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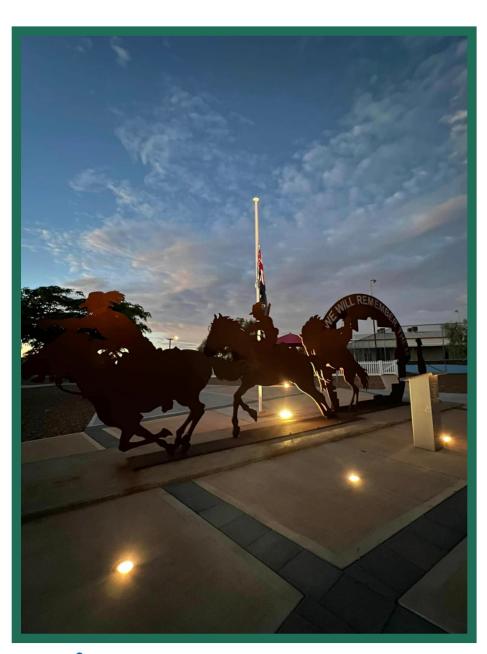


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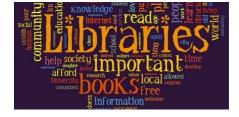
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Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 28th 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.



COUNCIL NEWS

CEO Report

Another very busy month in what was a short month given the timing around March's meeting and April's meeting with lots of political / legal / issues coming to the forefront.

It was with a great deal of happiness that we welcomed back our Manager of Works and Services, Jarrod Walker. We certainly missed his expertise, humour and friendship. Unfortunately his transition back into the workplace was not a gentle re-introduction but rather a tsunami.

The entire staff have been transfixed with developing a draft budget for this meeting whilst at the same time the interim Audit was being undertaken, preparation of the monthly financial statements, monthly accounts, Insurance renewal schedules, preparing for the Tidy Towns function and other day-to day operational tasks.

Did I mention Tidy Towns! Ainsley and all staff members are doing a tremendous amount of work in getting this event organised. This includes air travel, bus travel, accommodation, meals, entertainment, facility readiness, medical, sightseeing and a host of other activities. All staff will be working over that weekend to assist and make sure that this function goes off without a hitch.

My most sincere gratitude goes out to each and every staff member for their contribution and dedication to our organisation with many working long hours and over weekends in order to meet deadlines. This level of contribution should never be an expectation as staff also have lives to live outside of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

Work is scheduled for the CEO office renovation. Once the CEO Office renovation is completed we will effectively have two new office spaces that will cater for our new staffing arrangements.

The new House has arrived and has been placed on the lot behind Ainsley's home. This home, once completed, will enable the Shire to go to the market and seek the services of a new Corporate Services Team member.

Considerable time and effort is still being expended on "Heritage" related issues. We seem to have hit a brick wall with the Landor Re-alignment and also with the widening of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road adjacent the Pell's Crossing. We are in discussions with DPLH as to how we can move these projects forward.

The Shire have been given permission to rate the Hastings Mine site Accommodations facilities according to the GRV but because the facilities are on an existing Miscellaneous License we cannot levy a rate because Miscellaneous Licenses are exempt according to the State Administrative Tribunal, this decision is being contested in the Supreme Court.

Manager of Works and Services Report

Firstly I would like to thank Council, my colleagues and friends for the support I have received in the past few months. Thankfully I am back at work again although I do have a few more trips to Perth for treatment to go. Thank you to John for taking the reins while I was away and to and Sean and Billie for helping also. It has been a hectic few weeks getting my head around the tsunami I have reentered, however I am happy to report that the works crew are full bore and still functioning.

Since my return we have been focused on preparing a draft budget for the 2024-25 financial year while ensuring we deliver this year's projects on time and within budget. John and I are also busy sorting out Aboriginal Heritage issues with several projects including the Pells alignment, Landor realignment, Gascoyne River Access and gravel pits compliance.

Town Crew:

Sean and his team are busy prepping for the Tidy Towns Awards. There is a heap of work involved and I thank them for their additional efforts. Thankfully we have had some decent rain to assist in greening the town. The new recycling facility should be arriving in the next week along with the additional lighting at the amphitheatre in time for the celebrations. We will engage Carnarvon Shire's street sweeper, commence fogging and install street banners prior to the event.

Contractors have arrived to install the various new sheds and patio's for several of the staff houses. They are also installing the Bush fire shed on the western side of the depot.

The new staff house has arrived and is in place. Contractors are busy backfilling the pad area and installing the finishing touches before commissioning can take place. Sean is busy trying to lock in a supplier to complete landscaping and gardens there and also in the newly acquired house on Hatch Street (Ex Quadrio house). He is also sourcing quotes and contractors for the repairs to this house in the next few weeks.

Works Crew:

The crew have just completed some resheeting on Bingegaroo Road and some maintenance grading on Cobra Mount Augustus. They are currently completing resheeting works on Cobra Mount Augustus as per our Regional Road Group works program. We are concurrently completing resheeting and drainage works on Landor Mt Augustus Road as per our Indigenous Access project for the 23-24 financial year. At this stage we are on track finish our works program mid to late June.

