

# GASSY GOSSIP



DECEMBER 2024



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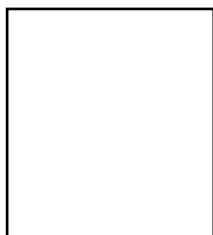
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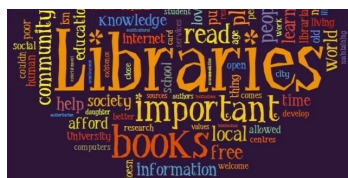
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# COUNCIL NEWS

## 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

To say this month has been busy is probably a gross understatement. From a personal perspective I have now received official confirmation that I am cancer free and do not require any further treatment apart from a yearly PET scan as part of a surveillance regime. My cardiologist has also given me the boot and I only require that I monitor my blood pressure. The only ailment that I have left to address is type 2 Diabetes which is largely managed by weight control and diet.

I can only thank each and every one of my staff and Councillors for your support especially when things were looking pretty dire.

It's been a month of meetings with the following occurring:

- Junction Pub Lease Meeting
- Hastings Working Group
- Junction Pub Lease Meeting
- Gascoyne Region Drought Relief Program
- AGRN 1062 – DFES
- Waste management Services Review – Onsite
- 2 Day Road trip with Main Roads
- WALGA Zone Meeting
- RRG Meeting
- Grants Commission
- LGIS Meeting

Work is continuing with the Residential and Commercial Land releases. It is anticipated that I may be able to provide an alternative proposal for the Residential Sub-Division that is in a different location from the current proposal.

The Junction Pub Lease and Hastings RUA will be my primary focus leading into Christmas with the intent on being able to have a clear way forward.

All projects are moving along nicely at the moment obviously things will slow down over the next few months with the lead in to Christmas and New Year.





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

The works crew are still resheeting sections of the Landor Mt Augustus Road, this forms part of our RRG works program for 2024-25. RRG have committed a further \$150,000 of Aboriginal Communities Access funds towards this project. We expect to complete resheeting by mid December. The crew will then demobilise and begin preparing plant and equipment for the Christmas shutdown period.

November has been a busy month in regard to planning and working through various issues including seeking new lessees for the tourist park, Hasting's road use agreement, road degazettals and navigating through the evermoving DRFWA goal posts. All of which consume a huge amount of our time and resources. However we are confident that we are on the right track and are mindful of community expectation and ensuring the organisation's best interests are forefront.

I sat down with the CEO, Finance Manager and RSM to look at our plant and depreciation rates, exciting stuff. Together we are working through each individual piece of equipment to ensure we are accurately capturing and recovering the true cost of operating our own plant equipment. This exercise will assist us strategically moving forward as it directly affects what we get done on the ground.

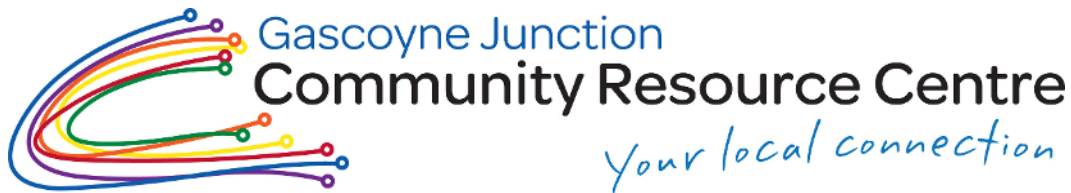
The town works crew have been busy at their usual parks, gardens and housing duties. We will continue to engage additional labour through ABBL Contracting to assist in these duties as well as maintain the tourist park until the new tenants or direction with the tourist park has been reached.

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

The auditor's onsite visit was completed extremely well, and the team were highly commended by the auditors for enabling a hiccup free process. To date we have not been tagged for any management issues which focus on internal control improvements and best practice methods. This rarely occurs during an audit and is a tribute to the team efforts not only during audit but throughout the year in the completion of supporting paperwork, and satisfactorily responding to audit enquiries quickly. Well Done Team – you fully deserve all commendations for your efforts with this outstanding success. The final stage of the audit, the exit meeting to be presented to the Audit Committee, is scheduled for the 12th December 2024 and we look forward to receiving a unqualified audit report meaning that our Annual Financial Report is accurate and a true representation of Council's Financial position as at that date. Yah team we did it!

