to see Carmen leave but we know that the next phase of her life will be full of growth and opportunity, so we wish for nothing but success and fulfillment in her new position and send our best wishes for her marriage to Steve next year. **Thanks for everything!**

Kind regards

Jackie Miller (Principal)



Traffic Light: ●

Waffles

Ingredients

Serves:14

Method

- 2 cups white self raising flour
- 2 cups wholemeal self raising flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups hilo milk
- Olive oil spray

1. Sift flours into a large bowl, add sugar.
2. Combine eggs and milk in a large jug, add to flour and sugar, mix till a smooth batter.
3. Heat non-stick waffle iron or pan.
4. When ready, drop ½ cup of batter into each mould, spread out evenly.
5. Cook until brown, keep warm.
6. Serve with reduced fat vanilla yogurt, berry coulis (see recipe on website) and fresh berries.

To Serve

- Berry coulis (see recipe on WASCA website) or fresh berries
- Reduced fat vanilla yoghurt
- Fresh berries

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

WHO SANK THE BOAT?

Our last newsletter showed how captivated Jackie was by the book 'WHO SANK THE BOAT?' To follow up with this book, we made boats with different materials. First, we made a foil boat, which the students tested to see if it was strong. They put all the animals in the foil boat that Kehlanne made, and guess what? It didn't sink! As a result, she was very happy and impressed. We made another boat from paper straws, which were glued together to create the desired boat size, and we inserted a flag in between. The straw boat sank when the children put the animal on it, and everyone was disappointed. As for the last one, the students had to use their fine motor skills and their eye coordination to create an origami boat using coloured paper. They struggled a bit, but with the help of Miss Heejeong and Ms Kenny, they all enjoyed it. The origami boat was tested in the water. While the boat was floating, the students put the animals in one at a time, but before they finished, they discovered the boat had sunk and were asking themselves, "Who sank the boat?" Rickeal said, "It was the mouse!"



Jolly Phonics

Jackie has been so impressive with her learning of Jolly Phonics sounds since last term. She really enjoys doing this with Mrs Miller on the interactive board. Jolly Phonics is a fun way to learn sounds and the formation of letters. It also improves children's confidence and oral communication. She learned a new sound 'oa' and had fun making the letters for this sound with playdough. She loves playing with playdough! We can see Jackie below showing her playdough letters and showing the action for the 'oa' sound.



ROOM 1 NEWS

Leaders in Training

Throughout Term 4 we are having some students go through a Leaders in Training program. Students who nominate themselves have the chance to take on the role of a school leader for a short period of time. These students will be able to see if school leadership is a job to which they aspire. Staff are also able to provide these students with opportunities to display their leadership skills.



Scarlet

Scarlet had a go at being the School Leader in weeks 3 & 4 of this term and was fantastic. She made sure all the students had any equipment they wanted at play time and was always ensuring that everyone was having fun and playing fair at both recess and lunch. Scarlet demonstrated a great example of our school values: Resilience, Respect and Responsibility. Super job, Scarlet!

Juanita

Our current School Leader is Juanita, and she is doing a marvellous job. Juanita takes on leadership roles in the classroom such as helping the younger students when required. Juanita has built some very positive relationships with her peers, so it is great to see the trust when they go to talk to her. Well done on showing everyone your Resilience, Respect and Responsibility, Juanita!



SPORTING SCHOOLS TERM 4

This term the students have been learning netball. Seth and Georgia from Sporting Schools have been coming every second Thursday morning. While the days have been getting warmer and warmer, everyone has been keen to get outside and run around. Seth and Georgia have been teaching the students all about pivoting on one foot, stepping, attacking, defending, different types of passing and the netball positions. Netball has proven to be a very different game for our avid basketball players, but everyone did an amazing job. It is fantastic to see our students try their best with all the different sporting opportunities that Sporting Schools bring to us.



SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME MISS CONNELL



Next year we will welcome Abbie Connell as our new teacher who will be joining us to for a three-year position at our school. Abbie has been a teacher with Carnarvon School of the Air for the past three years and is already familiar with the Gascoyne region. We will arrange a Meet and Greet event early next year to formally say hello.