Ian has graded sections of the C'von Mullewa, Pimbee, Carey and Gilroyd roads, he is currently patch grading Pingandy and assisting the works crew with the RRG project. He will concentrate on grading from the mount to Landor next month. Ray Hoseason Smith has been filling in for us while Thomas is out of action. Ray completed sections of Cobra Dairy Creek, C'von Mullewa and Ullawarra. He will be grading the Kennedy Range access road, Eudamullah and Ullawarra road in the next few weeks.

ABBL Contracting have replaced one of the Yinnetharra holding paddock grids earlier this month along with multiple signs throughout the shire. They will return in May to continue a sign replacement campaign and also replace the Mt Augustus/Cobra boundary grid.

While I was on leave the Ashburton Shire received heavy rainfall and thus access to some of their mine sites was closed. ABBRA mine requested permission to access site via our roads including Woodlands road. The additional traffic load caused damaged on that road of which ABBRA has since repaired at their own cost and in a timely manner.

Unfortunately the same can't be said for Hastings on Ullawarra Road. Hastings have not repaired various blown out sections on Ullawarra road as per our interim agreement to let them use the southern route. Road condition reports were issued to them each month from August through to November last year with repeated requests for them to remediate the issues. Due to the extremely dry, hot summer and traffic they have worsened to a point that we need to repair them ASAP before tourist season is in full swing. I am in the process of preparing a cost estimate to give to Hastings. Our expectation is that Hastings will fund the full cost of repairs although I believe the likelihood of this occurring is very slim at best.

In a similar vein there has been substantial damage to a section of the Cobra Dairy Creek road between Yinnetharra and the Delta mining camp. We have notified Delta of our expectation for them to fund the repairs and I am meeting with one of their representatives this week to discuss.

Sadly it seems the message is not getting through regarding restricting the speed of heavy vehicles on our gravel roads. I received multiple complaints from the public and witnessed several road trains ignoring the 70km/hr advice on our gravel roads since my return. This coupled with extended dry conditions is seriously impacting our roads and budget.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

March has been a busy month for the team especially with the focus on the preparation for the Tidy Towns Event in May and the adoption of the March 2024 Budget Review. This could not be achieved without the overall effort of the Finance and Corporate team.

Next month starting April 15th our auditors will be onsite conducting the interim audit for the 23/24 financial year. This comprises substantial testing of internal controls surrounding payment processes, inclusive of creditors and payroll, rate processes and end of month reconciliation procedures. In addition, as Council have opted for a Differential Rate application to be prepared and lodged in relation 2024/25 financial year, we will be creating a draft budget within a period of 14 days, which requires adoption at the April 2024 ordinary council meeting, before the application can proceed. This will be in addition to our daily tasks and the onsite audit so the pressure will be on for the team to perform and I am sure that they will rise to the occasion.



Community Resource Centre Update

This month saw the finalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shire and WACHS in regards to the GP Clinic. Under the MOU a monthly GP Clinic on the 1st Wednesday of each month and a nursing clinic on the 3rd Wednesday month will continue as a free service for residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. Funding was also gained for a joint project submission with Carnarvon Physiotherapy to undertake a free monthly physiotherapy clinic in Gascoyne Junction in conjunction with the nursing clinics starting in May. This program will also develop to provide rehabilitation programs utilising the community gym.

The clinics continue to be well patronised. The April clinic offered child immunisations with a flu vaccine being made available at the May clinic.

Initial discussions have begun to host a Mining Symposium in Gascoyne Junction on September 5th. The Gascoyne Development Commission are supporting this initiative and I am working with them to deliver this event. On May 22nd I will be attending a Primary Industry Symposium hosted by the Shire of Carnarvon. Whilst in Carnarvon I will also attend the Gascoyne Sport and Recreation Forum with Community Development Officers from our neighboring Gascoyne Shires.

The Tidy Town event is getting closer with 39 delegates attending from the 5 State Winning Towns. A full compliment of activities and events have been planned from May 3 to 6 to entertain and host our guests. The plane arrives into Carnarvon at lunchtime Friday with delegates leaving on the Monday lunchtime flight. A glamping village is being set up on the grassed sites at the Junction Pub & Tourist Park. All accommodation is full and we are having to creatively utilise some empty homes in Gascoyne Junction to host the overflow. Catering has been arranged for the duration of the weekend and the Army Band will be performing on Friday and Saturday nights.

We continue to spearhead the Thursday night social tennis which is a popular weekly event for kids young and old - a thanks Cherie and Billie for spearheading this initiative. A quiz night was held for Youth Group at the start of March before an Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages in the week of Easter.





Tourism

- Astrotourism #gazingthegascoyne collaboration project with GDC and Gascoyne Shires to create a regional brand and marketing collateral and drive trails through the Gascoyne
- Met with Digital Marketing Team in Perth about future directions and updates to our website
- Attended the Caravan and Camping Show for four days. Whilst numbers were down on last year in attendance we engaged with a similar number of patrons to the event. They are at different stages of the tourism buying cycle.
- Astrotourism Training in Gascoyne Junction with funding support from Tourism WA training is proposed for Tuesday May 28. This will involve theory during the day with practical applications in the evening
- Hot Springs Concept Design Plan finalising an agreement with Tourism WA for funding of producing a Concept Design Plan for a Hot Springs project with the bore.
- Upper Gascoyne Tourism Accommodation Capability Project funding agreement finalised and DTM appointed as the mentors for the project. Seven projects across the Upper Gascoyne have been identified. Site visits have occurred with Tourism WA in March and onsite visits from DTM the week of April 8. Participants will be involved in the project through the end of September.





SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN1021 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – APRIL 2024

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	30 January 2024
		Forecast Completion Date:	May 2024
Works this period (April 2024)		Works next period (May 2024)	
The following roads were commenced and completed during April 2024: Bingegaroo Rd Cobra Dairy Creek Rd Cobra Mt Augustus Rd Potts Rd Wanna Rd		There is approx. 1 week of work remaining on Mt Augustus Rd. Following this, the contractor will be preparing for the cement stabilisation work to commence. All work for this package will then have been completed.	
There is some cement stabilisation work remaining on Dooley Downs Rd which is scheduled, along with the remainder of the cement stabilisation work across various other roads to commence around 20 May 2024.			

Status of Roads

	This Month	Last Period
Overall Package	87%	61%
Bingegaroo Rd	99%	0%
Callagiddy Winderie Rd	100%	100%
Carey Downs Rd	100%	100%
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd	90%	90%
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd	98%	0%
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd	100%	0%
Cobra Mt Augustus Rd	99%	0%
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd	55%	55%
Dalgety Downs Landor Rd	96%	96%



Dooley Downs Rd		50%	0%
Edmund Gifford Creek Rd		100%	100%
Erong Rd		100%	100%
Eudamullah Rd		14%	14%
Gifford Ullawarra Rd		100%	100%
Glenburgh Access Rd		100%	100%
Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd		100%	100%
Lyons River Rd		100%	100%
Mardathuna Rd		100%	100%
Minnie Creek Rd		100%	100%
Mt Augustus Rd		Works yet to commence	
Pimbee Rd		100%	100%
Potts Rd		99%	0%
Ullawarra Rd		98%	98%
Wanna Rd		99%	0%
Discussion Items			
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report		
Camp	Located on Dooley Downs Rd east of Mt Augustus Station homestead		



Cobra Dairy Creek Rd



SIk 14.950 - 14.969- Defect



SIk 14.950 - 14.969- Completed

JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2024



30th January End of School Holidays

17th and 18th February

AGM/Untutored Workshop

23rd and 24th March

Bag Workshop

29th March - 14th April School Holidays

20th April and 21st April

Tuffet Workshop

25th and 26th May

Untutored Workshop

15th and 16th June

Untutored Workshop

29th June ~ 14th July School Holidays

29th July ~ 2nd August

Bullara Retreat (*Limited Numbers)

24th and 25th August

Tutored ~ TBA

21st September - 6th October School Holidays

26th and 27th October

Creative Workshop ~ TBA

23rd and 24th November

Christmas Craft

Contact

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Chris Kearney - Treasurer 0428 841 818

Junction Craft Group acknowledges the generous support of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne



Craft Group - Bag workshop



The weekend was attended by 6 of us taking up the challenge of making an overnight bag utilising Junction Craft Group 'Outback Wife' fabric.

New skills by new and returning members were achieved during the weekend, with Wendy (Dairy Creek) Linda (Carnarvon) completing their bags with the remainder of the group underway.

We have ladies who were unable to attend the weekend due to work commitments so further photos will be posted.

We thank the Shire of Upper Gascoyne for their continued support of Junction Craft Group.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

Pea search would test Sturt

PAM CASELLAS

The mission was clear: get a picture of a Sturt's desert pea or don't come back. We put out the word to any town on our route: would anyone knowing the whereabouts of one of the above?

The word came back: Gascoyne
Junction reckoned they had as many as you
like

So off we set, from the Great Northern Highway through Meedo Station to the Junction. That was the first mistake because the bridge near Meedo was closed and so we had to backtrack and use another road.

Not to worry. Soon we'd see great patches of Sturt's desert peas, Swainsona formosa, blooming in all their red-faced, black-nosed glory. Maybe just a bit further on? We enjoyed the everlastings along the road and shook our heads in wonder at how green and lush the countryside was looking. But nary a pea did we spot.

We called in at the Upper Gascoyne Shire offices and sought advice.

"Not a problem," they said, reaching for the telephone.

"Is that you, Betty? Those Sturt desert peas still flowering? Good-o. I'm sending a couple of losers from *The West* over to you, all right?"

And there it was in Betty's backyard. A bloody great big Sturt's desert pea, covered in flowers, and more plants coming up wherever you looked.

Betty told us that her daughter had given her a plant a few years back and its descendants had just stayed and stayed. But no, she'd never seen them growing in



Found — a Sturt's desert pea.

the wild around Gascoyne Junction and she'd lived there pretty much all her life.

Never mind. A Sturt's desert pea is a Sturt's desert pea. Mission accomplished.

LOCAL HISTORY: We would love to hear stories from any locals who have stories about the Upper Gascoyne



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!

SAY G'DAY TO...

Full name: Abbie Jayde Connell

Nickname: Abbz

Place of birth: Kalamunda

Where did you grow up? Chidlow

Favourite food? Ice-Cream

Favourite animal? Cows (and my dog Cooper!)

Favourite Song? There are so many I cant pick

Footy team: I don't follow AFL, NRL team is the Dolphins!

