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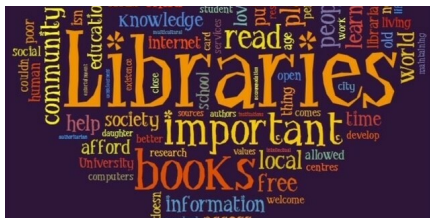
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## Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

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.



### CEO Report

This has been quite a short month in respect to getting work on the ground as we have been extremely busy with the Australian Tidy Towns Awards. The planning that went into this event has been immense with a multitude of moving parts taking hundreds of man hours to ensure all of the pieces came together over the four days. I am pleased to advise that this event has now become the bench mark for all other hosting Towns with the Tidy Towns executive blown away with our efforts. All of our staff, volunteers, contractors and community members are to be congratulated on their hard work that made this event such a seamless and welcoming experience.

We now have on my desk the Financial Management Review and Regulation 17 draft reviews. We need to analysis this report and make comments as to various issues raised. We should be in position to present this Council at the June OMC.

I have reviewed the State Budget and overall there is not much in it for Local Government. We will see an increase in RRG funding due to the State receiving more revenue from Car Registrations and not an increase in the percentage. The Emergency Services Levy that the Shire collect on behalf of Government will increase 5% without any material expenditure in the Emergency Services area. Both Water and Power will increase approximately 2.5%. At the time of writing this report I am still waiting for the Federal Budget to be released. I am not expecting any major announcements. It will be interesting to see if R2R program gets an increase given that the LRCI program has been axed.

I can report that the results from my recent PET scan were once again all clear. The Oncologist advises if the next PET scan scheduled for November is clear I will be discharged, effectively meaning that I am cured. Once again I thank Council and Staff for their continued support.

Unfortunately I have to advise that Ian Golding has resigned after four years of service. Ian has been a great asset to the Shire and we wish him well in his future endeavors. We will go to the market and see if we can find a replacement, but given the current climate this will be difficult.

I have sent out a letter to all our Pastoral Property owners advising them of Council's intent to change the rating methodology seeking their comments.

Sean went to Shark Bay and met up with guys from Water Corp to find out more about the water treatment plants. It is recommended that we stay with a Reverse Osmosis Plant rather than the other alternative as the RO plants are easier to maintain and not so specialized.

## **Manager of Works and Services Report**

Thank you to all of the staff, community members and Councillors that helped make the Tidy Towns Awards such a great success. A special shout out to Ainsley, Cherie and Billie for the massive effort they put in during the week leading up to the event, during the event and afterwards. I think it's fair to say that we pulled off a great event, gone above and beyond and are all glad it is over.

Much of the town crew's efforts during May were focussed on preparing for the Tidy Towns awards. Sean has been busy working on the town water project including a trip to Denham to see firsthand how the RO plant operates and get an understanding of the true operational involvement required.

Repair work has begun on the newly acquired house on Hatch Street to bring it up to standard and add to the staff housing portfolio. The new 3x2 house also on Hatch Street is receiving new paths, driveway and verandas over the next few weeks also. We are currently working on procuring a contractor to complete the landscaping and garden works for both.

Parts of the shire office will be out of action this week as we remove the remaining asbestos and divide the CEO office in two. This will provide a new office for the works admin role.

We are working closely with Hastings to address the damaged sections of road on Ullawarra Road. We are hoping Hastings will provide the necessary funds to complete the repairs as we believe the damage is a direct result of them accessing Yangibana with heavy vehicles and not taking appropriate action back in August to repair the issue then. I will also be working with Delta on a similar issue on a small section of Cobra Dairy Creek road.

Our maintenance graders have been making the most of the wetter weather on Ullawarra and Landor Mount Augustus road. Ray Hoseason has jumped in Thomas' grader while he is off work to assist us. He will join Ian on Landor Mount Augustus road heading south after completing Lyndon Minnie Creek roads and patch grading across to the mount. The works crew have completed our final RRG project on Cobra Mount Augustus. This included resheeting several worn sections and replacing the Mt Augustus/Cobra boundary grid. The crew will now move onto reheating work on the Landor Mt Augustus road which round out all of our projects for 2023/24 financial year.

Sadly, Ian Golding has tendered his resignation and taken employment in his home town Geraldton. Ian indicated his intentions to resign last year but to his credit has stayed on while both Thomas Fletcher and I have been out of action. This shows his dedication to the shire and region. Ian has been an extremely loyal, professional and versatile employee of the Upper Gascoyne Shire. He will be sorely missed and I wish him and Christine all of the best in the future.



## **Manager of Finance and Corporate Services**

It has been an extremely busy month as, not only have we been hands on with Tidy Towns lead up and hosting the event, we still have had to keep the office operating. Thanks to the teams efforts they have met this challenge though some are feeling somewhat jaded as it has been a massive effort.

Tidy Towns Awards was a wonderful success resulting in the fruition of many months of planning by our Tourism and Community Development Officer Ainsley and the hands on team effort provided by staff, councillors and volunteers. It is fair to say that without their support the event would not have been the success it was and all should be fully commended for their efforts.

During May the team will be focusing on finalising the interim audit, reviewing insurance schedules and policies for 2024/2025, providing feedback commentary on the Regulation 17 and Financial Services Management Review which is due to be presented to council in the near future.

So all in all, even though we are back to the norm, our small team still packs a punch and keeps the cogs oiled and working efficiently and efficiently.



## **Community Resource Centre Update**

April always seems short especially when you add in the public holidays of ANZAC Day and Easter. At the CRC we have crammed in a lot to these four weeks with events, reorganising and preparing. Easter saw the start of visitor season and we have been welcoming international, interstate and intrastate visitors to the centre and region. Fly nets have been the accessory desired most. Welcome rain fell at the start of the month but it was pleasing to see less phone calls about road conditions due to being more aware of the online road report. This rain saw the postponement of planned pastoralist sundowner events and our youth group activities. With preparations underway for Tidy Towns the relaunch of walking tours this season has been delayed.

ANZAC Day saw 74 people attend the service which again started with a march down Gregory Street with the 10th Western Australian Lighthouse Organisation and the Carnarvon Horseman's Club. Thank you to Shire President Cr Caunt and Cr Walker for contributing to the service.

Brooke has been making herself at home in the CRC and has moved around some furniture making the space feel light and bright. We have more plans to better use this community and working space moving forward. Our library system will become fully automated in May moving away from the previous spreadsheet version. This has been quite the process but we are happy to launch this program.

May 15 will see the start of monthly physiotherapy clinics in Gascoyne Junction in conjunction with the monthly nursing visit. Thanks to funding through WACHS this will also be a free service for residents of the Upper Gascoyne. Our GP Clinics continue to be well patronised. A flu vaccine clinic was held with the May clinic with over 20 community members immunised. Shire staff have still assisted with five RFDS call outs during April for community members.