At times students miss school for legitimate reasons, such as illness, but we still sometimes have unexplained absences. **Please always contact the school** to let us know what's happening if your child is absent (9943 1600).

UPDATE PINK STUMPS DAY MONIES RAISED

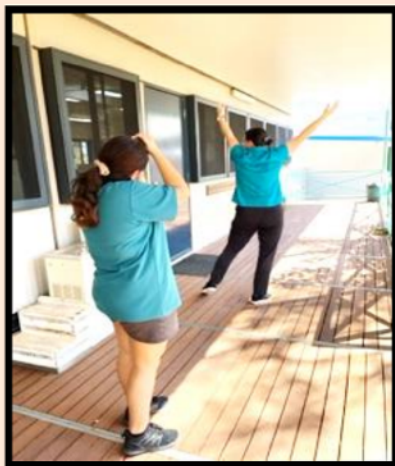
In our previous write up for Pink Stumps Day, we reported we had raised \$1167.30, but after finalizing all donations received, we have now raised **\$3147.00!** We want to thank our sponsors and all those who donated and supported our event once again. Thank you!!!



COMING EVENTS

24/11/23	School photos
1/12/23	Maths Games from 9:30am-10:30am.
4/12/23	Health & Wellbeing Excursion to Carnarvon (leaving at 8am sharp)
7/12/23	Kindy and Pre-Primary Orientation Day
8/12/23	Kindy and Pre-Primary Orientation Day
8/12/23	Reports home
14/12/23	LAST DAY OF THE TERM
14/12/23	Community Christmas Party and EOY Presentation night
15/12/23-30/01/24	School Holidays

FAREWELL MISS WILSON.
WE'LL MISS YOU HEAPS...AND THIS IS WHY.



Mango and Passionfruit Cheesecake

INGREDIENTS

200g gingernut biscuits or Arnott's Butternut Snap Cookie biscuits

80g butter, melted

1 mango, stoned, peeled, chopped

1/4 cup (60ml) boiling water

3 tsp gelatine powder

750g cream cheese, softened

1 1/4 cup (300g) sour cream

3/4 cup (165g) caster sugar

1 lime, rind finely grated, juiced

1/3 cup (80ml) passionfruit pulp, strained

Sliced mango, to serve

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1 - Grease a 20cm (base measurement) springform pan and line the base and side with baking paper, allowing the paper to extend 5cm above the side of the pan.

Step 2 - Process biscuits in a food processor until finely crushed. Add the butter and process until combined. Spoon into the prepared pan. Use a flat-bottomed glass to press biscuit mixture over the base. Place in the fridge for 30 mins to chill.

Step 3 - Place the chopped mango in a blender and blend until smooth.

Step 4 - Place the boiling water in a small heatproof bowl. Sprinkle over the gelatine. Stir until the gelatine dissolves. Set aside for 5 mins to cool.

Step 5 - Process cream cheese, sour cream and sugar in a clean food processor until smooth. Add the lime rind and lime juice. Beat until combined. Add the gelatine mixture. Beat until combined. Divide the cream cheese mixture evenly between 2 bowls. Add the mango puree to 1 portion. Stir to combine. Pour over the biscuit base in the pan. Chill for 30 mins.

Step 6 - Add 1/4 cup (60ml) of the passionfruit to the remaining cream cheese mixture. Stir to combine. Pour over the mango layer and smooth the surface. Place in the fridge for 4 hours or until set.

Step 7 - Transfer the cheesecake to a serving plate. Top with the mango slices. Drizzle with remaining passionfruit to serve.





DECEMBER

27 Levi Chongwee

JANUARY

3 Ella Hoseason-Smith

3 Hazel McTaggart

3 John McCleary

17 Nat Rogers

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FEBRUARY

6 Sophie Wright

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Do you live in the Upper Gascoyne? Is your birthday missing from the monthly Gassy Gossip?

Email us at crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au



Youth Group

Lego, at the November Youth Group catch up we discovered that Lego is even more popular than food. With boxes of Lego to open and explore, the excitement was evident as houses, towns and octopi were created. This was a great afternoon and we look forward to more Lego sessions in 2024. Our next Youth Group event will be an end of year pool party on December 2.

We are getting ready to get wet!



