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**JULY
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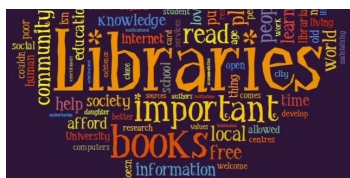
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Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

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

As mentioned previously we have been very busy attempting to put the budget together. Our biggest issue, as always is to establish the closing and opening balance going from 24/25 into 25/26 which is either a surplus or a deficit. This number is very difficult to nail down but does have a profound impact on the proposed budget. I have deliberately looked to trim back capital projects as much as possible to give us time to reflect and take some pressure of my staff. Having said that, I am anticipating that we will expend close to \$20,000,000 on our capital improvements on our road infrastructure.

The road inspections by Councillors were a success from the point that it took more work to find problems. In general, the roads are in a very good standard, Jarrod and his crew should be proud of their continued quality work.

The Junction Pub and Tourist Park is operating, albeit at a reduced level of service. There are still some capital items to be replaced (Dishwasher, Deep Fryer), these are on order and hopefully should be here soon. Problems with sewage blockages have continued to be an issue mainly caused by someone putting rocks in the sewage lines, we are getting on top of this.

I have written to the Shire of Carnarvon and requested that they consider the electors of Upper Gascoyne the same as electors in Carnarvon when it comes to paying for a yearly permit to the "Blow Holes". It appears that the Carnarvon Administration will look to support this request. Once we know the outcome we will advise the community.

We have been busy internally setting up a better system of communication across the whole of the organisation. We all get busy doing our own things we sometimes forget that an action by someone has an effect on someone else within the organisation. This is a symptom of our size as such we need to better manage the flow of information.

The Waste Site issue is still alive and we have not yet been able to settle on a definitive site given the complexities surrounding Native Title and difficulties in obtaining freehold titled land. It is hoped that after this meeting I will have a clearer direction as to the best way to proceed.



Manager of Works and Services Report

June is always a busy and hectic time with the closure of one budget and the planning of the next. To add to the frantic pace, we have been closing out some of our bigger projects for the year. The completion of these projects is the culmination of a massive effort from the shire staff on every level and is a huge credit to them. None of these projects are possible without the work that goes on behind the scenes to bring it all together.

The reverse osmosis plant and all the associated infrastructure is now installed and to be commissioned in the first week of July. The CRC and admin switchboard upgrades, Two River Memorial Park remote power installation, fencing around pub tanks are all done.

The refurbishment of the pub and tourist park has taken a lot more than anticipated. As works were completed, additional issues were found, and some essential assets including dishwashers, deep fryers, plumbing and air conditioners needed to be replaced or repaired. We believe we are on top of it all now and that the facility has been handed over in very good condition to the new tenants. The new property management concept has had a few teething problems with some stakeholders not sticking to due process and additional issues arising, however we believe once we are all familiar with the system that it will pay dividends

We now have a further 14.7km of bitumen on the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd. MTF once again proved they are capable of producing a high standard of work when under pressure and the project managed by Greenfields has been a huge success. We have been extremely fortunate to receive a further \$4.5 million to continue these works in the 25-26 budget.

Colas bitumen crews also completed the remaining reseal on including Killili, Viveash and Carnarvon Mullewa Rd.

MTF have also completed 9kms of resheeting on the Landor Meekatharra Road. This project was one of our Regional Road Group funding allocations.

Our construction crew have completed our Roads to Recovery project on the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd between Glenburgh and the Murchison boundary. The team should be extremely proud of the high-quality work that has drastically improved the safety and standard of this section of road. The lads finished off stabilising seventeen floodways last week. They will finish the financial year off with some maintenance grading and rolling in that area.

Works have begun on the admin building extension and will carry over into July. The additional two offices will be a welcome relief and provide a more efficient work place.

We have been very fortunate to receive funding from MRWA to complete the Landor Mount Augustus Road Realignment which will also include the construction of a new concrete crossing on the Gacoyne River. The realignment will bypass the Landor homestead and has been one of top priority projects for quite some time. We have put considerable effort and resources into the planning, design and sourcing of funding and it is a credit to our team to finally see it come to fruition.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

With the end of financial year now insight and a new one on our doorstep the team have been working on putting forward their proposed budget for 2025 / 2026. This is one of our busiest times as we need to ensure that all year end processes are complete and finalise all accounts ensuring that we have a sound basis on which to build the new budget. I know that everyone will aid in ensuring that this is a smooth process and will provide further updates as we progress.



Community Resource Centre Update

On May 27, we proudly hosted our very first Kids Club—an exciting monthly event for children aged 5 to 16 in the Upper Gascoyne.

This month's theme was board games, and the room was full of laughter and friendly competition as the kids played together. It was a successful afternoon with a total of 7 kids joining in the fun.

Tourist & Community Report

Visitor Information Centre Training was conducted for new staff and the new lessees at the Junction Pub & Tourist Park. The outcome of this training is the imparting of knowledge of the tourism assets and road network of the region to ensure the accurate dissemination of information from all sources.

Attendance at the District Health Advisory Committee meeting with WACHS was again an opportunity to speak to the challenges of receiving basic health care in remote areas of the state. Our currently monthly services of doctor, nursing and physio continue to be well patronised and is a wonderful asset for the Shire, but it is a start and not a final solution. An optometry clinic was held at the end of May which again was well attended. Work continues on bringing a Women's Health Clinic and Dietary Clinic to the Upper Gascoyne this year.

The Astrotourism Viewing Platform has been started with concrete poured in the second week of June at the Town Pavilion in Federation Park. This project will be completed with the installation of signage including a how to guide for stargazing and a planisphere.

A meeting has been held to determine a Scope of Work on the feasibility/business case for the Gascoyne Junction Hot Springs project in conjunction with the Gascoyne Development Commission. Water quality and visitor data is being shared as part of the development of the scope.

Our first Music in the Park was held in May following Pink Stumps Day. The purpose of these events is to provide a space for community to come together and utilise the Two Rivers Park, and to provide an experience for visitors and encourage them to extend their stay a night.

The final details are being made on our Under Gascoyne Skies Festival incorporating stargazing, astrophotography, music and food across the Upper Gascoyne from August 22 to August 30.

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.