The Upper Gascoyne Tourism Capability Program is underway with DTM visiting the Upper Gascoyne in early April for onsite visits. Over the five days we were able to visit all participating stations. This mentoring will continue until the end of September.

Gascoyne Junction has again been recognised as a finalist in the 7News Perth Tourism Towns Awards. With a portion of the final result contributed to by public vote we will struggle to take out this title, however the industry benchmarks that need to be responded to and the standard required to become a finalists is a testament to the work that the Shire is undertaking, and the service provided by our tourism stakeholders. Being a finalist is an accolade in itself. Winners will be announced at the Tourism WA conference being held in Mandurah in June.

The National Tidy Towns Awards are done and dusted, and what an incredible effort by my colleagues at the Shire, but also our extended community. To the volunteers from our community groups that assisted with busy bees and at events, to the team at the Junction Pub for taking on additional guests and catering, Carey Downs Catering, Councillors for walking tours, the McTaggarts for a station visit, this event really took a village or our Shire community. The success of this event is a testament to why we were awarded the National Title to start with. The feedback from guests has been so positive and the program that we offered is to be used as a guideline for future National Tidy Town Awards. Well done to all.



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

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	30 January 2024
		Actual Completion Month:	May 2024
Works this period (May 2024)			
<p>Works during May comprised the cement stabillisation of numerous damaged unsealed floodways on the following roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cobra Dairy Creek Rd</li><li>• Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd</li><li>• Dalgety Downs Landor Rd</li><li>• Eudamullah Rd</li><li>• Ullawarra Rd</li></ul> <p>All works in this package are now complete. The Contractor has demobilised from site and the final documentation is being collated and prepared ready for submission to DFES.</p>			
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		100%	87%
Bingegaroo Rd		100%	99%
Callagiddy Winderie Rd		100%	100%
Carey Downs Rd		100%	100%
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd		100%	90%
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd		100%	0%
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd		100%	0%
Cobra Mt Augustus Rd		100%	99%
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd		100%	55%
Dalgety Downs Landor Rd		100%	96%

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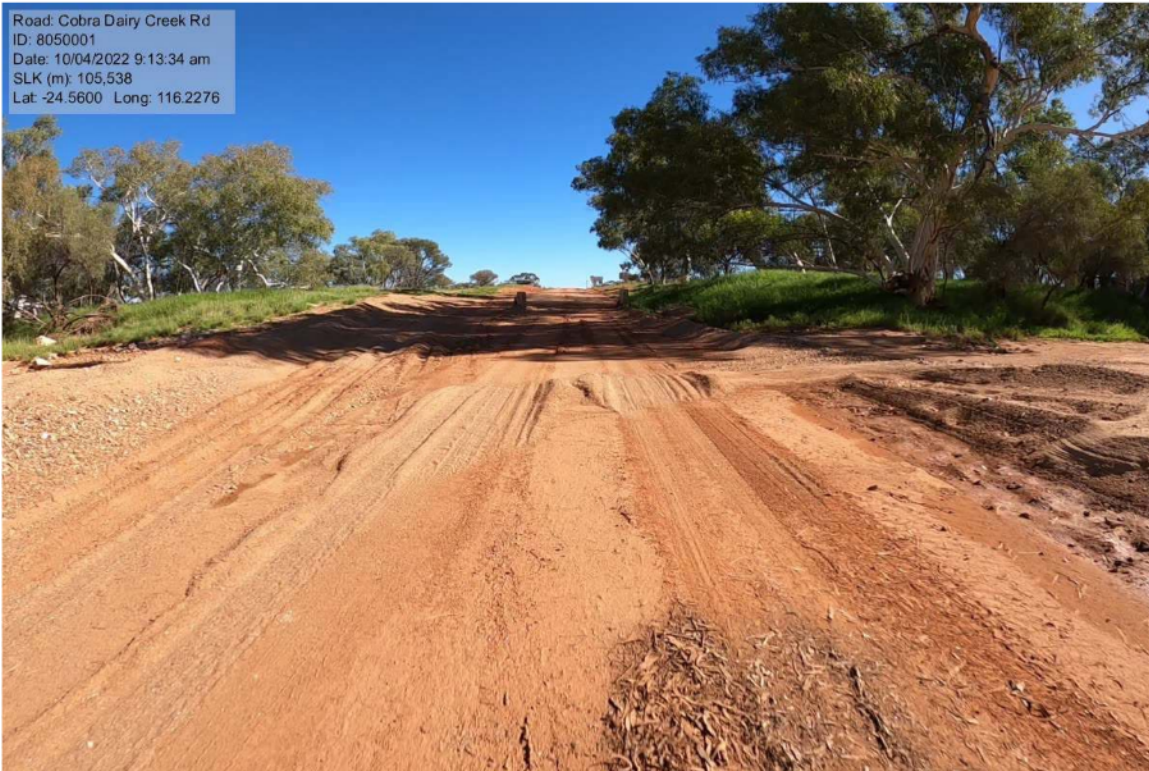
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Dooley Downs Rd	100%	50%
Edmund Gifford Creek Rd	100%	100%
Erong Rd	100%	100%
Eudamullah Rd	100%	14%
Gifford Ullawarra Rd	100%	100%
Glenburgh Access Rd	100%	100%
Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd	100%	100%
Lyons River Rd	100%	100%
Mardathuna Rd	100%	100%
Minnie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

**Cobra Dairy Creek Rd**



**Slk 105.538 – 105.577- Defect**



**Slk 105.538 – 105.577- Completed**

# JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2024



*30th January End of School Holidays*

17th and 18th February 23rd

AGM/Untutored Workshop

and 24th March

Bag Workshop

*29th March - 14th April School Holidays*

20th April and 21st April

Tuffet Workshop

25th and 26th May

Untutored Workshop

22nd and 23rd June NEW

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

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





# JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP

# TUFFETS

JOIN US TO MAKE YOUR VERY OWN TUFFET



## WORKSHOP DETAILS

**22ND & 23RD JUNE 2024**

**\*\*\*\*NOTE NEW DATE \*\*\*\***

**JUNCTION PAVILION**

**COST:**

**\$100 MEMBERS**

**\$175 NON MEMBERS**

## KIT INCLUDES:

- TUFFET HARDWARE BASE/TOP/FEET
- STAPLE GUN
- STANLEY TRIMMER
- UPHOLSTERY NEEDLES

**RSVP 30/5/24 JUNCTIONCRAFT@GMAIL.COM**

**ONLY 10 KITS AVAILABLE**

## WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- SEWING MACHINE
- FABRIC AS FOLLOWS
  - 64 X 2" STRIPS 21" LONG OR
  - 8 X 1/4 YARD PIECES OF FABRIC
  - 6" SQUARE OF FABRIC - BUTTON
  - 18" SQUARE OF FABRIC TO COVER THE BOTTOM
  - 1 1/4 YARD MUSLIN IF PIECING
- \$50 IF YOU WANT PAPER PIECING PATTERN
- FOOD TO SHARE AS PER EMAIL CLOSER TO WEEKEND



# BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

## Twixt a rock and a great place



BY TORRANCE MENDEZ

**FORMER** Perth stockbroker Peter Vogelsanger was wiped out in the 1987 sharemarket crash but bounced back to become the highest flyer at Mt Augustus.