Night Sky Camera

Gascoyne Junction has been selected as a permanent site for a Night Sky Camera part of WA STEM Grant supported by the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Industry, and Scitech as part of a joint project between the Perth Observatory and the Global Meteor Network. The camera will be mounted on the

rear of the CRC and face to the west. The camera will collect data and send to the Observatory capturing meteors, satellite passes and other celestial events which will provide a unique view of the Solar Systems formation and evolution. It will be used for scientific purposes and for public viewing. It will be possible to watch live images from the cameras and they will update every three minutes during the night. A condensed version of the previous night sky will also be available in video format. We are expecting the arrival of the cameras in early December and all going well activated in the new year. Once live we will have a link to the night sky camera on our website.

EV Charging Station

Our EV Charging Station is now installed at the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource and Visitor Information Centre. This EV Charging Station was made possible by a grant through a Charge Up which is designed to make it more cost effective to install EV Charging equipment. With a growing demand for charging stations (yes, even here in Gascoyne Junction), this infrastructure puts Gascoyne Junction on to the ever growing EV touring map.

Tourism Awards

Our Tourism and Community Development Officer attended the Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards in early November. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne was a finalist against much larger organisations in the Tourism Branding and Marketing Campaign Category for 'Wander Outback'. This recognition is an important step forward in the tourism development in the Shire.



Perth 4WD Show

Over 1500 people visited the Visit Upper Gascoyne stand over the three days of the Perth 4WD Show. It was wonderful to have people pop in that have visited us recently to comment on how wonderful our roads are, how helpful and friendly the locals are and the warm hospitality that was offered during their stay. Our accommodation providers have done an incredible job this season offering a welcoming home, great food and in turn has led to people staying longer, wanting to return and becoming advocates for our backyard. There are visitors busily planning adventures for next year, and others that now know where we are and have added the Upper Gascoyne to their list.



Tidy Towns

On Friday November 23, Ainsley and Billie attend the 2023 Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Town Sustainable Community State Awards in Perth. Billie was a finalist in the Young Leadership category and Gascoyne Junction was also a finalist in the Waste Management category for the new bins across town primarily at the Two Rivers Memorial Park and for working with Woolworths Carnarvon and Dust Up Projects to implement the Reusable Grocery Tubs for home deliveries which has had a dramatic impact on the landfill at our local refuse tip. Gascoyne Junction was awarded the Waste Management Category and we will soon be receiving a recycle bin for use in town that is made from recycled products. Thanks to Natsales for this incredible prize. At the Awards, Ainsley also spoke to the audience about what having been the State title holder has meant to Gascoyne Junction and also the National Tidy Town. She invited this year's State Winner Pingelly to Gascoyne Junction for the National event in May 2024. A frame made from local Gidgee wood from old fence posts from Winderie was made and presented to Pingelly.



Wreath Making

It was time to get into the festive spirit on Sunday November 26, where the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre in partnership with the Junction Craft Group invited the talented Kara from Outback Floral Designs in Carnarvon to Gascoyne Junction to provide a masterclass on making a Christmas Wreath. The thirteen participants received a bunch of beautiful arrangement of dried outback flowers and a buffet of Christmas cheer to let their Christmas spirt break free. With Christmas carols as the backdrop a wonderful morning was shared. Thanks to Kara for making the trip and to all those who attended.



Gascoyne Junction Pilbara Shirts IN STOCK



Sizes XS to 6XL \$55



UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

CAN YOU HELP? WE ARE LOOKING FOR PRELOVED LEGO

The members of the Youth Group have compiled a list of activities they would enjoy participating in. A firm favourite idea was BUILDING LEGO

Do you have preloved and unused Lego lying around that you would be willing to donate to the Youth Group and Library?



Contact the CRC on 9943 0988

GASSY GOSSIP



Nutrition Exercise Mindfulness Fasting

Gascoyne Junction program: Dec 14 – February 8

Fit4Life is a health, wellness and weight loss program incorporating nutrition, exercise and mindfulness. The program runs over 8 weeks with the assistance of our Fit4Life team to assist participants with adopting a healthy lifestyle to improve physical and mental health and lose some weight! The program inductions will take place in the new Junction Gymnasium on December 14th. Participants will be given an exercise program and set up with an online food diary to assist with calorie counting and better food selection. Support will be given on an online basis throughout the 8 weeks with feedback and regular weigh-ins. Applications can be lodged on our website:

www.carnarvonphysio.com.au/fit4life

where further information on the program is available. Apply online now as places are limited. We will contact the successful applicants in the coming weeks.

