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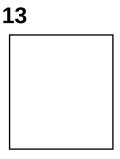
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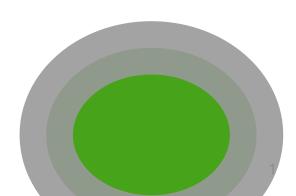
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#### Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

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**

Firstly, I would like to thank Jarrod and the rest of the team for taking the reigns whilst I was on annual leave. Even with one person absent it does put a lot of pressure on the remainders to pick up the slack as well as perform their own duties.

I would love to report that my holiday was full of excitement and mirth however this was not the case. I came down with the worst flu of my life despite having been immunised and was effectively bedridden for nearly two weeks.

The Shire President and I attend a special meeting of all Band 4 Local Governments in Perth with the aim of identifying four major areas of concern that affect us. Unfortunately, in my opinion, this meeting missed the mark and was probably the most unproductive meeting I have attended.

Movement is still occurring with the Commercial Land development and the Residential Development projects.

We have managed to secure an additional \$200,000 for our Roads through the RRG and this may increase dependent on the take-up of the other three Local Governments.

#### Manager of Works and Services Report

I would to thank John and the Council for entrusting me with filling in as CEO while John was on leave. I enjoyed the month and look forward to future opportunities.

We have gone to public tender for the pub lease and hope that the net has been cast wide enough to attract some serious interest. The tender closes at the end of October. At the same time, we have engaged Tim Kennedy to assist in updating the proposed new lease agreement in readiness for the next lessee. I would like to wish Ken and Dianne Kempton the best in their future endeavours.

Our town crew have almost caught up with the town parks, gardens and verges. We have enlisted some labour hire to assist with this and town is looking great. The newly acquired house on Hatch Street is complete as is the new built home at the north end of Hatch Street. We expect Horizon Power to complete the electrical connection this week. Both residences have come up a treat and will provide a comfortable, high standard of housing for staff.

The works crew have completed resheeting north of the Thomas River on Landor Mount Augustus Road. This was funded by Aboriginal Community Access program. We are now resheeting and repairing several floodways approximately 20kms south of Burringurrah as part of our Regional Road Group works program this year. Colas have arrived and begun our resealing work around town and on the Dalgety Downs Landor Road. The resealing should be completed within a week. We will complete approximately \$700,000 of reseals this year. Kevin Burket, (WA Mowing), has mowed the verges on nearly all our sealed roads. This has improved safety and visibility for drivers.

ABBL Contracting have completed various jobs around town including grid maintenance, Hatch Street fencing, drainage repairs at the tourist park, rubbish tip expansion and rubbish and scrap cleanup on the south and east side of town that was abandoned by previous contractors and lessees.

Our maintenance grader fleet has been reduced to just Ray Hoseason Smith for the past month. Clive is expected to return in November after having personal leave. We hope to see Thomas Fletcher back to work early next year. We experienced some serious damage on some of our roads in the east caused by the storm at the end of September. Landor Meekatharra Road was worst hit with long sections of pavement being washed away near Errabiddy. There was also damaged to multiple floodways near Mount Augustus and on Waldburg Rd. We engaged MTF and Mt Augustus to assist Ray in tidying these areas up. Ray will be taking a break from grading for a few weeks mustering before returning in late November.

#### Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

The first draft of our Annual Financial Statements was forwarded to auditors on the 30 September 2024 and ensuring compliance with the Local Government Act. The weeklong onsite audit will commence the 21 October 2024 and our team will be on hand to ensure all queries and samples are provided with the focus being a smooth audit process and a successful outcome .To date the finance team has been diligently working to ensure that we are ready, and the auditors can commence their work without delay. They have been busy beavers and are to be commended for their efforts. Well Done! The audit process and the finalisation of the Annual Financial Statements are scheduled for early December 2024 in readiness for presentation to the Audit Committee for review and adoption by Council at that months OCM, prior to inclusion into the Council's Annual Report. As you can see there are many hurdles for the team to clear and takes considerable time to accomplish.

On a lighter note we had our first EV Station user arrive at the CRC to top their car which just happened to be a Tesla.

He specifically came to Gascoyne Junction to use the EV Station.

As you can see from the pictures the car looks pretty impressive.







#### **Community Resource Centre Update**

#### Medical

As part of preparing for the Local Government Public Health Policy I attended the next information session based around Mental Health and received an update on the policy development process.

- In liaison with NDIS & Services Australia we are in negotiations to add NDIS to the services portfolio at the CRC. They will be conducting an onsite visit in November. This will operate the same as our current arrangement with Services Australia and NDIS will visit throughout the year for consults with the community.
- A second optometry clinic has been arranged for Wednesday October 23.
- Our GP Clinics continue to be well attended along with the physio clinics. We are working with nursing staff and WACHS on solidifying what can be offered through the nursing clinic.
- Attended the bi-monthly District Health Advisory Committee Meeting and have been invited to meet with the WACHS Board in late October.