His outback tourist resort 850km north of Perth sits in the shadow of the world's biggest rock where he feeds and accommodates travellers.

In the 1980s he helped drive a booming stock market before prices plunged worldwide.

"It took me four years to get back to the land of the living," Mr Vogelsanger said.

But he lost his appetite for broking when his financial health returned by 1992 and quit the profession after 15 years with the same Perth firm.

He wanted to go into some sort of tourist business, but favoured spots in the Kimberley region proved too expensive.

Eventually he bought into the 10ha tourist facility at remote Mt Augustus, in the Gascoyne region, and renamed it Mt Augustus Outback Tourist Resort three years ago.

He exchanged his luxury house with swimming pool in

Scarborough for a 7m caravan. And collars and ties gave way to T-shirts, bushman's hat, shorts and boots.

Hordes of tourists are catered for in peak season with partner Joylene Young. But the visit by *The West Australian* two weeks ago was their first sight of strangers for five weeks.

In the city, Mr Vogelsanger battled corporate bulls, bears

and stags. In the outback he is at the mercy of Mother Nature.

"We had more than a shower of rain in July two years ago and there were more than 200 people stuck here because the roads were closed," he said.

"That was not much fun. A lot of them had to be somewhere else or wanted to get out. If they lost a day in their lives it was the end of the world."

The granite vegetation-covered rock known as Mt Augustus — Burringurrah to the Wadjari Aboriginal people — is twice as big as Uluru and three times older.

"Hardly anyone walks away from here having seen both Augustus and Uluru and not reckon this is the better spot in winter time," Swiss-born Mr Vogelsanger said.



**Outback getaway:** Peter Vogelsanger has exchanged a hectic life on the stock exchange for running one of Australia's most isolated tourist attractions at Mt Augustus. PICTURE: STEVE FERRIER



# 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:** Peter Cullen

**Nickname:** Chopper

**Place of birth:** Tumut NSW

**Where did you grow up?** Tumut, Snowy Mountains, NSW

**Favourite food?** Battered fish n chips & anything Jenni cooks.

**Favourite animal?** Tiger

**Footy team:** West Tigers

**Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?** Return to National Parks opportunity.

**How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?** 1 month

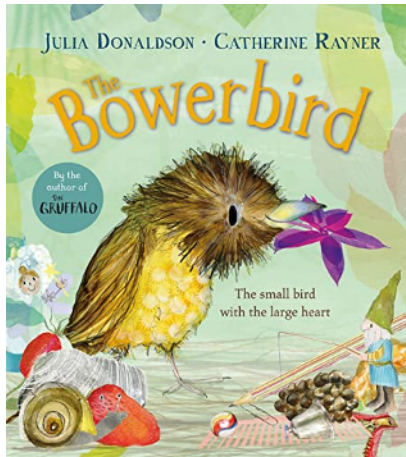
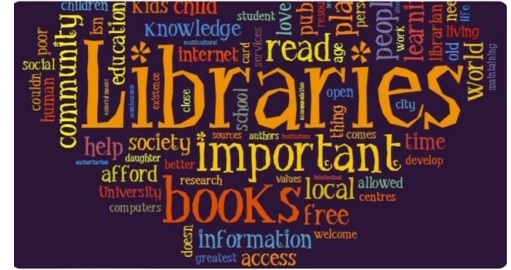
**What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?** Gascoyne River System, close friends, birds, sunsets, night sky,

**What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne?** Music, bands evening/ afternoons on the Gascoyne Junction Green

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!



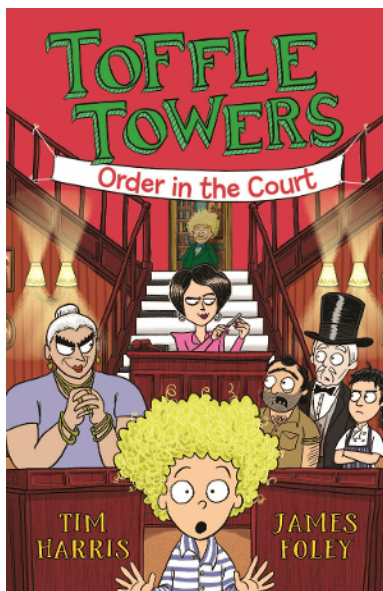
# BOOKS OF THE MONTH



## THE BOWERBIRD- JULIA DONALDSON

The Bowerbird is the irresistible tale of Bert - a small bird with a very big heart, from Number One bestselling Julia Donaldson and Kate Greenaway Medal-winning Catherine Rayner.

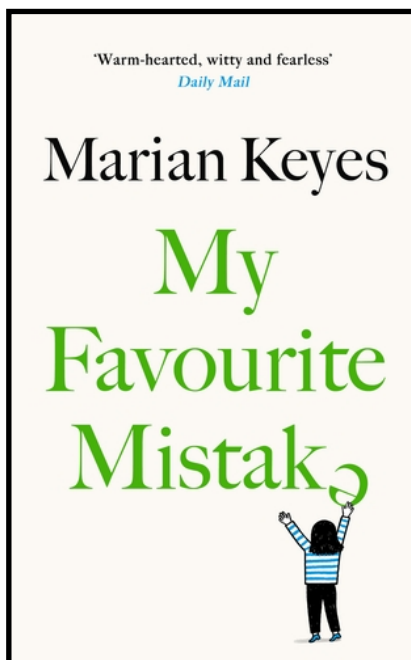
Bert the bowerbird is looking for love. He has made the most perfect bower, complete with a pretty purple flower, and is hoping it will help him to meet the bird of his dreams. But when Nanette comes along, she is far from impressed. Poor Bert is hurt, and flies off to bring her presents a-plenty. But will it ever be enough, and is Nanette really right for Bert



## TOFFLE TOWERS ORDER IN THE COURT- TIM HARRIS

Join Chegwin Toffle for more fun and frolics as Toffle Towers gets snowed in. Amid the snowball fights, things start to go wrong when guests' precious belongings go missing and Brontessa Braxton launches yet another assault to take over the hotel. Will Chegwin catch the culprit? Will he be able to beat Brontessa in court to save his beloved hotel and staff? And will he ever find the missing room 50 and the hotel's mystery guest?