What is on your bucket list? Bungee Jumping

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? To work at GJRCS

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? 4 months. 3 years in Carnarvon

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The people, they are so friendly

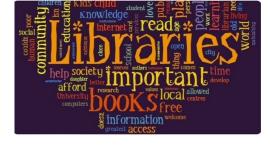
What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne? Markets to go along with major events in town and Chiro visits



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!

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY- NICOLETTE HEGYES





A beautiful Mother's Day book which features the words of real children talking about their mums.

A stunning watercolour picture book which celebrates mothers everywhere featuring gorgeous watercolour animals with sweet and funny texts, written by real kids about their mums.

ONCE UPON A WICKEDNESS- Fleur Beale



What happens when a group of school children, led by the resourceful ten-year-old Dance Violet, dare to ask those in power some hard questions? Find out in this magical novel by the bestselling Fleur Beale, stunningly illustrated by Lily Uivel.

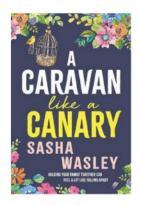
Ten-year-old orphan Dance Violet might have had a short and troubled history, but it hasn't dampened her warrior spirit — not in the slightest. And that's a good thing, because something is rotten in her village, and no one else has the courage to try to put things right.

People have been disappearing overnight and the village children are left to fend for themselves under the tyrannical schoolteachers Murk and Misselthwaite. There are whispers that the trouble started ten years ago when a beautiful but wicked woman – 'the golden-haired hellion' – appeared at a wedding.

Dance has some powerful gifts that she's only just beginning to discover, and while she knows it's dangerous to ask questions, she's determined to find this goldenhaired hellion – even if it means getting disappeared.

When Dance finds her, the golden-haired hellion had better look out.

A CARAVAN LIKE A CANARY- SASHA WASLEY



Two road trips. Twenty years apart. Can the memories of a troubled family past finally be put to rest?

When Tara Button's mother asks her to drive the bright yellow family caravan from one end of the state to the other, it's her charming but unreliable brother, Zac, who convinces her it's a good idea. Besides, the road trip might keep Zac out of trouble - and that's always been a second job for Tara.

Tara doesn't expect Zac's enigmatic friend Danh to come along for the ride. Or the bikies that seem to be following them up the coast...

As they travel along the open road, memories of the Buttons' last trip in the caravan engulf Tara, while a rediscovered love for the wild, glorious ocean chips away at her reserve. When forced to face her past, will Tara find the courage to let go and discover her dreams?



Newsletter

24/04/2024

Responsibility

Resilience

Respect

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



Our Public-School Review took place last week. This process provides feedback for principals, staff, and the school community to help improve school performance and adds to existing quality assurance measures.

We submitted our self-assessment last term providing a range of evidence against six domains: Leadership, Relationships and Partnerships, Learning Environment, Student Progress and Achievement, Teaching Quality, and Use of Resources.

The validators met throughout the day with teachers allied professionals, school council members, students, and parents to validate our evidence. A formal report will be returned to us in a few weeks to be shared and discussed with the staff, students, and community.

Kind regards

Jackie Miller (Principal)

STUDENT COUNCILLOR REPORT







On Friday 14th June our councillors will host a fundraising event for Jump Rope for Heart. Established in 1983, Jump Rope for Heart is a skipping and fundraising program run in Australian primary schools which encourages kids to have a positive attitude towards exercise, healthy eating and heart health while raising vital funds to fight heart disease.

Students have started honing their skipping skills and will be coming home soon with more details. We will invite community members to join us on the day to show-off their skipping skills.









English muffins - six ways

Traffic Light:



English muffins are incredibly versatile and can be used with either sweet or savoury toppings. Try some of these:

Split each plain muffin in half and toast until golden

- 1. Spread with reduced fat cream cheese
- 2. Top with a slice of lean ham.
- 3. Spread with Vegemite
- Top with a slice of reduced fat cheese.
- 5. Spread with reduced fat cream cheese
- Top with two slices of tomato.

Split each fruit muffin in half and toast until golden

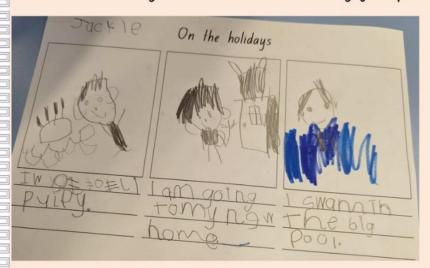
- 1. Spread with a thin layer of polyunsaturated margarine
- 2. Top with sliced banana, sprinkle with cinnamon.
- 3. Spread with a thin layer of thick reduced fat yoghurt
- 4. Top with sliced strawberries and a dollop of yoghurt.
- 5. Top with 2 tablespoons of pie apple/apricot or stewed fruit
- 6. Add a dollop of your favourite yoghurt.



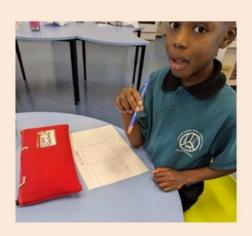
On the holidays

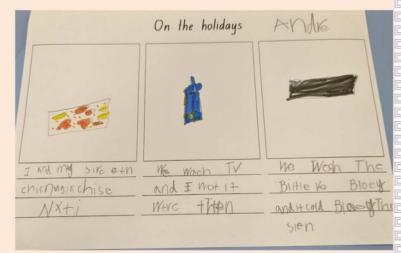
Week one of school room one was spent practising their recount skills.