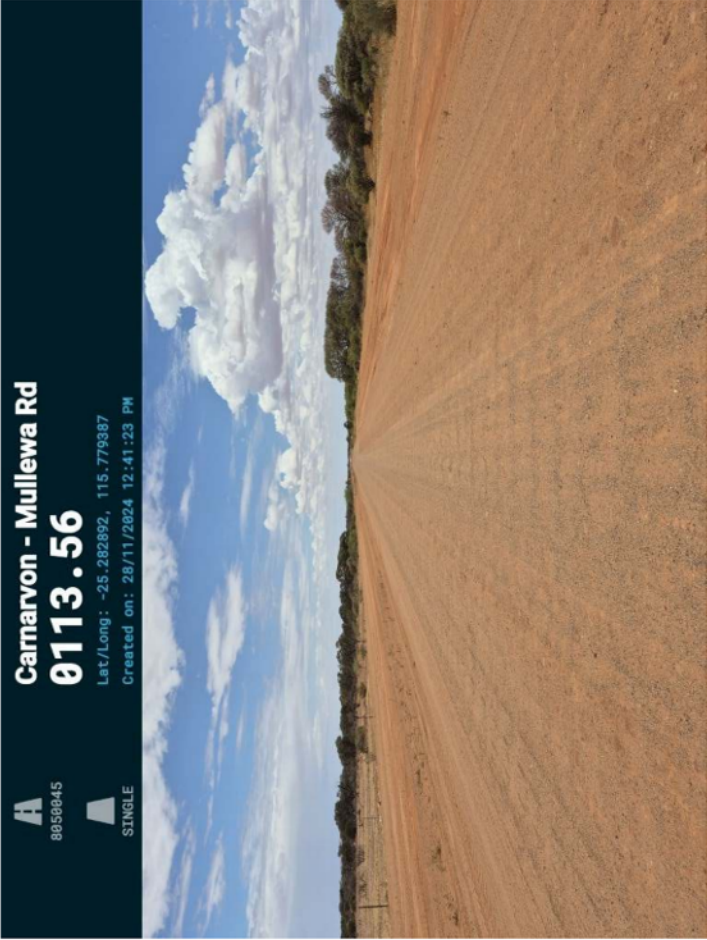
Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

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.

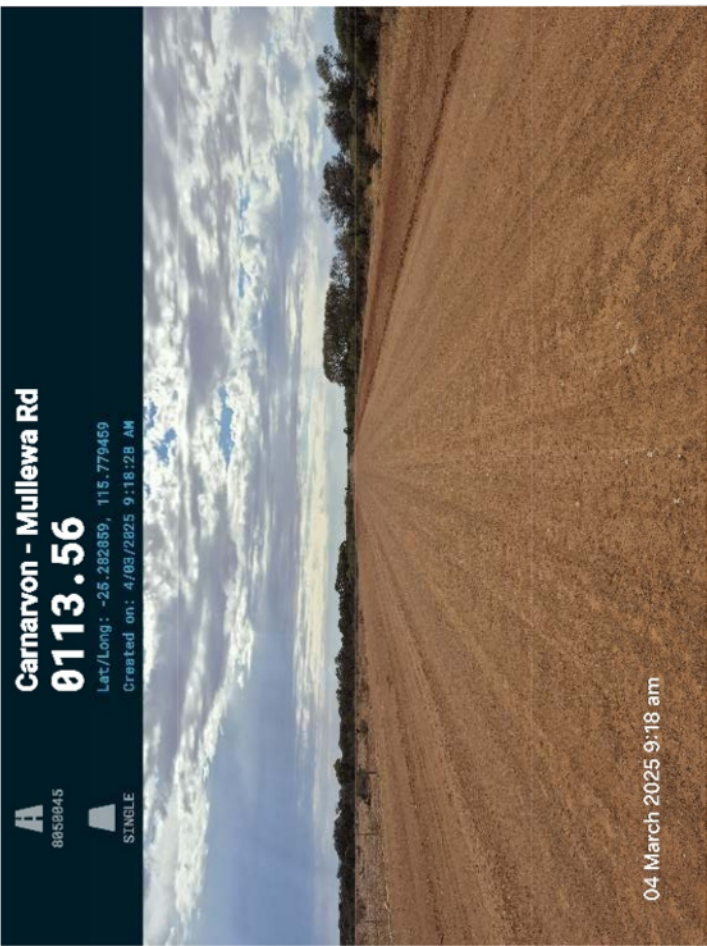
BUILDING CONTROL All ratepayers and electors are advised that under the Building Act 2011 the Local Government (in our case the Shire of Upper Gascoyne) are responsible for the application of the Act and Regulations. Basically, this means that any building greater than 10 square metres will require a 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 – JUNE 2025

Contractor	MTF Services	Start Date:	25 November 2024					
		Actual Practical Completion Date (MTF):	6 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.								
Works this period (June 2025)					Works next period (July 2025)			
• Reworked several areas of cement stabilised floodway that had laminated. • Spray sealing works completed 8 June 2025. • Installed all signage and guideposts. • Removal of silt and debris from three grids within the work area. • MTF practical completion achieved 6 June 2025.					• MTF to return in July to complete repairs to blowouts between the new seal and Pells Creek. This work will be funded by the remaining project funds.			
Status Breakdown								
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd 10km upgrade	Clearing	Embank't	Subgrade	Drainage	Stabilised Floodways	Base course	Sealing	Overall
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



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



Junction Craft Group

May 2025 Woodwork Workshop

Thanks to Clint Hardie for all his organisation for our recent Woodwork Workshop at the Junction Craft Group. All attendees completed a Rubbish Bin over the weekend - a total of 15 were completed.

Our next workshop is a Mystery Quilt - please email junctioncraft@gmail.com if you are interested in attending and we can send all the info.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

Northern Guardian - Wednesday 27th August 2003

Nine year old gladly loses locks



Brooke Smith before the shave.

