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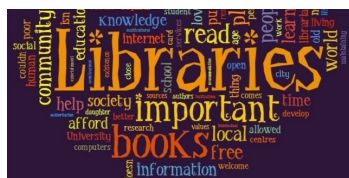
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Wednesday 26th March  
Wednesday 30th April  
Wednesday 28th May  
Wednesday 25th June  
Wednesday 23rd July  
Wednesday 27th August  
Wednesday 24th September  
Wednesday 22nd October  
Wednesday 26th November  
Wednesday 17th December

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

I trust that everyone has had a great festive period and we can now look forward to 2025 and see what eventuates. We are scheduled to have both a Federal and State Election and the results will impact on Local Governments. The Shire President and myself have had meeting with Mem Beard and Melissa Price and we put forward some priorities both at a Federal and State level that will benefit our Shire.

I can concur with Jarrod that we have had a very hot last month with our temps equalling the national record. Although its good to go up in lights I would prefer it for other things as this heat is extremely taxing on our outside staff in particularly Ali, Nat and Brendon.

Over the break I was busy completing our Reg 17 and Financial Management recommendations. The majority are complete just waiting on our joint management review and then we can bring these back to the Audit and Risk Committee for their consideration.

It is pleasing to see that the fruits of our labour over the last three years is starting to bear fruit with the ILUA for the residential land and new waste site all but signed off by the Yinggarda native title holders. Our Town Planning Scheme Amendment No 1 has nearly reached the zenith of the process with only Ministerial approval required, unfortunately now that the State Government are now in "caretaker mode" we shall have to wait until after the election. Once this is done Development WA and the Shire can develop the Commercial lots.

Since our last meeting the Shire have experienced significant damage to our essential public assets have necessitated the Shire activating the DRFAWA. The Shires of Murchison and Carnarvon are also making a claim for this event.

Things are moving along with trying to find a lessee for the Junction Tourist Park. The Shire have appointed a commercial real estate company to market the property, and they will present offers once they are finalised.

Unfortunately, we have had another death out at the Mount. It appears another tourist underestimated the heat and paid the ultimate price. Our most sincere condolences go out to all the family and friends of the deceased.

It has been a month or so of illness cursing through our Administration team with COVID rearing its ugly head. I thought I had managed to dodge this awful infliction over time however, it managed to get me, good, much to the delight of some of my colleagues, and I had to take a week off.



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

The start to 2025 has been like most years... hot! We are making sure our outside staff are taking measures to keep hydrated and safe during the hot period. Planning our crews work schedule throughout the day to keep them out of the heat in the afternoons and setting realistic expectations has been priority for the management team. The start to the year has as usual been quite busy and reactive. The weather, equipment breakdowns and planned maintenance has thrown a few spanners in the works however the team is still delivering.

We engaged Westrac, Pridham Mechanical and C'von Auto Electrics to carry out planned maintenance at the beginning of January. Most of the work has been completed except for defects that were found along the way. Unfortunately, we had to replace one of our light trailers as the existing water wheel trailer was beyond repair. Some other more significant unplanned repairs included replacing complete axles in a side tipper, full brake replacement on the Mack and clutch replacement in the Kenworth prime mover.

The new 150M grader arrived mid-January and has been put straight to work. The incumbent grader has been taken to Manheim Auctions and will go under the hammer along with the CAT prime mover on the 13th February.

Unfortunately, we have another potential flood damage claim thanks to a rain event just before Christmas. While the event was widespread the bulk of the damage occurred on C'von Mullewa Road, Dooley Downs and Ullawarra Rd. We have submitted our preliminary flood damage notice to DFES and are awaiting a response. The Shires of Carnarvon and Murchison have also submitted claims.

Our graders have tidied up Ullawarra, Landor Meeka and C'von Mullewa roads, they will work their way across to Mt Augustus to complete Dolley Downs. We have engaged Barkly day from Mt Vernon to repair Pingandy Rd and Greg Watters to tidy up the Mt Clere and Waldburg roads. There was significant damaged caused to the Congo Creek concrete crossing on the southern end of the C'von Mullewa Road. Unfortunately, at the time it happened our works crew and contractors had knocked off for the year. As a result, we could not affect adequate repairs until early January. The road was closed to all traffic during this time. Due to pressure to reopen the road and the safety hazard we determined the crossing needed to be repaired under the DRFAWA Immediate Works provisions. As such a RFQ was conducted and Yuin Pastoral will be reinstating the damaged sections of concrete crossing this week. We are also conducting a RFQ for repairs to the bitumen on C'von Mullewa Road.

MTF have returned from the break and picked up from where they left off with the C'von Mullewa bitumen upgrades. They have almost completed the reconstruction of the subbase and will begin importing the basecourse this month. They are on track to complete the project by April/May. Once done there they will mobilise across to the Landor Meekatharra Road to complete our RRG resheeting works.

Our works crew have remobilised back to finish off our RRG Remote Communities resheeting near the Landor racecourse. There is only 2km to be done there before we move over to the C'von Mullewa Road, south of Glenburgh, to complete our R2R resheeting and stabilising project. It will be a big push to complete the works before the end of the financial year.



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

Happy New Year one and all and hope everyone enjoyed their break.

Our team has hit the ground running and has worked hard bringing all leave accumulated work up to date. Brooke attended Department of Transport training in January and is looking forward to getting to know the system better and being able to provide support to the community. Thank you team you have certainly done well.

No doubt my report will be more detailed as the year progresses.



## **Community Resource Centre Update**

We saw 2024 finish with a fun afternoon of Christmas games and activities for the kids and a successful Community Christmas Party hosted by the Junction Craft Group.

Our GP, Nursing and Physio clinics have recommenced for 2025 with dates locked in for the rest of the year. With the GP clinic on the first Wednesday of every month and Nursing and Physio clinics on the third Wednesday of every month.