On a lighter note, the whole Finance and Administration Team got into the spirit of Halloween and decorated the office in true Halloween fashion. It was wonderful to see all the effort taken by each Trick or Treater in the variety of costumes that came through the door.





### **Community Resource Centre Update**

In October the CRC has hosted a GP, Nursing, Physio and Optometry Clinic which have all been well patronised. Community events for Bike Week and Halloween were also held.

I attended the Station Stays Workshop at Wooramel at the end of October, and have established that both Dairy Creek and Landor will be operating as Station Stays in 2025. I also had the privilege of enjoying breakfast with the WACHS board on their recent visit to the Gascoyne to advocate for medical services for the Upper Gascoyne. Another successful Perth 4WD show was attended speaking with visitors at all stages of the buying cycle. Those who have visited in 2024 have been impressed by the quality of our roads, the customer service and friendliness wherever they travelled and the quality of the Flavours of the Gascoyne and Biggest BBQ. Whilst in Perth I also had the opportunity to present a prize sponsored by the Shire for the best Astrophotography Image in an Astrotourism Town. The winners image was of Honeycomb Gorge and he also received a highly commended for an image of Mt Augustus. These images were taken in June, when he accompanied last years winner who won our prize in 2023.

I am busily getting marketing campaigns ready for the 2025 season now that the 2024 season is winding down.



## 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 (brought forward due to long break between meetings) April (Moved due to School Holidays) and December (brought 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**



# JUNCTION PUB & TOURIST PARK TEMPORARY CLOSURE 24.12.24-01.04.2025



From the 24th December 2024 the Junction Pub & Tourist Park will be temporarily closed whilst the facility undergoes refurbishments until the 1st April 2025.

24 Hour Fuel will still be available with payment by EFTPOS or Credit Card Only

Self contained camping and caravan accommodation is subject to approval through the Community Resource Centre.

Contact: [tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](mailto:tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au) 08 9943 0988

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this temporary closure may cause.

John McCleary  
Chief Executive Officer

**You may reach us through the Shire Office on (08) 9943 0988**

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

Contractor	MTF Services	Package Start Date:	8 June 2024
		Completion Date:	8 November 2024
Works this period (November 2024)			
<p>All remaining work on Woodlands Mt Augustus Rd, Waldburg Rd and Pingandy Rd were completed during November 2024.</p> <p>The crew has now demobilised from this job and have moved across to Carnarvon Mullewa Rd to commence the upgrade from gravel to seal work.</p>		<p>All repair work for the AGRN1021 event is now complete.</p>	
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		100%	84%
Landor Meekatharra Rd		100%	
Landor Mt Augustus Rd		100%	
Landor Mt Clere Rd		100%	
Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd		100%	
Mt Augustus Woodlands Rd		100%	
Pingandy Rd		100%	
Waldburg Rd		100%	
Discussion Items			
Water / Materials		Refer attached resources report	
Camp		Dooley Downs Rd	

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**PERTH**

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**Mt Augustus Woodlands Rd**

Road: Mt Augustus Woodlands F  
ID: 8050012  
Date: 16/04/2022 11:27:20 am  
SLK (m): 48,945  
Lat: -24.5353 Long: 117.3808



**Slk 48.945 – 48.974 - Defect**



**Slk 48.945 – 48.974 – Completed**



# BLAST FROM THE PAST

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



Junction residents rally for a day of fun and frivolity.

## Cup fun at the Junction

ON MELBOURNE Cup day 2005 some of the people of Gascoyne Junction decided to dress up in the names of former Melbourne cup winning horses.

A great day was had by all and as you can see from the photos there were many well thought out costumes.

The winner of the costume competition was Judy McGregor dressed as Silver Knight winner of the 1971 Melbourne cup.

On the day there was also an exciting game of "Tinny toss" which was won by David Brenton and a rousing gumboot throwing competition.

Gene, the proprietor of the Gascoyne Junction Hotel provided a lovely lunch including champagne.