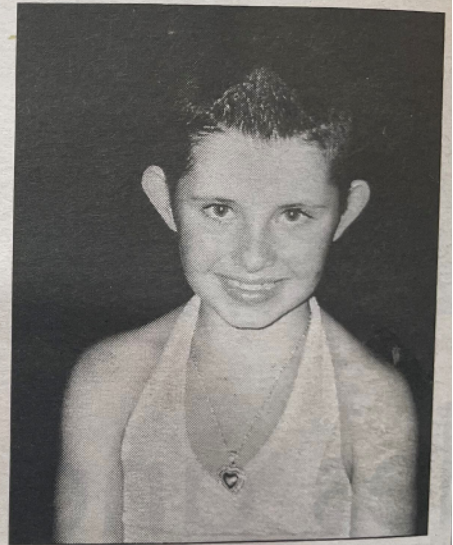
COURAGEOUS Gascoyne Junction nine-year-old Brooke Smith shaved her hair and raised \$1416.15 for the Leukemia Foundation.

The small inland community rallied around her at the Gascoyne Junction Hotel and helped raise a significant amount of money for a small town.

Brooke's mum Bianca said Brooke decided to shave her head after seeing the plight of Leukemia sufferers on television.

She said Brooke's was lucky enough to have her school friend with her who held her hand through the whole thing.

Brooke would like to thank all the people who sponsored her, which included men working on the new road who didn't even know of Brooke before the night.



Brooke Smith after.



Check this out!

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:

Nickname:

Place of birth:

Favourite food?

Favourite animal?

Footy team:

Where did you grow up?

What is on your Bucket List?

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?

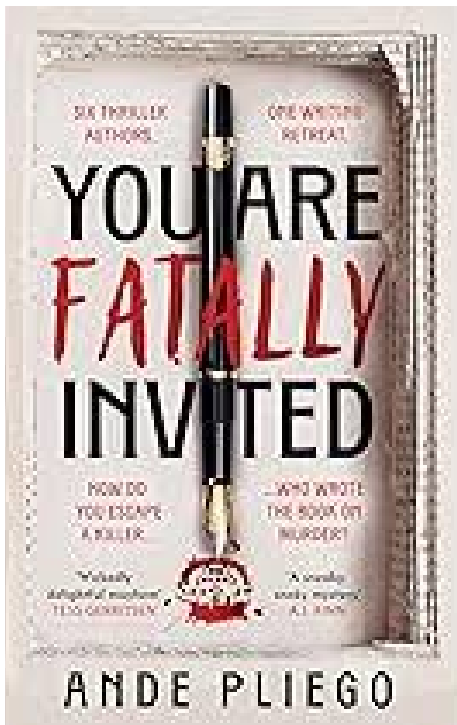
So if you're interested in sharing more about yourself, like your favourite food, which footy team you support and what you like to do in your spare time, contact the CRC now with your answers to the questions above!

BOOKS OF THE MONTH



My Shadow is Blue

A gentle and beautiful book that empowers children to stand up for what is right. This book gently explores toxic masculinity and how we are redefining masculinity to be inclusive and empathetic, whilst empowering girls to chase their dream.



You are fatally invited

When renowned anonymous author J. R. Alastor hires former aspiring writer Mila del Ángel to host a writing retreat at his private manor off the coast of Maine, she jumps at the chance—particularly since she has an ax to grind with one of the invitees. The guest list? Six thriller authors, all masters of deceit, misdirection, and mayhem.

Confess the crimes, survive the tropes.

Alastor and Mila have masterminded a week of games, trope-fueled riddles, and maybe a jump scare or two—the perfect cover for Mila to plot a murder of her own. But when a guest turns up dead—and it's not the murder she planned—Mila finds herself trapped in a different narrative altogether.

One by one, you'll lose your turn.

With a storm cutting off the island, and the body count rising, Mila must outwit a killer who knows literally every trick in the book.

Until only one of us remains...

Gascoyne Junction Remote
Community School

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

PRINCIPAL’S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

We were pleased to welcome the team from SIDE (Career Taster), who provided students with hands-on experiences in carpentry, cabinetry, public art, and plumbing. Students had a great time exploring different career pathways and learning new skills.

We also had a visit from YouthCARE, where our Chaplain ran engaging and meaningful activities with all students. Our younger students participated in the **BUZZ** program, supporting social and emotional competencies, while our older students enjoyed the **GRIT** program, focused on personal growth and resilience. The sessions were filled with energy, learning, and fun!

Lastly, thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Community BBQ**. It was wonderful to see families and community members coming together. A special thank you to **Blanche, Lisa and Dianne** for taking over the BBQ – your skills were much appreciated, especially given my own limited cooking ability!

Happy Holidays!

Amanda Grayson
Principal



Pink Stumps Day – What a Success!

We’re thrilled to share that Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School raised an incredible **\$3,440.21** at our recent **Pink Stumps Day cricket match**, supporting the vital work of the **McGrath Foundation**.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our generous sponsors, as well as everyone who attended, donated, and contributed to making the day such a wonderful success. Your support truly made a difference.

Don’t miss the **two-page spread** at the end of this newsletter, filled with photos and highlights from the day!



FROSTY BLUEBERRIES

Ingredients

- 1 punnet fresh blueberries
- 170g reduced fat yoghurt e.g. vanilla, blueberry or honey Greek

Method

1. Wash blueberries, drain well
2. Line a baking tray with baking paper
3. Place the yoghurt in a bowl, add blueberries, gentry stir until blueberries are coated
4. Using a teaspoon scoop out each blueberry individually and place on baking sheet (use a toothpick if you are scooping out too much yoghurt)
5. Place tray in the freezer for 1 hour. Ensure the tray is on a flat surface
6. After 1 hour your ‘frosty blueberries’ are ready to enjoy; or place them into a zip lock bag for a healthy snack another time.



Traffic Light:



The learning low down

In Week 8, we welcomed Pete and Bev from YouthCARE. Through fun games and meaningful discussions, students explored the concept of G.R.I.T- Growth, Resilience, Integrity, and Traction.



Our upper primary and secondary students took part in a Careers Taster Day hosted by SIDE. They explored hands-on activities in public art, plumbing, and carpentry, gaining a fun and practical insight into different trades.



Harper and Colin have been enjoying learning together in the classroom.



In Week 9, students enjoyed an online visit from the Suara Dance Company through SIDE. They learnt about traditional Indonesian dance and had fun trying out the moves themselves!