## **Tourism & Community Development**

A busy time of the year behind the scenes in tourism as preparation for new tourism assets and marketing campaigns for the region and the Shire are compiled in readiness for the upcoming season. The new Australia's Golden Outback Planner & Map has gone to print, an update to the Wander Outback brochure in readiness for the Perth Caravan and Camping Show and a refresh of the Outback Pathways Guide. The AGO is set to launch the Detour Gascoyne Murchison Campaign in mid February with a focus on digital and radio in the lead up to the Perth Caravan and Camping Show. This year the Shire will be working with the Shire of Carnarvon to collaborate on enticing visitors to our region at the four day event. Data is showing that 62% of our visitors to the Shire of Upper Gascoyne are spending the night before visiting us in Carnarvon and 63% are staying in Carnarvon the night after visiting us in Carnarvon. This collaboration with our neighbors is a trial to see if it is something to continue moving forward at other similar events.

The main focus in January has been on finding new lessee's for the pub and the associated messaging and marketing around this. The appointed broker has a marketing campaign in place and the Gascoyne Development Commission has also offered us support in getting the message out. A campaign has been developed for when business resumes. The Accommodation Capability Program is drawing to a close with great outcomes for participants. A full report will be finalized by March to be presented to council.

Town Signage is in the design phase with a proposed installation date of April/May for the new tourism season. The signage will be part of a walking trail around town and also at the Gascoyne Junction Historical Museum. exploring the region easier for our visitors.

An audit of Outback Pathways signs is also being undertaken, and new signage locations identified to make exploring the region easier for our visitors.

The next meeting in the process of achieving Dark Sky Community Accreditation will be held in mid February with a timeline to be established. Work is underway to coordinate Dark Sky events throughout the Shire over the coming months. Our Music in the Park series to be held on the 4th Saturday of the month from May through September is coming together with acts locked in for May and June.

Preliminary meetings in regards to the Gascoyne Arts Strategy have begun and a submission from the Shire towards the literature review has been submitted. Consultants will be in Gascoyne Junction for a day mid March to undertake a community consultation process. The visit for the Gascoyne will coordinate with visits to the Shire of Carnarvon and Shark Bay.

There has been a spotlight on the Shire of Upper Gascoyne with articles appearing in the following:

[Dark sky tourism displays astronomical potential | Austrade](#) in Austrade Visitor News  
<https://info.thewest.com.au/westadvertising/feature/15122024/page6.html> [Outback Explore 14-15](#) December 2024 Various articles have appeared in print due to the high temperatures in the region along with a radio interview on February 1, Saturday breakfast.

# SHIRE OFFICE & CRC CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY



The Shire office and the CRC will be closed on Monday 3rd March 2025 due to the Labour Day Public Holiday.

The office and CRC will re-open for normal business hours on Tuesday 4th March 2025.

**We would like to apologise for any inconvenience.**



## About Us

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne covers an area of 57,809 square kilometres with the only town being Gascoyne Junction with a population of approximately 70 including the Woodgamia Indigenous community. The remaining residents reside on pastoral stations and at the Burringurrah Indigenous community.

The town site of Gascoyne Junction is the administrative hub for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. Gascoyne Junction sits in the western side of the Shire adjacent to the majestic Kennedy Range National Park. Cattle grazing is the principle local economic activity in the Shire. With increasing visitor numbers tourism is also increasing as an economic driver for the Shire.

Government employment is also increasing across the Upper Gascoyne with residents employed in Local Government at the Shire, at the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School, Western Australia Police and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

An emerging Mining Industry and supporting services is also making an impact on the economic growth of the Shire, with the Shire hosting an annual Mining Symposium to nurture relationships with key stakeholders to ensure the sustainable growth of this sector in our region.

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# Shire of Upper Gascoyne

## *State Election Priorities*

### **Priority 1: Sealed Road Construction & Preservation**

**Problem:** The extraordinary costs for remote Local Governments associated with getting stone, bitumen and labour to either initially seal a road or reseal a road is two to three times greater than that of our Metro/Southwest Local Governments.

**Solution:** Set up a fund that supports mitigating the cost differential.

### **Priority 2: Heritage Legislation**

**Problem:** Heritage Legislation is restrictive to Local Government.

**Solution:** Heritage Legislation urgently reviewed with Local Governments being exempt especially for existing borrow pits, water points and minor road re-alignments if they are not in a registered 'significant site'.

### **Priority 3: RRG Allocations**

**Problem:** Insufficient funding to preserve road assets for rural / remote LGvt's.

**Solution:** Regional Road Group allocations to metropolitan councils be reduced to 10%

### **Priority 4: Emergency Funding (DRFAWA)**

**Problem:** Financial burden of Remote Local Governments.

**Solution:** Reduction of Shire Contributions for remote Local Governments to 2% of rate revenue and only one contribution per annum as we may have multiple events. Overdraft interest should also be included as an expense. Another inclusion should be all overhead costs for Shire Staff as an eligible cost. Cost of road reinstatement due to damage to road caused by repairing flood damaged roads.

### **Priority 5: Staff Housing**

**Problem:** Cost of constructing staff housing for employees.

**Solution:** Include a provision where a remote Local Government can access a fund for the provision of Staff Housing with a maximum amount of \$1M per year. Not for renovations but for new home construction.

### **Priority 6: Native Vegetation**

**Problem:** If Road Reserve not cleared the roads become unsafe due to a poor line of sight and animals feeding on the road verges.

**Solution:** Allow the clearing of native vegetation within existing road reserves.

### **Priority 7: Headworks**

**Problem:** Extreme costs to develop land to be used for housing.

**Solution:** Ensure that Horizon Power subsidise remote Local Governments for the provision of electricity, water and gas rather than using the current cost + methodology.

### **Priority 8: Miscellaneous Mining Licences**

**Problem:** Mining camps are generally situated on Miscellaneous Mining Licences and as it stands, we cannot rate them to account for the extra traffic damage to the road infrastructure.

