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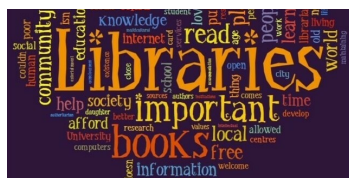
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## Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 12th February  
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

Once again I have had a health related hiatus to the month. This time I had severe infection of the Gall Bladder along with Gall Stones that required surgical intervention. I would like to provide my sincere gratitude to all my staff and Councillors for their understanding and assistance. Unfortunately, I lost about two weeks by the time I was admitted to hospital, operated on and recovered.

Most of my available time has been consumed with the Gascoyne Junction Pub and Tourist Precinct. I am please to say that we are in a good position to move forward after this meeting.

I had the pleasure of entertaining or should I say being entertained by our former Shire President, Mr Locky McTaggart. Locky was very complimentary about the standard of our little town and congratulated one and all.

The State election has been and gone with Labor victorious. Labor have now put various Ministers in charge of each district, for the Gascoyne we have got Hannah Beazley, who is also the Minister for Local Government. I have already reached out via the Gascoyne Development Commission to arrange for an onsite meeting with the Minister.

## Manager of Works and Services Report

The past month has been consumed with closing out the past pub lease and entering a new lease. The search for new tenants has been ongoing but we are confident we will have new lessees by the end April. Thanks to much effort from staff, lawyers and property agents, we believe we have a better lease and have engaged a professional property management team to manage it. The Johnson Property Group team have a combined 250 years of professional experience across the Commercial Property Management and Real Estate industry. Their team will take full ownership for the day-to-day management of property assets, ensuring important tasks are attended to promptly. They will act as the conduit between the Junction Tourist Park and the Shire and handle all aspects of the commercial lease reporting, maintenance and inspections.

We have also engaged various trades to carry out the much-needed repairs and maintenance to the facility to ensure it is in top shape prior to the new lessees taking over. JPG will conduct a full inspection and report before the lessees move in. Some repairs are a hangover from the previous tenants before Ken and Dianne took over. The total estimate for repairs and renewal is in the order of \$150,000.

Finally, the weather has seemed to back off and we are no longer lingering in the mid to high forties. This has been a big relief to our parks, gardens. The team have been busy playing catchup with additional workload including new staff housing and the tourist park maintenance and providing accommodation for our contractors. The construction of several patio/carports and sheds in staff housing is almost complete. The new additions have provided staff with much needed shaded areas to enjoy outside and storage for the vehicles and possessions. The contractor will return in the next week to carry out warranty work and finish off minor works.

The pipework and construction of the evaporation pond for the reverse osmosis plant is underway. ABBL Contracting have started laying the cooling pipeline and feed to the evap pond. NGE will begin constructing the pond at the end of March. The RO plant is due to undergo final testing on the 3rd of April before being shipped to site. Sean will attend the testing in Perth.

The administration building office extension has been put back out for quotes, submissions are to be received by the 24th March, this will be rewarded a day prior to council.

The RFQ for the installation of the new footpaths closes this week and is up for discussion at this council meeting. At the time of writing submissions were received through Tenderlink and not accessible.

The works crew have mobilised and begun works on our R2R project on Carnarvon Mullewa Road. In February last year, Council identified the section from the Glenburgh turn off towards the Murchison boundary to require resheeting and upgrading. We aim to resheet 13-14km of the first 18kms. This will include correcting the superelevation's of four corners, stabilising twelve floodways and widening of various sections. This project will see us through to the end of the financial year.

Back in December 2024, we suffered major damage to various roads within our network. The worst hit road was Carnarvon Mullewa. We have submitted a flood damage claim to DRFWA but are yet to receive a formal response.

In the meantime we have engaged Yuin Contracting and ABBL Contracting to repair the Congo concrete crossing, rock protection on the Pells floodway and multiple bitumen repairs in the hope that the repairs are covered under the immediate works provision if the event is declared by DRFWA.



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

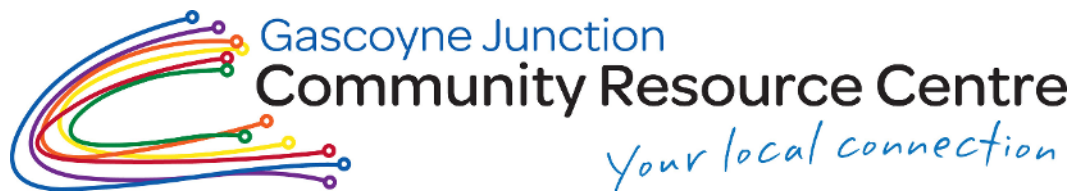
February has been a very productive month for the team with producing both January and February monthly financial statements due to the Christmas mandatory office closure. February has focused on commencing the Budget Review which is required to be adopted by Council in March 2025. Thanks everyone for your efforts to date.

Brooke, our CRC Customer Service Officer, attended training with the State Library and advised that it was well worth the trip into Carnarvon, as the course related directly to services we provide, consolidating what she has learnt, and gave her an opportunity to review our current operations.

We have been recruiting for a Senior Finance Officer and are happy to announce that Candice Murphy will be joining our team on the week commencing 31st March. No doubt you will see her in the office and around town and we look forward to working with her.