🍗🍗🍗 COMMUNITY BBQ 🍗🍗🍗



COMING EVENTS

4/07/25	LAST DAY OF TERM
5/07/25 – 21/07/25	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
21/07/25	Staff Development Day
22/07/25	Student Return to School
24/07/25	Optometrist visit
29/07/25	Mooka Springs Excursion
05/08/25	Protective Behaviours
9/09/25	R U OK? Day
26/09/25	LAST DAY OF TERM
27/09/25-13/10/25	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



PINK STUMPS DAY 2025

Pink Stumps Day was held on Friday the 24th of May, and we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for a game of cricket! The Gascoyne

Junction Remote Community School hosted the event as a fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation, and the whole community got behind the cause.

Teams were led by local legends Di Kempton team 'Di' and Jarrod Walker team 'Winners', who rallied their players for a fun and spirited match. Town and station families, along with our loyal visitors from Carnarvon, came together to show off their cricket skills and support a great cause.



The coin toss

Before the main match kicked off, everyone had a go at a new game called Hit the Stump. Participants took turns throwing a cricket ball at a single wicket—if they missed, they were out; if they hit it, they advanced to the next round, moving further back each time. The competition was fierce, but it was the sharp-shooting Justin Bremer who claimed the prize.

With Team 'Di' winning the toss and electing to field first, the much-anticipated match was underway! Opening the batting for Jarrods team were Morrissey and Jack, who started cautiously with a few steady singles. But things soon ramped up when Jack sent the crowd into a cheer with a cracking four and a massive six, bringing their total to 17 runs by the end of the second over.

The momentum continued as each batting pair took their turn at the crease, averaging around 10 runs each. The standout duo of the innings was Brendo and Teresa, who smashed their way to a combined 20 runs—earning them top scorers for the team! Due to an injury, Teresa had a young runner step in to help, which may have given her that extra edge.

Team 'Di' kept the pressure on with some tight bowling, holding a few batting pairs to just 3 and 4 runs. The competition was fierce, and the energy on the field was matched only by the cheers from the sidelines.

After the first innings, players and spectators took a well-earned lunch break, escaping the sun and lining up for delicious beef and gravy rolls. While everyone refuelled, the entertainment didn't stop—Classic Catches kicked off on the field, showcasing some seriously talented hands under pressure. The competition quickly heated up, with a spirited showdown that saw the rules shift mid-game to one-handed catches only. This twist sparked an intense duel between Condo and Jezza, drawing plenty of laughs and dramatic gasps from the crowd. After a bit of back-and-forth (and a few near-misses), it was Giuliano Condo who finally claimed victory.

The second innings got underway with Di (not to be confused with the team captain) and Einey opening the batting, getting things rolling with 3 solid runs. The game progressed steadily, with most partnerships adding around 5 runs each to the total. That was until Steve and skipper Di stepped up to the crease—launching an impressive batting display that saw them rack up a massive 25 runs between them, including some cracking sixes from Steve that sent the score soaring. Closing out the innings were Josh and Abbie, who added another 12 runs to the tally and brought the game to a strong finish.

Throughout the innings, the wicketkeeper kept the energy high with a constant stream of cheeky banter—some say it may have even thrown a few batters off their game!

It was a fantastic match, with both teams putting on an outstanding performance. Team 'Di' wrapped up their innings with a solid 75 runs, but Team 'Winners' lived up to their name, finishing with an impressive 95 runs to take out the win and bragging rights for the day!

A huge thank you goes to our scorer, Sean, and to Andrea for manning the merchandise tent all afternoon. We're also incredibly grateful to everyone who lent a hand behind the scenes—your support helped make the day such a great success.

The annual trophy was proudly presented to the winning team captain, Jarrod, followed by the much-anticipated raffles featuring loads of great prizes generously donated by our amazing sponsors (listed on the following page). Best dressed in pink went to Jade in the kids' category and Bridie for the adults. The afternoon continued with music in the park, hosted by the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, while Cheeki Pizzeria served up some delicious woodfired pizzas. Greg Pike also sold freshly caught crayfish, with proceeds going towards our fundraising total. It was the perfect end to a fantastic day, and we're thrilled to announce we raised a whopping **\$3440.21** blowing our fundraising goal out of the water! Thank you everyone!



PINK STUMPS DAY 2025



BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!!!!

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SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE
CAREY DOWNS STATION



Chilli Garlic Pappardelle with Smashed Broccoli and Soft Eggs

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 30 mins

METHOD

Step 1 - Broccoli: Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Arrange the broccoli on a sheet pan; drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Roast for 20-25 minutes until softened and roasty. Smash each piece of broccoli with the back of a wooden spoon to create flat little crispy bites – transfer back to the oven and roast for another 5-10 minutes.

Step 2 - Eggs: I boil your 4 eggs. Let the eggs rest in cold water for about 5 minutes when they're done cooking.

Step 3 - Pasta: Cook pappardelle according to package directions.

Step 4 - Sauce: Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic; cook until soft and fragrant. Add hoisin, honey, chili oil, and miso; whisk until mostly incorporated (it'll be a little chunky from the miso but it'll smooth out). Add reserved pasta water and let it come to a gentle simmer; add pasta and continue to cook for 3-5 minutes until the sauce is coating all of the bits of pasta.

Step 5 - Enjoy your cooking!



INGREDIENTS

Chili Garlic Pappardelle:

- 8 ounces Egg Pappardelle
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon chilli crisp
- 1 tablespoon white miso
- 1/2 cup reserved cooking water
- freshly ground black pepper

Smashed Broccoli and Eggs:

- 1 head of broccoli, cut into florets (about 4 cups)
- 1 tablespoon Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Stanley Hammarquist
- 20 Jason Windie
- 28 Mathew Hammarquist



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

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

KIDS CLUB:

The CRC hosted our very first Kids Club activity on Tuesday, 27 May, with an afternoon full of fun, board games, and laughter. Students from Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School and Bidgemia Station joined in for a great time playing *What Do You Meme* and other games that kept everyone entertained.

A big thank you to Miss Tash from Bidgemia for teaching most of us how to play Rummy-O — it was a hit!

Kids Club will now be a monthly event, so watch this space to find out what exciting activities we have coming up next!