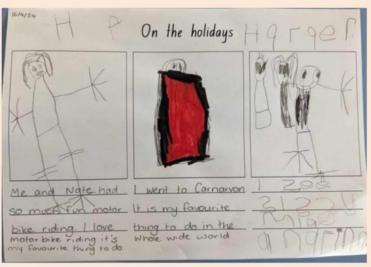
They all wrote about what they got up to on the holidays!















How we made our ANZAC wreath



Mr Donnelly cut out the cardboard backing.



Eli and Scarlet cut the bottom of egg cartons into the shape of poppies.



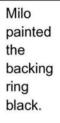
Milo used Microsoft Word to make a banner.



Jackie, Scarlet, and Juanita painted the inside of the egg carton lids green.



Eli, Scarlet, and Juanita painted the cut-out poppies red.







Jackie, Eli, Scarlet, and Juanita cut out leaf shapes.





Everyone took turns using the hot glue gun to help attach all the pieces.



The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

or each Kindergarten nd primary school student

\$250 For each secondary school student To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, the State Government is offering the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Get ready to claim

Download the ServiceWA app to your mobile device.

Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Locate the student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

- You'll find it on:
 school reports
- · previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

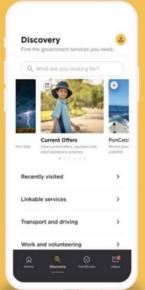
If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for assistance.

Claims open Monday 15 April





WA Student Assistance Payment



The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Get ready to apply from 15 April 2024.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your Digital Identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer.

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap





For app support, scan the QR Code or visit WA.gov.au/servicewaapp For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap



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











Carnaryon Government Dental Clinic

The clinic is closed on ANZAC Day and will reopen on Friday 26th April at 8:00am.

PHONE: 08 9941 6690

EMAIL: CarnarvonGDC@health.wa.gov.au

COMING EVENTS

30/04/24	Sporting Schools - Tennis	
07/5/24	School Psych Visit	
08/05/24	Scitech Visit	
14/05/24	Sporting Schools - Tennis	
21/05/24	Sporting Schools - Tennis	
22/5/24	School Psych Visit	
27/5/24-3/6/24	National Reconciliation Week	
03/06/24	WA DAY	
14/06/24	Jump Rope for Heart	
18/06/24	School Psych Visit	
20/06/24	Cross Country Carnarvon Yr3-6	
21/06/24	Winter Carnival Carnarvon Yr3-6	



This easy chicken traybake is perfect for a midweek dinner. Chicken pieces and colourful sweet potatoes, red onions and broccoli are simply roasted with herbs, paprika and lemon. Adding stock ensures everything is beautifully tender and there's a little gravy left in the bottom to serve.

Sweet potato and chicken traybake



Method

1.Preheat the oven to gas 6, 200°C, fan 180°C. Add the sweet potatoes, onions and garlic to a large roasting tray and sprinkle over the dried herbs. Season and drizzle over 1 tbsp of the oil, then toss everything together. Spread the veg out in an even layer and roast for 15 mins.

2.Remove the tray from the oven and give the veg a good mix. Add the chicken pieces and drizzle with the remaining ½ tbsp oil. Squeeze over the lemon juice and sprinkle with the paprika. Return to the oven for 15 mins. Add the broccoli to the tray and pour over most of the chicken stock, then roast for a final 15-20 mins (topping up with a little more stock if it starts to look too dry) until the chicken is cooked through and the veg is completely tender. Squeeze the garlic cloves from their skins and serve with lemon wedges.

Ingredients

- ·500g sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2cm chunks
- ·2 red onions, cut into wedges
- ·8 garlic cloves, unpeeled
- ·2 tsp dried thyme
- ·1 tsp dried rosemary
- ·1½ tbsp olive oil
- ·6 skinless chicken thigh fillets, each cut in half
- ·2 lemons, 1 juiced and 1 cut into wedges to serve
- ·1 tsp smoked paprika
- ·350g broccoli, broken into florets
- ·150ml chicken stock

·Serves 4

·10 mins to prepare and 50 mins to cook



MAY

- 3 Dylan Hoseason-Smith
- 9 Kevan 'Pronto" Brand
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- 20 Sean Walker
- 28 Alex Ball



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

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

TINY TOURISM TOWN

Gascoyne Junction has been announced as a finalist for the second year running as a Tiny Tourism Town in the 2024 7News Top Tourism Town Awards. Being a finalist demonstrates that we are meeting and exceeding industry standards in attracting visitors to take a #wanderoutback in the Upper Gascoyne and that our tourism businesses are delivering visitor experiences at a high standard. So get behind Team Junction and vote using the following link and you will also be in the draw to win your dream WA holiday.

https://rebrand.ly/Top-Tourism-Town-2024

Voting closes at 5pm on Wednesday May 22.

ANZAC DAY

Our annual ANZAC Day Service was again well attended with 75 people paying their respects. Once again Tash from the 10thWestern Australia Lighthorse Organisation travelled to Gascoyne Junction to lead the march down Gregory Street. Lt Shane Alymore, Member for North West Central Merome Beard, Shire President Cr Jim Caunt, Cr Blanche Walker and school leaders Scarlet and Juanita from the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School all spoke during the service. Light refreshments were served after the service at the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park with many staying to enjoy the traditional Collingwood v Essendon ANZAC Day game. Thank you to those who donated to the 10th Western Australian Lighthorse, they were grateful to the generosity of the Upper Gascoyne.