During March Ainsley will be in Perth for a week for the Caravan and Camping Show. This has been a yearly event, which gives the Shire an opportunity to showcase our attractions, and Ainsley will no doubt represent us well.

All in all, the team has done the Shire proud. Without your efforts we would not be able to achieve what we do. Well Done!



## **Community Resource Centre Update**

The beginning of March saw the launch of the Detour Gascoyne Murchison Campaign as part the marketing collaborative alliance with the Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways program and Australia's Golden Outback. Release of the Detour Gascoyne Murchison Campaign which is a part of the GMOP Collaboration across Gascoyne Murchison and AGO. The campaign will continue through April but has a competition element running until the end of March. The campaign has seen advertising on YouTube, 9 Now, a double page spread in caravan and camping magazine, radio spots on 6PR and advertising with Association of Caravan Club. The campaign also has a dedicated landing page on the AGO website which has seen 16,841 landing page visits, 135,624 reach from paid social media ads, and 167 click links through to the Biggest BBQ an increase of 99% from the 2024 campaign.

The Shire has also been getting great traction with social media posts about Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus on the social media pages of Tourism Australia and Tourism WA. The Posts – Tourism WA and Tourism Australia. A marketing campaign is being prepared for April, May and June to spread the message that Gascoyne Junction and the Shire is open for business in line with the reopening of the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park to counteract the messaging that there is no accommodation and food available in Gascoyne Junction and to not visit.

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne will be represented at the Perth Caravan and Camping Show from Thursday March 19 to Sunday March 22. This year, the Shire is collaborating with the Shire of Carnarvon building on the strong ties between visitation in Carnarvon and the Upper Gascoyne. Statistical data shows that over 60% of visitors spend the night prior and/or the night after a visit to the Upper Gascoyne in Carnarvon. This is a trial that will be analysed post event. The AGO will also be promoting the Gascoyne Murchison region at the event.

A submission was made for the consideration of Gascoyne Junction in the 2025 Tiny Tourism Awards. Finalists will be announced in early April with judging closing in early May.

6 candidates were presented with Request for Applications in March after conducting five site tours in late February. The closing deadline for this process was 12 noon on Monday March 17 and two applications were received. The broker, Peter Loughton from Summit Realty, provided a strong list of interested parties. The Gascoyne Development Commission also provided great support in assisting with a media release which saw the story about the quest to discovery a new lessee for the pub hit 6PR, ABC Radio, 7 News Regional along with both print and digital media articles.

Funding for new website: The website is given to the lessee to use during their period of lease but the asset remains the property of the Shire. Gascoyne Development Commission has funded an upgrade to the current Junction Pub & Tourist Park website with work commencing on redesign and content loading. The outcome of this project is to have online reservations operational by the end of March to assist with forward bookings for the new lessee in the short term and with a long term goal of creating a digital footprint of the facility being linked with online travel agencies and corporate travel agencies to increase bookings and streamline processes.

A Women's Health Clinic including a mental health and general health and wellness day is in the initial planning stages with WACHS. Womens Clinic – also adding mental health and a general health and wellness day in initial planning

A flu vaccine clinic to be run in conjunction with an upcoming GP Clinic is also in the planning stages.

The community consultation process for the Gascoyne Regional Arts Strategy commenced on March 5 and on March 14, the consultant's visited Gascoyne Junction to get an understanding of what makes our community special. 1:1 conversations were had with community members along with a visit to Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School for a youth perspective. A survey is available for completion. This community feedback will be put into a draft document for comment in April.

In February, an online meeting was held in the early morning with North America to start the next stage of the International Dark Sky Community Accreditation Process. Gascoyne Junction and the Shire is well positioned with work already undertaken over the past few years in this space. Monthly, light measuring at key sites across Gascoyne Junction during a new moon have commenced. Sites have been identified to provide a broad range of returns from our darkest spots through to areas most likely to be developed moving forward so that changes can be monitored.

There has also been a step forward in the access to street lighting that is 3000K and below which meets the Shires Dark Sky Lighting Policy. The pilot study program with Horizon Power and Astrotourism WA will be revisited over the coming weeks.



Quotes are being obtained for a permanent dark sky viewing platform at the Town Pavilion, where planisphere and a guide to stargazing will be placed. Travelling cases have also been manufactured for the Shire's telescopes to facilitate dark sky viewing experiences across the Shire. The first date for 2025, will be in late May at the Burringurrah Remote Community School. Events are also scheduled as part of the Under Gascoyne Skies Festival at Mt Augustus on August 22 and in Gascoyne Junction on August 23 for not only our local community but to attract visitors to the region.

A town in Colorado USA, has reached out to begin discussions to form a Sister City relationship based around our mutual commitment to protecting Dark Skies.

Work continues with the Gazing the Gascoyne brand with the support of the Gascoyne Development Commission and the Shires of Exmouth, Carnarvon and Shark Bay. A marketing campaign is being developed to promote the regions dark skies during April and May.

The first round of mentoring in the Accommodation Capability Study is winding up, with five participants still involved. A more detailed report will be provided at the May meeting. Funding through Tourism WA has been given to help three of the participants in developing websites that will provide online booking capabilities. Mount Augustus Tourist Park will also be presented to buyers in the industry at the upcoming Australian Tourism Exchange again in 2025 as part of the Station Stays program. The tourist park has been deemed trade ready and entered into several contracts after the 2024 event, thanks to the participation in the program.