#### **Economic Development**

- I am finalising a report from the Round Table Discussions held at the Mining Symposium in September.Lack of Accommodation, Housing, mechanical services and transport infrastructure were all key areas of concern from the attendees. Community Engagement, growth opportunities and road access were all seen as positive working pieces currently in the Shire.
- A call for submissions for the Gascoyne Regional Arts Strategy has been distributed by the Shire of Carnarvon. I have been invited to sit on the selection panel to appoint the consultants for this project. In the coming months they will visit the Upper Gascoyne to hold a community meeting to ascertain the needs of the Shire in the Arts space. The project is expected to be completed by April 2025.
- Met with the Wajarri Yamaji Aboriginal Corporation and had a conversation with the Project Officer for Conservation and the Communications Manager. It was a fruitful conversation discussing services they are trying to establish at Burringurrah and looking at it from a regional perspective.

#### Tourism

- Hosting Carnarvon Visitor Centre staff for a familiarisation trip in the Upper Gascoyne showcasing Gascoyne Junction, the road network and both Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus National Parks.
- Preparing collateral for Perth 4WD Show in November and have booked a site in partnership with the Shire of Carnarvon for the Perth Caravan and Camping Show next March. Working with Australia's Golden Outback in creating the Gascoyne Murchison Sub Region Marketing Strategy for 2025.
- Completed Phase 1 of Dark Sky Community Accreditation and have commenced Phase 2 of this process.

- I will be attending the Station Stays Workshop this month with some of our participants from the Accommodation Capability Project. This project continues to move forward and I am working on assisting in sourcing additional funding to assist with website development.
- Booked promotional materials for Caravan and Camping Brochure and Golden Outback Planner and updating content to reflect existing and new tourism product in the Shire.
- Attended Mt Augustus Funding Reference Group Meeting with DBCA and GDC.

#### Community

- • Thanks to the Gascoyne Catchments group I attended a Mental Health First Aid Course which was beneficial, and I will be sourcing for funding over the coming months to run this course locally in the Upper Gascoyne.
- I am submitting a grant application to assist with cofounding the Aged Care Community Assist project planned for 2025.
- Preparation of the 2025 Events Calendar is underway.
- Working with community donation recipients for events held over the past few weeks to complete acquittals.
- Our EV Charging Station was used with a visit of a pastoralist from the Wheatbelt in his Tesla. He visited Junction solely because we had an EV Charging Station and spent two nights in town visiting Kennedy Range.

#### Media

- Interviewed on ABC Pilbara Mornings re the impact of rain on the roads prior to Landor Races and the importance of following local road condition reports.
- Interviewed by the Sunday Times for an article to appear on the Wool Wagon Pathway.
- Prepared Media Release for distribution re the change of Lessee at the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park.



Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries WA Local Government Grants Commission

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

To be held at the:

#### Shire of Upper Gascoyne Monday 25 November 2024 Commencing at 1.30pm and concluding at 3.30pm

Order of Proceedings:

- 1. Shire to open the hearing
- 2. Introduction by the Chair of the Commission
- Presentation by the Commission on its role, function and the process it uses to determine Financial Assistance Grants
- 4. Discussion on Shire's submission (if submitted)
- 5. Close of hearing

The Western Australia Local Government Grants Commission makes annual recommendations to the State Minister for Local Government on the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants to local governments in Western Australia.

In accordance with the Commonwealth Act, the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*, the Commission is required to conduct public hearings with local governments in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations and to discuss any submissions made to the Commission by local governments.

Organisations or persons wishing to make a submission, in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations of the Commission, at the above hearing, are requested to register their interest with:

Ms Taryn Cox WA Local Government Grants Commission Tel: (08) 6552 1673 Email: grants.commission@dlgsc.wa.gov.au



#### **COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025**

4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Each Month*						
February*	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>					
March	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>					
April*	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>					
May	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>					
June	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>					
July	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>					
August	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>					
September	Wednesday 24 <sup>h</sup>					
October	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>					
November	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>					
December*	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>					
*Exception being February (b	prought forward due to long					
break between meetings) April (Moved due to School						
Holidays) and December (bro	ought forward due to					
Christmas).						

Ordinary Council Meetings commence at 10:30am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, except for the May meeting – this will be held at the Mount Augustus Tourist Park in conjunction with the Eastern Road inspections.

Road inspections are scheduled for:

April 2024 - Western Road inspections May 2024 - Eastern Road Inspections

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

John McCleary JP Chief Executive Officer

# SHIRE OFFICE AND CRC CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES FOR 2024/2025

We would like to advise that the Shire and the CRC will be closed from 12noon on the 20th of December 2024 to the 6th of January 2025.

We will re-open on Monday the 6th January 2025 as per normal business hours.

The Shire and CRC Staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas!



