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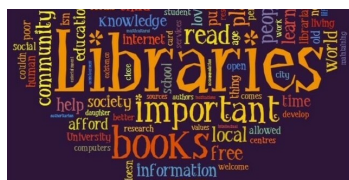
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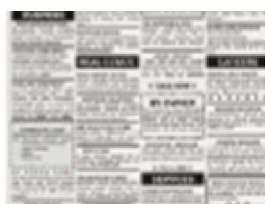
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Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

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

Firstly I would like to thank Cherie Walker for filling in for me whilst I was away on holidays. It can be quite intimidating coming into the CEO's roll given the amount of responsibility attached.

It was great to get away with Kim and travel down to Albany to get a bit of the cold weather and just re-charge the batteries. I managed to get to the dentist and start the process of getting my dental implants. I may finally be able to smile after getting over the financial shock.

Work is still being done in relation to our Town Planning Scheme review and hopefully we should soon be in position to bring a draft back to the Council for your perusal.

I have provided Development WA with the official Town Planning Scheme amendment for the Commercial Land development and we now wait for them to advise what's next. I think we have now got all the necessary approvals in place for them to commence work.

I have been working with our Town Planning Consultant – Liz Bushby in relation to Mr and Mrs Kempton's request to establish a Pet Meat Processing facility. At time of writing I am waiting on a letter from Liz where we are seeking further information before we can look at whether it is a permitted use or something else.

Work will commence soon on putting the 2025/26 budget together, hopefully we can present a draft for consideration at the June OMC.

Manager of Works and Services Report

As we get closer to the end of the financial year, we seem to be building towards a crescendo completing all our major projects at once. The town has been filled with various contractors working on their respective projects and finally the pub and tourist park has reopened.

The repairs and upgrades to the pub facilities are 98% complete as is the handover of the new lease. I would like to thank Sean Walker and Lance Root for organising the various trades and supplies to make this happen so quickly. Johnson Property Group have commenced management of the new lease, and I wish Daniel and Lista bond all the best in their new venture.

The installation of 900m of footpath on Pimbee Road are well under way and expected to be complete by the middle of June.

The town bore water cooling pipe works and evaporation ponds and fence are all installed and complete and at the time of writing the new reverse osmosis plant is being put in place and connected. The electricians have carried out the upgrade of the pavilion electrical board to accommodate the RO plant and facilitate back up power generation. While in town the electricians have also upgraded the CRC main switchboard to receive backup power generation and installed new remote power outlet facilities to Two Rivers Memorial Park.

The Colas bitumen seal crew arrived in town on the 19th May to complete resealing various sections of the road network around town and to the east on Carnarvon Mullewa Road. They will also complete 14.7km of new seal between Pells Range and Dairy Creek turnoff. MTF Contracting have successfully finished the road construction earthworks to a high standard and will move across to the Landor Meekatharra Road to complete 10km of resheeting 20km southeast of Landor homestead. This will complete our capital works program for 2024/25.

Unfortunately, Billie O'Sullivan has resigned as Works Admin Officer. Billie has been a much-valued member of our team for 5 years. Billie started working in the CRC and more recently moved across into the Works Team. Billie's contribution to community events and engagement have not gone unnoticed and she will be deeply missed in the town. I would like to personally thank Billie for all her efforts and wish her the best in the future.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

It has been all hands-on deck for the finance team as we were gearing up for our Interim Audit. This year, due to the pub being closed our interim audit has been conducted offsite, which means additional work for the team as every aspect of the audit needs to be scanned and uploaded to a Sharepoint file. So, thank you to all who provided input and support during the audit process – it has been very much appreciated. At present William Buck have forwarded our file to the Office of the Auditor General for review and comment. No doubt we will be informed of the outcome in due course, but the feedback received to date have been that the audit has gone well with no issues raised.

We are excited to announce that we have a new CRC Customer Service Officer, Ta-Leah Podmore, who has joined our team on the 5 May. No doubt you will meet her, if you have not already done so, during your visits to the CRC, and am sure you will welcome her to the team, as we all do!

The Gascoyne Junction Pub and Tourist Park has now reopened and we wish Dan and Litsa all the very best in their new venture. After all their success is our success, as the GJPTP is very much a part of, and has a firm place here at the Junction. To get the word out, our Tourist and Community Development Officer, Ainsley Hardie, who has recently returned after a month's leave, has commenced the advertising campaign that the GJPTP is open again for business.