**RIGHT** Silver Knight Judy McGregor.



# 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:** Clive Ryder

**Nickname:** -

**Place of birth:** Mullewa

**Where did you grow up?** Murchison

**Favourite food?** Seafood

**Favourite animal?** -

**Footy team:** -

**What is on your bucket list:** Finding a retirement nugget

**Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?** Love being out in the bush

**How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?** About 3 months

**What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?** The country

**What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne?** More shops



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!







# Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

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



**We say a sad farewell to 9 students at the end of this year.**

**Jackie, Eli, Scarlet, Milo and Jannayah** have been here for the three years (Jackie for two) and are heading back to Carnarvon.

**Nate** was only staying here for one year and so is now heading to Perth to continue his secondary schooling closer to his dad.

**Janice** will be off to live with her aunty in Carnamah and will continue her education there.

**Andre and Juanita** are heading to their new house, new school and new life in Morley in Perth after having done all their schooling to date at Gascoyne Junction RCS.

*We will miss you all and wish everyone the very best.  
We look forward to hearing about your celebrations  
and achievements.*



**We also say a sad farewell to 3 staff members.**

**Miss Paige** has worked with our secondary students to supervise their SIDE lessons and support them with assignments. She is planning a gap year in London working as an Education Assistant.

**Mr Donnelly** has been busy teaching in the Year 4-6 class, planning the whole school Science Curriculum and collaborating to plan our sports sessions. He is off to Perth to live in his new home with his wife Julia.

**Miss Kenny** has been with us forever! She started as our cleaner becoming an Education Assistant, had a baby and has been busy studying and working for the past few years. She will move with her family to their new house in Morley.

*Thanks for your ongoing commitment to our students.  
It will be so sad to see you all go but we will never forget you!*

*Thanks to our families for your ongoing support and to those  
who are leaving, best wishes for the future.*

*See you at the end of year concert on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.*

**KIND REGARDS Jackie Miller (Principal)**

*Merry Christmas  
& Happy Holidays!*

Responsibility Resilience Respect



**FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK**

*This is the photo that was taken of the staff who are  
leaving when the principal **WAS** looking.*



*This is the photo that was taken when they thought  
the principal **WAS NOT** looking.*



### STUDENT COUNCILLOR REPORT

**by Juanita & Scarlet**



Their final fundraising event was a **LAPATHON** which raised \$114-00 for The Smith Family. They've been raising funds for a swirly slide for which we sourced a grant from the Shire and donations from Focus in Carnarvon, community members and from Rotary in Melville up to a sub-total of \$6 500. We budgeted school funds to make a total of \$15 000. If the cost rises beyond this, we might discuss alternatives to the slide.

**Thanks Scarlet and Juanita for your enthusiasm and demonstrating responsibility throughout this year.**

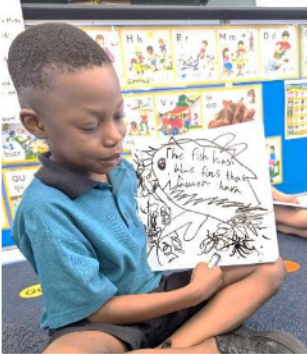




# Exciting things happening in Room 1



Room 1 students have been thriving with their Jolly Phonics and Grammar this term. They are getting so good at sounding out their words and recognizing which spelling alternatives to use!



Halloween saw the students transform into Frankenstein Hulk and a Kitty cat.



Gabrielle and Colin are having so much fun on Wednesday mornings! They are settling into a school routine so well!

Jodie from PB West visited us this term and talked to us about how to identify our early warning signs, what risk was and helped us identify our trusted people who can help when we need.



"Is it Christmas yet?" asks Jackie every single day! The Christmas bug has certainly infected these jolly elves!





# It has been a busy term in room 2



**Protective Behaviours Visit**  
The students learned about different feelings they can have, how to identify their early warning signs and who they could go to for help.



**Makers Empire – 3D Printing**  
The students have been working hard to develop their design skills and have created some fantastic 3D models.



## Scitech Balance Challenge



We had a visit from Sarah who is a Student Wellbeing Officer, to learn ways to look after our wellbeing.