2024 NATIONAL TIDY TOWN AWARDS





On Saturday May 4, Gascoyne Junction handed on the title of the Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Towns Award holder to Beechworth in Victoria. 41 delegates joined us in Gascoyne Junction from Friday May 3 through to Monday May 6 from the NT, TAS, NSW, VIC and Pingelly WA. The Welcome Gala on Friday night was attended by 70.

900

The team from Geraldton Party Hire set the scene with a marquee at the Two Rivers Memorial Park providing guests with the perfect viewing space to watch the performance provided by the Australian Army Corps Band who travelled from Perth to help celebrate. The Army Band had visited Gascoyne Junction in the aftermath of the 2010 flood to boost morale and help with reconstruction works. An Outback BBQ was served by Carey Downs Catering as delegates and locals mingled under perfect night skies. Matt and Nadia from Perth Observatory were also on hand with telescopes showcasing our clear dark night skies.





Saturday saw delegates attend a morning of presentations showcasing the projects of the state finalists in the Pavilion. The afternoon saw Shire President Cr Caunt, Cr Walker, Cr Windie, Cr Hoseason-Smith and Cr McKeough take delegates on a walking tour of Gascoyne Junction highlighting projects that saw Gascoyne Junction take out the 2023 title. This tour was followed by a visit to the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School who showcased their Stories of the Gascoyne project along with other projects that contributed to our Tidy Towns success such as the Containers for Change Bins, Pink Stumps Day, the RFDS Ball and the Upper Gascoyne annual Remembrance Day Service. As the sunset, delegates attended an Awards Dinner in the restaurant of the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park. Chef Omo, Di and the team created a three course dining experiences that left guests delighted. Afterwards, the Army Band kicked off to celebrate the new 2024 Title Holders performing in the Beer Garden until the clock struck midnight.



On Sunday with a few strong coffees, it was off to Kennedy Range with a tour from Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys for the morning before an afternoon spent with Deputy Shire President Cr McTaggart at Bidgemia learning about life on an outback pastoral station. A Sunday session at the pub followed with live music from Dylan Hutchins and the pubs traditional Sunday Roast on the menu. A bus load of very happy delegates headed back to Carnarvon to commence their travels home on Monday morning, grateful to have experienced Upper Gascoyne hospitality.





Thank you to all who helped make this possible. To Horizon Power and Keep Australia Beautiful WA for their sponsorship. To Cheeki's and Carey Downs Catering for the amazing food. Di, Kenny, Omo, Tori, Erica, Melissa, Rebecca and Paige at the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park for accommodating our guests and hosting the Glamping Village, for breakfast and the amazing Awards Dinner – it was appreciated, the McTaggart Family for opening your home. To Sam for bringing out the pallets, Jane for helping to round up volunteers, to the busy bee crew from Kennedy Range Campdraft and the Junction Races along with Jackie, Blanche, John, Andrea and Paige, Jackie and the school community for hosting guests on Saturday and to our councilors for the walking tours. Blanche for assisting at Kennedy Range, Clint and Kenny for preparing pallets and houses for additional guests, to WaterCorp for the water fountains, Raw Creative for the amazing signs and artwork, Perth Observatory, Dylan Hutchins, the Australian Army Corps Band, Geraldton Party Hire, BusWest Carnarvon for moving our guests to and fro and finally last but not least, the staff of the Shire for the hours of planning and the hardwork in the lead up to, during and after the event.

This event was a shining example of our community and the pride we have for it, it is the heart of why we were awarded the title and we have demonstrated it in spades this weekend. If I have forgotten someone, it is my tiredness and no direct reflection on your input. Together we do amazing things, well done Upper Gascoyne.

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ABC PILBARA RADIO LIVE FROM GASCOYNE JUNCTION

Kelly Gudgeon ABC Pilbara Breakfast Show host joined the weekend festivities in Gascoyne Junciton and acted as MC for the Tidy Towns Awards Dinner. From 6.30am Kelly broadcast the breakfast show live from Gascoyne Junction. Throughout the morning Kelly interviewed Jackie and Jannayah from Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School. Olivia Lynch from Keep Australia Beautiful, Ainsley the TCDO at the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, Julia the governess at Bidgemia Station and Billie & Cherie from the Junction netball team. Visit ABC Pilbara to listen to the replay of Monday May 6 Breakfast.









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UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB

ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? BAKE ANZAC BISCUITS

THU MAY 16
BAKING NIGHT
4.30pm to 6pm
CRC



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN 2024?



YOUTH CAMP
Thu 11 July
to
Fri 12 July

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



Physiotherapy CLINIC CLINIC Gascoyne Junction 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTS WED MAY 15

- Muscle and joint pain/weakness.
- Back and neck pain.
- And More



The team from Carnarvon Physiotherapy & Gymnasium will commence a monthly physio clinic in Gascoyne Junction from Wednesday May 15. The clinic will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This clinic is offered FREE to residents of the Upper Gascoyne under funding from WACHS.