Community Resource Centre Update

The cooler weather has brought a noticeable increase in tourist numbers over the past few weeks, with many visitors making their way out to explore the Loop Track and Kennedy Ranges.

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne joined the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School to support *Do It For Dolly Day*. Everyone dressed in their best blue attire to raise awareness and show support for this important cause. Thanks to generous donations and a raffle, we raised a fantastic **\$895!**

A heartfelt thank you goes to GM Butchers and Bait, Toyworld Carnarvon, and the Shire of Upper Gascoyne for your generous prize contributions.

We were honoured to host a special premiere screening of *Bravery and Betrayal* – the true story of the SAS in Afghanistan. The documentary was presented by Darren Mortimer (Morts), an Ex-SASR member. It was a thought-provoking and memorable event for all who attended. Thank you to Morts for coming out and sharing your story.

Tourism & Community Report

The GP, Nursing and Physio Clinics continue. In May the physio clinic was not available due to staff leave. A flu vaccine clinic was delivered in conjunction with the nursing clinic. An optometry clinic will be visiting Junction for the first of four clinics in 2025. Discussions are also well underway to also deliver 3 dietetic clinics this year. Work is also underway for a series of activities to be offered in Mental Health week in October.

In April DPIRD in conjunction with the Midwest, Pilbara and Gascoyne Development Commission's published the Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan 2025 for the Gascoyne, Pilbara and Midwest. A Hot Spring Development in Gascoyne Junction leveraging on our innovative water infrastructure to create a unique tourist attraction has been identified as the top infrastructure initiative for the Gascoyne region and as such funding has been allocated to develop a business case of this project. The benefits to the Upper Gascoyne is positioning Gascoyne Junction a sustainable tourism destination, growing our economy by creating local jobs and supporting local business, the promotion of sustainability by repurposing wastewater and providing unique, health focused attraction for visitors. Tourism WA are also strong supporters of this project.

Horizon Power have awarded the Shire a Community Grant to support our Under Gascoyne Skies Festival in August which will deliver two stargazing events with astrophotographers, telescopes – both ours and the Perth Observatory, live music and food at Mt Augustus and in Gascoyne Junction. It will be a great opportunity to showcase our Astro signage which is in the process of being installed in both locations. Another meeting with Dark Sky International has assisted with moving our submission for Dark Sky community status closer, given our already adopted Dark Sky Lighting Policy. On May 27, the Shire telescope will be visiting the Burringurrah Community for their school camp to talk about the night sky, and to speak with the adults of the community about the opportunities of night sky tourism.

The pub reopening will start to see visitors again increasing in number to the Junction. We can expect lower numbers this year with many guests having changed their itineraries this year with the uncertainty around the reopening date. Many have noted that they will visit in 2026. A digital marketing campaign has commenced to spread the word that the Tourist Park has been reopened, and that Gascoyne Junction is ready to welcome visitors. A press release will be distributed on May 26 announcing this, once the new lessees are settled.

In April we were again recognised as finalists in the Western Australia Tourism Council's Tiny Tourism Town Awards. Again, the benchmark of criteria shows the commitment and effort that the Shire and the tourism community are delivering in the tourism space. Award winners will be announced at the Tourism Conference in Perth on May 28.

Thanks to support from GDC, the JTP has a new website with online bookings which is a great step forward for them as a business and for the region. Over the coming months, the Tourism Capability Project will be working with the lessees to widen their reach and have Gascoyne Junction appearing on booking sites including booking.com and Expedia. Tourism WA have also provided financial support to the Tourism Capability Project participants who through working with DTM have been identified as requiring online booking capability on their websites. Websites for three properties are being developed with booking engines ready to be loaded. This transformation provides the opportunity to list these sites on booking sites spreading the footprint of available accommodation across the Shire.

Photographers James & Charlotte Maddock are spending two weeks in the Upper Gascoyne on projects for both Australia's Golden Outback and the Shire – capturing our hero/iconic spaces, working with our tourism accommodation capability project participants and digging a little deeper to capture the true essence of the Upper Gascoyne. Both video and still imagery will be obtained for use across our social media channels, website and tourism publications. This content will also be available for use by the program participants for their websites and marketing materials to start their own content libraries.

Collaborations with the Gascoyne Shires continues and at the April MEG meeting, in my role as TCDO I have been asked to chair a CDO Tourism Network for the Gascoyne Murchison Shires to foster tourism development across the region. This project will be a great opportunity to work collectively in making the most of the opportunity of the Outback Way and driving traffic to turn right into the Gascoyne Murchison.