## MY FAVOURITE MISTAKE- MARIAN KEYES



Anna has a life to envy. An apartment in New York. A well-meaning (too well-meaning?) partner. And a high-flying job in beauty PR. Who wouldn't want all that? Anna – it turns out.

Turning a minor mid-life crisis into a major life event she bins the lot, heads back to Ireland, and gets a PR job for a super-high-end coastal retreat.

Tougher than it sounds. Newsflash: the locals hate it. So much so, there have been threats – and violence.

Anna, however, worked in the beauty industry. There's no ugliness she hasn't seen. No wrinkle she can't smooth over. Anna's got this.

Until she discovers that leaving New York doesn't mean escaping her mistakes.

Once upon a time she'd had a best friend.

Once upon a time she'd loved a man.

Now she has neither.

And now she has to face them.





TOGETHER WE SUCCEED

# Newsletter

27/05/2024

Responsibility Resilience Respect

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

*Hello to parents, families, and the school community.*



Our Public School Review (PSR) was held earlier this term and we received many commendations across all six domains. We have included one commendation from each domain below.

**Leadership:** Dedicated, passionate and compassionate leadership drives the forward thinking and progressive culture that exists in the school. They are committed and highly engaged with staff and families.

**Partnership & Relationships:** Collaboration between staff is embedded in the school's culture of collective efficacy and underpinned by mutual respect and a unified commitment to high expectations.

**Student Achievement & Progress:** Raising student academic performance is recognised as a collective responsibility. There is a commitment to using data and constant monitoring of effect size to ensure every student is supported to reach their potential.

**Use of Resources:** Astute financial acumen ensures fiscal and responsive management of resources, providing all students with the best possible learning opportunities.

**Teaching Quality:** High levels of teacher efficacy are reflected through a shared commitment to accountability and responsibility for every student's success. This reflects a collaborative teaching culture, featuring the prerequisite conditions to deliver impactful pedagogy that paves the path to academic success for all students.

**Learning Environment:** Exceptional education assistants are highly effective in the provision of individual student support and contribute to a well-developed identification process.

Our PSR report including commendations and recommendations will be uploaded on our school Facebook page and a copy sent home to each family.

*Kind regards, Jackie Miller (Principal)*

## STUDENT COUNCILLOR REPORT



Our student councillors Scarlet and Juanita will host our **Jump Rope for Heart** event in the last week of this term. Information about how to register will be sent home this week and all donations can be made online at the website.

Students can win prizes according to how much money they raise. Community members are invited to join us on the day.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 1:30pm -2:15pm**



## TRAFFIC LIGHT NUTRITION GUIDE

**choice**  
THE PEOPLE'S WATCHDOG

### FOODS

NUTRIENT	LOW (per 100g)	MED (per 100g)	HIGH (per 100g)
Total fat	≤ 3g	3.1g – 19.9g	≥ 20g
Saturated fat	≤ 1.5g	1.6g – 4.9g	≥ 5g
Sugars	≤ 5g	5.1g – 14.9g	≥ 15g
Sodium	≤ 120mg	121mg – 599mg	≥ 600mg



## TERM TWO SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Ainsley Hardie  
Chairperson



John McCleary  
Community Member



Brooke Soltoggio  
Community Member



Jackie Miller  
Principal



Abbie Connell  
Staff Member

The Term 2 Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School Council meeting was held on May 13. Four out of the five council members were in attendance. The agenda for this meeting covered the Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference for the Council, and the 2023 Annual School Report was adopted.

It is always a pleasure to see this document and reflect on another incredible year at GJRCS and what the entire school community has achieved. Reading the annual report and the results of the Public School Review Feedback together in preparation for the meeting filled me with such a sense of pride in our School Community.

Learning is life long, and the gift to a child of encouraging and supporting them in their learning journey is such a privilege to watch. As a council it fills us with pride that we are setting an environment to give our students the best start to their education. We have heard of positive feedback to the changes in the food policy that we discussed and revised at the end of 2023. The staff, children, parents, and council were all involved in this and recognised the unique challenges faced living in a remote town.

Moving forward as a council we continue to learn each meeting improving our skills as council members. We are proud of the commendations we received from the recent Public School Review and we take the recommendations to implement into our strategic plan so that we can continue to be resilient, responsible, and respectful to the School Community. If you have anything you would like the Council to address, please do not hesitate to reach out.

**Ainsley Hardie, Chairperson**



**Attendance  
Matters**

*Every student. Every day.*

Sometimes students are absent without notification. It's important that when a student is absent from school, parents or carers contact the school to let us know what's happening so we can keep attendance details up to date. **Please call 9943 1600 to let us know what's happening whenever your child is absent.**



We are hoping to start a regular Playgroup at school, but we need **three families** to have completed and paid their registration before we can get the ball rolling.

**Contact Jackie on 9943 1600 for details if you are interested.**





Room 1 is  
having a  
blast!



This term in week 4 we were very lucky to have the team from SciTech visit our school! They showed us some awesome science experiments and we all became scientists for the day!



This term we have been learning about patterns, money, special celebrations, local history, informative writing and learning some funky dance moves!



Tennis was smashing this term! Zayne was a brilliant teacher and had some super fun games and skills to show us! Thank you for an awesome term of tennis!



Art is in full swing this term! Our first project was gifts for our lovely mothers.





The ANZAC theme for schools this year was *discover the stories of veterans in your local community*. Mr Hardie kindly came in and was interviewed by Milo and Eli. There were a range of interesting questions and answers. The students liked seeing the medals and learning about the different meanings of the symbols and colours.



## Scitech Visit

The upper primary and high school students enjoyed lots of hands-on investigations with the Scitech presenters. They investigated how sound travels through different objects using tuning forks, collected insects and viewed them under an electronic microscope, built rubber band cars, created explosions and designed an egg protection device.





# The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

**\$150**

For each Kindergarten and 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

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to [education.wa.edu.au/wasap](https://education.wa.edu.au/wasap)

Claim on the ServiceWA app



## WA Student Assistance Payment

### Discovery

Find the government services you need.

What are you looking for?