**Solution:** Change the legislation to ensure that Local Governments can rate Miscellaneous Mining Licences.

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – CARNARVON MULLEWA RD UPGRADE  
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025**

Contractor	MTF Services	Start Date:	25 November 2024
		Forecast Completion Date:	April 2025

**Project Overview**

The upgrade project consists of the upgrade of approx. 10 – 12km of the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd from gravel to seal. The work involves several discontinuous segments east of Pells Crossing and west of Cobra Dairy Creek Rd

The work is funded 100% by Main Roads WA. The earthworks and pavement work is being completed by MTF.

The spray sealing work is to be completed by Colas. Sealing is scheduled for late April 2025.

**Works this period (Dec/Jan 2024-25)**

- The work crew was on break for all of January 2025.

**Works next period (Feb 2025)**

- Work recommenced early Feb 2025
- Re-established work site and waters
- Recommended subgrade preparation in the vicinity of the Congo crossing (western and eastern approaches)
- Hot weather has presented challenges for moisture consistency
- Estimating bulk of subgrade work will be completed by mid February.
- Pavement work will commence shortly thereafter.

**Status Breakdown**

Carnarvon Mullewa Rd 10km upgrade	Clearing	Embank't	Subgrade	Drainage	Stabilised Floodways	Basecourse	Overall
	100%	54%	52%	0%	0%	0%	23%

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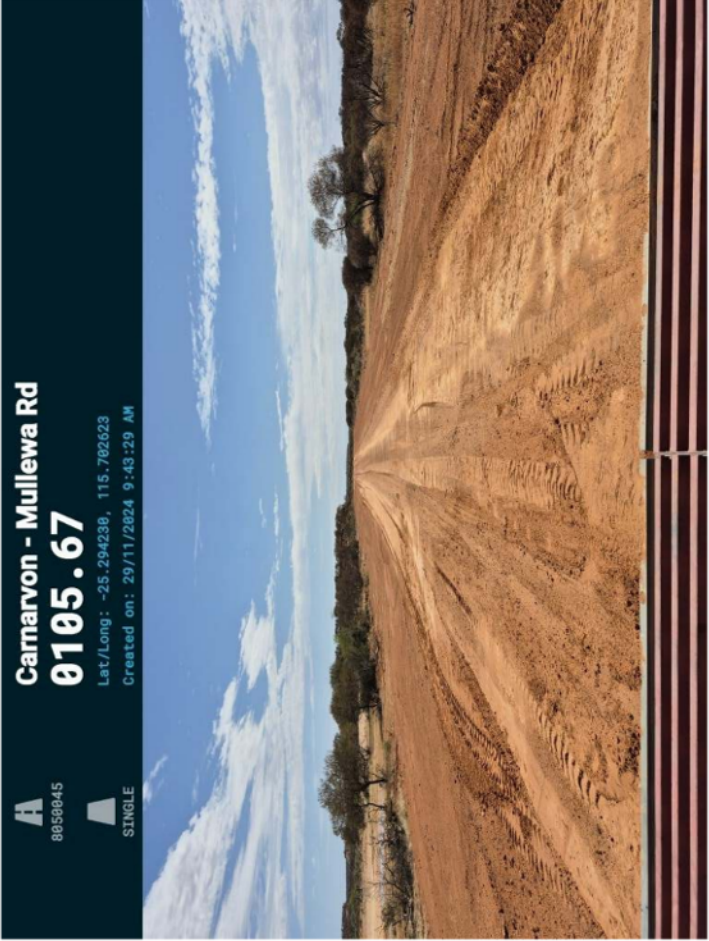
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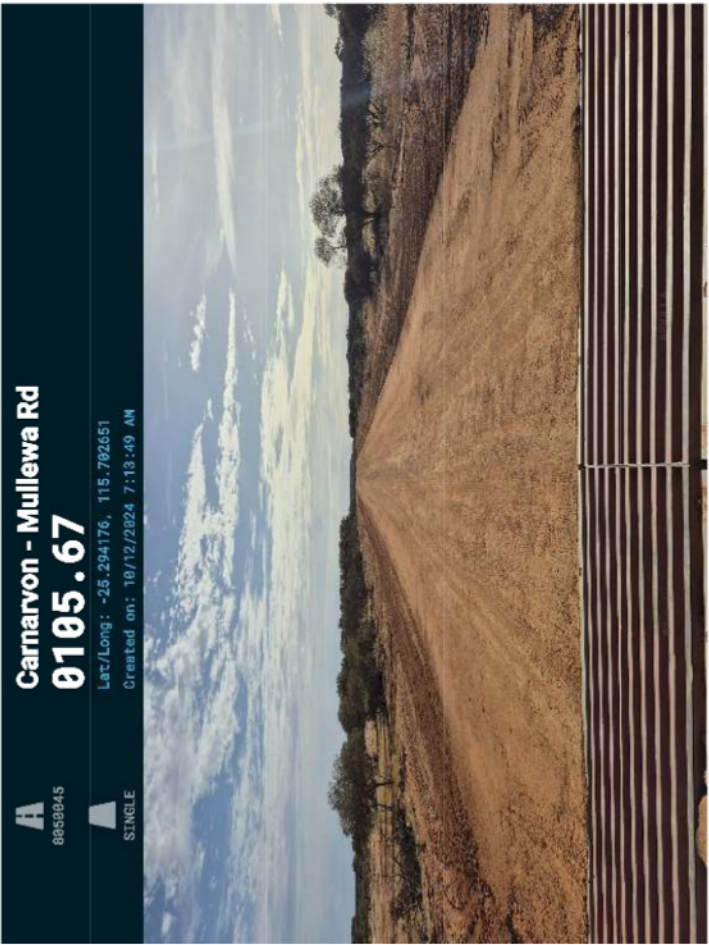
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Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 105.670 - 001 - CLEARING



Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 105.670 - 001 - SUBGRADE

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

Northern Guardian - Wednesday 9th June 2004

## **New power station for Gascoyne Junction**

WESTERN Power will build a new power station at Gascoyne Junction.