Attention all Residents, Non-Residents Owners and Occupiers, Joint Owners and Occupiers and Corporations of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections in October 2025 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Enrolment Forms

You can enrol or update your details online, or download an enrolment form, via the Western Australian Electoral Commission website (www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol). Forms are also available from the Australian Electoral Commission (www.aec.gov.au).

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are **not** on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact your local government for details. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Upper Gascoyne to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

Enrolment forms can be obtained from local governments and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

BUILDING CONTROL

All ratepayers and electors are advised that under the Building Act 2011 the Local Government (in our case the Shire of Upper Gascoyne) are responsible for the application of the Act and Regulations. Basically, this means that any building greater than 10 square metres will require a Building License which is issued by the Shire. These requirements are applicable across the Shire and capture Pastoral Properties, Tourist Properties, Mining Properties and Townsite Properties. The Shire has attempted to get an exemption however the Building Commissioner rejected this request. Please be aware that there are significant costs associated with constructing a building without a building license, these include penalties and / or retrospective engineering certification.

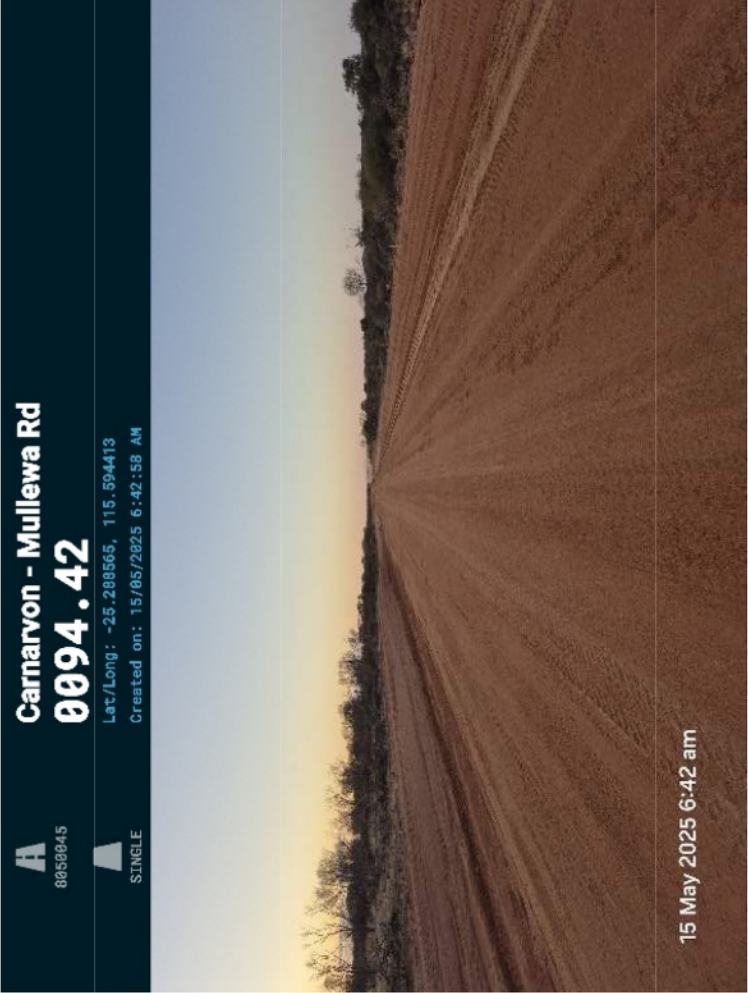
The Shire has a contract Building Surveyor and Town Planner to assist with any issues. In the first instance please contact the Shire CEO, John McCleary, on 0417107446.

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

Contractor	MTF Services	Start Date:	25 November 2024					
		Forecast Completion Date:	June 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 are being completed by MTF.								
The spray sealing work is to be completed by Colas. Sealing is scheduled for May 2025.								
Works this period (May 2025)		Works next period (June 2025)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed roadside and offshoot drainage reinstatement works west of the Daurie Crossing (approx. Slk 94 – 96) and in vicinity of Congo Crossing.Completed final trim and face up of all basecourse pavement.Backwatering of the pavement surface by two water carts is continuing until spray seal works are completed.Spray sealing contractor has started works by sweeping and priming the stabilised floodways.Completed approx. 4.7km of 2 coat seal east of Congo Crossing.Completed priming of 9 cement stabilised floodways.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">End May: rework of several areas of cement stabilised floodway that have laminated.Estimating spray sealing works to be completed by end of May.Estimating the installation of all signage and guideposts to be completed by Mid-June.Estimating the clean out of three grids within the works to be completed by Mid-June						
Status Breakdown								
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd 10km upgrade	Clearing	Embank't	Subgrade	Drainage	Stabilised Floodways	Base course	Sealing	Overall
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	30%	85%



Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 94.420 - 001 - SUBGRADE



Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 94.420 - 001 - BASECOURSE

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 26th August 1998



THESE children thought the emu was a bit of a laugh.