Book online https://carnarvonphysio.com.au/

Select a 30 min appointment on the calendar on the third Wednesday of the month. These are Junction clinics. If they are full then contact the CRC who will have a standby list on 08 9943 0988

UPPER GASCOYNE SOCIAL TENNIS



THURSDAY EVENINGS UNDER THE LIGHTS KIDS 5.15- 6 PM ADULTS FROM 6 PM

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

FAST 4 STYLE
DOUBLES & SINGLES
MATCHES WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS

JUNCTION
TENNIS COURT

GREGORY STREET

LIMITED EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BRING A RACQUET IF YOU HAVE ONE

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MORE INFORMATION

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Readers and Writers Festival

SHORT STORY PRIZE 2024

Invitation to all local writers

Explore your imagination and showcase your talent by creating a short story using a theme of your choice.

Enter for your chance to win \$500, plus VIP access to festival events!

ENTRY IS FREE

Entries open 19 April 2024 Entries close 12 July 2024

For more details on how to enter please visit www.library.cgg.wa.gov.au/bigsky







We're visiting your community soon.

If you need help with Medicare, Centrelink and Child Support come and speak with our staff.

We're visiting from:

Tuesday 21 May 2024 to Thursday 22 May 2024

You can find us:

Gascoyne Junction - Tuesday 21 May from 10:00am to 12:pm Burringurrah - Wednesday 22 May from 9:30am to 2:30pm Burringurrah - Thursday 23 May from 9:00am to 10:00am

Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information about payments and services you can call the Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre on **1800 136 380**.

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Remote Services

Department of Transport

Visiting Gascoyne Junction

When Tuesday 21 May 2024 8.30am - 12.00pm

Where CRC Office

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

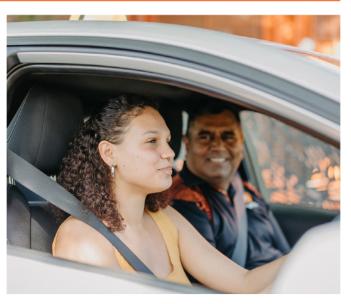
- → Practical Driving Assessments
- Driver's licence applications
- → Theory tests
- Rego and driver's licence renewals
- Photo card applications
- Change of address
- → Vehicle transfers
- → Return of number plates

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



For enquiries please call:

Georgina - 0459 872 275



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DINE UNDER the STARS!

FOOD FESTIVAL EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Flavours of the Gascoyne at Gascoyne Junction
 Australia's Biggest BBQ at Mount Augustus
 - · Minga Munda Gnoonda

ALSO:

- Music in the Park
- · Lunch at an Outback Working Station
 - Bush Supermarket Tours with Wooramulla Eco Journeys
 - Enjoy Mount Augustus and Kennedy Range National Park
 - Stargazing





FESTIVAL events

SATURDAY AUGUST 24

FLAVOURS OF THE GASCOYNE AT GASCOYNE JUNCTION



Under Gascoyne Skies enjoy fine dining with flavours of the Gascoyne region prepared by our renowned Chef Omo. Spend an evening with friends, new and old as you enjoy Outback Hospitality at this long table dinner.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28 -THURSDAY AUGUST 29



MINGA MUNDA GNOONDA
KENNEDY RANGE OVERNIGHT STAR STORIES
WITH WOORAMULLA ECO CULTURAL JOURNEYS

Star stories at Mundatharra (Kennedy Range) is for many, a spiritual experience. A sacred place, this is the heart of Yinggarda Country where many of our Dreaming stories were born and have been shared over millennia. In the total absence of noise and light pollution, you will experience the night sky as it was when our ancestors walked this country. Afterwards enjoy campfire yearns, Kangaroo Curry and fresh baked damper.

SATURDAY AUGUST 31 AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST BBQ AT MOUNT AUGUSTUS



The iconic Biggest BBQ at the world's Biggest Rock will take place again on Saturday 31 August. With Mt Augustus Beef on the menu and an array of seasonal Gascoyne produce this is a bucket list experience to treasure always.

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

TICKETS

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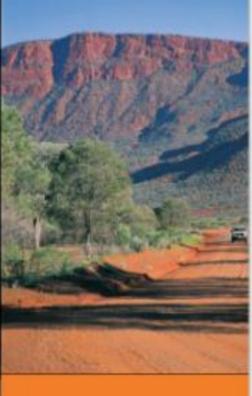




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Tickets \$120

Come and enjoy a 4 course meal which includes our very own Southern Rangeland Beef cooked by Chef Paul Kelly

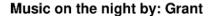
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Are you looking for a place to get your business, your event, or your items for sale in front of the residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne?

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

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A6 - \$22.30

Business Card Size - \$9.00

Contact the CRC on 9943 0988 or crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Free advertising for community groups and not for profit organisations.



What's Up in the Night Sky?

With Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti



Meteor Shower Spectacular

Stargazers will be treated to a special display when the Eta-Aquarids Meteor Shower peaks this month. A meteor shower occurs when our planet Earth passes through the trail of debris left by a comet after it has completed its journey around our Sun. This shower is the result of Halley's Comet which orbits the sun once every 76 years. It's not due to return to Earth until 2061, however it still treats us to two meteor showers per year with the second shower being the Orionids on display in October.

The eta-Aquarids Meteor Shower is active from 19th April to 28th May with the peak happening on 6th May. With no Moon to wash out the views, it will be perfect conditions. It's predicted that there will be up to 30 meteors per hour at the peak of activity. It's worth watching this meteor shower in the days either side of the peak as well. Meteors can be seen in off-peak times too.