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





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

Orghanta		Package Start Date:	8 June 2024				
Contractor	MTF Services	Forecast Completion Date:	November 2024				
Works this period (October 2024) Pingandy Rd		Works next period (November 2024)					
Pingandy Rd	1	Mt Augustus Woodlands	Rd				
removal of silt and s	Pingandy Rd comprising cour repairs and medium	Commence and complete a	II work on this road				
and heavy grading.		Waldburg Rd					
	the last work swing a few oor weather and rain	Restart and complete all remaining work on the road working from northern end south.					
		All works will be complete b November 2024	y late October / ear				
and and a second se	Status	of Roads					
and the second second		This Month	Last Period				
Overall Package		84%	65%				
Landor Meekatharra	Rd	100%					
Landor Mt Augustus	Rd	100%					
Landor Mt Clere Rd		100%					
Meekatharra Mt Cler	e Rd	100%					
Mt Augustus Woodla	nds Rd	Works yet to commence					
Pingandy Rd	N.	89%					
Waldburg Rd		52%	52%				
Discussion Items							
Water / Materials		Refer attached rese	ources report				
		Dooley Downs Rd					

GERALDTON

#### PERTH



#### Pingandy Rd



Slk 16.355 - 16.373 - Defect



Slk 16.355 - 16.373 - Completed

## JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2024



30th January End of School Holidays

17th and 18th February 23rd

and 24th March

AGM/Untutored Workshop

Bag Workshop

29th March - 14th April School Holidays

20th April and 21st April

25th and 26th May

22nd and 23rd June NEW

29th June - 14th July School Holidays

29th July ~ 2nd August

24th and 25th August

21st September - 6th October School Holidays

26th and 27th October

Creative Workshop ~ TBA

23rd and 24th November

Christmas Craft

Contact

Email-junctioncraft@gmail.com Alys McKeough – President/Secretary 0438 384 603 Chris Kearney – Treasurer 0428 841 818 Junction Craft Group acknowledges the generous support of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne



Tuffet Workshop

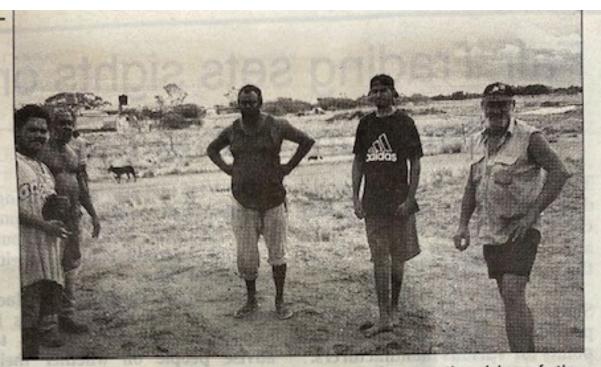
Untutored Workshop

Untutored Workshop

Bullara Retreat (\*Limited Numbers)

Tutored ~ TBA

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



These people were evacuated from the north side of the Gascoyne River in Gascoyne Junction.

# Vance passes close to Gascoyne Junction

THE eye of cyclone Vance passed within two kilometres of the small town of Gascoyne Junction about 10pm, Monday.

Gascoyne Junction Hotel caretaker Guy Russell said he could see the moon in the eye of the storm.

"There was a circular area with no clouds about two kilometres away," he said.

The cyclone had been downgraded to a category three by the time it passed over Gascoyne Junction but still carried enough force to unroof two houses and drop 154mm of rain.

Gascoyne Junction Shire chief executive John Newton said about nine people slept at the town hall during the night of the storm.

The next concern for the town was the rising river level.

A levee bank was formed in front of the hotel and some residents were evacuated from the north side of the river to the town.

# **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 ...

Jannayah is curently doing her work placement at the CRC on Tuesdays so be sure to say Hi if you see her

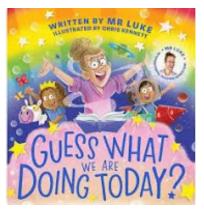


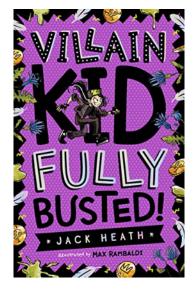
Full name: Jannayah Harring-ClinchNickname: Naya/JayPlace of birth: PerthWhere did you grow up? Newman/ CarnarvonFavourite food? SeafoodFavourite animal? Manta RayFooty team: Brisbane lionsWhat is on your bucket list: Travel the world and finish UniWhy did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? My parents moved hereHow long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? 3 years and a bitWhat do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? Heaps of space to ride motorbikesWhat services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne? A Gascoyne

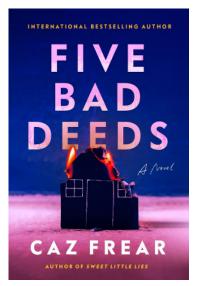
Junction footy team

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**

#### **GUESS WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY?**

#### Author: Mr Luke

A bright and inspirational picture book all about the joys of reading! The children in Mr Luke's class are BRIMMING with ideas about what they might be doing today.