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 app support, scan the QR Code or visit [WA.gov.au/servicewaapp](https://WA.gov.au/servicewaapp)

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit [education.wa.edu.au/wasap](https://education.wa.edu.au/wasap)

## Chocolate wheat cookies

Traffic Light: ●

**Ingredients: Serves: 16 (approx 30g each)**

- 4 wheat biscuits (e.g. Weet-Bix, Vita Brits)
- 3/4 cup rolled oats
- 3/4 cup wholemeal plain flour
- 100g brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 2/3 cup dried apricot
- 3 tablespoons margarine
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 1 teaspoon bicarb soda
- 1/4 cup boiling water



### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 160°C
2. Mix all dry ingredients in a bowl
3. Place margarine and golden syrup in a small saucepan and heat gently until melted
4. Mix bicarb and water together and pour into margarine mixture
5. Add to dry ingredients and stir until combined
6. Place tablespoons of mixture onto a oven tray lined with greaseproof paper
7. Bake for 15-20 minutes, leave to cool completely on tray

### COMING EVENTS

27/03/24 – 3/06/24	<b>National Reconciliation Week</b>
03/06/24	<b>WA DAY – Public Holiday</b>
05/06/24	School Psych visit
19/06/24	School Psych visit
20/06/24	Cross Country in Carnarvon – Yrs. 3-6
21/06/24	Winter Carnival in Carnarvon – Yrs. 3-6
21/06/24	<b>REPORTS HOME</b>
27/06/24	<b>Jump Rope for Heart</b>
28/06/24	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
07/07/24-14/07/24	NAIDOC Week
16/07/24	<b>Students return to school</b>



A simple, sweet, mild curry made with beef, but could just as easily be made with other meat, seafood or even vegetarian.

## Slow Cooker Yellow Beef



### Ingredients

- 500 g beef casserole diced
- 4 potatoes diced
- 1 onion diced
- 1 red capsicum diced
- 400 ml coconut cream
- 1/2 cup Beef Style Liquid Stock
- 1 tbs ginger crushed
- 3 tbs yellow Thai curry paste
- 3 tsp garlic crushed
- 1 tbs fish sauce
- 2 tbs brown sugar
- 1 tbs cornflour
- 1 tbs lemon juice

### Method

1. In the slow cooker combine beef, potatoes, onion, capsicum, coconut cream, stock, ginger, curry paste, garlic, fish sauce and brown sugar.
2. Cook on slow for 8 hours.
3. Mix cornflour with juice from the curry into a paste and add to the curry.
4. Cook on high for a further 30 minutes with the lid off to allow the sauce to thicken.
5. Stir in lemon juice and serve with boiled rice.

·Serves 6





## JUNE

- 10 Brooke Podmore
- 19 Heejong Hwang
- 19 Cherie Walker
- 20 Sean Walker
- 28 Alex Ball

## JULY

- 4 Blanche Walker
- 7 Hamish McTaggart
- 13 Darcy McKeough
- 14 Carl Julian
- 17 Dameon Whitby
- 24 Jarrod Walker
- 27 Jamie Podmore

## AUGUST

- 1 Alys McKeough
- 6 Harper Podmore
- 18 Spags Burnett
- 18 Harry McKeough



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

Email us at [crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au)



## Youth Group- Bake Anzac Biscuits

Youth group this month ended up being a girls afternoon of baking Anzac Biscuits and doing Jigsaws. Miss Connell came and joined in on the fun and Juanita and Sophie showed off their baking skills making some delicious Biscuits. The next youth group is on 25 June and the members chose Cake Decorating as this months activity.

Youth Group is open to all Upper Gascoyne residents aged 8 to 16.



## Social Tennis

Social Tennis is still going strong especially now that weather has cooled down.

Last week saw the a few new faces which was nice. The Minnie Creek crew stopped in for a game with baby Poppy as their Cheerleader, Abbie ventured down to see what the hype is all about and even Jarrod and Davo stopped by.

If you would like to become a part of Junction Tennis head down to the tennis court every Thursday from 6pm



**UPPER GASCOYNE YOUTH CLUB**

**ARE YOU AGED 8 TO 16 & LIVE IN  
THE UPPER GASCOYNE?**

**TUESDAY JUNE 25  
CAKE  
DECORATING  
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** *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

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

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OPEN TO ALL

**JUNCTION  
TENNIS COURT**

GREGORY STREET

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

MORE INFORMATION

**CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU**



# BIG SKY

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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](http://www.library.cgg.wa.gov.au/bigsky)





# GASCOYNE JUNCTION BUSH BALL FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY 20TH JULY 2024  
FROM 6PM - 12AM

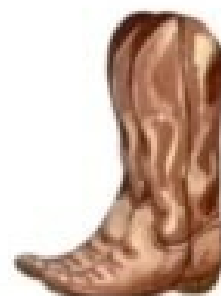
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DOOR PRIZE

AUCTION ITEMS

CHEEKI PIZZERIA CATERING

ALCOHOL SOLD SEPARATELY



TICKETS ON SALE  
22ND MAY 2024 AT  
9AM

HOSTED BY THE SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE



## 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 yarns, 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](http://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/tourism/under-gascoyne-skies-festival.aspx)

**TICKETS**

**ON SALE**



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Australia's  
**Biggest**  
BBQ  
31/08/24



**Tickets \$120**

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

**08 9943 0527**



**Mt Augustus Tourist Park**

Bookings Essential

[mtaugustustouristpark@skymesh.com.au](mailto:mtaugustustouristpark@skymesh.com.au)

Music on the night by: Grant



## Find Cancer Early: Tips when visiting your doctor about a possible symptom.

As we get older, many of us don't often think too much about a change to our body. This can result in us expecting and accepting changes over time as being normal.

But it is important to not be tempted to put something unusual down to 'getting older' before you've told your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker. Always have a chat and let them know what you've noticed, even if you're not concerned by it. Chances are it is nothing to worry about, but it's better to be on the safe side.

When you decide to make an appointment, lots of different questions and concerns can pass through your mind, such as:

- The doctor is always too busy.
- It's too hard to get an appointment.
- When I get to my appointment my mind goes blank.
- What could happen when I see the doctor or health worker?
- I don't have a doctor.
- I feel embarrassed or shame.

### Tips when you are visiting your doctor/health professional:

- Be clear about your symptoms.
- Calling early in the morning is often the best time to arrange an appointment and if you feel it is urgent let the receptionist know this when you call.
- If your usual health professional isn't available that day, ask for their earliest available appointment, or ask to see another doctor.
- Write down why you've made the appointment and what you want to tell your health professional.
- Keep a symptom diary of what's been happening, how long for, and how often it occurs – you can take this with you.
- Health professionals are there to help you – don't be embarrassed to let them know about any unusual changes you've noticed in your body.
- Take someone with you as a second pair of ears to listen & perhaps to take notes for you to clarify what is said at your appointment.

### Become familiar with common cancer symptoms.

We encourage adults, especially those over 40 years of age, to be aware of some common symptoms of cancers. You can give yourself the best chance to **Find Cancer Early**, by going to see a doctor straight away if you have symptoms, so that treatment is easier, and you can be around longer to do the things you love doing with the people you love.