# Maths Games Morning



We held a Maths games session last week where students demonstrated their skills with fast facts and the four Maths operations through a range of fun Maths games. Thanks to Cynthia, Cherie, Jarrod and Brooke for taking time out of their busy day to join us. Thanks also to Miss Connell and Mr Donnelly for giving up some of their DOTT time to join in too.





# Special events this term



Our students hosted the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at school. Thanks to community members who were able to join us on the day.



**TO CELEBRATE BIKE MONTH**, on behalf of the CRC who always support our school, Brooke did a fantastic job of organising some fun bike safety activities and followed this with a delicious lunch for students and staff. Two lucky students did such a great job with the activities and with demonstrating school values that they each won a new bike.

**You should be very proud of yourself Eli and Sophie. Great effort!**

## COMING EVENTS

5/12/24 & 6/12/24	Dance teacher
7/12/24 <b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>End of School Presentation</b>
12/12/24 Thursday	LAST DAY OF TERM
13/12/24-4/02/25	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>
3/02/24-4/02/24 Mon & Tues	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
5/02/24 <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
17/02/24-21/02/24	Swimming Lessons Carnarvon
3/03/24	<b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>



# Choc ripple Christmas wreath

For a simple Christmas dessert that looks spectacular  
you can't go past our choc ripple Christmas wreath  
topped with fresh in-season berries

## METHOD

- **Step 1**
- Use an electric mixer to whisk 600ml of the cream in a large bowl until firm peaks form.
- **Step 2**
- Spread 1 side of each biscuit with 2 tsp of whipped cream. Place a 20cm (base measurement) round springform pan on a work surface. Stand 1 biscuit on its edge in the base of the pan. Sandwich with another biscuit. Repeat with the remaining biscuits, arranging around the side of the pan to form a wreath shape. Spread the top and centre of the wreath with remaining whipped cream.
- Place in the fridge for 6 hours or overnight to chill.
- **Step 3**
- Use an electric mixer to whisk the remaining cream in a bowl until firm peaks form. Carefully transfer wreath to a serving plate. Spread the top and sides with cream. Top with the strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and mint. Serve immediately.

## INGREDIENTS

- 900ml thickened cream
- 2 x 250g pkts Arnott's Choc Ripple biscuits (about 38 biscuits)
- Strawberries, to serve
- Raspberries, to serve
- Blueberries, to serve
- Mint leaves, to serve

NOTE: 6 hour chilling time





## DECEMBER

16 Scarlet Boddington



## JANUARY

3 Ella Hoseason-Smith

3 Hazel McTaggart

3 John McCleary

17 Nat Rogers

17 Gracie Collins

## FEBRUARY

6 Sophie Wright

7 Geoffrey Jnr

8 Hannah Ball

17 Dart

20 Juanita Omotosho

21 Cynthia Wright

24 Lachlan Wright

24 Anna Collins

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

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

## KIDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY:

The last kids activity for 2024 called for some fun and games. A series of Christmas games were set up at the Pavilion so the kids had plenty of room to run around and be entertained by games like Bow Shovel, Bottle Flip Tic Tack Toe, Christmas Balls, Reindeer Toss and many more.

A funny and entertaining afternoon we all had. Ending with a goodie bag filled with Christmas items and lollies we all enjoyed our last 2024 kids activity.

A big thank you to Jannayah who has been completing her work placement at the CRC this term and has been a great help in organising this event. It has been a pleasure having you in on Tuesday's and we wish you all the best for next year.



Just a reminder the CRC and Shire office will be closed from 12pm Friday 20th December 2024 until Monday 6th January 2025

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

**Save the Date:** Friday 7th February 2025

**Welcome Back Function & Stories of the Gascoyne:**

**Hosted by:** Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

**Stories of the Gascoyne has finally finished production and GJRCS is hosting a premiere next year.**

**5.30pm Premiere followed by a meet and greet BBQ**

**More details to come in 2025**

## December at Gascoyne Junction Sports Club

This month will see our second clinic for 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 18th December!

To make an appointment for the DECEMBER PHYSIOTHERAPY INJURY REHAB GYM PROGRAM (By Referral from Czarina) or the DECEMBER 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.

Try this quick morning workout tag us and let us know how you go!