Will they battle a dragon? Fly into space? Sail the seas or ride unicorns? Could there be a way for them to do all the things they IMAGINE?

An inspiring picture book all about the magic of reading and the adventures it can take you on A fun rhyming story from internationally renowned TikTok sensation Mr Luke

#### VILLAIN KID: FULLY BUSTED

#### Author: Jack Heath

Maya is a supervillain, but, unfortunately, no-one has noticed.

She's tried everything: wearing a nametag that says 'Villain Kid', heisting the hospital, stealing her whole classroom—nothing has worked. When Maya is expelled and sent to St Flowerpot's School for Ladies, she meets a real criminal mastermind. One with a plann so diabolical it makes Maya's adventures look as harmless as butterfly farts. Can Villain Kid outwit an evil genius, or will she be fully busted?

#### **FIVE BAD DEEDS - AUDIOBOOK**

#### Author: Caz Frer

Teacher, mother, wife, and all-around good citizen Ellen is juggling nonstop commitments, from raising a teen and two toddlers to job-hunting to finally renovating her dream home. Amidst the chaos, an ominous note arrives in the mail,People have to learn there are consequences, *Ellen. And I'm going to teach you that lesson. Right under your nose.* 

Why would someone send her this? Ellen has no clue. She's no angel—a white lie here, an occasional sharp tongue there—but nothing to incur the wrath of an anonymous enemy. She'd never intentionally hurt anyone. But intention doesn't matter to someone. Someone blames this supposed "good person" for all the bad they've experienced. And maybe they have reason to? Because few of us get through life without leaving a black mark on someone else's. Could the five bad deeds that come to haunt Ellen explain why things have gone so horribly wrong? As she races to discover who's set on destroying her reputation and her future, Ellen continues to receive increasingly threatening messages... each one hitting closer to everything she cherishes.

## Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024

#### **PRINCIPAL'S POST**

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

#### WA Student Councillor



Jannayah is shown on the left preparing to participate in a Webex to interview applicants for next year's Year 10 intake into the WA Student Council. We are proud that she has been so proactive in her role and takes on her responsibilities with maturity and passion.

#### Protective Behaviours Program

The **Protective Behaviours Program** will be delivered to our students on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October. Jodie Ferguson from PB West in Perth will be here for two days to deliver this personal safety program which teaches children skills and strategies to identify and respond to a range of unsafe situations.

#### **School Attendance**



Kind regards Jackie Miller (Principal)

#### Ingredients

- 12 eggs
- 6 tablespoon reduced fat milk
- 6 rashers lean bacon
- 6 tablespoons tomato relish (store bought is fine)
- 6 cups English spinach
- 6 10-inch wraps

away.

Please

always let us

know what's

happening

when your child is

#### Method

- Combine eggs and milk in a microwave bowl or jug, whisk with a fork.
- Microwave eggs for 30 seconds, stir then microwave for 15 second intervals until the right consistency is reached. Depending on the strength of your microwave and how soft you want the eggs, this should take between 30 seconds and a minute and a half. Eggs will cook for a little longer after you stir them, so wait a few seconds before deciding if they are ready.
  Trim off fat from bacon, cook in a frypan or
- oven bake until lightly browned.
- 4. Lay wraps on a clean bench, spread one tablespoon of chutney or relish on each wrap, lay bacon, egg, and spinach down one side of wrap. Roll from one side, folding ends in, place in sandwich press to lightly toast, wrap in greaseproof paper, serve warm.



#### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



Juanita and Scarlet are currently organizing their last function for the year as student councillors. They will hold a Lapathon on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November to raise funds for **The Smith Family**. The councillors will send home sponsorship forms soon and they are preparing a poster to promote this event on Facebook. **The Smith Family** raise funds to help break the cycle of disadvantage through long-term support for their education.

#### SWIRLY SLIDE

We are trying to find the best fit for a swirly slide into our current playground area, but this is not happening as quickly as we expected. We will keep you in the loop and let you know when things start moving forward.

#### Variations

#### Traffic Light:

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- Cheese
- Mushrooms
- Avocado
- Caramelised onion



**Brekkie Burrito** 

Room 1 is back, what a packed .

## few weeks we have had!



Room 1 students Came back ready to roll this term. They have been busy revising their subtraction knowledge with a fun game of bowling, replenishing their books, and making a fresh batch of playdough!







On Wednesday the 16/10 Miss Gabrielle joined us for an informal playgroup session. She had a fun time exploring all the different things in room 1.







During week 2 we stepped into a virtual world with Marc and Tristan from Airbornne IT and Cultural Excellence.









The students had an

absolute ball learning all the different skills of the Oculus programs including Open Brush,





where they created some very beautiful Mulla flowers.

## Room 2 is ready for a great term!







#### **Mulla Mulla Excursion**





Ranger Jenny took the students on an excursion to explore the vibrant Mulla Mulla plants around town. The students drew pictures, collected specimens, and built flower presses.