### Where else can I get advice?

- Cancer Council WA – Information and Support line - **13 11 20**
- Visit [findcancerearly.com.au](http://findcancerearly.com.au)
- GP, nurse practitioner or pharmacist

### Have you had any of these...

#### ... for more than 4 weeks?

- ☐ Problems peeing
- ☐ Runny poo
- ☐ Unexplained weight loss
- ☐ An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in your body
- ☐ Becoming more short of breath
- ☐ A persistent cough
- ☐ A new or changed spot on your skin

#### ... once or more?

- ☐ Blood in your poo
- ☐ Coughing up blood
- ☐ Blood in your pee



If you have and you are over 40...

## Tell your doctor

The earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.



For more information visit [findcancerearly.com.au](http://findcancerearly.com.au)  
or call **13 11 20**



# GASSIFIEDS

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items for sale in front of the  
residents of the Shire of Upper  
Gascoyne?

Its time to book an advertising space  
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one month or year round this is the  
place to be seen.

## ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

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A6 - \$22.30

Business Card Size - \$9.00

Contact the CRC on 9943 0988 or  
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Free advertising for community groups  
and not for profit organisations.

## What's Up in the Night Sky?

With Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti

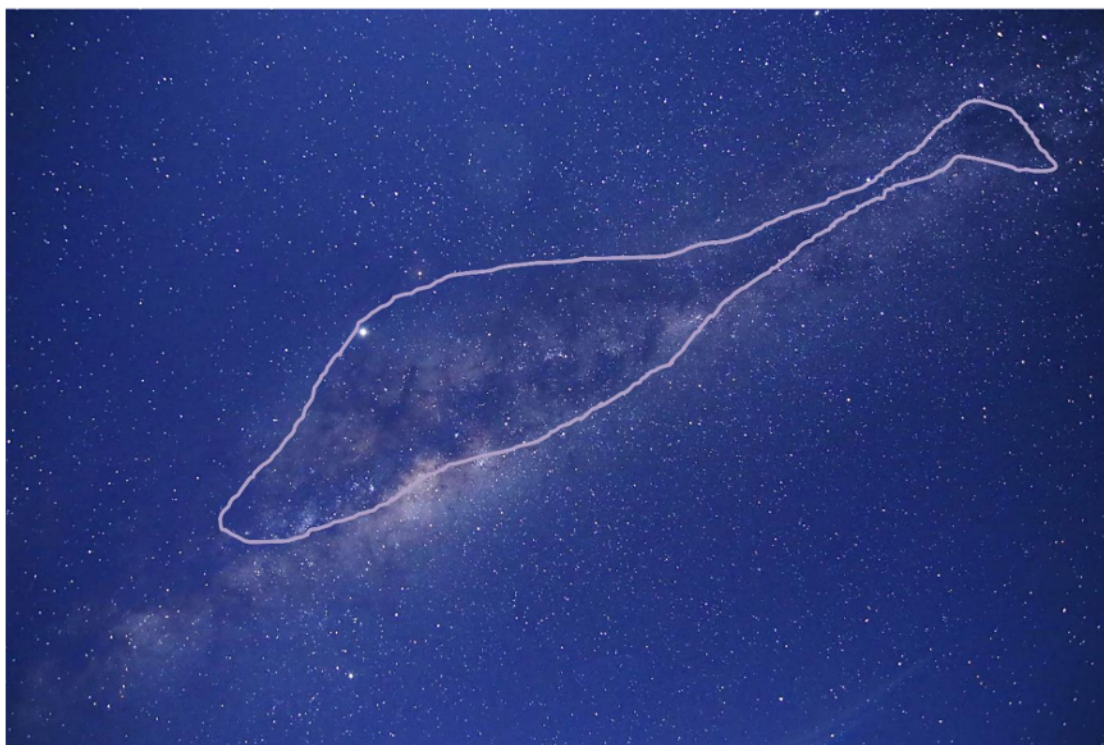
### It's Milky Way Season for Astrophotographers!

One of the most incredible objects to see in the night sky is the Aboriginal constellation, the 'Emu in the Sky'. It lies within the band of the Milky Way and its shape is outlined by dark areas of the night sky, not the stars. The Emu is best seen throughout winter and is spectacular, spreading right across the evening sky.

The 'Emu in the Sky' is perfectly outlined by the spectacular band of stars we know as Milky Way. It's this band of stars that attracts astrophotographers and inspires them to capture the beauty of the landscape underneath.

All West Australians are invited to enter images into the Astrofest Astrophotography Exhibition and Competition. This year's Astrofest is on 9th November and the Astrophotography Competition will open in coming months. Beginners are welcome and there's a category to suit everyone. Astrotourism WA sponsors the Astrofest Astrotourism WA Nightscape Award. Learn more at [www.astronomywa.net.au](http://www.astronomywa.net.au).

**When and where to look:** Well after sunset on moonless nights are the best times to see the 'Emu in the Sky' and the Milky Way, rising from the south east.



*Look for the 'Emu in the Sky' that stretches across the band of the Milky Way Galaxy.*

For more "What's Up in the Night Sky?" stargazing tips, visit [www.astrotourismwa.com.au](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au).





# SMOKO TIME

## RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Riddle: I reach for the sky, but clutch to the ground; sometimes I leave, but I am always around. What am I?

I AM A TREE

# Australian birds

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

Wedgetailed eagle	Tawnyfrogmouth	Treecreeper	Wattlebird
Honeyeater	Zebra finch	Kookaburra	Spoonbill
Fairywren	Thornbill	Grasswren	Lorikeet
Cockatoo	Pelican	Rosella	Plover
Pigeon	Magpie	Galah	Emu





Wedding Years

Cell Phones

Appetizers

First Names					Appetizers					Cell Phones				
Cory	Luke	Parker	Rebekah	Roy	fried mozzarella	fried pickles	onion rings	potato skins	soup of the day	Nextel	Sprint	T-Mobile	US Wireless	nTelos
1920														
1925														
1940														
1952														
1964														
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# Logic Puzzles

Presented by Puzzle Baron

Puzzle ID: W481UP

For hints, solutions and more puzzles, go to [www.Printable-Puzzles.com!](http://www.Printable-Puzzles.com!)

Wedding Years	First Names	Appetizers	Cell Phones
1920			
1925			
1940			
1952			
1964			

1. The person married in 1940 doesn't have a cell phone with nTelos.
2. The person with the Sprint cell phone didn't order onion rings.
3. Of Roy and Rebekah, one got married in 1952 and the other has always used nTelos.
4. Luke got married before the person who ordered potato skins as an appetizer.
5. The 5 people were the person with the T-Mobile cell phone, the person who ordered potato skins as an appetizer, the person married in 1964, Cory, and the person with the Nextel cell phone.
6. The person with the US Wireless cell phone didn't order fried mozzarella.
7. Rebekah got married before the person with the T-Mobile cell phone.
8. The person married in 1920 has always used Nextel.
9. The person with the T-Mobile cell phone got married after the person who ordered fried mozzarella as an appetizer.
10. Either the person with the Nextel cell phone or the person with the Sprint cell phone ordered onion rings.
11. The person who ordered fried pickles as an appetizer is Parker.