Look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Fit4Life team, Carnarvon

UPPER GASCOYNE SOCIAL TENNIS



**THURSDAY
EVENINGS UNDER
THE LIGHTS FROM
5:30PM**

FROM FEBRUARY 8

**FAST 4 STYLE
DOUBLES & SINGLES
MATCHES WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS**

OPEN TO ALL

**JUNCTION
TENNIS COURT**

GREGORY STREET

**LIMITED EQUIPMENT
SUPPLIED
BRING A RACQUET IF
YOU HAVE ONE**

MORE INFORMATION

CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU

CALL FOR

VOLUNTEERS!

May 2 to May 6 2024



We are hosting the National Tidy Town Sustainable Community Awards in May 2024 and we are looking for volunteers to help in the lead up, during and after the event to showcase our Upper Gascoyne hospitality.

If you are interested in helping in anyway please email tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or attend the Volunteer Information Evening on February 9 at 5pm at the Junction Pub.

We need help with:

- Driving Delegates
- Walking Tours
- Visitor Information
- Packing Gift Bags
- Setting Up Venues
- Packing Up Venues
- Light Cleaning

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VOLUNTEER MEETING
FEBRUARY 9
5pm JUNCTION PUB

Expression of Interest *for Upper Gascoyne*

Accommodation Capability Building Project



DO YOU OPERATE AN ACCOMMODATION BUSINESS IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE?

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT OPERATING A STATION STAY ON YOUR PROPERTY IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE?

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne in partnership with Tourism WA in 2024 will be offering an opportunity to existing and potential accommodation providers in the Upper Gascoyne to participate in a Mentoring Program designed to grow the accommodation capability in the Shire, to provide tourism infrastructure in and around the regions National Parks and to provide a tourism capability gateway for new and emerging station stay operators.

This program is fully funded and limited spaces are available. For further information on the program and to receive an expression of interest application please contact Ainsley Hardie - Tourism & Community Development Officer by calling 08 9943 0988 or emailing crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au. Expressions of Interest close on December 31 2023. This program is scheduled to begin in Feb/Mar 2024 and will involve mentoring for 12 months.



2023 Community Christmas Party

THU 14TH DECEMBER

2023
A Night of Fun and Festivities!

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

**5:30PM
Start**

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

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





*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 2023 we are asking for your help in providing a side dish or dessert to share at the 2023 Community Christmas Party Event. Dishes can be dropped off at the Pavilion between 5pm - 5:30pm on Friday December 14. 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 2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

UPPER GASCOYNE RESIDENTS \$15 NON RESIDENTS \$30

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

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023



2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

LUCKY STRAWS



NO RAFFLE IN 2023 WE HAVE LUCKY STRAWS

We have listened and this year we are trying something new. Lucky Straws will go on sale from 7.15pm at the 2023 Community Christmas Party and be \$5 a bundle.

THE RULES

1. Purchase your bundle of straws (max 5 bundles per purchase) from the Lucky Straws table inside the pavilion
2. Inside each straw is a raffle ticket. Use a toothpick to push out the raffle tickets from your straws.
3. To be a WINNER the ticket will have a star with a magic word on it.
4. If you have a winning ticket take it to the Lucky Straw present table and select one of many beautifully wrapped gifts as your prize.
5. Return your empty straws to the recycling bowl at the Lucky Straw Table and place your not successful tickets in the bin.
6. The Lucky Straws will remain on sale until all bundles are sold.

Thank you to all of our sponsors of the Lucky Straw Gift Table

GASSIFIEDS

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

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.

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$44.60

A5 - \$27.60

A6 - \$22.30

Business Card Size - \$9.00

Free advertising for community groups
and not for profit organisations.



PUB & TOURIST PARK

Christmas & New Years



Trading Hours



DECEMBER 23 to JANUARY 14

12 noon until close

Access through Tavern Door Only

CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED

BOXING DAY CLOSED

NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED

The team at the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park wishes all our patrons & guests a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Guests checking in outside of these hours - call 08 9943 0868



Christmas Stargazing!