Pet emu takes in the sights

UNUSUAL things happen around town during the Carnarvon Festival but a pet emu on the loose takes the cake.

Alex Marsden took this photo of the emu which was found near the Caltex petrol station on Robinson Street last week.

Shire ranger Colin White contacted the owners who assisted in catching the bird and returned it home.

The emu belongs to the Riley family who have raised the bird as a family pet.

Mr White said the family was going to take the bird to Gascoyne Junction where it would get up to less mischief.



THE mischievous emu appears to do some window shopping.

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: Amanda Grayson

Nickname: Mandy

Place of birth: Perth

Favourite food? Indian Food & Ice cream

Favourite animal? Dogs

Footy team: Dockers

Where did you grow up? Geraldton

What is on your Bucket List? Visit Brazil & Jamaica

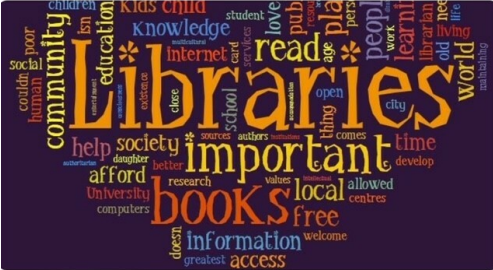
Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? Work

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? 2 Weeks

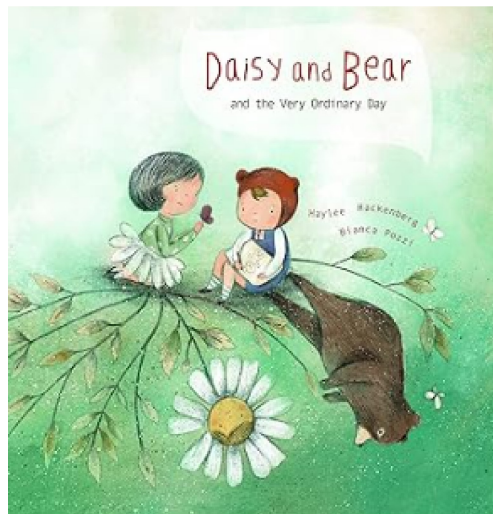
What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The peacefulness & community



So if you're interested in sharing more about yourself, like your favourite food, which footy team you support and what you like to do in your spare time, contact the CRC now with your answers to the questions below!



BOOKS OF THE MONTH

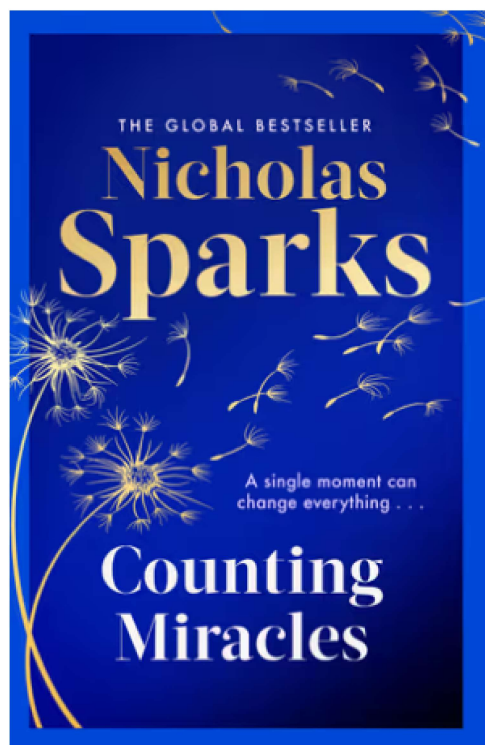


DAISY AND BEAR AND THE VERY ORDINARY DAY

Author: Hayley Hackenberg

Daisy and Bear live in a small house. They do the same ordinary things every day. Or do they?