# KIDS CORNER

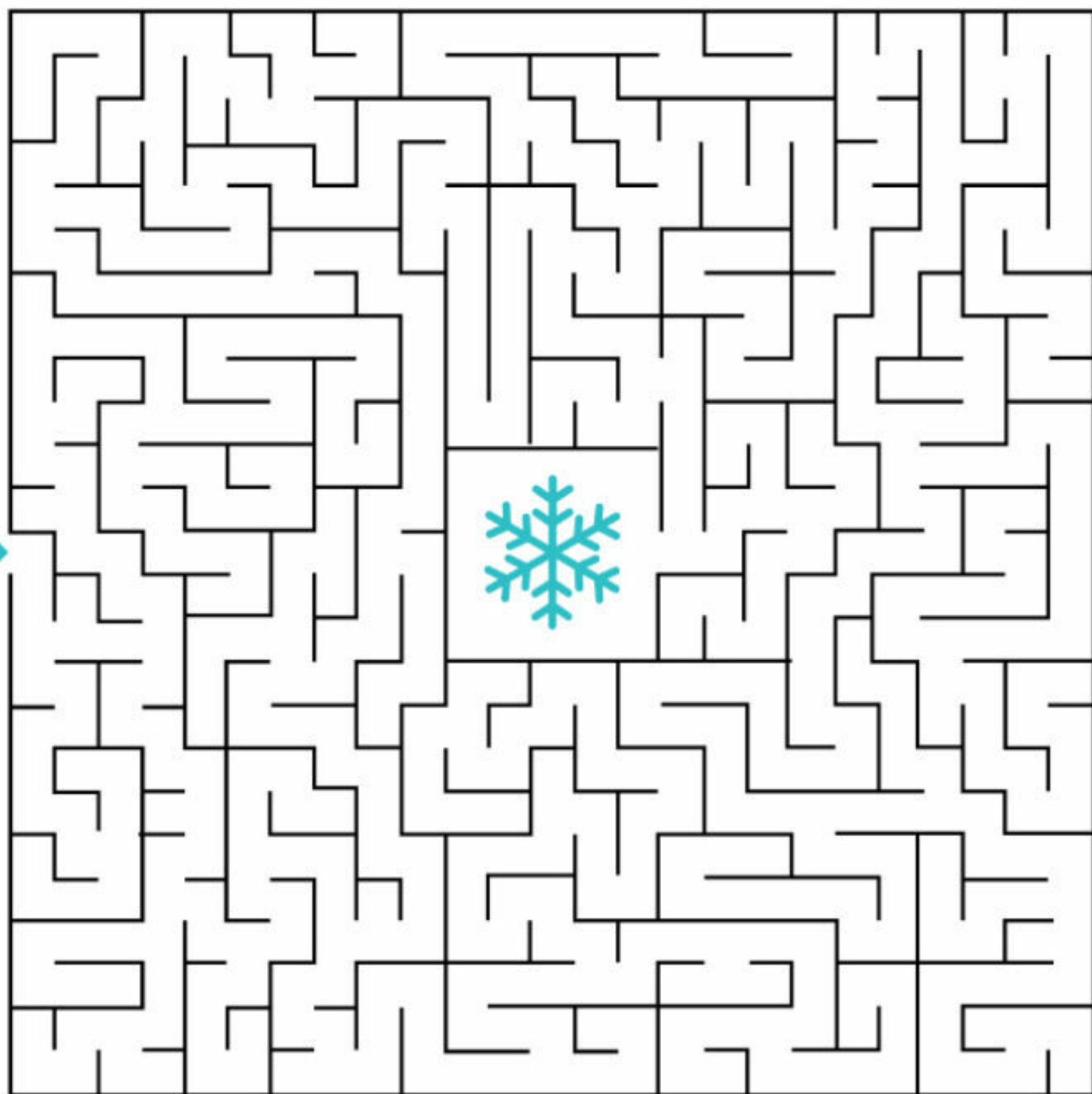
**KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH**  
**RIDDLE: What do you have to  
break before you can use it?**