Energy Minister Eric Ripper said tenders had been called for power stations fired by either diesel, or a combination of diesel and green power, such as wind or solar energy.

Mr Ripper said the power stations would supply electricity to Western Power at higher environmental standards than existing diesel generators and could lower generation costs.

Upper Gascoyne shire president Ross Collins said consumers in the shire would be grateful for the push to modernise power generation.

"It makes a lot of sense to encourage solar power," he said.

"There are nine months when it is hot and plenty of sun.

The Minister said Western Power would buy the electricity from the privately owned and operated stations and deliver it to customers in the town.

It was expected that construction would begin in January next year for the stations to be operating in October 2005.

# 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:** Jeffrey Pyman

**Nickname:** Piecart

**Place of birth:** Quorn, South Australia

**Where did you grow up?** Quorn

**Favourite food?** Chicken Parmie, Vindaloo Curry

**Favourite animal?** Red/ Blue Healer

**Footy team:** Western Bull Dogs

**What is on your bucket list:** -

**Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?** To work and learn this part of Australia

**How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?** Just moved here 4 weeks ago

**What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?** Wonderful people and great country

**What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne?** The Race day  
sounds great to attend and music events sound great as well

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

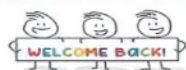
## NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY 2025**

Responsibility Resilience Respect



### PRINCIPAL'S POST



Welcome to another busy year at our school. The end of 2024 saw the departure of three staff and nine students. Such a huge shift in numbers always requires some big changes in how classes and students are organized.

**THANK YOU!**

My thanks go to Miss Connell and Miss Heejeong who have spent a lot of out of school time planning and organizing these changes to ensure a seamless and easy transition of our 'old' and our returning students to their new routines and new classroom settings. **Great effort to both of you!**

#### *ATTENDANCE (food for thought)*

A friendly reminder of the importance of regular attendance so students have the best opportunity to reach their potential.

**Missing school even 1 day a week means your child will miss out on:**

**\* 40 days each year**

**\* This is over 2½ years of school missed from K to Yr 12**

*Kind regards, Jackie Miller (Principal)*

### ★ STUDENT COUNCILLORS ★

Please welcome our two Year 9 students Bridie Walker and Sophie Kempton who will be taking on the roles of student councillors for 2025 (see photos below).

They will soon meet with the principal to discuss and finalise the school's fundraising focus for the year. Each semester our councillors work with students to choose a WA or National charity and a school focus for fundraising. The councillors' annual responsibilities will include as a minimum organizing fundraising events each term, meeting visitors, giving a tour of the school, hosting special occasions (e.g. Remembrance Day Ceremony) and writing their blurb for our newsletter. Watch this space!



#### Ingredients

- 4 tomatoes, diced (approximately 250g)
- 1 red small capsicum, diced
- 1 lime, finely grated rind and juiced
- ¼ long red chilli, seeded, finely diced
- ¼ cup fresh coriander, chopped
- 2 spring onions, thinly sliced

#### Method

1. Place 1 tomato in a blender and blitz until pureed
2. Tip into a medium bowl, add all remaining ingredients, gently mix to combine
3. Salsa can be kept in an airtight container in the fridge for 4 days.

#### Nacho Sauce - Fresh

#### Recipe options (Green)

- Nachos made with toasted tortilla chips
- As a topping for stuffed potatoes with a sprinkle of reduced fat cheese
- Dipping sauce with vegie sticks
- Pizza sauce on bread base

#### Recipe options (Amber)

- Nachos made with unsalted corn chips
- Dipping sauce with unsalted corn chips





# Welcome back to school!!



The 2025 school year is off to an awesome start. Students have been hard at work setting up the classroom, creating the values boxes, hand delivering them to the CRC and getting to know each other.

We kicked off our new music program called AMPLIFY and the students had a blast learning about beats in popular songs.

Our Yr 9 girls have been productive at organizing their timetables and studies ready for a busy year ahead!







# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

## Why is going to school regularly so important?

At school, many concepts (such as numeracy and literacy) are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – **which can often make it difficult to catch up later**. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of ‘**showing up**’ – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that **every day at school counts towards a student’s learning**.

**STUDENTS WHO ATTEND MORE, GENERALLY DO BETTER AT SCHOOL AND IN LIFE. EVERYDAY MATTERS!**



## COMING EVENTS

27/02/25, 13/03/25 and 27/03/25	Harper’s visits to the Early Childhood class at CCC with Miss Heejeong and Miss Connell.
03/03/2025	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
04/03/25 - 06/03/25	Visit from cultures of Excellence and Airborne IT to teach VR skills
10/03/2025	Annual Public Meeting 5:00pm-5:45pm / General School Council Meeting 5:45pm
13/03/25- 14/03/25	Engagement Visit from the Elders share local knowledge
12/03/2025 - 24/03/2025	NAPLAN Assessments
31/03/2025	Special School Council Meeting (if needed)
11/04/2025	LAST DAY OF TERM
12/04/2025 – 28/04/2025	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
28/04/2025	Staff Development Day
29/04/2025	Students return to school





Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

# Art Competition



**Calling all young artists!**

**Unleash your creativity and inspire health and wellbeing**

We are looking for artwork that celebrates what being healthy and safe means to young people living in regional WA.

**Theme: Promoting health, safety and wellbeing**

**Age categories: 4-12 years and 13-17 years**

The winning entries will be used to help us promote health, safety and wellbeing for children and young people right around country WA!