A tentative date for Mining Symposium this year's event is Thursday September 4.

We have also been busy preparing for the upcoming tourist season, ordering current brochures and making sure we have souvenirs and supplies on hand for when our visitors return to explore our region as the cooler weather graces us.

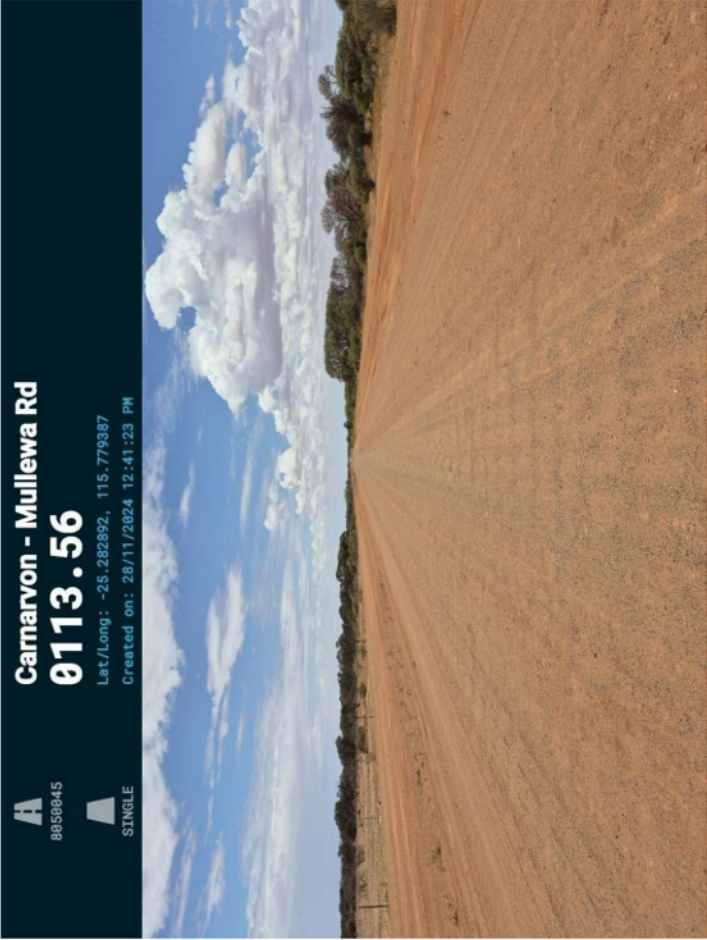
Brooke visited Gascoyne Junction Remote Community school to chat with the students to explore different ideas about events the CRC could host to provide them with monthly kid's activities. We had a good brainstorming session and have produced some ideas to start up a new Kids Club, which will start in term two.

The CRC sent the Community survey to all Upper Gascoyne residents last month, submissions are now closed. Congratulations to Bridie Walker for being the prize winner of the \$200 Visa gift card. Local history projects, family history and photography, first aid courses and financial advice were some of the suggestions from residents. A few ideas for the Gassy Gossip were also noted.

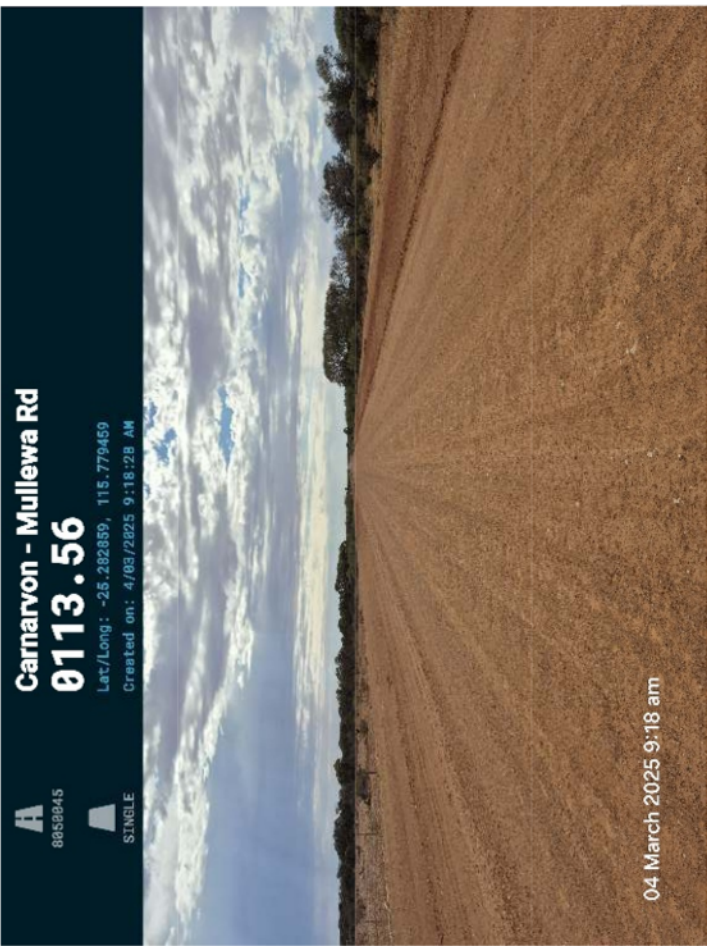
**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – CARNARVON MULLEWA RD UPGRADE  
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – MARCH 2025**