## Smoothie of the Month:

### Fruit & Yogurt Smoothie

#### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup nonfat plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup 100% pure fruit juice
- 1 1/2 cups frozen fruit, such as blueberries, raspberries, pineapple or peaches



#### Method

- **1. Blend the Yogurt with the Juice First**
- It's best to start filling the blender with liquids first. This makes it easier for your blender to fully puree any solid ingredients. Scrape the sides before adding frozen fruit.
- **2. Finish the Blending**
- To ensure your smoothie gets perfectly blended, chop larger pieces of frozen fruit before adding. Better yet, buy diced versions so they're ready to go.

#### Variations to Try

- **Protein-packed:** Use strained (Greek-style) yogurt, which is naturally high in protein and consider adding a scoop of your favorite protein powder, a handful of nuts or a tablespoon of nut or seed butter. These additions will add calories, but will make it more satisfying.
- **A tropical twist:** For a tropical-tasting smoothie, use a blend of frozen pineapple, mango and banana as the fruit base and use 1/4 cup coconut water and 1/4 cup 100% pure pineapple juice.
- **Make it a bowl:** Pour your smoothie into a bowl instead of a cup and enjoy it with a spoon. To achieve a thicker consistency, use Greek yogurt and add some ice cubes! For an extra boost of nutrition and crunch, top with your favorite nuts or seeds.

## Junction Craft Group:

Last craft of the year!

On the 23rd and 24th November the last craft meeting of 2024 was held, completing a range of Christmas activities including Patchwork Vase, Bath bombs, Soaps, Chocolate Spoons, Chocolate Gifts, Bath Salts, Clay Ornaments, Cricut Project and more.

All hands were very busy creating these projects as lovely handmade Christmas gifts. After a full day of crafting the ladies headed to the pub for a lovely Christmas set up and special dinner.

Stay tuned for the 2025 Craft calendar





# JUNCTION CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7  
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

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<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/junction-christmas-party-childrens-presents-tickets-1061225747779>



# GASSIFIEDS

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

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

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

## ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$44.60

A5 - \$27.60

A6 - \$22.30

Business Card Size - \$9.00

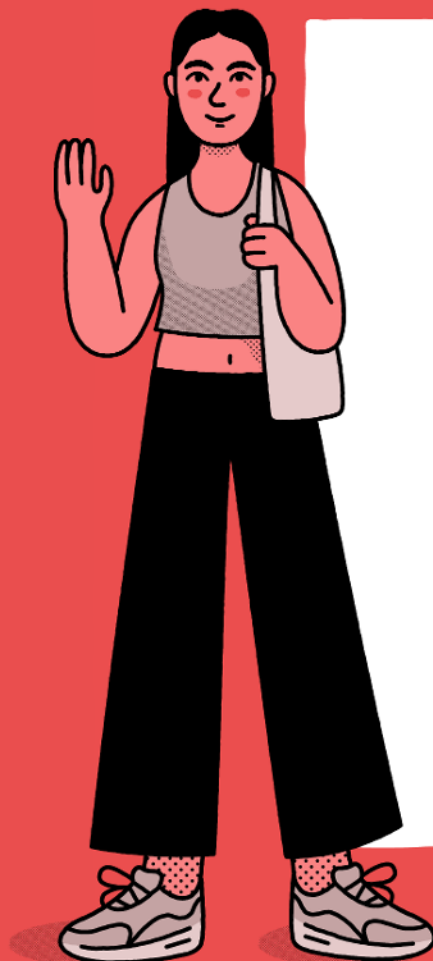
Contact the CRC on 9943 0988 or  
crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Free advertising for community groups  
and not for profit organisations.



# Red plate. One mate.

From December 1, red P-platers  
can only have one passenger.



Learn more



Penalties and exemptions apply.