**Get involved and create!**

Submit your artwork by Friday 11 April 2025  
For more information scan the QR code or contact  
[wachsconsumerengagement@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:wachsconsumerengagement@health.wa.gov.au)





# Easy Creamy Garlic Prawn Pasta Bake

Baked in foil and ready in just 40 minutes, this easy seafood bake is packed with prawns and risoni - perfect for a weeknight dinner.

## METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan forced. Cook risoni in a saucepan of boiling water for 4 minutes or until partially cooked. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, combine the cream, stock powder, garlic and mustard in small bowl.
3. Tear four 30cm square sheets of foil. Divide the risoni evenly among the sheets and pull the edges of the foil up slightly. Top the risoni with the prawns and peas. Pour over the cream mixture.
4. Fold the foil and paper to enclose the filling and seal tightly. Place onto a large baking tray and bake for 15 minutes or until the prawns change colour. Sprinkle with parsley and Parmesan to serve.

## INGREDIENTS

- 150g (2/3 cup) dried risoni pasta
- 250ml (1 cup) pouring cream
- 2 tsp Chicken Stock Powder
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 600g green prawns, peeled, deveined, tails intact
- 150g (1 cup) frozen peas, thawed (see tip)
- Fresh continental parsley leaves, to serve
- Shaved Parmesan Cheese, to serve



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## MARCH

- 2 Karen Coffin
- 6 Genevieve Robinson
- 7 Glenda Sibson
- 9 Thomas Fletcher
- 18 Laura Litek
- 20 Georgie Hammarquist
- 23 David Hammarquist
- 30 Di Kempton



## APRIL

- 3 Mitchell Hoseason-Smith
- 8 Bridie Walker
- 11 Riley McKeough
- 15 Katelyn Wright

## MAY

- 3 Dylan Hoseason-Smith
- 9 Kevan "Pronto" Brand
- 27 Barney McTaggart



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)



## RECORD TEMPERATURES

February saw high temperatures in Gascoyne Junction. On Sunday Feb 3, Gascoyne Junction recorded its highest official temperature with the Bureau of Meteorology at 49 degrees surpassing the previous highest recorded temperature of 48.8 degrees on February 6, 1991.

Not to settle there, the record was broken again on Monday Feb 4, with the mercury reaching 49.2 degrees to set yet another record. According to the Bureau of Meteorology this is the first time two consecutive days of 49 degrees and over has been recorded in Western Australia.

## GASCOYNE JUNCTION WEATHER FACTS

### Highest Recorded Temperature:

**48.8 degrees on 6 February 1991 NOW 49.2 degrees on 4 February 2025**

**Lowest Recorded Temperature:** 1.3 degrees on 10 August 1968

**Highest Annual Rainfall:** 550.4mm in 1923

**Lowest Annual Rainfall:** 39.8mm in 1956

**Average Rainfall 1907 to 2021:** 212.9mm

## GASCOYNE JUNCTION PUB UPDATE

Work has been going on both in and out of the Shire offices to secure a new lessee for the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park. Peter Loughton and the team from Summit Realty in Bunbury have been appointed as the commercial brokers. They have received a high level of interest and have narrowed down to several keen interested parties who have toured the facility over the past week. A nation wide marketing campaign was undertaken by Peter and was supported by a media release that the Shire developed in partnership with the Gascoyne Development Commission. Our search for a lessee has been on TV, radio and in digital and print media.

Interested parties are preparing their applications for the Shire to consider and we hope we are not too far way from being able to appoint the next lessee to carry on the tradition of the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park. We understand how important the pub is to our community and those who visit, and we appreciate your patience whilst we find the best candidate for the job.



## March at Gascoyne Junction Sports Club:

Start your morning right with this quick full-body workout. Whether it's before work or after the kids school drop, this is perfect for busy parents or those with a busy schedule.

### 15 MINUTE WORKOUT:

Repeat this circuit 2 times and rest 60 seconds between sets.



# Overnight oats

Adapt this recipe for easy overnight oats to suit your tastes. You can add dried fruit, seeds and nuts, grated apple or pear or chopped tropical fruits for the perfect healthy breakfast



## METHOD

### step 1

The night before serving, stir the cinnamon and 100ml water (or milk) into your oats with a pinch of salt.

### step 2

The next day, loosen with a little more water (or milk) if needed. Top with the yogurt, berries, a drizzle of honey and the nut butter.

### What are overnight oats?

Overnight oats are basically oats which have been left to soak overnight in milk or water, rather than being cooked in the morning. This no-cook method allows the oats to absorb the liquid overnight and soften them so that they are ready to eat in the morning. This makes overnight oats a quick and easy breakfast option, and you can easily customise them with different toppings and sauces.

## INGREDIENTS

- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- 50g rolled porridge oats
- 2 tbsp natural yogurt
- 50g mixed berries
- drizzle of honey
- ½ tbsp nut butter
- (we used almond)

Nutrition: Per serving

kcal 348

fat 11g

saturates 2g

carbs 46.07g

sugars 13g

fibre 6g

protein 13g

salt 0.17g

# GASCOYNE

## REGIONAL ARTS PLAN



# HELP SHAPE ARTS & CULTURE IN GASCOYNE JUNCTION

DATE: FRIDAY MARCH 14

LOCATION: GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRC

TIME: 10AM-12 NOON

CONTACT THE TCDO AT THE SHIRE OF UPPER  
GASCOYNE FOR INFORMATION ON 08 9943 0988  
OR [TCDO@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU](mailto:TCDO@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU)