Contractor	MTF Services	Start Date:	25 November 2024				
		Forecast Completion Date:	April 2025				
<b>Project Overview</b>							
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 early May 2025.							
<b>Works this period (March 2025)</b>		<b>Works next period (April 2025)</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed subgrade preparation at the Congo crossing, including both western and eastern approaches.</li><li>Managed challenges with moisture consistency due to hot weather conditions at the start of the month.</li><li>Completed subgrade preparation up to SLK 113.700</li><li>Completed provisional subgrade preparation from SLK 113.700 to 116.000.</li><li>Rework of 1km of failed subgrade that has now passed compaction.</li><li>Completed pavement works including top up, mix and compact of approximately 2km. This section has included six cement stabilised flood ways. To date, only one set of test results for one of the six floodways has been received which met the requirements.</li><li>Another 2km of basecourse material has been imported ready for balancing.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Estimating bulk of pavement work will be completed by mid-April</li><li>Pushing up of basecourse material will continue throughout April until the required quantity is achieved for the remaining pavement works.</li><li>Estimating all existing drainage to be renewed/reshaped and any additional drainage to be completed by the end of April.</li><li>Estimating all signage to be reinstated by late April / early May.</li><li>Estimating final trim works commencing towards the end of April.</li><li>Estimating sealing Contractor to start delivering aggregate to site around the end of April.</li></ul>					
<b>Status Breakdown</b>							
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd 10km upgrade	Clearing	Embank't	Subgrade	Drainage	Stabilised Floodways	Basecourse	Overall
	100%	100%	100%	0%	53%	45%	75%





Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 113.560 - 001 - CLEARING



Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 113.560 - 001 - SUBGRADE

# JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2025



4th February End of School Holidays	
8th and 9th March	Untutored
5th and 6th April	AGM/Cricut Workshop
12th April – 27th April	
3rd and 4th May	Woodwork Workshop – Bins
14th and 15th June	Mystery Quilt
5th July – 20th July School Holidays	
1st August – 5th August	Bullara Retreat (*Limited Numbers) TBC
20th and 21st September	TBA
21st September – 6th October School Holidays	
18th and 19th October	Mosaic Table
22nd and 23rd November	Christmas Craft

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





# BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

Northern Guardian - Wednesday 14th October 1998

## Gas crew adapt to overcome failures

A ROUTINE maintenance trip turned into a dramatic helicopter mission for a gas pipeline engineering team who had to battle torrential rains to fix equipment failures at the gas line station near Gascoyne Junction.

Flooding rains in early August forced the maintenance crew to undertake a full-scale helicopter mission to replace an engine at one of the nine compressor stations on the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline.

Epic Energy engineering manager Tim Clarey said the maintenance crew had been working at Compressor Station number 5 (CS5), about half way along the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline, when the trouble began.

"As work began at CS5, problems arose 130 kilometres north at CS4, so a team was sent to fix what seemed to be a small fault," Mr Clarey said.

"It was essential that CS4 be restored so that CS5 could continue.

"Revenue is reduced by thousands of dollars a day with CS4 out of action."

Problems persisted at CS4, located near Gascoyne Junction, and the maintenance team was forced to

abandon the work at CS5 and divert their attention to CS4.

After discovering the CS4's turbine engine needed overhauling, a replacement was organised to be delivered from Geraldton.

However, the real problems began when the Gascoyne and Lyons Rivers flooded, turning CS4 into an island, Mr Clarey said.

The spare turbine was transported by road from Geraldton to Carnarvon, and then due to the slippery roads, took an additional 12 hours to travel the 160 kilometres to Gascoyne Junction.

"Nearly a week had passed since the equipment at CS4 had initially failed and the threat of ongoing road closures increased the pressure," Mr Clarey said.

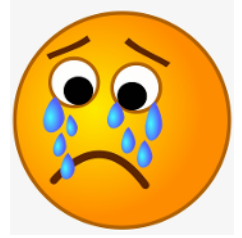
As the roads were expected to be closed for another four or five days they enlisted the help of a helicopter to lift personnel, tools and the turbine from Gascoyne Junction to CS4.

"To get the helicopter to the right spot required sufficient fuel, and with no drummed fuel in Carnarvon, it had to stop at Karratha to take on six drums of fuel for later use at Gascoyne Junction.

# CALLING ALL LOCAL CELEBRITIES..



## SAY GOODBYE TO...



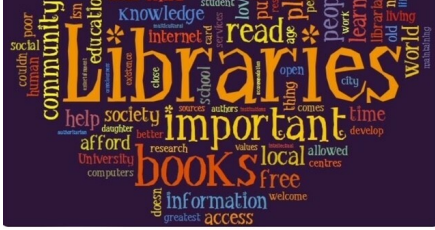
**This months segment is going to be a bit different.**

**Instead of saying G'Day we sadly say GOODBYE to Jackie and David Miller who have been an integral part of our community for last 4 years.**