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

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

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 until early morning on 13th and 14th December. Look to the northeast and north about 45 degrees above the horizon.

Throughout December the planets are also 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, along with the Moon, to form incredible conjunctions.

On Dec 24th, we have a special Christmas Eve treat. From 8pm, high in the north, the brightest star you can see is not a star at all – it's Jupiter! And to the east of Jupiter, a very bright moon lights up the sky!

To end our cosmic year on a high, early risers on New Year's Eve will be treated to quite a show in the low eastern sky. A bright Venus sits near to the constellation of Scorpio, while Mars and Mercury huddle together just underneath. Look from 4.30am-5.00am, 31st December.

Use the Quasar Publishing image as a guide. To find out more about what to see in the night sky, grab a copy of their latest Astronomy Australia almanac at [Quasar Publishing](http://www.quasarpublishing.com.au).

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 star-filled Christmas!





SMOKO TIME



Christmas Joy



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BNR
DLAAT
PFLMUWC
STYKWMXRT
DZLMCOLGIRO
PFLIOYNTHBEXS
VCRISJRSYWBERTQ
MMGRENPKAPAOSTNFM
DZVLEUSLYLCINKEEKBO
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WORD LIST:

ANGEL
BOWS
CAROLS
CHIMNEY
CHRISTMAS
COOKIES
ELF

FROSTY
JINGLE BELL
LIGHTS
ORNAMENTS
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PRESENTS

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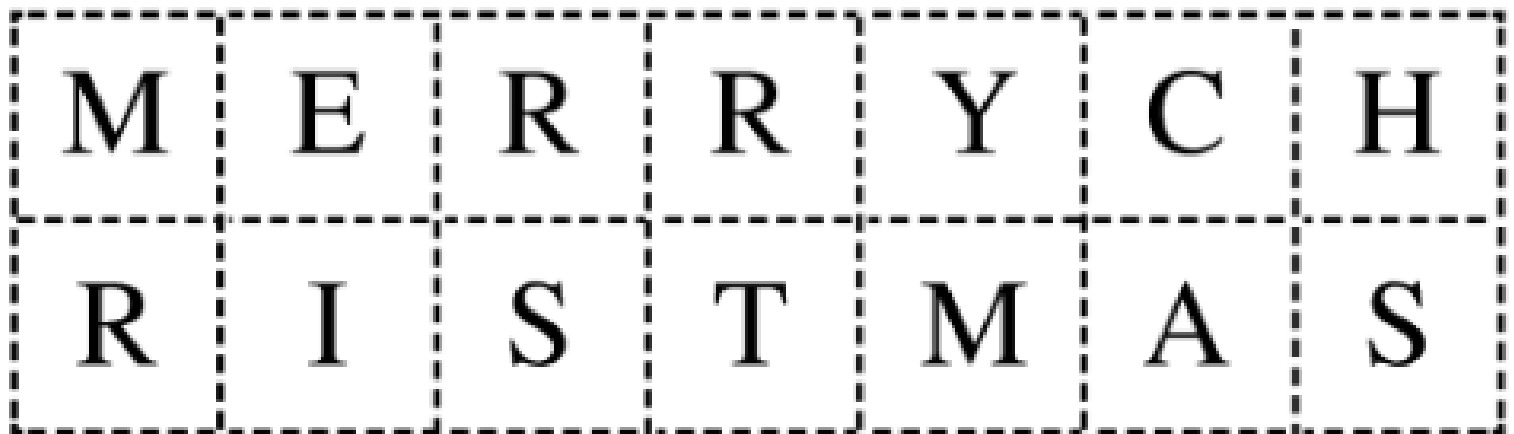
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TREE
TREE SKIRT
WRAPPING PAPER
WREATH