RSVP TO [TCDO@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU](mailto:TCDO@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU)  
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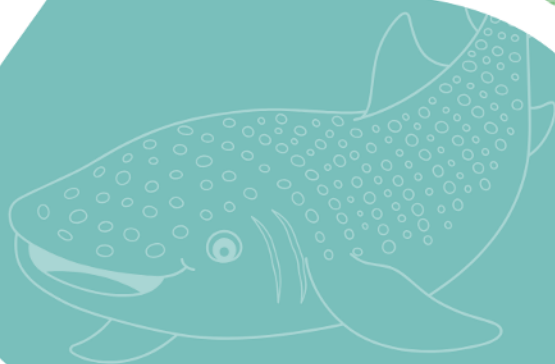
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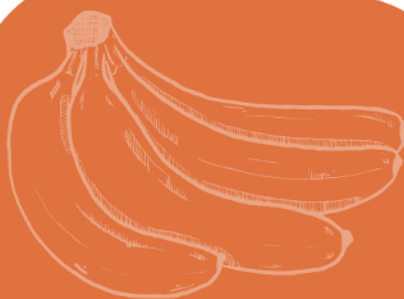
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# GASCOYNE

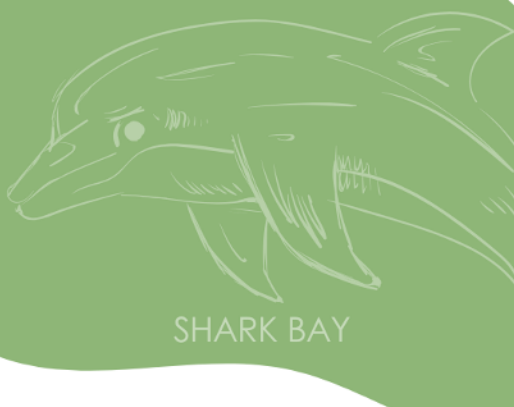
## REGIONAL ARTS PLAN



EXMOUTH &  
CORAL BAY



CARNARVON



SHARK BAY

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION

**COMPLETE OUR SURVEY**



SHARE YOUR IDEAS, ASPIRATIONS, AND INSIGHTS TO  
ENSURE THE PLAN REFLECTS THE TRUE CREATIVE SPIRIT  
OF THE GASCOYNE - YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



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# **EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES**

**TUESDAY APRIL 8TH 2025**

**TIME 4:00PM**

**GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE CENTRE**





11:00AM ANZAC SERVICE AT WAR MEMORIAL




# GASSIFIEDS



## WA STATE ELECTION REMOTE POLLING BOOTH TUE MAR 4 10.30-11.30AM

The Western Australia Electoral Commission will set up a remote polling booth on Tuesday March 4 at the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre from 10.30am to 11.30am only for those wishing to vote in person for the upcoming State Election on March 8. This is the only time in person voting will be available.

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# Merome BEARD

LIBERAL FOR MID-WEST

SHADOW MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES;  
SHADOW MINISTER FOR HERITAGE;



## Mid-West Deserves Better



Hello, I'm **Merome Beard**, but most people call me Mem.

I'm a Liberal Member of State Parliament already representing areas in the Mid-West, Gascoyne and Murchison, and I'm your Liberal candidate for the new Mid-West electorate in the upcoming March election.

My family and I have a long connection to the regions spanning four generations in the pastoral industry. For 22 years my husband Tony and I have owned and operated regional businesses including a pub, raised our kids and volunteered with community groups.

I know first-hand what makes living and working in the regions great but I also know just how hard the past few years have been for many in the bush. I understand the issues, challenges and opportunities across our communities - I live it and I know it!

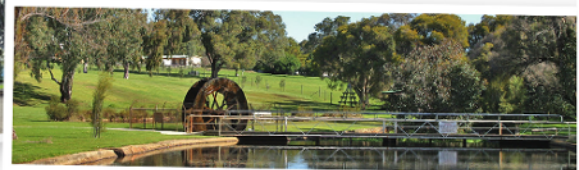
It's time we had real discussions and debate - we can't keep doing what we are doing, with a lack of consultation and legislation being rammed through Parliament. If we don't stand up for what we truly believe in, then nothing will change.

**I'm COMMITTED to FIGHT HARD for the things that matter to us and protecting our way of life.**

The **Labor Government** has failed to adequately fund or tackle **important issues** right across our regions such as:

- Cost of living and helping small businesses
- Health services, housing and neglected infrastructure
- Law and Order
- Reliable Communication
- Better management of power, water and coastal erosion
- Royalties for Regions - spend the money where it's generated
- Live Exports - 'Keep the Sheep'
- Firearms Act - I opposed this bill
- Electoral Reform - which reduced regional voices

And the list goes on ...



## Did You Know?



✓ **YOUR electoral boundaries have changed.** The current seats of Moore and North West Central have been abolished and re-aligned to the **one new electorate of Mid-West.**

✓ **What this means for you** In March 2025, your local Member of State Parliament will be the voice for towns as far north as Carnarvon, inland to Meekatharra and south to Muechea and Chittering in a seat covering approx. 420,000 km<sup>2</sup> being the electorate of Mid-West.

✓ **As your Liberal Candidate for the Mid-West,** I very much look forward to meeting with you, and for the opportunity to represent you and our regions as a strong voice, long into the future.

✓ **We DESERVE Better** - I'm driven to stay for the long haul and keep fighting for the regions and the large seat of Mid-West to ensure balance and common sense are restored in our State Parliament and our regional voices are heard **With your support I can deliver for MID-WEST.**

## Get in Touch

I'd love to catch up to say hello!

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## Tourism Opportunities Under the Dark Sky!