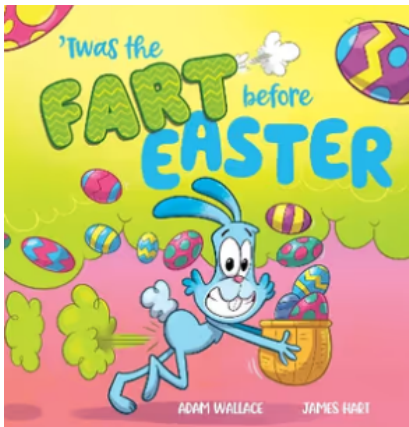
**From all of the residents of the Upper Gascoyne , we would like to say THANK YOU! We appreciate all of your efforts and commitment you have both added to our community.**

**You will be greatly missed and make sure you come back to visit us**





# BOOKS OF THE MONTH



## 'Twas the Fart before Easter

Author: Adam Wallace

'Twas the night before Easter, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. But then with a grumble, a rumble was felt, as the Bunny's mum's bum made the Easter eggs melt! Can the Bunny and his friends use all their stinky, farty, bunny-butt powers to save Easter?! Or will Easter be ruined by the Bunny's mum's bum?

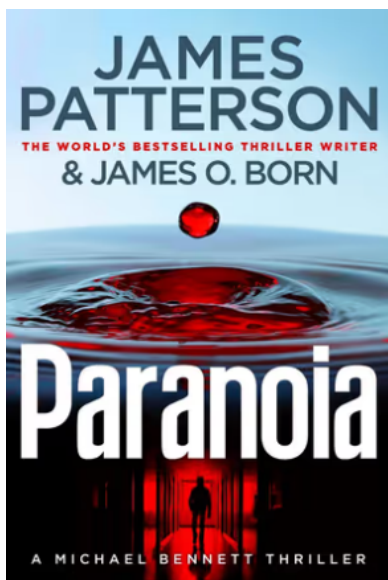


## THE BAD BRIDESMAID

Author: Rachael Johns

When serial dater Winifred Darling – Fred – is asked to be the maid of honour at her mother's sixth wedding, she's determined to do everything in her power to stop it. As the author of a forthcoming book called *21 Rules for Not Catching Feelings*, she knows better than most about the perils of falling in love.

On arrival at the island wedding destination, Fred is delighted to discover that the groom's hot muso son Leo is just as set against the wedding as she is. Together, they come up with 'Operation Break-Up' to prevent their parents from making what they believe will be a catastrophic mistake. But as Fred and Leo get to know each other better, their unexpected feelings for each other create further complications, and Fred is forced to rethink her own rigid rules about romance and family. Maybe not every relationship has to play by the book, and could Fred become the star in a romcom of her own?



## PARANOIA

Author: James Patterson

**A serial killer is taking out cops in NYC. Could Detective Michael Bennett be next?**

Michael Bennett says a prayer every time he witnesses a death. In his line of work, it happens too often.

But lately he's attended so many police funerals that his deepening sadness is crossing into the zone of suspicion.

Bennett must find the person responsible for the deaths of his friends - before he becomes their next target.

**With a new baby on the way, Bennett's protective instincts - as a father, a colleague and a detective - have never faced a bigger test.**



# Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

## NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S POST

GOODBYE GOODBYE GOODBYE

After 4 years David and I will be leaving town at the end of this term. I will be taking leave after which time we are both riding off into the sunset to enjoy our well-earned retirement. Neither of us expected how much this little gem of a town and its people would grow on us when we first arrived. We've been truly blessed to have had this time here and we will really miss the people and events that make this such a tightknit community. Thanks to everyone for helping to make our time here the best it can be.

#### STORIES OF THE GASCOYNE

We showcased our video of the stories of community members and their stories earlier this term. The video sharing some great memories will be donated to the shire museum.



Kind regards, Jackie Miller (Principal)

Responsibility Resilience Respect



### STUDENT COUNCILLORS



Our student councillors recently met with the principal to decide which charities they will be raising funds for this year and to also decide what the school also needs to purchase



- ❖ In term one they will host a cricket match to raise funds for our **yarning circle**.
- ❖ In term two they will organize a Colour Fun Run to raise funds for **Autism WA**.
- ❖ In term three they will hold a bike ride event to raise funds for **WA Alzheimer's**.
- ❖ In term 4 they will raise funds for something needed by the school. This is yet to be decided.



From Bridie and Sophie



#### Dairy & Gluten Free Blueberry Muffins

Traffic Light:

##### Ingredients

- Cooking oil spray or muffin cases
- 1½ cups gluten free quick oats
- 1 cup rice or soy milk
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- ½ cup apple sauce
- 2 large egg whites
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup gluten free plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

##### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C, line a 12-cup muffin tray with cases or spray with cooking oil spray
2. Place oats in a food processor or blender, pulse a few times, place in a large bowl, add milk and soak for 30 minutes
3. In a medium bowl combine sugar, honey, apple sauce, vanilla, egg whites and oil, mix well
4. In a third bowl, combine flour, baking powder and baking soda, whisk to combine
5. Pour sugar and apple sauce mixture into milk and oat mixture, mix well
6. Slowly add dry ingredients and mix until just combined, gently fold in blueberries
7. Spoon into muffin tin, bake for 22 -24 minutes or until golden.