AN EGG

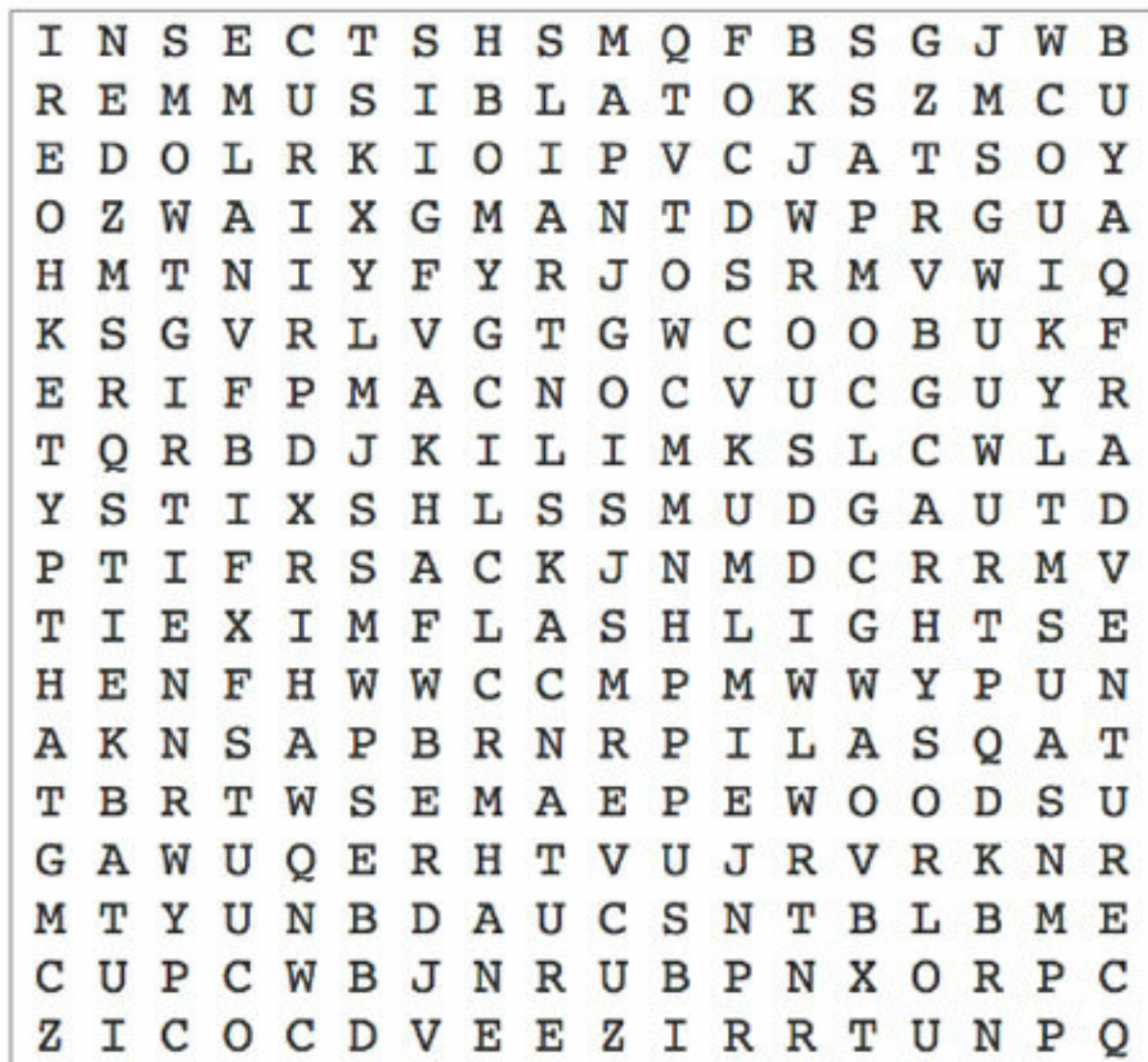


# WINTER MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach the snowflake in the center.



# Happy Camper Word Search



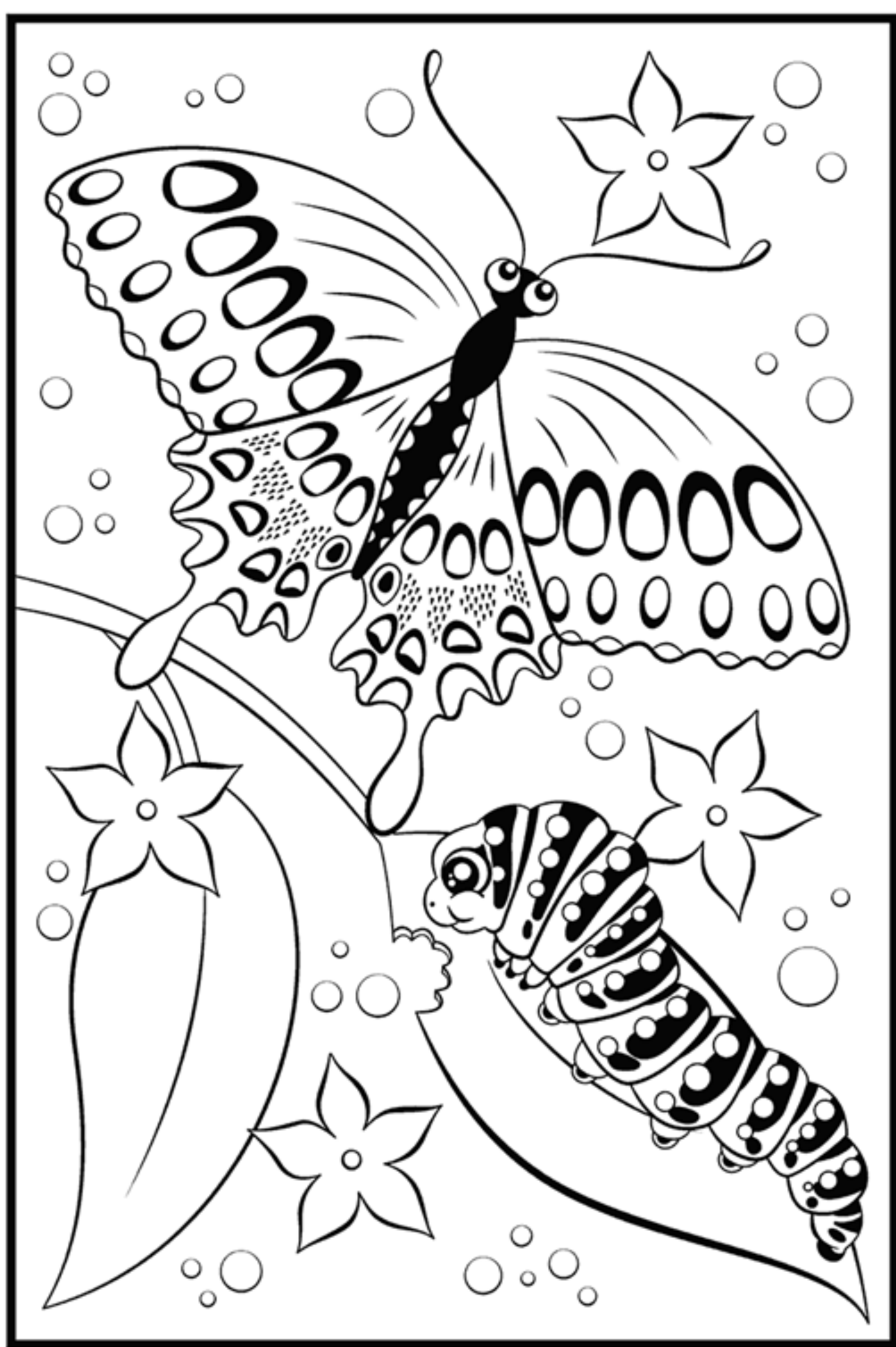
ADVENTURE  
BINOCULARS  
CAMPER  
CAMPFIRE  
COMPASS  
FISHING  
FLASHLIGHT  
HIKING  
INSECTS  
MAP

**Words  
to  
Find**

MARSHMALLOWS  
NATURE  
SAFETY  
STARS  
SUMMER  
SUNSCREEN  
SWIMMING  
TENT  
TRAILS  
WOODS







# 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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### GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

05 JUNE

### SOCIAL TENNIS

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
TENNIS  
COURT

06 JUNE

### SOCIAL TENNIS

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
TENNIS  
COURT

13 JUNE

### NURSING/ PHYSIO CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

19 JUNE

# UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS



### SOCIAL TENNIS

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
TENNIS  
COURT

20 JUNE

### CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
PAVILION

22-23 JUNE

### YOUTH GROUP

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

25 JUNE

### SOCIAL TENNIS

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
TENNIS  
COURT

27 JUNE

### GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

03 JULY

### STARGAZING

TWO RIVERS  
MEMORIAL  
PARK

09 JULY

### YOUTH GROUP CAMP

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
PAVILION

11 JULY

### NURSING/ PHYSIO CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

17 JULY