### Want to earn money under the stars?

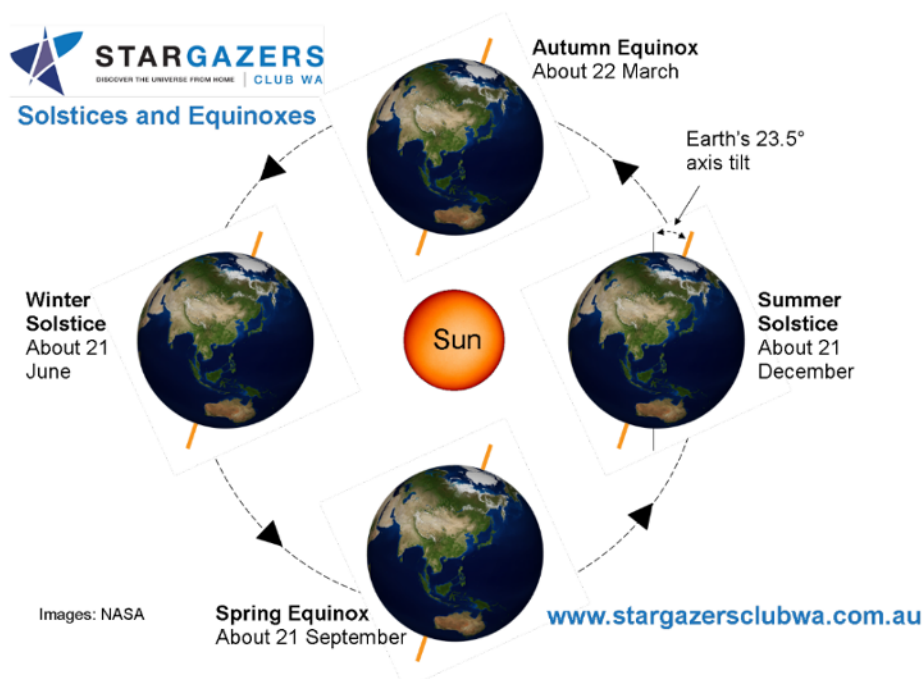
Did you know you're in an Astrotourism Town? Astrotourism is BIG around the world with a growing number of travellers seeking out dark sky experiences.

Are you an existing tourism operator or someone with an interest in the stars and astronomy? Perhaps you have a passion for telescopes and astrophotography that can turn into a side-hustle or tourism business? Call or email Carol Redford, Founder of Astrotourism WA, to find out how. 0427 554 035 or [stars@astrotourismwa.com.au](mailto:stars@astrotourismwa.com.au).

### Hello Autumn!

The March or Autumn equinox marks the transition from summer to autumn in the southern hemisphere. It also marks several astronomical phenomena. The Sun rises directly in the east and sets due west. The Sun will also appear exactly halfway between its northernmost and southernmost location in the sky.

The exact time of the March equinox occurs when the sun is directly above the Earth's equator. This year, this occurs on 20th March at 5.01pm for West Australians. The image below shows how seasons progress as Earth orbits the Sun.



For more what's up in the night sky, visit [www.astrotourismwa.com.au](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au). Happy stargazing!





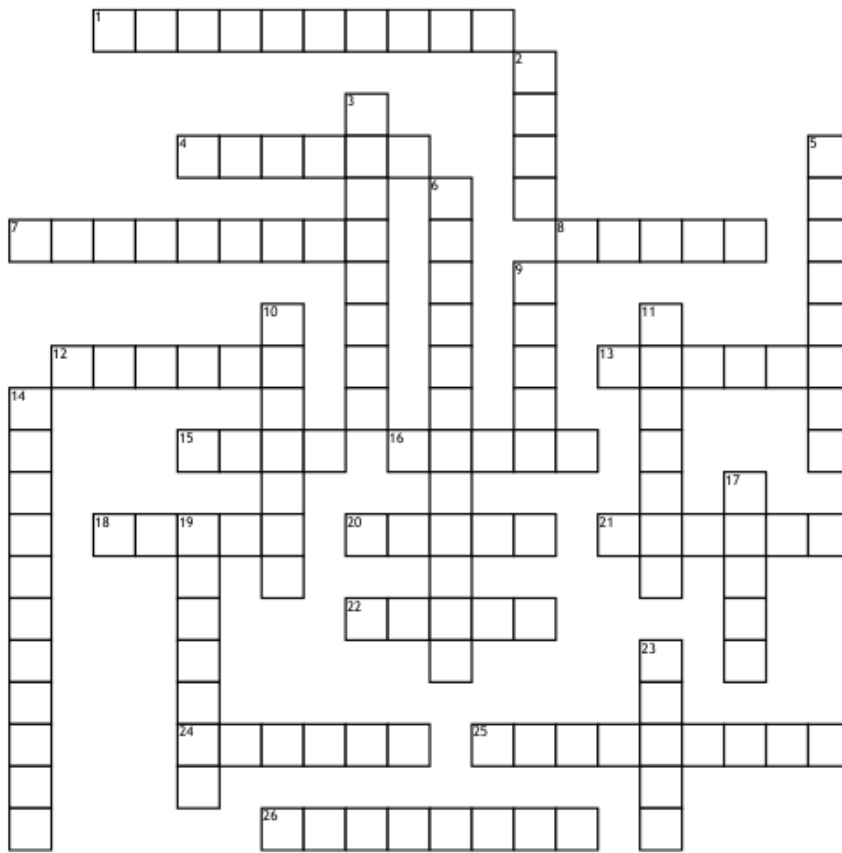
# SMOKO TIME

## RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

I'm a mystery, but I've given you the clues to solve me. You see me now, and my answer is myself.  
What am I?

If your answer was "riddle," you are correct.