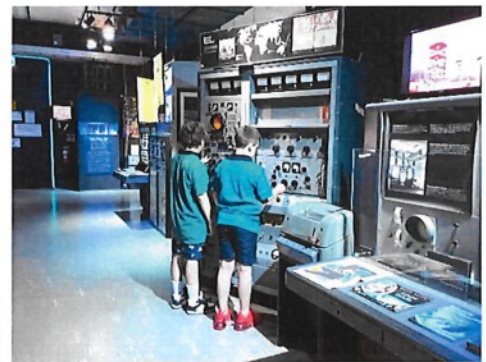


# Swimming excursion week in Carnarvon



Students spent a week taking swimming lessons in Carnarvon earlier this term. Before their lessons each day they went to gymnastics lessons at Gascoyne Gymnastics Club where they learnt many new skills. On other days they visited a banana plantation, the Space Museum and the Town Library.

**What a week!**





# The weeks are flying here in the classrooms!



Woah! Has term one flashed by in the blink of an eye? So much learning to report on that we can't fit it all in so here are some of the highlights!

This term the students have been honing their cricket skills.

Week 5 we had Tristan and Marc visit us from Cultures of Excellence and Airborne IT to teach us new VR skills.

Weeks 4 and 7 Harper has visited Carnarvon Community College to experience a bigger classroom!

National ride to school day was this term and saw the students whizzing around on the bikes.

Colin has started Kindy this week, so we gave a big welcome to him!

The year 9s have been working extra hard staying for some after school session to work on their cooking and other subjects.







We celebrated **MCS Day** with a delicious morning tea in appreciation of the hard work that Blanche undertakes day in and day out to support our staff and look after the wellbeing of our students. She works tirelessly and not only is she our 'go to' person for troubleshooting, but she also upskills staff to do their own troubleshooting which is not an easy feat. **She's an absolute gem!** Keep up the great work Blanche!!!!



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

### COMING EVENTS

04/04/2025	Engagement Visit from the Elders share local knowledge TBC
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
11/04/2025	Mother's Day
12/05/2025-16/05/2025	Sporting Schools - Tennis
24/05/2025	PINK STUMPS DAY
02/06/2025	WA DAY Public Holiday
04/06/2025	School Nurse visit for Pre-Primary
10/06/2025	Mini Roadshow Year 9 Careers Visit
04/07/2025	LAST DAY OF TERM



## Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

### Saver Plus Information Sessions

We are running Information sessions for anyone thinking about joining the program and wants to learn more about how Saver Plus works.

Eligibility, income and participation criteria. To find out more head to <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/>.

To Register please use the QR Code or Zoom Link Below.



[Click here to Register](#)

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**1300 610 355**



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**saverplus.org.au**

Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.







# Spiced lamb pie with feta filo snail

Take this Middle Eastern-inspired lamb mince pie to the next level with a crispy feta-stuffed filo pastry topping.

## METHOD

### Step 1

Heat oil in a 20cm frying pan over medium heat. Add onion and carrot, stirring, for 4 minutes or until softened. Add garlic, ginger, harissa and spices. Cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes or until aromatic. Increase heat to high. Add lamb. Cook, breaking up lumps with a wooden spoon, for 6 minutes or until browned. Add tomatoes. Simmer. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered, for 15 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in coriander and juice. Season and set aside to cool slightly.

### Step 2

Meanwhile, to make snail, preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan forced. Spray 1 filo sheet with olive oil. Top with another sheet and oil. Repeat. Halve stack lengthways into 2 rectangles. Repeat with remaining filo

### Step 3

Crumble a quarter of feta down 1 long side of a rectangle. Top with 3 tsp dukkah, 1 1/2 tsp honey. Roll to enclose. Coil. Place on lamb mixture. Repeat with remaining rectangles, feta, honey and most of the dukkah.

### Step 4

Spray filo snail with oil. Sprinkle with remaining dukkah. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden and crisp.

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large red onion, finely chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 3cm-piece fresh ginger, peeled, finely grated
- 3 tsp harissa paste
- 3 tsp ground cumin
- 2 tsp sweet paprika
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1kg lamb mince
- 410g can crushed tomatoes
- 1/2 cup fresh coriander leaves, chopped
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- Greek-style yoghurt, to serve (optional)
- **Filo snail**
- 6 sheets fresh filo pastry
- 100g feta, quartered
- 45g pkt pistachio dukkah
- 1 1/2 tbsp honey

**SERVES 6**





## 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

## JUNE

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



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

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

## Gascoyne Junction Kids Club

Starting in Term 2, the CRC will host a monthly activity for children of the Upper Gascoyne. The children are excited to join in and we have had discussions about activities they would like to participate in.

## CRC Community Survey:

The CRC Community survey was sent out to all residents of the Upper Gascoyne. Submissions are now closed to go into the draw to win the \$200 Visa gift card, with congratulations going to Bridie Walker for being the prize winner. Local history projects, family history and photography, first aid courses and financial advice were some of the suggestions from residents. A few ideas for the Gassy Gossip were also noted.