# What's Up in the Night Sky?

## Can You See the Andromeda Galaxy?

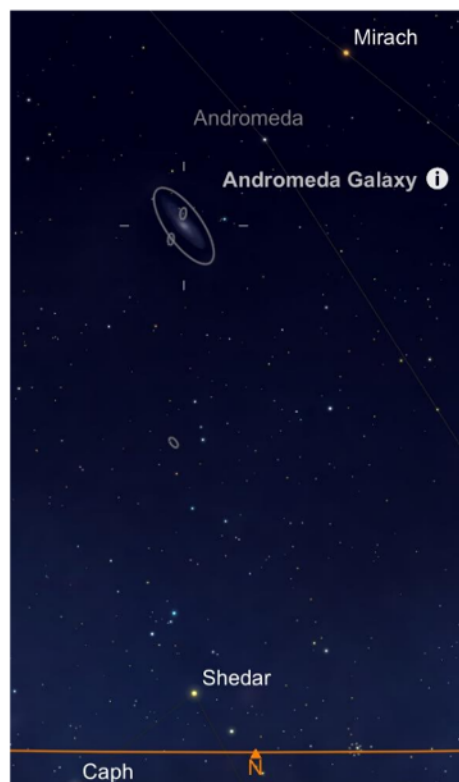
They say that the Andromeda Galaxy is the most distant object visible to the human eye. It's 2.5 million light years away from Earth. Can you see it from where you live? A dark night sky is essential to see Andromeda, as it is a very faint object.

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 its 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](http://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 [www.astronomywa.net.au/astrofest](http://www.astronomywa.net.au/astrofest).

What's up in the night sky? Visit [www.astrotourismwa.com.au](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au). Happy stargazing!



# SMOKO TIME

## RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

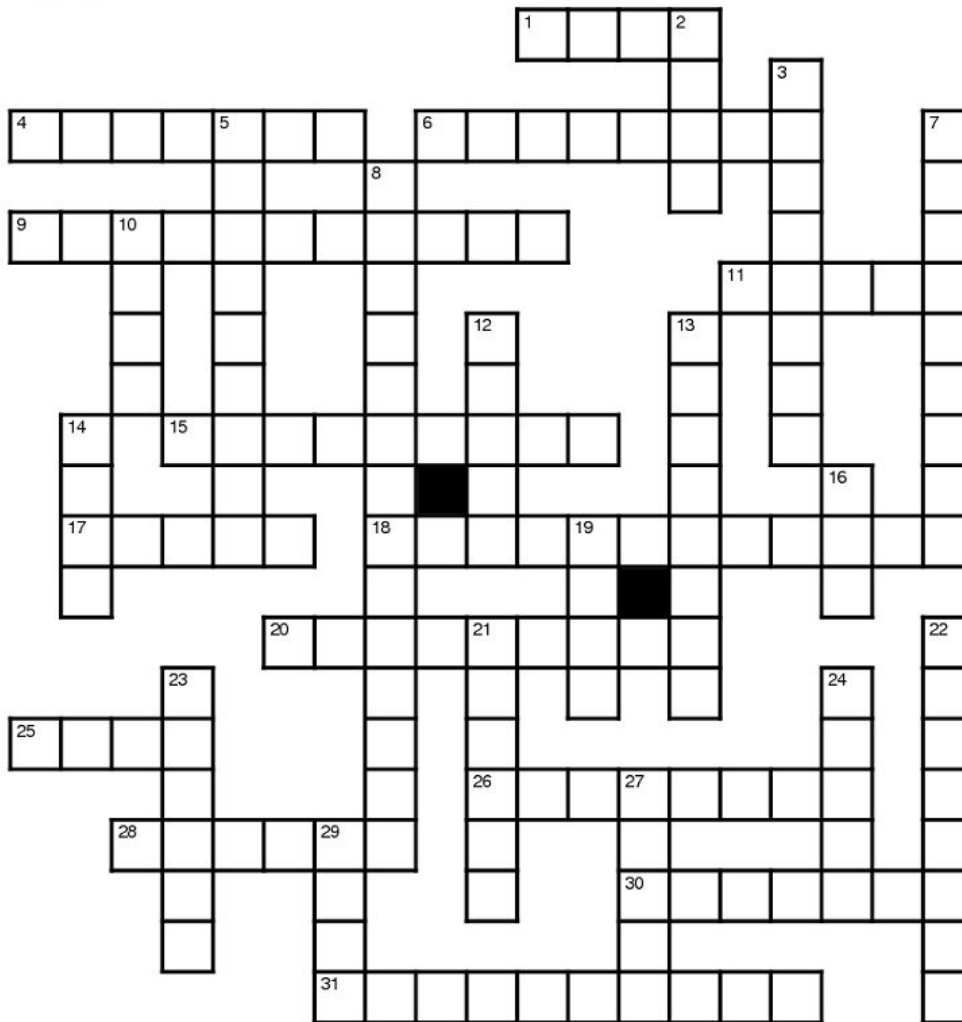
What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in 1,000 years?