Words in a Word



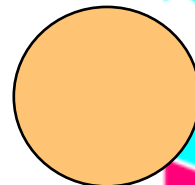
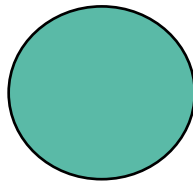
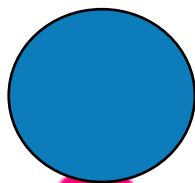
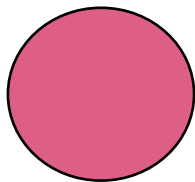
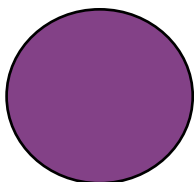
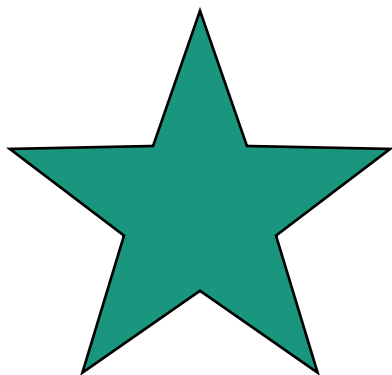
Use only the letters in *Merry Christmas* to find a word for each definition. Cut out the letters below and use them to help you make words to fit the clues. Work with a partner and take turns finding words and writing them on the lines.

1. Twelve months _____
2. Alike _____
3. Large town _____
4. Warmth _____
5. Grows on your head _____
6. Part of a flower _____
7. Money _____
8. Divide with someone _____
9. Water vapor _____
10. Male sheep _____
11. A seat _____
12. Our planet _____
13. Bashful _____
14. Holds up a sail _____
15. Long-tailed rodent _____





KID'S CORNER



★ DATE CHANGE



★ * * * * *
*Christmas
Activities* * * * * *

* **LETTERS TO SANTA**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

* * * * *
*please join us for our for an
afternoon of activities* * * * * *

Tuesday 5th December 2023 from
4pm

Gascoyne Junction Community
Resource Centre





UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? 2023 EVENTS SAVE THE DATE



**SAT DECEMBER 02
POOL PARTY
3pm to 5pm
JUNCTION TOURIST PARK**

SEE WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR 2024 IN THE JANUARY GASSY GOSSIP



**School Holiday Camp
Raft Building
Gascoyne Junction Olympics
Lego Days
Quiz Night**



Please RSVP to the CRC ONE week prior to these events for catering.
**Upper Gascoyne Youth Club is strictly for
8 to 16 year olds ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS**

Christmas QUIZ

(cicle the correct answer)