Follow the adventures of this delightful brother and sister duo as they find the sparkle and fun in the daily routine of family life.



COUNTING MIRACLES

Author: Nicholas Sparks

'Find where you belong and make that place your own...'

Tanner has spent his whole life moving from place to place, belonging nowhere. So when his dying grandmother reveals the name and location of the father he never knew, he plans to visit Asheboro to lay the past to rest, then move on - just as he always has.

Kaitlyn knows exactly where she belongs. In Asheboro, she's built a life for herself and her kids that she's proud of, especially after the turmoil of divorce. But when she meets lone wolf Tanner, she can't help but feel something has been missing until now.

Jasper will never belong again. He had everything - and he lost it all. Now with only his old dog Arlo for company, he lives quietly, haunted by the tragic accident that took place decades before.

Three strangers' worlds are about to collide, changing the trajectory of all their lives. Because some paths cross, some merge, and others guide you home...

Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

NEWSLETTER

June 2025

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

Term 2 is flying by at GJRCS!

Our students recently enjoyed tennis lessons with **Sun City Tennis**—lots of fun and great skill-building on the court. We are also **celebrating National Reconciliation Week**, taking the time to reflect on the importance of unity, respect, and shared history in our school and community.

We proudly supported the important anti-bullying initiative, **Do It for Dolly Day**. Families joined us for a BBQ, and we're very grateful to the **Shire** for supplying the food and to **Miss Connell** for baking the delicious cupcakes.

On **Saturday 24th May**, we held our annual **Pink Stumps Day** fundraiser. The day was full of laughter, connection and friendly competition. Both teams played hard, but there could only be one winner—**Jarrold's Team** took the win with **95 points**, while **Di's Team** finished strong with **75 points**.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event, and special thanks to **Abbie and Blanche** for their fantastic efforts in organising and running the day. Thanks also to **Cheeki Pizzeria**, who travelled all the way from Carnarvon to provide great food and community spirit.

It was wonderful to see people travel from far and wide to support such a worthy cause.

Ms Amanda



Pink Stumps Day Success!

Our annual Pink Stumps Day was once again a fantastic success, bringing our community together for a fun-filled afternoon of cricket, games, raffles, and live music — all in support of the McGrath Foundation. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make the day so special. Keep an eye out for our upcoming two-page spread, where we'll share all the highlights and, most importantly, reveal how much we raised for this great cause!



Choc Crackle Cookies

Traffic Light: 

Ingredients

- 150g wholemeal plain flour
- 60g cocoa
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 200g caster sugar
- 60g polyunsaturated margarine
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 60g icing sugar

Method

1. Sift flour, cocoa, baking powder and sugar into a large bowl.
2. Rub the margarine into the flour mixture with your fingertips until it resembles coarse breadcrumbs.
3. Whisk together the eggs and vanilla then add to flour mixture, mix with large spoon until the mixture comes together to form a dough.
4. Cover dough with cling film and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
5. Preheat oven to 200°C, line a baking tray with baking paper.
6. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl.
7. Shape dough into walnut sized balls and roll in icing sugar.
8. Place on baking trays leaving about 5cm between each cookie to allow for spreading.
9. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until just set when lightly touched, cookies will crack upon cooling.



What's been happening in the

school!



Oscar from SunCity Tennis Academy came during week 3 to teach us some tennis skills!



Harper has had a visit from Budi, the Indonesian Orangutang from SIDE. They played lots of games and even rode the quad bike!



Too many cooks in the kitchen?



The Year 9s have been cooking up a storm. This term they are looking at healthy take away foods.

In science they have been learning about homeostasis and what our bodies need to do to maintain it.



During weeks 4-5 we had Ann and Leon come and volunteer their time. Ann was a great asset to the classroom while Leon has done some work in the community green house!

Thanks a million!



Dance Battle





Do It for Dolly Day – 9th May

We're proud to share that our Do It for Dolly Day event raised an incredible \$895.23!

A huge thank you to the Shire for organising this year's event, and to our wonderful school staff for all their efforts setting up. Congratulations to the raffle prize winners and thank you to everyone who came along to support such an important cause.

Do It for Dolly Day is a powerful reminder that kindness matters. Let's keep living the message:

Your words matter  Your actions matter  You matter 



WA Student Assistance Payment

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers with the cost-of-living pressures associated with sending their children to school.

The second round of the payment is now open, with claim submissions available through the ServiceWA app.

All Western Australian school students in Kindergarten to Year 12, with a valid WA student number (WASN), are eligible for this cost-of-living payment.