SHIT BOX RALLY:

Over 250 vehicles with 516 participants left behind Murchison Settlement on Saturday June 20, travelling through the Upper Gascoyne via the Burringurrah Community to Mt Augustus. Vehicles could not be 4WD and had to cost less than \$1500. John, Ainsley and Cynthia from the Shire headed up to the Mount to volunteer their services alongside Upper Gascoyne residents to help make sandwiches, serve food and fill the cars. Participants had travelled from all over Australia and Finland and they all loved our roads and many were planning a return visit. The team at Mount Augustus Tourist Park did a stellar job feeding everyone dinner, breakfast and lunch. The rally was raising funds for the Cancer Council enroute from Perth to Darwin and raised in excess of \$2.5 million. The vehicles departed on Sunday morning bound for the Auski Roadhouse on the Pingandy Road.



REMOTE FIRST AID COURSE:

Staff from the Shire, alongside team members from DBCA, recently participated in a Remote First Aid training course. Delivered over two and a half days, the course was a highly practical and informative experience tailored to emergency situations in remote settings.

A big thank you to Jenni and Pete from DBCA for their excellent organisation of the training and catering throughout the event. On Wednesday evening, attendees were treated to a delicious roast dinner, followed by a fun and interactive quiz night hosted by Lesley from DBCA.

It was a fantastic opportunity not only to build vital first aid skills, but also to connect and socialise with DBCA teams from our surrounding regions.





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These everyday stretches can be very effective in keeping your body feeling relaxed, limber and reduce soreness. The stretches shown on the left can also be a great choice before you begin your daily workout to warm up your body!

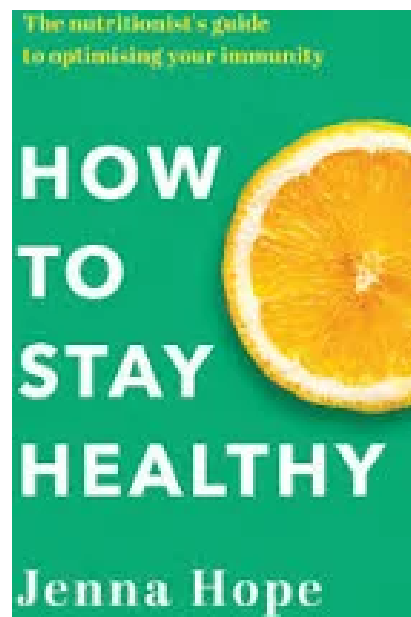


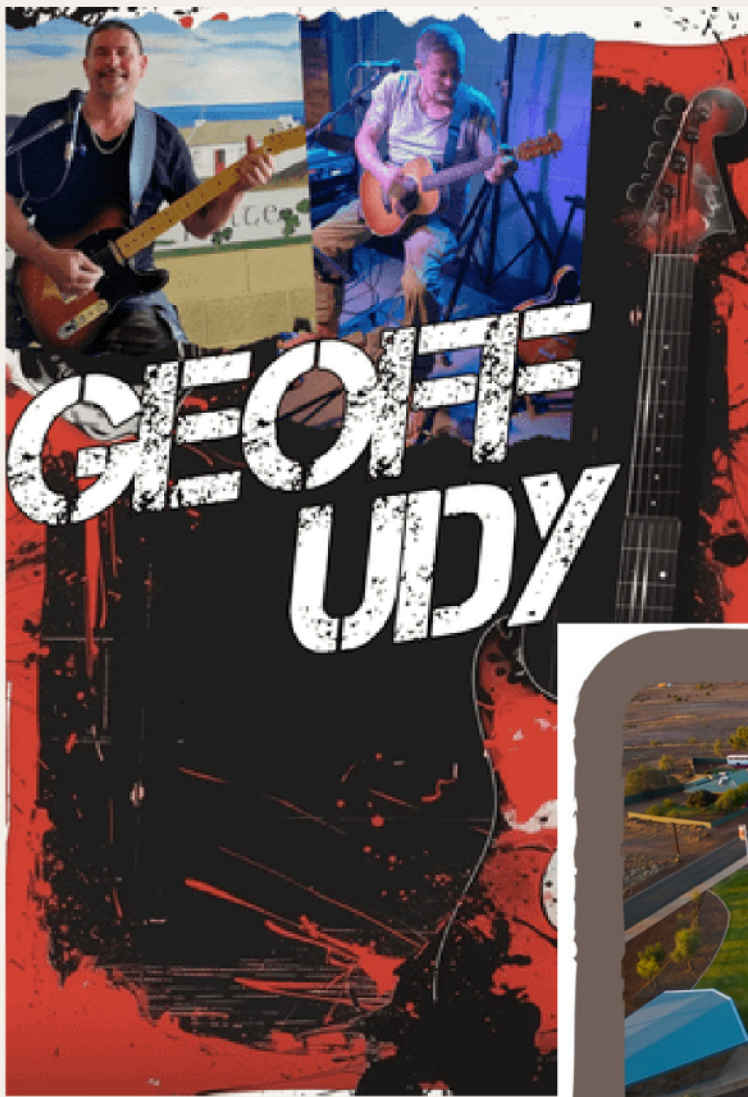
BOOK RECOMMENDATION:

We can also advise taking the time to educate yourself using the book 'How To Stay Healthy' by Jenna Hope. It provides expert advice on how to look after your immune system and make sure you stay in perfect conditon.

Have a squeeze!

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**SAT
JULY 26
3.30PM**

**THIS 2 HR CONCERT IS FREE!
BRING ALONG YOUR
FAVOURITE CHAIR OR A
BLANKET. PACK SOME DRINKS
& NIBBLES AND ENJOY AN
AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AT THE
TOWN AMPHITHEATRE AT TWO
RIVERS MEMORIAL PARK IN
GASCOYNE JUNCTION**



MUSIC IN THE PARK

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ABSOLUTELY RECOMMEND GEOFF FOR AN EVENT - THANKS FOR A
FANTASTIC NIGHT!"**



Running through from August 21st and finishing August 30th 2025, join us for 10 days of fun Under Gascoyne Skies. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is an Astrotourism WA Dark Sky Destination, with minimal light pollution there are a multitude of places to sit back and enjoy the night sky whilst taking a wander outback.