- a. holly
- b. mistletoe
- c. wreath



- a. ribbons
- b. pudding
- c. gingerbread



- a. sock
- b. shoe
- c. tights



- a. snowman
- b. Santa Claus
- c. elf



- a. lights
- b. ornaments
- c. tinsel



- a. dwarf
- b. elf
- c. kid



- a. candy cane
- b. cracker
- c. lollipop



- a. christmas wreath
- b. christmas tree
- c. christmas bush



- a. candle
- b. light
- c. bulb



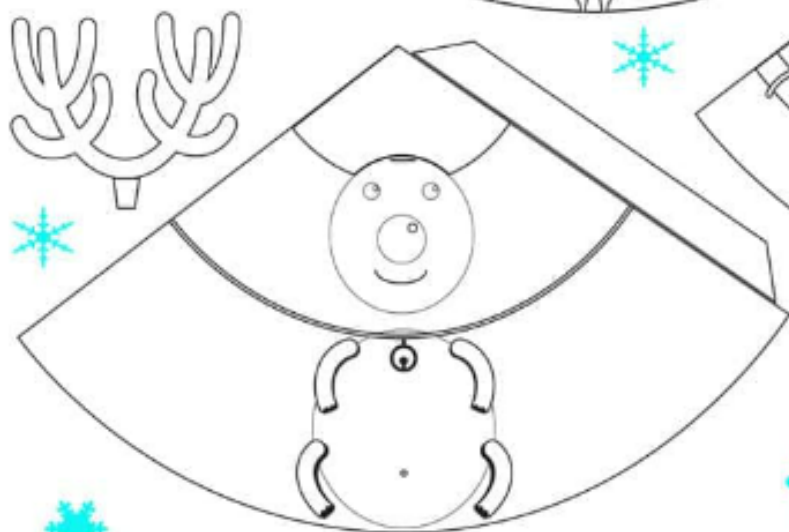
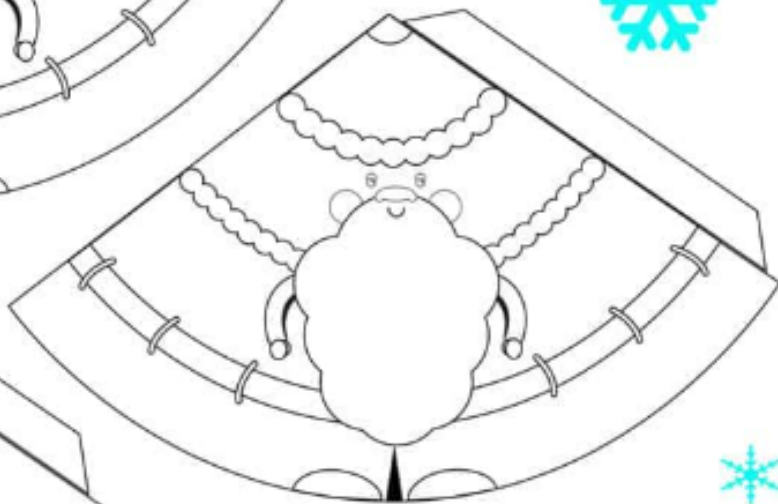
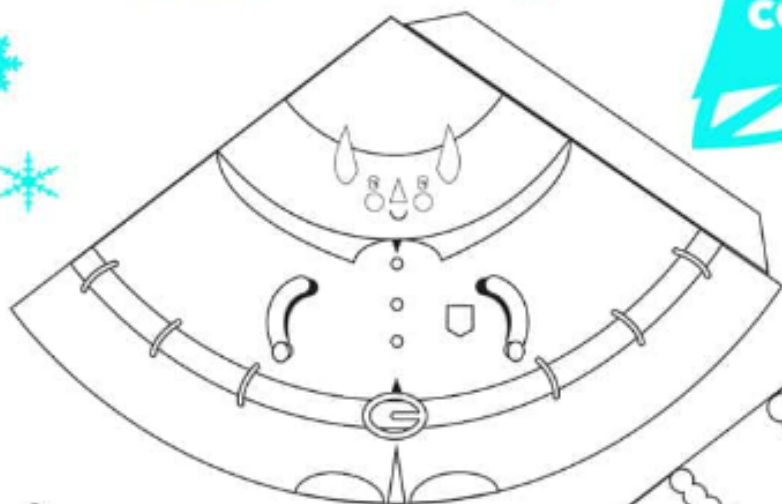
- a. lights
- b. ornaments
- c. tinsel



- a. fern
- b. holly
- c. ivy



- a. candle
- b. bells
- c. stars



CHRISTMAS FUN

Directions: Find the words that are in the wordsearch below, then circle the fourteen remaining letters and complete the message on the tag.