Here is some of the 3D art students made as part of the introduction to the Virtual World Initiative



This week we had morning tea on *World Teacher's Day* to celebrate our wonderful two teachers for their tireless contributions to the wellbeing and education of our students. We thank Trent and Abbie for their professionalism and the work they do to educate, inspire, and empower our students. Fantastic effort!

Congratulations to Paige for *finishing her 20 km marathon* in New Zealand recently with a personal best time up her sleeve. We were cheering you on from a distance Paige. You should be very proud of your amazing effort. Should be okay for 30km next year!



*Cleaner's Day* was celebrated recently to thank David for the tireless work he does to keep our school spick and span and safe.

Thanks for all that you do David. You are always appreciated and valued. Keep up the great work!



#### **COMING EVENTS**

28/10/24-29/10/24	Protective Behaviours
31/10/24	School Psych visit
4/11/24	Julie Campbell MWREO 9-10:30am
5/11/24	Melbourne Cup Day
6/11/24	School Council Meeting
6/11/24	School Psych visit
8/11/24	School photos
8/11/24	Lapathon
11/11/24	Remembrance Day at the school
15/11/24	SIDE visit – Craig Campbell
5/12/24 & 6/12/24	Dance teacher
7/12/24 SATURDAY	End of School Presentation





## **Sticky BBQ Lamb Ribs**

BBQ Lamb Ribs are oven baked in a dry rub then basted in BBQ sauce, cooked and grilled. These delicious lamb ribs are finger licking good.

#### METHOD

- Step 1
- Preheat the oven to 180°C
- Step 2
- Lightly spray a baking dish with olive oil. Then place the ribs into the oiled dish.
- Step 3
- Add the garlic powder, onion powder, mustard powder, paprika, cayenne pepper, salt and pepper to a small glass to stir and combine then sprinkle over the ribs and rub it in.
- Step 4
- Pour the Worcestershire sauce into the baking dish. Not so much over the ribs, but as a layer of liquid in the bottom of the dish.
- Step 5
- Cover the baking dish with tin foil and place into the preheated oven on the middle shelf. Allow them to cook for 1 hour.
- Step 6
- Remove the baking dish from the oven, Pull the tin foil off and discard. Rotate each rib to the other side. Use a pastry brush to coat the top side of each rib with BBQ sauce.
- Change the oven setting to 200°C Cook for another 20 minutes.

## INGREDIENTS

- 2tsp garlic powder
- 2tsp onion powder
- 2tsp mustard powder
- 1tsp cayenne pepper
- 1tsp paprika
- 1/4tsp salt
- 1/4tsp cracked black pepper
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1kg lamb ribs
- 1/2cup BBQ sauce

Prep Time: 5 min

Cook Time: 1 hour 20 min

Servings: <u>4</u>

#### SIDE DISH SUGGESTIONS:

Coleslaw Potato Salad Garlic butter potatoes Steamed Asparagus & Broccolini Mac & Cheese Grilled Corn

#### NOVEMBER

- 4 Laney McKeough
- 14 Dustin Walker
- 20 Nate Soltoggio
- 21 Dot Hammarquist

#### DECEMBER

16 Scarlet Boddington

#### JANUARY

- 3 Ella Hoseason-Smith
- 3 Hazel McTaggart
- 3 John McCleary
- 17 Nat Rogers
- 17 Gracie Collins



Do you live in the Upper Gascoyne? Is your birthday missing from the monthly Gassy Gossip? Email us at crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au



#### **October Bike Month Event:**

To celebrate Bike Month this October we headed on over to the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School.

The kids had a great afternoon, starting off with a Bike safety activity booklet filled with challenges like Mazes, word searches, logic puzzles and colouring in.

We watched a bike safety video before heading outdoors to the basketball ball court which was set up with a bike riding obstacle course. The kids showed their great bike riding skills making sure to use their hand signals, stopping at the pedestrian crossing and waiting for Miss Connell to cross safely. Oh don't forget watching out for the animal crossing signs in case any Kangaroo's jumped out in front of us.

We finished with a delicious lunch, trays filled with a variety of sandwiches and fresh fruit platters.

Thank you to Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School for letting us come over and celebrate and a big thank you to all of the kids for participating.

A massive shout out to Gascoyne Roadwise Commitee & Real Futures for their donation which allowed us to supply lunch to the students and purchase 2 bikes and 2 helmets. These prizes were awarded to Sophie Kempton and Eli Atherton for always being polite, respectful & helpful both at School and within the community.