FESTIVAL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
Thu Aug 21	Kennedy Range Campdraft	Junction Race Club - Gascoyne Junction
Fri Aug 22	Kennedy Range Campdraft	Junction Race Club - Gascoyne Junction
Fri Aug 22	Stargazing, Sounds & Supper*	Mount Augustus Tourist Park
Sat Aug 23	Kennedy Range Campdraft	Junction Race Club - Gascoyne Junction
Sat Aug 23	Stargazing, Sounds & Snapshots	Gascoyne Junction Tourist Park
Sun Aug 24	Music in the Park**	Two Rivers Memorial Park
Sat Aug 30	Big Rock Feast (Formerly Biggest BBQ)	Mt Augustus Tourist Park



* Stargazing, Sounds and Supper at Mt Augustus is part of the Gascoyne Food Festival. Whilst the event is free a ticket is required to attend. Book at gascoynefoodfestival.com.au

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Events

UNDER
Gascoyne
SKIES
FESTIVAL
AUGUST 21ST-30TH 2025

KENNEDY RANGE CAMPDRAFT: The Kennedy Range Campdraft Association invites you to join them as they host its annual camp draft event at the Junction Race track. Watch as horsemen of all ages pit their skills against locally bred cattle in a bid to cut a beast from the mob and manoeuvre it around a course. Campdrafting is a high paced sport which welcomes all ages and levels of riders. Join spectators around the newly built yards and arena and enjoy Australia's fastest growing sport. There is food and refreshments available for purchase and country clothing vendor stalls. The Junction Race track is located 10km west of Gascoyne Junction on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road.

STARGAZING, SOUNDS & SUPPER:* Join us at Mount Augustus Tourist Park to gaze at the Gascoyne Night Skies with telescopes and the team at Perth Observatory. Register for a free astrophotographer workshop with renown Astrophotographer Roger Groom. (Spaces limited). Enjoy Supper under the stars with live music from the Michael Ward Trio. This event is free thanks to the support of Horizon Power and the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

STARGAZING, SOUNDS & SNAPSHOTS: The Garden at the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park will play host to an evening of stargazing, live music and astrophotography workshops. This free event brings together the Perth Observatory, astrophotographer Roger Groom and the Michael Ward Trio to make a magical starfilled night. Pub meals and drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

MUSIC IN THE PARK:** The Junction Town Amphitheatre in the Two Rivers Memorial Park will host another session of Music in the Park in August with a twist. Joining with the Gascoyne Food Festival, tickets are \$30 and include a gourmet picnic box for ticketholders. Grab your favourite blanket or chair, and find a piece of grass for this outdoor concert. The Michael Ward Trio will be playing an acoustic set of blues, roots and alternate country. This is bound to get your toes tapping.

BIG ROCK FEAST: Mount Augustus - the world's largest rock is the backdrop for this iconic event. Formerly known as the Biggest BBQ, join the team at Mount Augustus Tourist Park for a 4 Course Meal prepared by Paul Kelly, and live music from Grant Hart under the stars. Tickets are available through the Mount Augustus Tourist Park: 08 9943 0527



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THE BIG ROCK FEAST

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BIGGEST BBQ)

SATURDAY AUGUST 30 2025



TICKETS: \$135.00

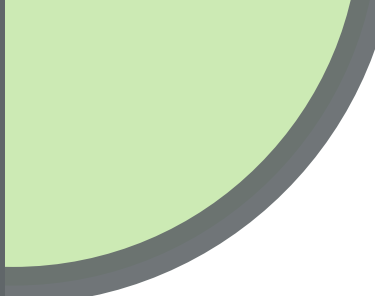
Come and enjoy a 4 Course Meal which includes our very own Southern Rangeland Beef cooked by Chef Paul Kelly and enjoy live music with Grant Hart.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Tickets & Accommodation are available direct from the Mount Augustus Tourist Park.

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Murchison Settlement

MEET OUTBACK MIKE
As seen on ALONE Australia Season 1

1 - 2 August 2025

Get ready to gather 'round the campfire, cook up some delicious dishes, and enjoy a weekend of fun at the Murchison Camp Oven Muster!



2 DAYS - 19 EXPERIENCES - 1 TICKET



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About the Muster

The Murchison Camp Oven Muster is a weekend celebration of outback cuisine, community spirit, and authentic local experiences. Attendees will enjoy:

- **3-night unpowered dirt camping site** included with each ticket.
- **19 unique local experiences** curated by community members.
- **Long Table Dinner on Saturday night** – participants must prepare a camp oven dish to share with themselves and two others.



How to Book Tickets

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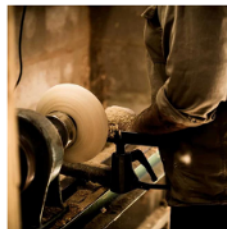
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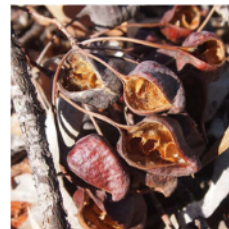
<https://tinyurl.com/MCOM2025E>



01 Wood Turning Presentation & Demo with Aidan



02 Discover Murchison Flora



04 Murchison Picnic Dinner @ Errabiddy Bluff



06 Guided Stargazing



08 Bush Survival Skills with Outback Mike



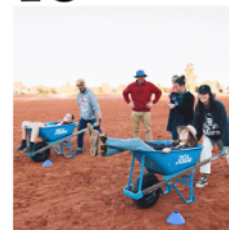
12 Botanic Dying with Annette Wiguna



15 Billy Boiling Competition



16 Family Gmaes



17 Line Dancing with Michelle



For Further Information:

Contact Rachel Evans, Tourism and Community Development Support Officer
admin@murchison.wa.gov.au (08) 9961 3805

