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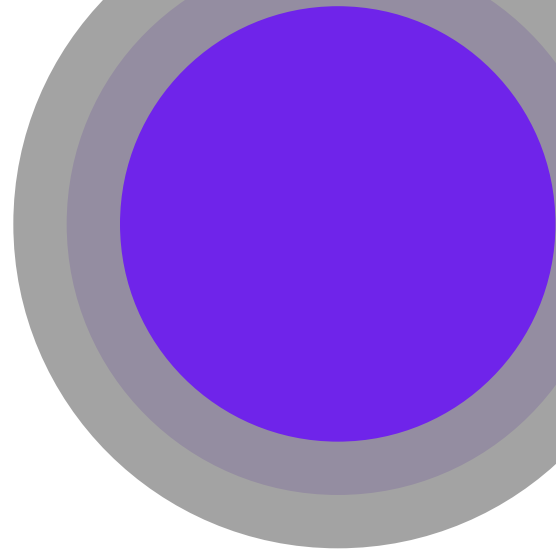
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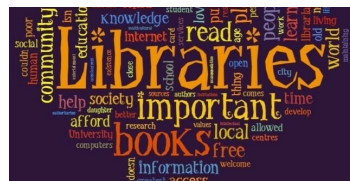
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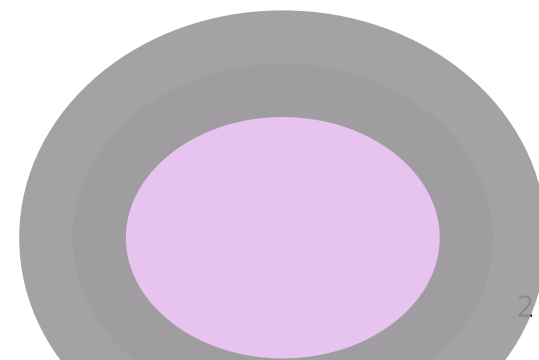
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Find out what exciting events are coming up next in our Community Calendar.



COUNCIL NEWS

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.

CEO Report

I have been mainly doing general administration work. The supreme court ruling on being able to rate Miscellaneous Licenses fell in favour of Local Government thanks to the great work by the Shire of Mount Magnet and particularly their CEO. We are now getting valuations of the Miscellaneous Licenses and will be able to rate in this financial year. It is anticipated that we could raise an addition \$200k in addition to the Hastings GRV rates.

Manager of Works and Services Report

We successfully completed all our road projects on time and within budget once again. MTF Contracting came home strong and completed the Carnarvon Mullewa bitumen seal along with the resheeting of 10km on Landor Meekatharra Road. Our crew upgraded 17km of the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd South of Glenburgh and have mobilised the plant and equipment in readiness for the next project also on Carnarvon Mullewa Road at the Dairy Creek intersection.

As you are aware, we were successful in securing funding to construct the realignment of the Landor Mt Augustus Rd which will bypass the Landor homestead. Funding will also include construction of two new concrete crossings over the Gascoyne River and Aurilla Creek and three concrete culverts north of the Burringurrah Community. Procurement has been initiated to engage contractors to complete the works. Greenfields will manage the project.

Josh Kirk and I conducted an onsite visit to inspect gravel pits, water points and work site locations. While there we dropped in and discussed the project with the good folk at Landor Station to ensure they were involved in the process. We also did an onsite inspection of the proposed culvert installation sites with Raymond Lockyer from the Burringurrah Community to ensure we were not impacting and heritage. Both Raymond and the Landor Station expressed their gratitude to the shire and are excited about the works.

Once again, we are extremely fortunate to receive further funding to continue sealing the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd. Dean Contracting have been awarded the contract and will begin in August.



The installation of the reverse osmosis plant and associated infrastructure is complete however we have had some issues when commissioning. The bore flow rates are less than the original testing rates causing the bore to draw down and fork. We are working with the pump supplier and hydrologist to find a solution. We are confident we can rectify the issue within the next few weeks and have the plant fully operational however it may produce slightly less than originally anticipated.

The office extensions are well under way and going well and are expected to be finished in September.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

Happy New Financial Year. Yes, it is that time of year again and the team are working on finalising outstanding invoices to assist in closing off the June year.

All Departmental budget submissions have now been received, and we have been working on entering this information into our Budget program. We have scheduled a Workshop to present the Budget to Council on Wednesday 6th August with the intention of adopting the Budget at the 27th August OCM.

We have finalised all follow up queries in relation to our Interim audit and provided all information to William Buck and the Office of the Auditor General (OAG). To date it has passed muster with William Buck but are just awaiting finalisation from the OAG. Our final Audit is scheduled to commence Monday 6th October.

The team attended a Remote First Aid training course along with DBCA staff. As well as being informative Jodie our instructor had us work through various accident scenarios and even provided props such as special effects makeup and severed limbs!



Community Resource Centre Update

Exciting changes are coming to the CRC over the next few months as we prepare for a new fit-out and updated signage. These much-needed improvements will create a more functional and welcoming space for both locals and visitors to enjoy.

After listening to feedback from last tourist season, we've identified a demand for Kennedy Loop merchandise. We're excited to announce that our new range has arrived! Items include stickers, stubby holders, t-shirts, and hoodies—perfect for souvenirs or gifts.

Our June Kids Club was a hit, featuring an afternoon of slime making and LEGO building. The kids had a blast experimenting with different slime recipes and perfecting their creations. A big thank you to Ta-Leah for leading the session, sharing her LEGO building expertise, and helping keep the slime mess under control!