#### Halloween: Trick or Treat:

The Kids of Gascoyne Junction and surrounding stations didn't let the hot weather deter them from a fun night of Trick or Treating (to fill up on lollies of course). Starting at the CRC we worked on coloring in our Halloween bags then heading next door to the Shire offices to load our bags up with sweet treats. Next we headed down to Mrs Walkers house for some delicious chocolate covered Brussel Sprouts- I think Mrs Walker did a good 'trick" on the kids, most of them thinking it was a chocolate covered strawberry haha. Off to the School we went to visit Mrs Miller and made her jump out of her skin with the loud voices of the kids yelling' Trick or Treat), filling up on lolly pops we made our way through the School to Miss Connell's house for some Swamp juice and creepy (but delicious) cupcakes and lollies. Last stop was the Junction Pub and Tourist Park for our final lolly stock up and a swim to cool down after all of the walking. Congratulations to Jannayah for winning this years Best Dressed Prize.













#### November at Gascoyne Junction Sports Club

This month will see the introduction of the **Injury Rehab Gym Program (By Referral from Czarina) and 2 x 30 minutes circuit classes** (12:30 pm and 1 pm) to the Physiotherapy Clinic in Gascoyne Junction on the 20th November!

To make an appointment for the NOVEMBER PHYSIOTHERAPY INJURY REHAB GYM PROGRAM (By Referral from Czarina) or the NOVEMBER SMALL GROUP CIRCUIT EXERCISE CLASSES - 30 mins duration head to

https://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/community/our-community/medical-clinics.aspx

This is a free service conducted by Carnarvon Physiotherapy through funding from WACHS.

Even though it feels like Summer has arrived and the warmer weather is here, you shouldn't let up on your workouts, as thankfully the Gascoyne Junction Sport Club Gym has air conditioners to keep you cool whilst still working out. We take great pride in our equipment and cleanliness, so gather a companion, meet up there, and experience something new! Our bodies thrive when routine activities are altered. If you've been feeling like you need a little extra motivation, and ready to make that change, then come have a chat with us at the CRC and let's work towards your goals.



#### Smoothie of the Month - Two-minute Breakfast Smoothie

#### Ingredients

- 1 Banana
- 1 tbsp porridge oats
- 80g soft fruit (whatever you have strawberries, blueberries, and mango all work well)
- 150ml of milk
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

#### Method

- **STEP 1:** Put all the ingredients in a blender and whizz for 1 min until smooth.
- STEP 2: Pour the banana oat smoothie into two glasses to serve.

#### Try this full body workout tag us and let us know how you go!

#### 3 Rounds... Lets Go

- Alternating Lunges, 16 reps (8 each side)
- Mountian Climbers, 15 Reps
- Squats, 15 reps
- Standing X Crunch, 15 reps
- Lateral Lunges, 16 reps (8 each side)
- X Hop, 15 reps
- Alternating Leg Raises, 10 reps
- Burpees, 10 reps

## "THE ONLY BAD WORKOUT IS THE ONE THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN."

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Government of **Western Australia** Department of **Transport** 

## **Remote Services**

Departm	nent of Transport
Visiting	Gascoyne Junction
When	Tuesday 19 November 8.30am- 11.00am
Where	Shire of Gascoyne Junction, CRC Building

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

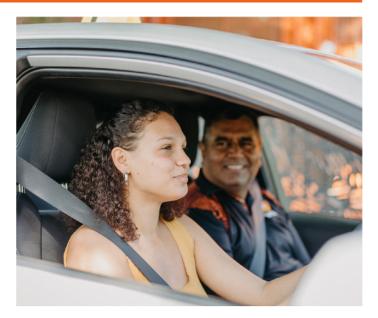
- → Practical Driving Assessments
- → Driver's licence applications
- → Theory tests
- → Rego and driver's licence renewals
- → Photo card applications
- → Change of address
- → Vehicle transfers
- → Return of number plates

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:

Jodi 0467 767 004 Georgina 0459 872 275



**Remote Services** 

## **DoTDirect**

#### Swap queue time, for you time

#### Online services available 24/7

Sign up to DoTDirect online services for around the clock services, payments, and applications, to manage your personal details, and more.

www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect

# JUNCTION CHRISTMAS PARTY

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## SATURDAY DECEMBER7 FROM 5.30PM

**Gascoyne Junction Pavilion** 

School Concert Santa (Link Below for presents) and Kids Party Food- Meats Supplied Please bring a Salad or Dessert to Share BYO Alcohol Raffles and Auction - more details to follow Please email food choice and RSVP as below

FOR MORE INFO/RSVP/ADVISE FOOD EMAIL junctionchristmas@gmail.com

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PRESNTS https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ju nction-christmas-party-childrenspresents-tickets-1061225747779



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

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

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

## ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$44.60 A5 - \$27.60 A6 - \$22.30 Business Card Size - \$9.00 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?

#### Can You See the Andromeda Galaxy?

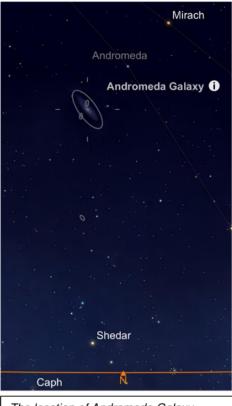
They say that the Andromeda Galaxy is the most distant object visible to the human eye. It's 2.5 million light years away from Earth. Can you see it from where you live? A dark night sky is essential to see Andromeda, as it is a very faint object.