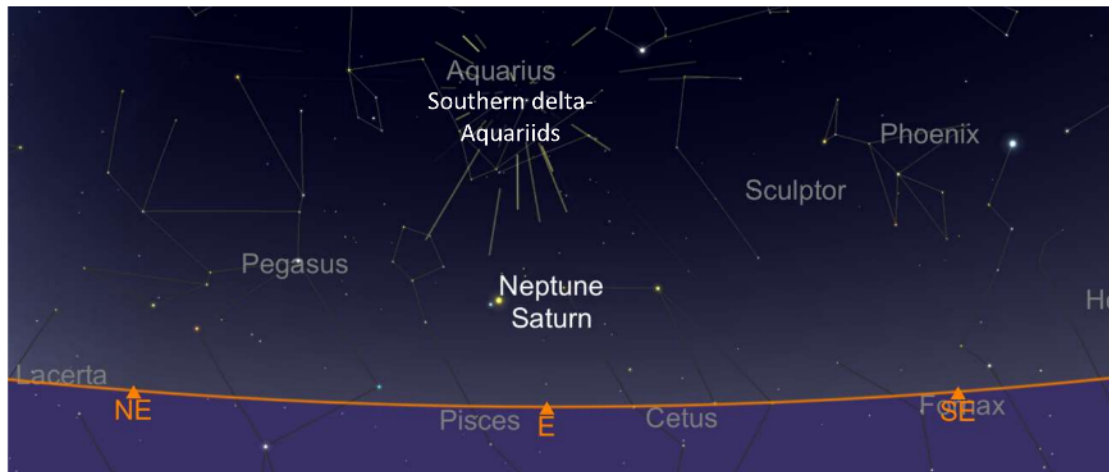


Mid-Winter Meteor Shower

Getting
the
best
out of

a meteor shower requires late nights, dark skies, a little luck, and lots of patience. The Southern delta-Aquariids Meteor Shower comes around in mid-winter which can make it a challenge if there is cloud about.

This shower usually produces faint meteors, with the peak of about 25 meteors/hour from 10pm on 30th July, with the best viewing around 2am on 31st July when the radiant point (or where the meteors appear to be emanating from) is high in the sky and the moon has long since set. The image below indicates the radiant point.



Go meteor shower gazing from 10pm on 30th July. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

There's a great website produced with data from Dutch-American astronomer, Peter Jenkinson, where you can experience a virtual tour and see how the meteor shower is generated. Visit <https://www.meteorshowers.org/view/Southern-Delta-Aquariids>.

What is a meteor shower?

A meteor (commonly called a "shooting star") is an unexpected, brief streak of light seen in our night sky. It's caused when space debris, travelling up to 75km per second, enters Earth's atmosphere. The debris can be as small as a grain of sand which burns up in the atmosphere and causes a bright streak of light to appear briefly in our night sky.

A meteor shower is a celestial spectacle where large numbers of meteors, or "shooting stars", streak across the night sky. These dazzling events occur when Earth passes through the trail of debris left by a comet or other object that has come into our Solar System and orbited around the Sun. Visible to the naked eye, meteor showers offer a mesmerising display of bright streaks, adding a touch of cosmic wonder to the night.



SMOKO TIME

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

A man who was outside in the rain without an umbrella or hat didn't get a single hair on his head wet. Why?

ANSWER: He was bald!

	Rat	Pigeon	Squirrel	Raccoon	Sparrow	McKeon	McMahon	Lowenstein	140 W.	Law School
Monday										
Tuesday										
Wednesday										
Thursday										
Friday										
McKeon										
McMahon										
Lowenstein										
140 W.										
Law School										

1. Neither a raccoon nor a pigeon got into Fordham on Monday, when an animal was spotted in McKeon.
2. An animal got into Lowenstein on either Wednesday or Thursday, but it wasn't a rat.
3. A pigeon got into the Law School, but it wasn't on Friday, when an animal got into the 140 West building.
4. On Wednesday, a sparrow got into either McMahon or Lowenstein.
5. A squirrel was spotted somewhere on Tuesday.