# St. Patrick's Day



## Across

1. A mischievous elf in Irish Folklore
4. A branch of the Indo-European languages that was spread widely over Europe in the pre-Christian era.
7. To publicly party
8. The Celtic language of Ireland
12. A plant of the genus *Trifolium*
13. March in a procession
15. Something likened to the metal in brightness or preciousness
16. A month of a year
18. Resembling the color of growing grass

20. An occasion on which people can assemble for social interaction and entertainment
21. A staple food of Ireland
22. Occurring by chance
24. A story about mythical or supernatural beings or events
25. An inherited pattern of thought or action

26. Another word for 3-leaf clover

## Down

2. Invoke upon
3. A humorous verse form of 5 anapestic lines with a rhyme scheme aabba.
5. A special kind of clover
6. Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland

9. Any art that invokes supernatural powers

10. Achieved independence from the UK in 1921

11. An arc of colored light in the sky caused by refraction of the sun's rays by rain

14. The day of the month of St Patrick's day

17. A small being, human in form, playful and having magical powers

19. Highly valued as a gemstone

23. A form of money



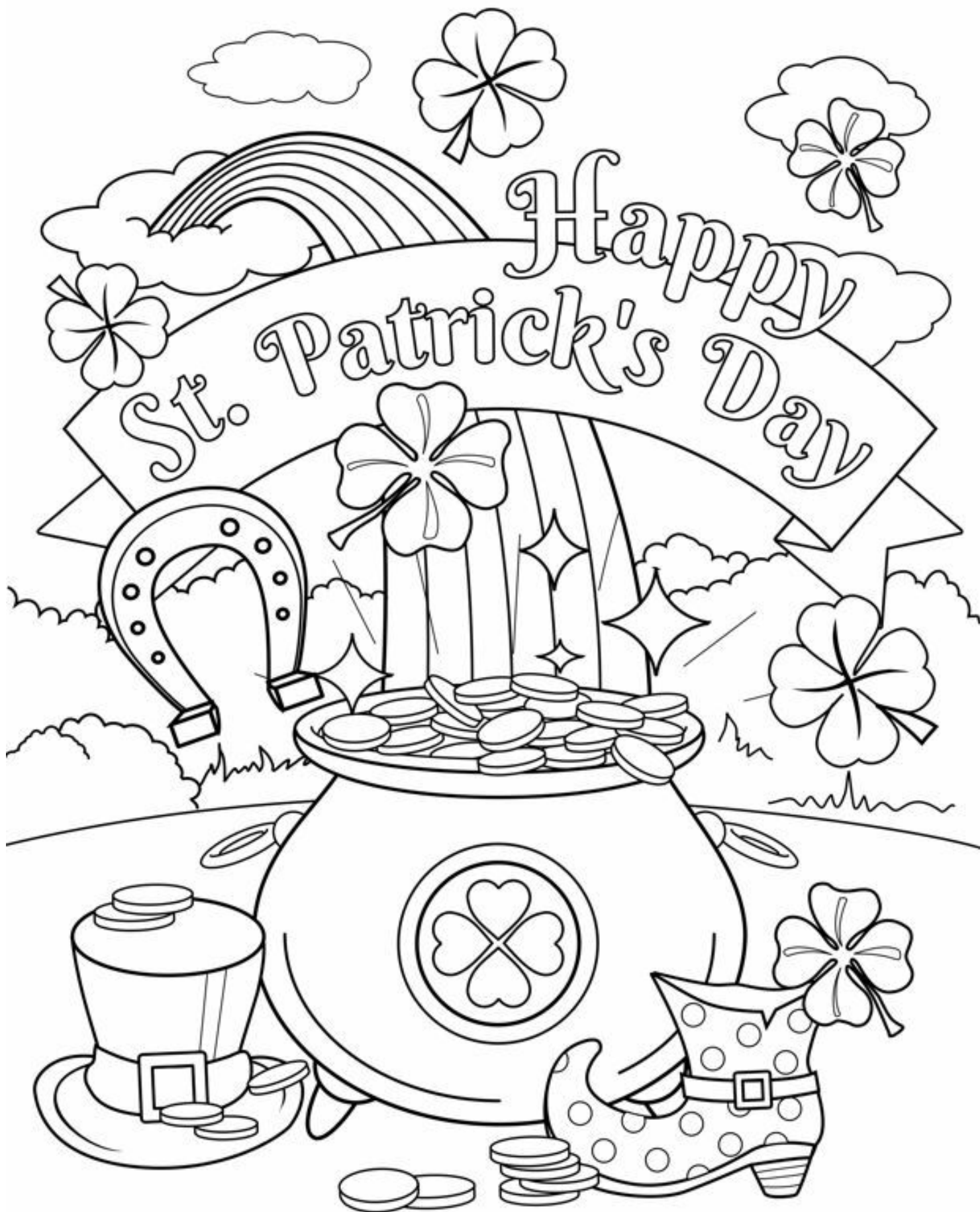
# KIDS CORNER

## KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

It belongs to you, but your friends use it more.  
What is it?

ANSWER: Your name







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

Search for these Saint Patrick's Day Words!

*They can be forward, diagonal, or up and down.*



Green  
Rainbow  
Luck

March  
Gold  
Shamrock



# Gascoyne Junction

2025 GP

CLINIC DATES



**09 JAN**

**05 FEB**

**05 MAR**

**02 APR**

**07 MAY**

**04 JUN**

**02 JUL**

**06 AUG**

**03 SEP**

**01 OCT**

**05 NOV**

**03 DEC**

# Gascoyne Junction

2025 NURSING

CLINIC & PHYSIO DATES



**15 JAN**

**19 FEB**

**19 MAR**

**16 APR**

**21 MAY**

**18 JUN**

**16 JUL**

**20 AUG**

**17 SEP**

**15 OCT**

**19 NOV**

**17 DEC**

- \* Appointments will be 30 minutes long but longer consultations can be requested
- \* Appointments will be bulk billed
- \* Appointment can be made by online via the following link

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### GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

05 MARCH

### NURSING CLINIC

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COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

19 MARCH

### PHYSIO CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
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CENTRE

19 MARCH

### GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
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CENTRE

02 APRIL

# UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS



### KIDS EASTER ACTIVITY

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

08 APRIL

### NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

16 APRIL

### PHYSIO CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

16 APRIL

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
WAR  
MEMORIAL

25 APRIL

### GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

07 MAY

### NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

21 MAY

### PHYSIO CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

21 MAY

### MUSIC IN THE PARK

TWO RIVERS  
MEMORIAL  
PARK

24 MAY