You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or Kindergarten.

To claim the payments, parents and carers are encouraged to set up a ServiceWA account. More information is available at wa.gov.au/servicewaapp

All claims must be received by Friday 4 July 2025.

Eligibility

Eligible students must be enrolled in Kindergarten to Year 12 at a Western Australian public school, non-government school or registered for home education, and have a valid WASN.

How to claim

Submit your claim through ServiceWA.

Download on the App Store



Get it on Google Play



COMING EVENTS

02/06/25	WA DAY Public Holiday
04/06/25	School Nurse Visit – Pre-Primary
09/06/25	Mini Industry Roadshow
27/06/25	Winter Carnival Carnarvon Yrs 3-6
02/07/25-03/07/25	Mooka Excursion TBC
04/07/25	Community BBQ - details to come
04/07/25	LAST DAY TERM
05/07/25-20/07/25	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
21/07/25	Staff Development Day
22/07/25	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL



Pina Colada Soft Serve Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- 600ml thickened cream
- 315g (1 1/2 cups) caster sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tsp coconut essence
- 1/2 pineapple, peeled, cored, chopped, plus extra, cut into wedges, to serve



METHOD

Step 1

Combine the cream, sugar and salt in a saucepan. Use a balloon whisk to whisk over low heat until the sugar dissolves (don't let the mixture boil). Stir in the coconut essence.

Step 2

Transfer the cream mixture to a large bowl and set aside, stirring occasionally, until cooled slightly. Place in the fridge for 3 hours or until chilled.

Step 3

Use electric beaters to beat the cream mixture until soft peaks form. Transfer to an airtight freezer-proof container and seal. Place in the freezer for 5 hours or until frozen.

Step 4

Meanwhile, place the chopped pineapple in a food processor and process until smooth. Transfer to a bowl. Cover and store in the fridge until required.

Step 5

Place the cream mixture in a piping bag fitted with a 1.3mm star nozzle (see note). Pipe into serving glasses. Drizzle over, the pureed pineapple, top with extra pineapple wedges and serve immediately.



JUNE

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



JULY

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

AUGUST

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



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

Email us at crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY:

On **Do It For Dolly Day**, we joined together to raise awareness for bullying prevention and to spread kindness and support throughout our community.

Thank you to [Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School](#) for your incredible support for Do It For Dolly Day this year. It was a wonderful cause, and together we raised \$895.23!

A big thank you to everyone who attended and contributed—your support truly made a difference.

A big shout-out to GM Butchers and Bait, Toyworld Carnarvon, and the Shire of Upper Gascoyne for your generous prize donations. Your kindness and community spirit are greatly appreciated!



Bravery & Betrayal Premiere:

On May 15, we were honoured to host a special premiere screening of *Bravery and Betrayal*— the true story of the SAS in Afghanistan.

Presented by Darren Mortimer (Morts), an ex-SASR member, the documentary offered insight into the SASR's role in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks and shed light on the complex and often untold events that unfolded in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It was a memorable event for all who attended. A heartfelt thank you to Morts for sharing these courageous and important stories with us.



Music In The Park:

Saturday, May 24th marked our very first *Music in the Park* concert, featuring live music from the talented Dylan Hutchins. The event was a fantastic success, drawing a great crowd of both locals and visitors from afar. It served as the perfect way to cap off a fun-filled *Pink Stumps Day*— a lively day of cricket hosted by the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community.

As the sun set, the community came together for a relaxed evening under the stars, enjoying delicious pizza, great music and dancing. It was a wonderful night and left everyone looking forward to the next event.



JUNE at Gascoyne Junction Sports Club:



DO'S



1. Mix up the Muscle Group
2. Rest Your Body

- A proper night sleep is crucial for not only muscle building, but for your health in general. Studies show that adults need between 7 and 9 hours of sleep.

3. Eat a Well Balanced Diet

- Your diet should consist primarily of foods that are high in protein like: rice, pasta, oatmeal, vegetables, chicken, lean beef, tuna and beans.

4. Be Consistent

- Commit to your fitness program and push yourself every single workout. Try to make some kind of improvement each time you hit the gym.

DON'T



1. Skip Leg Day
2. Rest Too Long Between Sets

- Resting too long between sets or not resting at all will have a negative effect on your muscle growth. Resting for 60 seconds between every set is best for muscle growth.