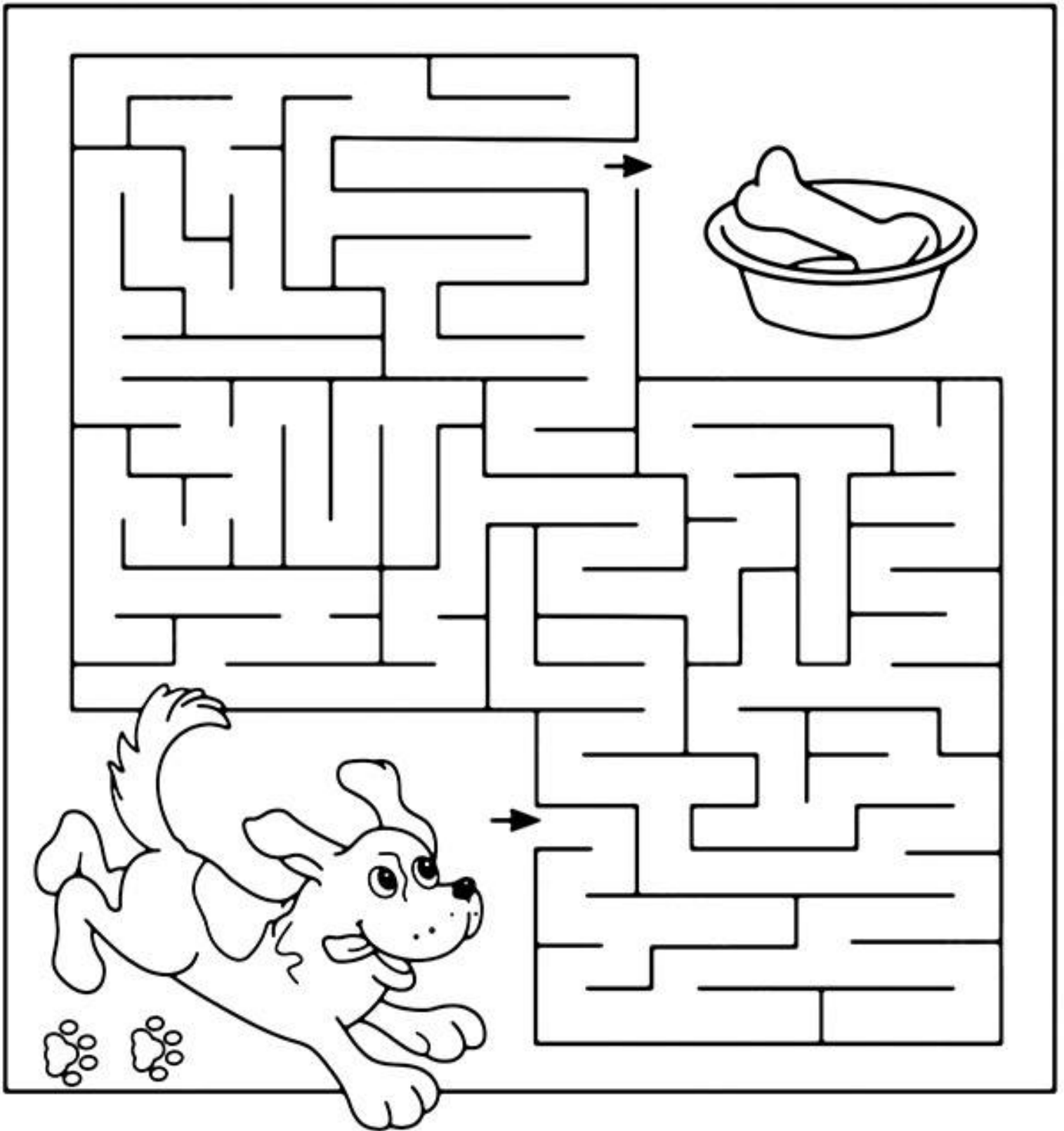
KIDS CORNER

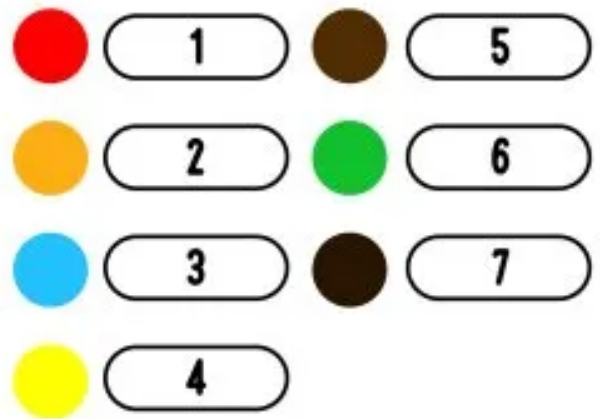
KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

I have a tail and a head, what am I?

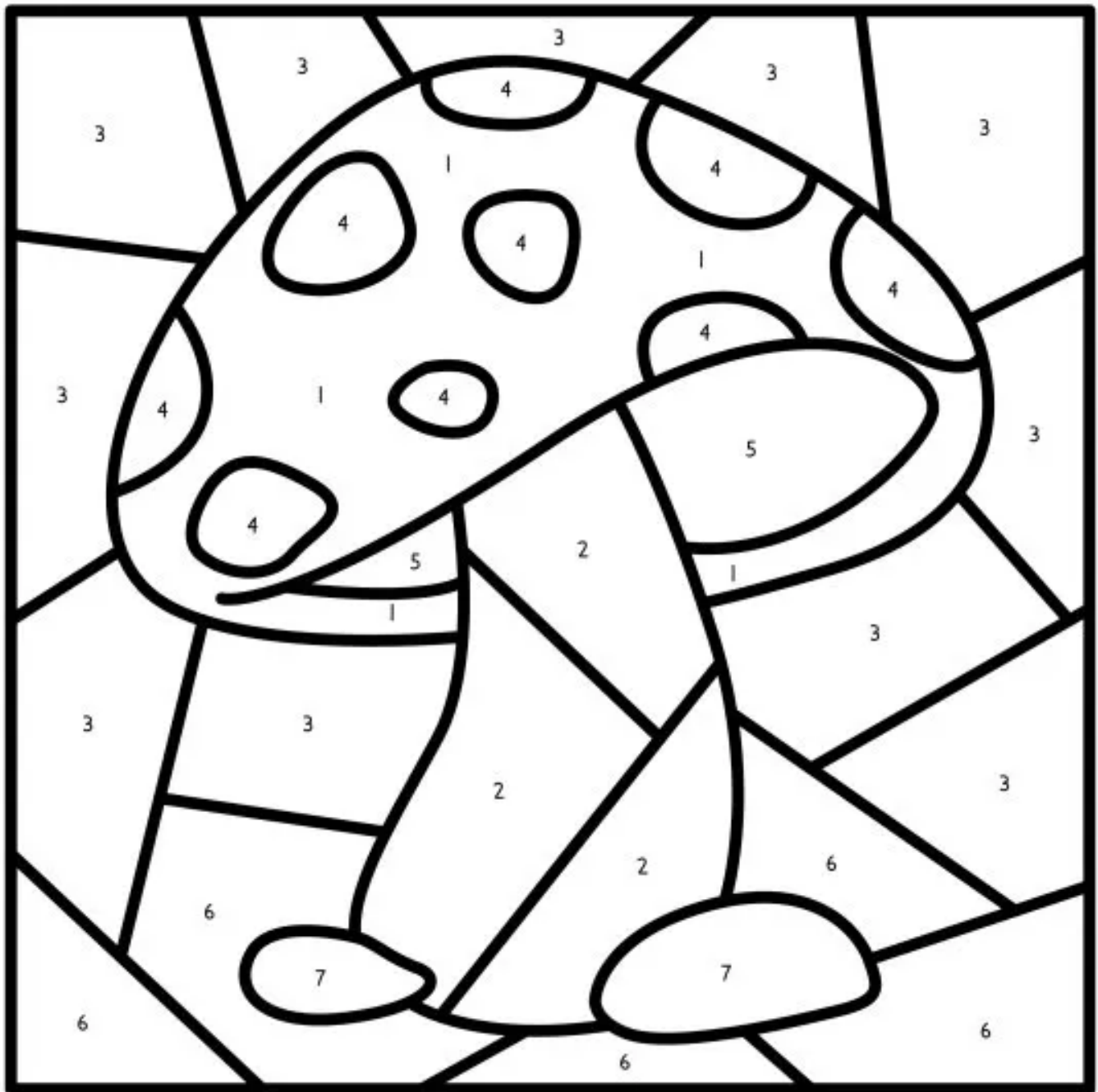
ANSWER: A Coin!

HELP THE PUPPY FIND HIS BONE





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

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2 JULY

PHYSIO CLINIC

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CENTRE

16 JULY

NURSING CLINIC

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16 JULY

KIDS CLUB

GASCOYNE
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22 JULY

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS



MUSIC IN THE PARK

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

26 JULY

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

06 AUGUST

KIDS CLUB

GASCOYNE
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19 AUGUST

PHYSIO CLINIC

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20 AUGUST

NURSING CLINIC

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20 AUGUST

STARGAZING SOUNDS & SUPPER

MOUNT
AUGUSTUS
TOURIST
PARK

22 AUGUST

GASCOYNE JUNCTION STARS & SAVOUR

JUNCTION
PUB &
TOURIST
PARK

23 AUGUST

FLAVOURS OF THE UPPER GASCOYNE

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

24 AUGUST