When and where to look: Early morning before sunrise on 6th May. Look near to Saturn in the east for the radiant point of this meteor shower.



3.30am, 6th May 2024. Image provided courtesy SkySafari, SkySafariAstronomy.com.

Magical Milky Way

Another awesome sight to see in our spectacular dark night skies, is the band of the Milky Way, stretching right across the sky. From mid-autumn to mid-spring, we look towards the centre or core of our own galaxy and see a cloudy band of billions of stars that arcs from the south east to the south west. Many people around the world are unable to witness this breathtaking view due to light pollution, however out in country WA, we can enjoy the experience of seeing the stunning Milky Way Galaxy in all its glory.

When and where to look: Well after sunset on moonless nights are the best times to see the Milky Way. Look to the south east and south west.

For more "What's Up in the Night Sky?" stargazing tips, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.



SMOKO TIME

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board.

How is that possible?

DEL THE PEOPLE ON BOARD ARE MARRIED

GAME NIGHT

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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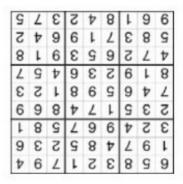
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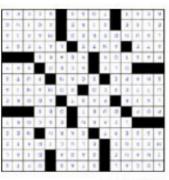
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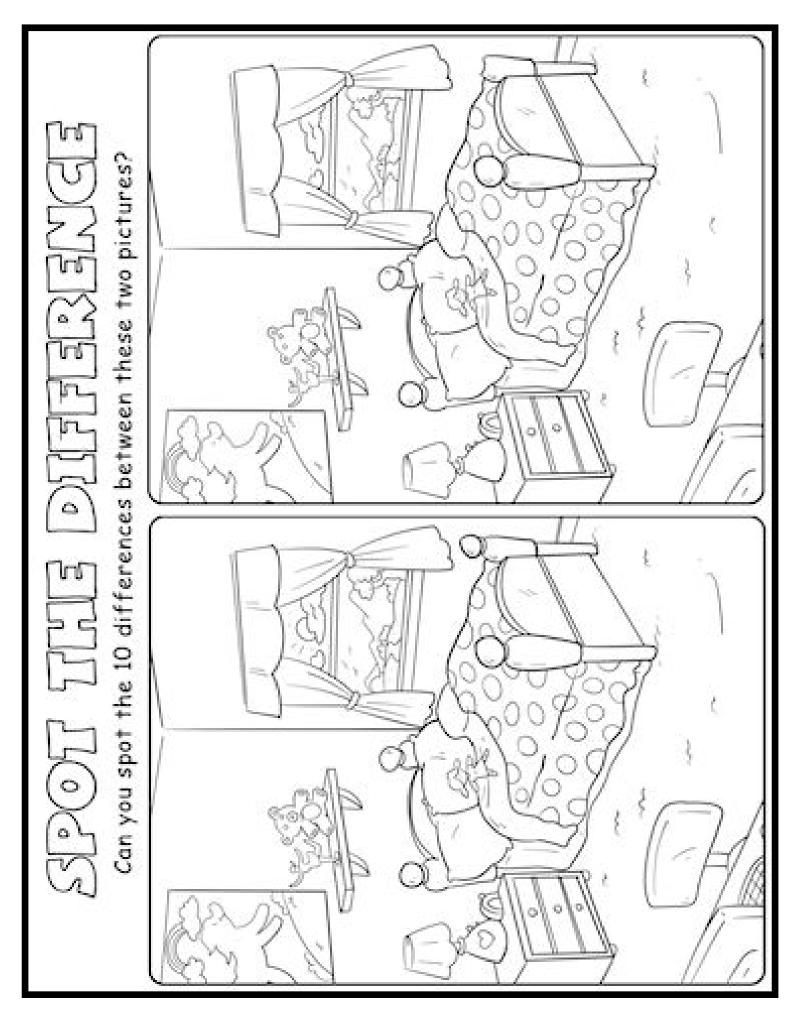


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HAVE A GO AT SOME FUN RIDDLES

You're in a race and you pass the person in second place.

What place are you in now?

How can you go 10 days without sleep?

SECOND PLACE

SLEEP AT NIGHT

If you have it, you don't share it. If you share it, you don't have it.

What is it?

A SECRET

What has 13 hearts, but no lungs or stomach?



A DECK OF CARDS

The person who makes it has no need of it, and neither does the person who buys it.

But the person who uses it can neither see nor feel it.

What is it?

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While a cat was outside, it started to downpour. The cat couldn't find any shelter and got completely soaked by the rain, yet not a single hair was wet.

How could this be?

A COFFIN

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Metter's Day



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

Gascoyne Junction 2024 NURSING CLINIC DATES



24 JAN 21 FEB 20 MAR 17 APR 15 MAY 19 JUN 17 JUL 21 AUG 18 SEP 16 OCT 20 NOV 18 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 with the exception of January



- 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

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UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS



NURSING CLINIC

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15 MAY

YOUTH GROUP

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RESOURCE
CENTRE

16 MAY

CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

25-26 MAY

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
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CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

15-16 JUNE

NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

19 JUNE

YOUTH GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

25 JUNE

YOUTH GROUP

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16 MAY