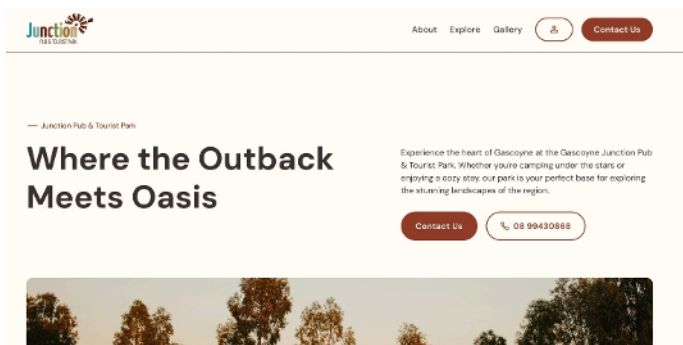
## Gascoyne Region Arts and Cultural Strategy:

The consultation process of this strategy is now complete. On March 14, the consultants for the project visited Gascoyne Junction to get a feel for the town, the region, the facilities and most importantly our residents. One on one consultations were held along with a visit to the school, where the students enthusiastically engaged in a fun session on what they like about arts and culture and what they believe should be in place in the Upper Gascoyne. A draft strategy is now being prepared.



## Junction Pub & Tourist Park Update

At the March Council Meeting the Council approved a suitable candidate for the Pub and the final paperwork is underway. The pub is getting a refresh, and a new webpage will be live in early April. At this stage we are on track for a May reopening. We thank everyone for their patience.



## Perth Caravan and Camping Show

Last week we attended the Perth Caravan & Camping Show!

In partnership with the Shire of Carnarvon we proudly showcased everything Gascoyne Junction, Kennedy Range National Park, Mt Augustus National Park, Carnarvon and Coral Bay have to offer – from red dirt adventures to turquoise waters and everything in between.

This marks the beginning of our new campaign, 'Go with the Flow', developed in collaboration with the Shire of Carnarvon. Celebrating the journey of the Gascoyne River from Carnarvon to Gascoyne Junction, this campaign highlights the relaxed pace and natural beauty of our region.

Go with the flow as you explore our region - drift alongside whalesharks, snorkel with the current, experience station life or wander the breathtaking walking trails of Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus National Parks.

We look forward to sharing more 'Go With The Flow' with you.





## April at Gascoyne Junction Sports Club:

**This week's fitness tip:** Remember to warm up properly before your workout to prevent injuries.

### Full Body Dynamic Warm Up



Jumping Jacks / Star Jumps  
2 sets / 20 reps / 30 sec rest



Modified / Knee Push-ups / Pushups  
2 sets / 10 reps / 30 sec rest



Dumbbell Squat Thrusters / Squat to Overhead Press  
2 sets / 10 reps / 30 sec rest



High Knees / Front Knee Lifts / Run / Jog on the Treadmill  
20 reps



Air Squats  
2 sets / 10 reps / 30 sec rest



Cardio Running / Jogging / Treadmill  
3 min

### Smoothie Recipe:

**This is the only banana smoothie recipe you'll ever need!** It's so creamy and satisfying both kids and adults go crazy for it.

### INGREDIENTS:

- Banana
- Half an Orange
- Plain or Greek Yoghurt
- Water or Milk

### METHOD:

To make banana smoothies, I add the banana, orange, yogurt, and a splash of milk or water to a blender and then blend until smooth. For an icy cold smoothie, throw in a handful of ice or use frozen fruits.



# **EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES**

**TUESDAY APRIL 8TH 2025**

**TIME 4:00PM**

**GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE CENTRE**



**RSVP: [CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.GOV.AU](mailto:CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.GOV.AU) OR 9943 0988**

**CHILDREN UNDER 6 WILL NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



11:00AM ANZAC SERVICE  
AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Light refreshments to follow







Mount Augustus Tourist Park presents:

***BIG ROCK FEAST***

***30<sup>TH</sup> August 2025***



***Tickets: \$135***

**Come and enjoy a 4-course meal which**

**Includes our very own Southern Rangland beef cooked by Chef Paul Kelly**

**Music by Grant Hart**

***Booking Essential:***

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

**or Call: 9943 0527**

# GASSIFIEDS

**THANK YOU  
MID-WEST!**

**SHANE LOVE** MLA

**MEMBER FOR MID-WEST**



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## ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$44.60

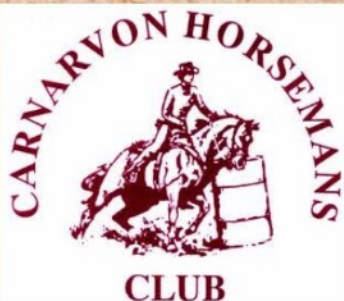
A5 - \$27.60

A6 - \$22.30

Business Card Size - \$9.00

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





## Calendar of events 2025

22nd March - Registration day / BBQ / Tack Sale

23rd March - Rideout - Town

5th April - Challenge / Handy Horse & Barrel Race

25th April - Anzac Day March - Gascoyne Junction

26th April - Dollys Dream Gymkhana - Gascoyne Junction

21-25th May - Sam Caporn Clinic - Carnarvon

14th June - Edagee Station - Beach Ride / Campout

28th-29th June - Doug Brown - Horsemanship Clinic

19-20th July - Endurance Ride - Gascoyne Junction

16th Aug - Gymkhana - Wahroonga Station

6th Sept - Rideout - Beach

TBC Sept - Townes Performance Horses Clinic

18th Oct - End of Year Gymkhana - Town

1st Nov - AGM

Some dates may be subject to  
change.

Info on each event will be  
advertised/emailed prior to  
event.





## International Dark Sky Week

### 21-28 April 2025

Let's celebrate our incredible dark night sky this April. Like Easter, International Dark Sky Week is just around the corner and it's a global celebration of the night.