COLOR CODE

- 1 - red
- 2 - yellow
- 3 - yellow green
- 4 - green
- 5 - skyblue

c	a	n	d	l	e	s
s	n	o	w	m	e	a
t	o	y	s	r	r	n
a	t	y	g	i	f	t
r	r	c	r	h	i	a
b	e	l	l	s	t	c
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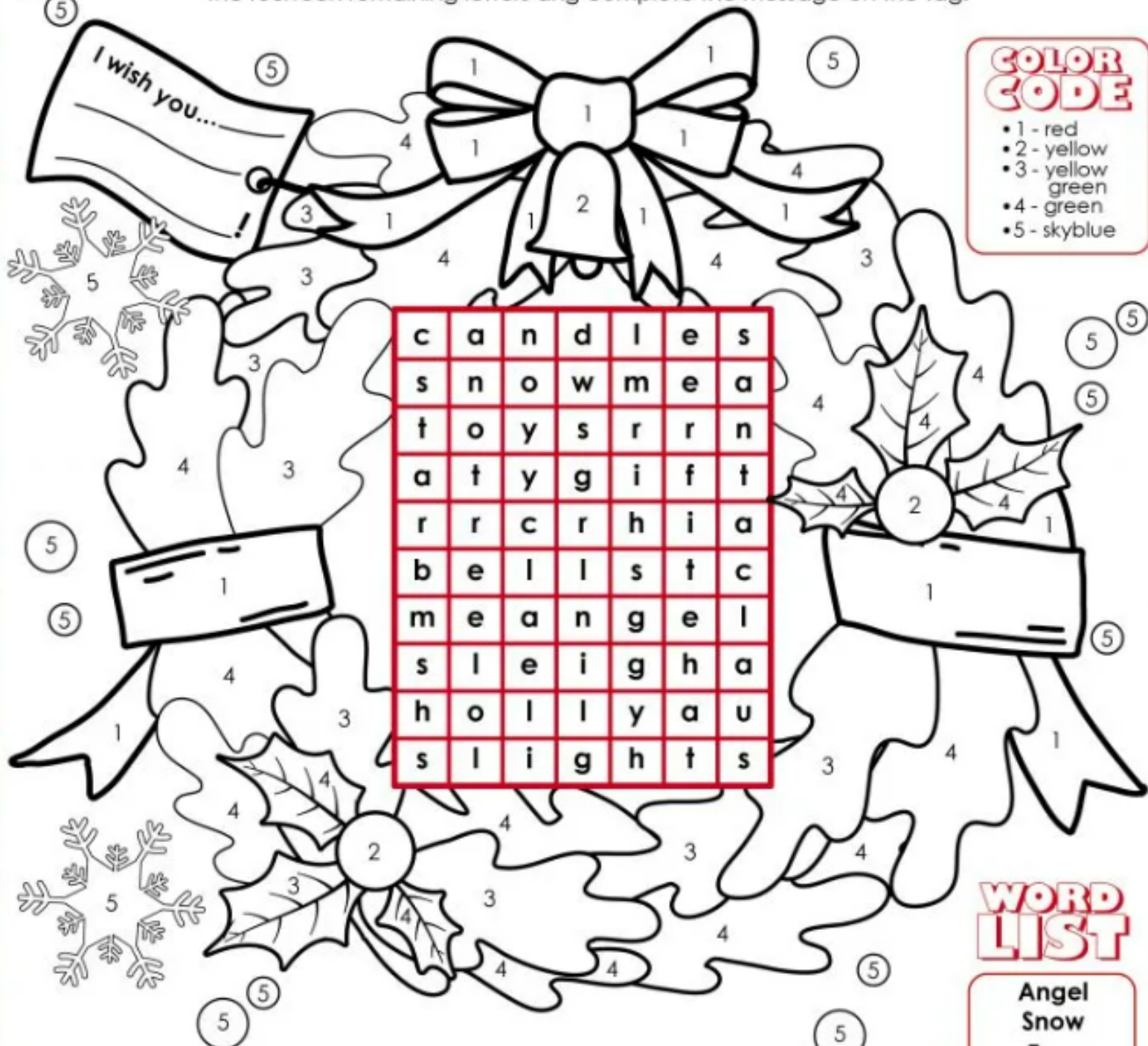
WORD LIST

- Angel
- Snow
- Tree
- Star
- Santa Claus
- Sleigh

Christmas QUIZ

(shade the correct answer)

- Christmas carols are: songs vegetables
- Santa's sleigh is pulled by: bears reindeer
- Helps Santa to make toys: elves squirrels
- Santa gives to children: apples presents



Gascoyne Junction



2023 GP

CLINIC DATES

01 NOV 06 DEC



Gascoyne Junction



2024 GP

CLINIC DATES

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



- GP Clinics will be held on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of Jan which is the 2nd Wed of the month.
- First Appointment is at 10am with the last at 2.15pm
- Nursing Clinics will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month recommencing in February



- 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



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

YOUTH GROUP

JUNCTION PUB AND TOURIST PARK POOL

02 DECEMBER

LETTERS TO SANTA

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

05 DECEMBER

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

06 DECEMBER

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

14 DECEMBER

UPCOMING
23/24
EVENTS



OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

ADMIN OFFICE AND CRC BUILDING

22 DECEMBER

OFFICE OPENING FOR 2024

ADMIN OFFICE AND CRC BUILDING

8 JANUARY

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

10 JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PUB AND TOURIST PARK

26 DECEMBER

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

07 FEBRUARY

CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

17-18 FEBRUARY

BUSH BALL

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

24 FEBRUARY

SEND IN YOUR EVENT DATES FOR 2024