To the naked eye, Andromeda will appear as a very small and faint smudge. The best time to see it is in the last week of November. At 9pm, the sky will be dark with no moonlight. Look directly north and see if you can spot a brighter star called Mirach (see the image, right). Andromeda is a bit lower and to the left of Mirach, about 15 degrees above the horizon.

A good tip is to use "averted vision" to see Andromeda from your peripheral eyesight. Don't look directly at Andromeda, instead look a little off to one side. An app like SkySafari has a compass tool that can also help guide you across the night sky to find Andromeda's location.

Count your lucky stars in country WA! We are blessed with some of the darkest night skies in the world and can see the beautiful Milky Way in all it's glory. Your local community is working with Astrotourism WA to share and protect our beautiful night sky.

When and where to look: From 9pm, 23rd November - 4th December. North.



The location of Andromeda Galaxy. 9pm, 23rd November. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

#### It's Astrofest Time!

If you find yourself in Perth on Saturday 9th November, join us at Astrofest! It's a free and family friendly event with dozens of big telescopes to look through, astronomy talks, children's space activities, astrophotography and much more to overload your cosmic senses! It's held at Curtin University and runs from 5.30pm to 9.30pm. For more information <u>www.astronomywa.net.au/astrofest</u>.

What's up in the night sky? Visit <u>www.astrotourismwa.com.au</u>. Happy stargazing!

## CAPABILITY STATEMENT



#### EARTHMOVING & CONTRACTING

#### Small Earthmoving Services Covering the Gascoyne and Mid-West Regions

#### **THE BUSINESS**

Jarbu Earthmoving and Contracting is 100% Indigenous owned and operated by Yingarrda/Nyul Nyul man Peter Dann. Jarbu Earthmoving and Contracting is based in Carnarvon, Western Australia servicing the Gascoyne and Mid-West regions, since 2019.

#### **MEET PETER**

Peter brings over 15 years of experience working in the civil industry in both the mining and road maintenance sectors. Peter is an experienced plant operator with extensive experience operating Loaders, Bulldozers, Dump Trucks, Skid Steers, Rollers and Prime Movers.

Peter has gained his broad knowledge in civil and earthmoving operations throughout his career with companies such as Quadrio Earthmoving, Them Earthmoving, Carr Civil, Junction Concrete and Rio Tinto.

Peter brings years of expertise to the business and has the know how to complete services for clients with great knowledge and excellent work ethics, ensuring all customers are completely satisfied.









#### SERVICES

Jarbu Earthmoving offers a range of services including but not limited to:

- Pad Clearing
- Fire Breaks
- Pothole & Patch Up Work
- Road Shoulder Clean Ups
- Road Signage/Guidepost installation
- Culvert Cleaning & Repairs
- Driveways Construction & Repairs
- Rubbish/Car Removals
- Top-Soil & Dressing
- Site Clean Up & Clearing
- Rock Landscaping/Landscaping Prep

#### **OUR MISSION**

Jarbu Earthmoving and Contracting has a vision of the future, to continue to employ indigenous people and grow the business from strength to strength over time.



#### WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

I have had Peter Dann redo the verge in the front of the house. An excellent job was done. Peter was clear about the time frame for the job and finished within that time frame. Fair on cost and an overall good operator.

Brett



#### CONTACT US



For an obligation free quote please contact us today!

Email: jarbuearthmoving@gmail.com Phone: 0487889676



# **SMOKO TIME**

#### **RIDDLE OF THE MONTH**

The man who makes it doesn't want it, the man who buys it doesn't need it, and the man who needs it doesn't know it yet. What is it?