3. Take Supplements Without Researching Them First

- If you want to add supplements to your diet, make sure you do your homework. There are tons of pills, powder and tonics on the market, so research what supplements are best for your goals, needs and body.

4. Let Yourself Get Stuck in a Rut

- The difference between sticking to your fitness program and getting stuck in a rut is whether you challenge yourself and make progress or not.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stargazing, Sounds & Supper,
Mount Augustus

Friday 22 August 2025



Gascoyne Junction
Stars & Savour

Saturday 23 August 2025



Flavours of the Upper Gascoyne

Sunday 24 August 2025



Outback Station Tour & Tea,
Carey Downs Station

Tuesday 26 August 2025



Quartet & Canapes,
Kenndey Range

Wednesday 27 August



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
gascoynefoodfestival.com.au



Mount Augustus Tourist Park presents:

ROCK FEAST

30TH August 2025



Tickets: \$135

Come and enjoy a 4-course meal which

Includes our very own Southern Rangeland beef cooked by Chef Paul Kelly

Music by Grant Hart

Booking Essential:

mtaugustustouristpark@skymesh.com

or Call: 9943 0527

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The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

Claims close
Friday 4 July



\$150

For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary
school student

If you're a parent or carer of school-aged kids, you can claim the second round of the WA Student Assistance Payment.

All WA school kids from Kindergarten to Year 12 are eligible if they are enrolled at school. You can claim through the ServiceWA app, online or by sending in a claim form.

For more information on how to claim
education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the
ServiceWA app



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



The winter

Winter Solstice

solstice marks the day with the greatest number of night time hours in the southern hemisphere. The Sun appears at its lowest in the sky, with the least angle to Earth, and we receive less sunlight and warmth.

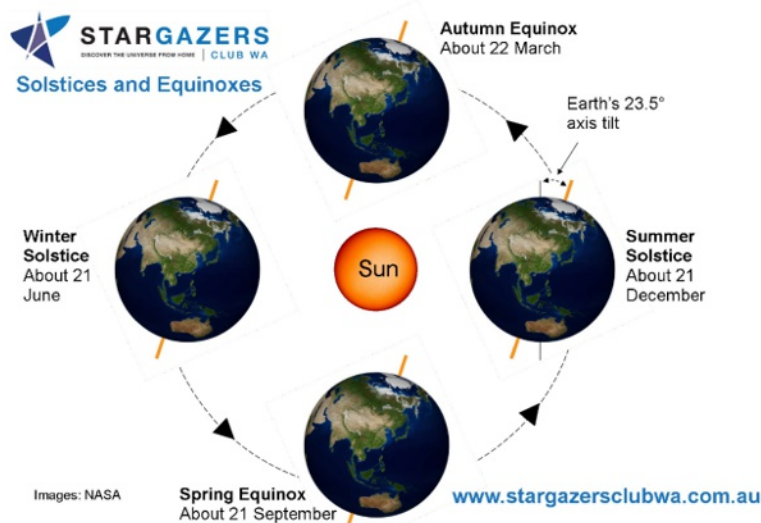
The increase in the number of night time hours occurs due to the axial tilt of our Earth. During the southern hemisphere's winter, the South Pole points away from the Sun. This results in less of the southern hemisphere being illuminated by the Sun at any given point in time. For people in the northern hemisphere the opposite is true. The North Pole points towards the Sun, resulting in more daylight hours for people in the northern hemisphere.

Interesting facts about solstices:

- There are two solstices every year.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, we experience the winter solstice in June, and the summer solstice in December.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, the names of the equinoxes are reversed.
- The Sun is at its northern most point in the sky during the winter solstice.
- At the winter solstice the sun rises and sets higher in the north than any other day.
- There are less hours of daylight on the winter solstice than any other day.

When is the solstice this year?

The exact time of WA's winter solstice is 10.42am, 21st June. This is the moment when the sun is at its northern most point in the sky for the year.



Earth's axial tilt is the reason we have solstices, equinoxes and the seasons.



SMOKO TIME

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

There aren't any, it's a one story house!