Discover more and get involved by signing a pledge to protect the night with the Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting. Take the pledge at <https://idsw.darksky.org/pledge>.



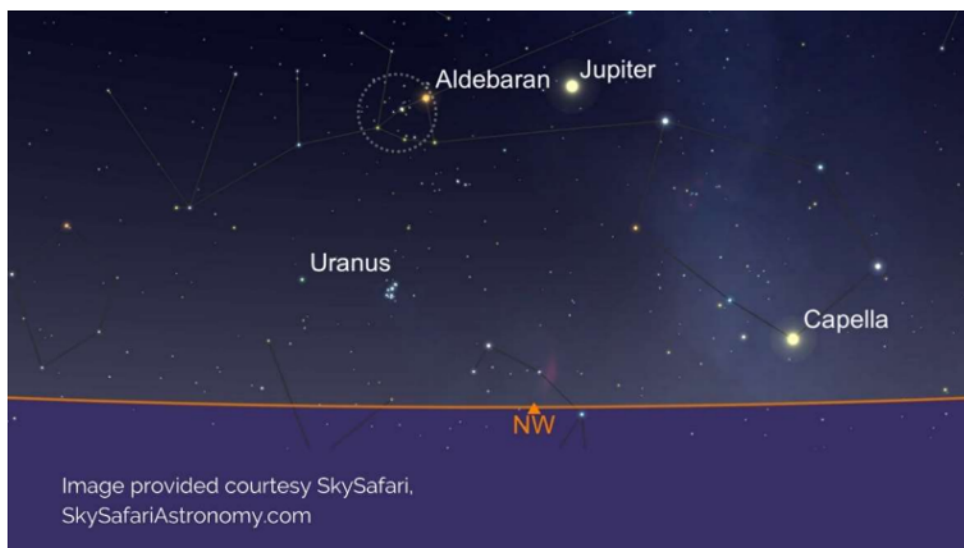
International  
**Dark Sky Week**  
2025

## Why Does the Date for Easter Change Every Year?

It's Easter too! The Easter date changes every year, and the reason is astronomical! It's got nothing to do with decisions made churches or governments.

Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the full Moon, following the March Equinox. Just so you know, the March Equinox is always on or around 22nd March each year. This year, the March Equinox is on 20th March. The full Moon after this date is on 13th April and therefore Easter Sunday is the following Sunday which is 20th April!

On Good Friday evening, treat yourself to a celestial spectacle. After sunset, the night sky unveils Jupiter in the constellation of Taurus.



Easter stargazing on Good Friday evening. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved [www.simulationcurriculum.com](http://www.simulationcurriculum.com).

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

# Concussion Study



**Have you, or someone you care  
for, had a concussion?**

Download **HeadCheck** for personalised  
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# SMOKO TIME

## RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

What do the numbers 11, 69 and 88 all have in common?

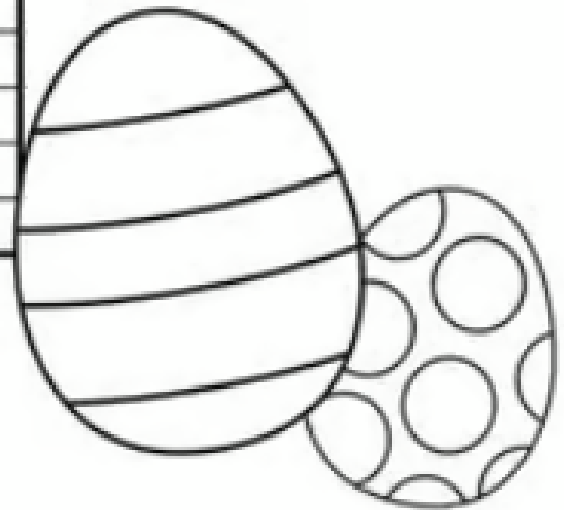
They all read the same way when placed upside down.





## EASTER LOGIC WORK GRID:

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## EASTER LOGIC SOLUTION:

First Name	Last Name	Color	Location	Treat



# KIDS CORNER

## KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

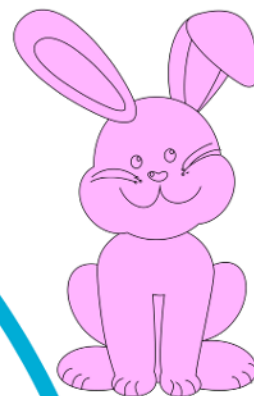
**What has a head but no brain?**

ANSWER: Lettuce



# Easter

## Word Search



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



Word list:

BASKET  
 BOUQUET  
 BUNNY  
 CARROTS

CELEBRATION  
 CHICKS  
 CHOCOLATE  
 COTTONTAIL

DYE  
 EGGS  
 FIND  
 FLOWERS

HIDE  
 HOP  
 PEEP  
 RABBIT

Help every pencil to find the way to the picture in the middle of the maze and color all the eggs!





# 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

02 APRIL

### CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
PAVILLION

05-06 APRIL

### KIDS EASTER ACTIVITY

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

08 APRIL

### NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

16 APRIL

# UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS



### PHYSIO CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

16 APRIL

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
WAR  
MEMORIAL

25 APRIL

### CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
PAVILLION

03-04 May

### 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

### GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

04 JUNE