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## Remembrance Day

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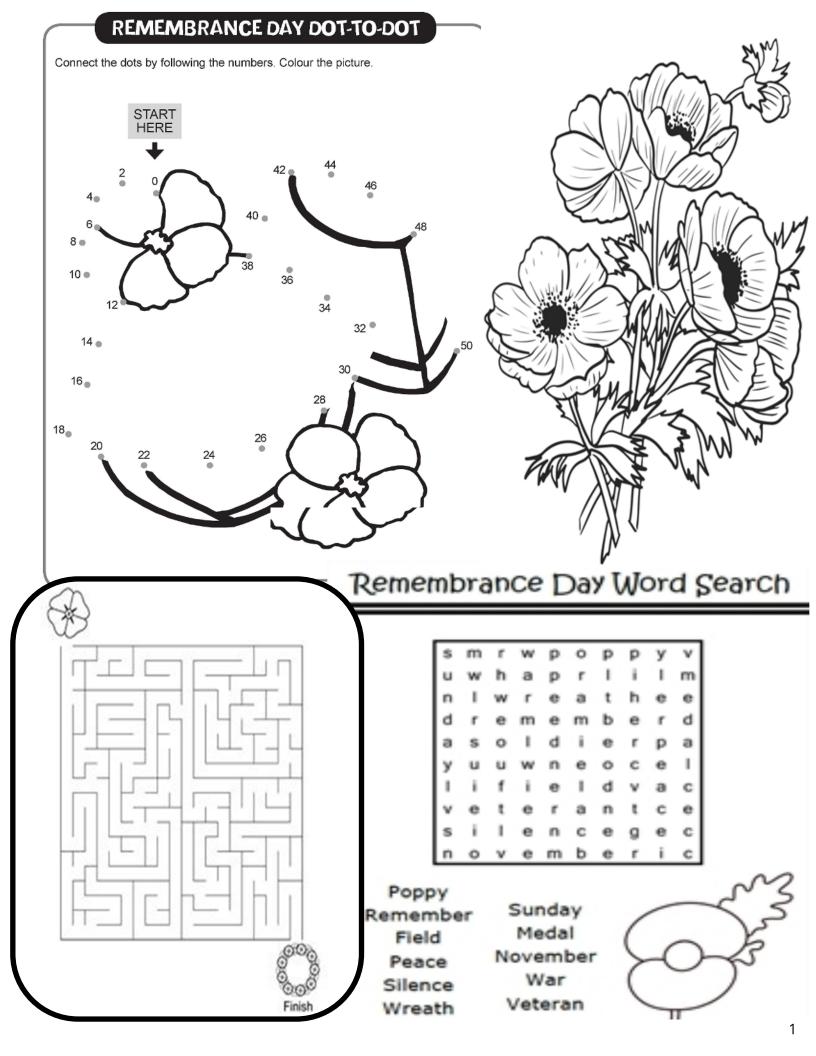
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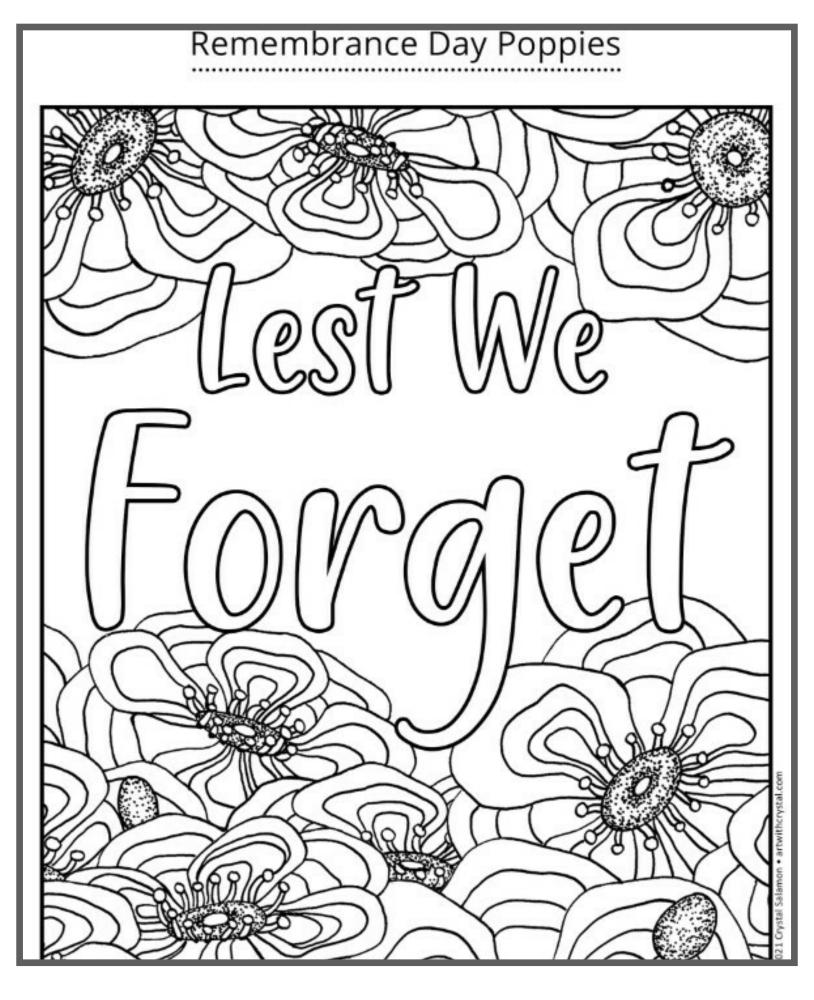
#### **KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH**

ORNER

In a one-story house at the corner of the road, the bedrooms were yellow, the kitchen was orange, the living room was red, the garage was blue, the entry hall was green, and the sitting room was purple. What color were the stairs?

There'<mark>s n</mark>o col<mark>or because there are no stairs</mark> — it's a one-**sto**ry house.





## **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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# U P C O M I N G 2024 EVENTS



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