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



ALEXANDRITE

GARDEN

LEMONADE

SOLSTICE

BARBECUE

GEMINI

LONGEST DAY

STRAWBERRY

D-DAY

GRADUATION

OUTDOORS

SUMMER

DIPLOMA

HONEYSUCKLE

PEARL

THIRTY DAYS

FATHER'S DAY

JUNE

PICNIC

VACATION

FLAG DAY

JUNETEENTH

ROSE

WEDDING



KIDS CORNER

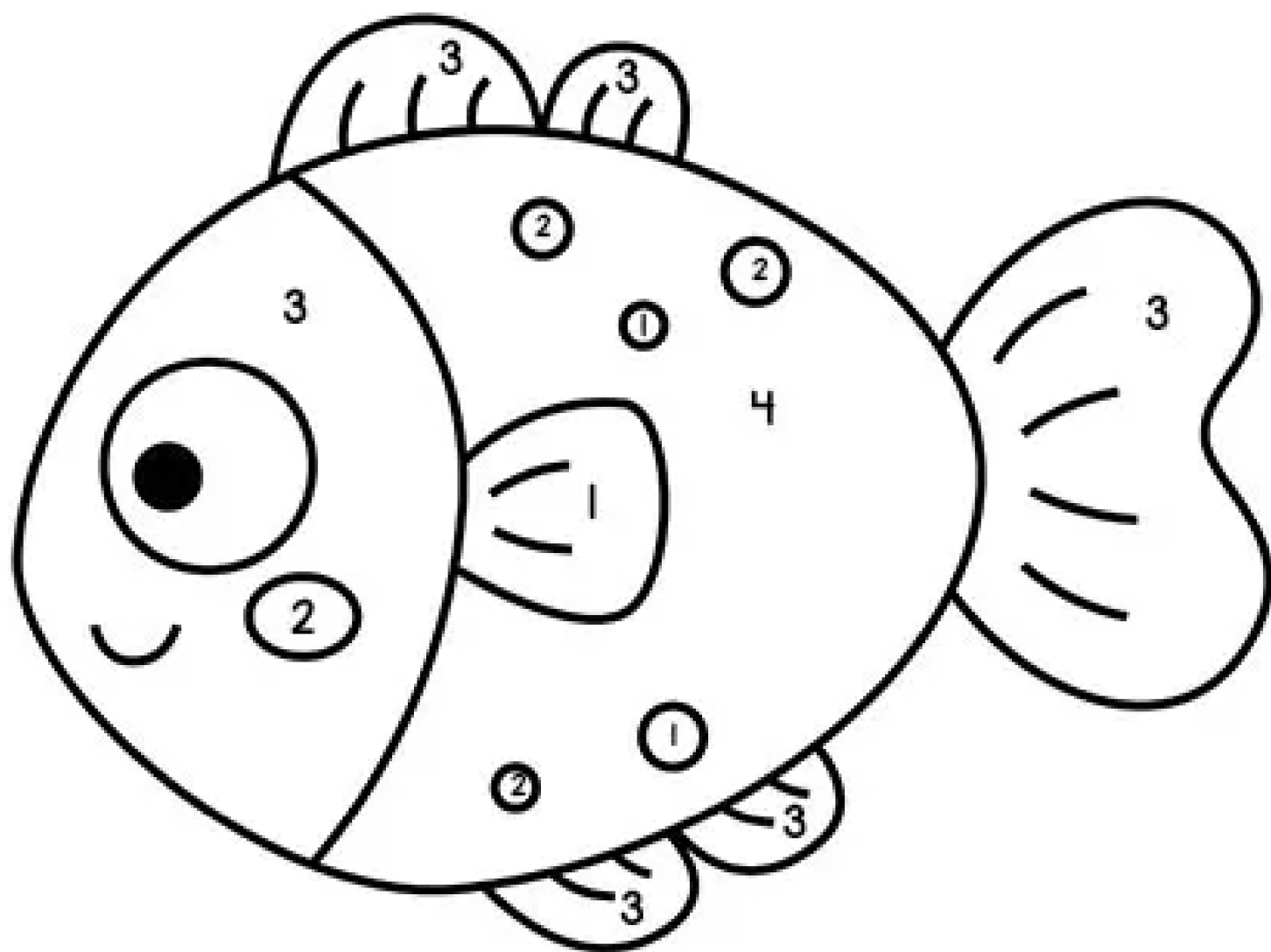
KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

**What can you break, even if you never
touch it or pick it up?**

ANSWER: A Promise



Color by Number



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

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



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04 JUNE

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PAVILLION

14 -15 JUNE

KIDS CLUB

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UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS



NURSING CLINIC

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18 JUNE

MUSIC IN THE PARK

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

28 JUNE

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2 JULY

PHYSIO CLINIC

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CENTRE

16 JULY

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22 JULY

MUSIC IN THE PARK

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

26 JULY

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6 AUGUST