Answer: The letter "m."





# Christmas Crossword



Merry Christmas!

## Across

1. Another word for present.
4. Santa's door?
6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
11. Something on Santa's face.
15. The day after Christmas.
17. Santa's helpers.
18. The day before Christmas.
20. A piece of snow.
25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
28. People put these bright things on there house.
30. A reindeer with a red nose.
31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.

## Down

2. Something people decorate.
3. What people give each other.
5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
7. A striped Christmas treat.
8. Drink and food left for Santa.
10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
12. The presents are usually \_\_\_\_\_ the tree.
13. The month of Christmas.
14. Look at a present before you should.
16. The color of Santa's suit.
19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
21. A famous snowman.
22. The place where Santa makes toys.
23. Santa's car?
24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
27. A Christmas song.
29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.



# Australian Christmas

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

Candlelight	Australian	Down Under	Traditions	Barbecues
Celebrate	Christmas	Cold Cuts	Fireworks	Kangaroos
Scorching	Decorate	Camping	English	Friends
Outside	Picnics	Seafood	Carols	Family
Summer	Beach	Santa	Sunny	Ham





# KIDS CORNER

## KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

**What is Santa's favourite candy?**

ANSWER: Jolly Ranchers.

## Christmas Riddles

Match the each Christmas riddle on the left to the correct answer on the right.



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|----------|---|--|
| 1. _____ | <b>What do Santa's elves learn when they go to school?</b>                        | a. <b>A cookie sheet</b>                         |
| 2. _____ | <b>What does a gingerbread man put on his bed when he goes to sleep at night?</b> | b. <b>Santa Claus walking backwards.</b>         |
| 3. _____ | <b>Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting?</b>                                   | c. <b>The elf-abet</b>                           |
| 4. _____ | <b>Who says, "Oh, oh, oh!"?</b>   | d. <b>They're always dropping their needles.</b> |
| 5. _____ | <b>Which elf is the best singer at the North Pole?</b>                            | e. <b>Santa Jaws.</b>                            |
| 7. _____ | <b>Who brings presents to baby Sharks?</b>  | f. <b>Frosted Flakes.</b>                        |
| 8. _____ | <b>What's black and white and red all over?</b>                                   | g. <b>ELF-is Presley.</b>                        |
| 9. _____ | <b>What do snowmen eat for breakfast?</b>   | h. <b>Santa Claus covered with chimney soot.</b> |





# Christmas Word Search

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

Decorations  
 Celebrate  
 Lights  
 Giving

Candy Canes  
 Ornament  
 Presents  
 Dinner

Christmas  
 Reindeer  
 Family  
 Wreath

Mistletoe  
 Cookies  
 Elves  
 Santa





**MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**



# 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

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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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YOUTH  
GROUP**

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01 DECEMBER

**CHRISTMAS  
CRAFT &  
ACTIVITY**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
PAVILION

04 DECEMBER

**GP CLINIC**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

04 DECEMBER

**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
PAVILION

07 DECEMBER

# UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS



**NURSING  
CLINIC**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

18 DECEMBER

**PHYSIO  
CLINIC**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

18 DECEMBER

**OFFICE  
CLOSURE FOR  
CHRISTMAS  
BREAK**

ADMIN  
OFFICE & CRC  
BUILDING

20 DECEMBER

**GP CLINIC**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

08 JANUARY

**NURSING  
CLINIC**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

22 JANUARY

**PHYSIO  
CLINIC**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

22 JANUARY

**GP CLINIC**

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05 FEBRUARY

**STORIES OF  
THE  
GASCOYNE**

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
REMOTE  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL

07 FEBRUARY