Shire staff, along with DBCA team members, recently participated in a Remote First Aid Course held over a week. The course was incredibly valuable, offering hands-on training with scenarios tailored to remote living. Everyone who attended found the experience highly beneficial. A big thank you to DBCA for providing morning tea and lunch throughout the week, and for hosting a dinner and quiz night—bringing out some fun, friendly competition and plenty of laughs.

As we move into our busy season, the CRC will now send out a monthly email at the beginning of each month to local Stations and residents. This email will include important updates and a calendar of upcoming events happening throughout the Upper Gascoyne.

Tourism & Community Report

The June Music in the Park had over 30 in attendance and met all of the objectives for the event. The Amphitheatre was utilised, provided a social event for residents, attracted overnight visitors to town and had an economic impact to local business with an increased trading weekend at the Pub. Our next Music in the Park on July 26, will have country music being performed.

Over 500 visitors converged on Mt Augustus as part of the Shitbox Rally. This event was a charity car rally injecting tourism dollars into the region through accommodation, meals, fuel, sightseeing and souvenirs. The event had national media coverage, and many participants are planning return visits.

Meetings continue with DBCA towards the \$10 million from the State Government for upgrades to Mount Augustus. This is a slow-moving project. So far, DBCA have completed an onsite workshop at Mount Augustus Tourist Park, funds have been allocated to an upgrade to the airstrip at Burringurrah, road improvements and upgrades to car parks and hike trail heads is also well into the design phase. A scope of work for tourism development has also been put out to market.

A final report on the Accommodation Capability Project is being prepared, with DTM meeting again with participants during an onsite visit in late June. The three website projects are almost complete. Proofs for new content for accommodation providers and the Shire promotion have been received with a mix of still and video content. They are incredible and am excited to utilise these in our next round of campaigns.

Signage for the stargazing platform and internally for the CRC are waiting to be installed by contractors. Our Under Gascoyne Skies events for August are also set with live music, stargazing and astrophotography workshops over the weekend of August 22-24 culminating with Music in the Park.

The start of the season has been slow but we have seen a real increase in visitor numbers over the school holidays, averaging 40 visitors through the Information Centre daily.

Work is underway on an event focusing on Mental Health in October. We have received funding from GDC for the event and are working with other organisations to provide a family focused weekend event for all residents of the Upper Gascoyne.



Attention Residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne:

BLOWHOLES MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION TO UPPER GASCOYNE RESIDENTS:

The Shire of Carnarvon has extended the \$100 annual local membership pass for the Blowholes to include residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

To apply:

- Complete the attached application form
- Provide proof of residence within our Shire

For enquiries & membership application forms, please contact:

crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or call the CRC on 08 9943 0988



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION
CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS
Shire of Upper Gascoyne
ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025**

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 18 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 as at 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025. 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). Enrolments and updates must be completed and received by 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025.

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. 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 and have paid rent for at least the prescribed amount.

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 officers of the body corporate that 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 by 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

DENNIS O'REILLY
ACTING ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
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Notice from Australian Electoral Commission

Re: Lack of Notice of Gascoyne Junction Remote Polling Station at May Federal Election



Why notice of remote mobile polling was not provided:

It was the AEC's intention to provide reasonable notice to communities, councils, and shires regarding remote mobile polling information. Unfortunately, due to an administrative error in community contact details, the information was not received in a timely manner. The AEC acknowledges the inconvenience this may have caused the Shire and residents. The AEC appreciates the Shire's effort in conveying the information 'last minute' and thanks residents that were able to attend.

For residents not able to vote:

The AEC would like to assure residents that the divisional office for their voting division (Durack) has been notified of the communication error, and there is a process in place to exclude eligible residents from any further non-voter action. Any residents that receive a notice from the AEC regarding a failure to vote in the 2025 federal election should follow the below instructions.

Instructions on how to respond to an "apparent failure to vote" Notice:

The non-voter process involves the issue of an 'Apparent failure to vote' notice to electors who appear to have failed to vote in the 2025 federal election. The notice issued provides electors with the following options:

1. If they did in fact vote, to advise the Divisional Returning Officer (DRO) for their electorate of the circumstances in which they voted e.g. polling place location or by postal vote.
2. If they did not vote: to provide the DRO with a valid and sufficient reason why, or to pay the \$20 administrative penalty.

Should a resident receive an Apparent failure to vote notice, they should respond and advise the AEC of their reason for not voting.

The lack of notice from the AEC should constitute a valid and sufficient reason for failing to vote. Please do NOT make payment of the \$20 penalty, and instead, reply to the notice explaining why you failed to vote, including if this was because you were not given notice of the polling arrangements for your community.

Responses to notices that contain the above as a reason for failing to vote will be accepted and finalised, and residents will not be required to take any further action to resolve the matter.

What steps can be taken by residents to become General Postal Voters:

Electors who are registered as general postal voters automatically get sent ballot papers as soon as practicable after the declaration of nominations for a federal election, the issue of writs for a federal referendum, or according to the legislative timeline for a state or local government election (contact your state Electoral Commission for more details).

Once registered as a general postal voter, electors will automatically receive your ballot papers in the mail after an election has been announced. You do not need to re-apply for future elections.

You are eligible to register as a general postal voter if you are already on the electoral roll and you are unable to attend a polling place due to one of the reasons provided here.

https://www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/Special_Category/general-postal-voters.htm

For enquiries, please call the Shire Office on (08) 9943 0988

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Request for Tender



RFT 02 25-26

Landor Mt Augustus Rd Concrete and Culvert Works 2025/26

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne invites tenders for the construction of various concrete and culvert works on the Landor Mt Augustus Rd.

TENDER FORMS are only available from Tenderlink:
<http://www.tenderlink.com/uppergascoyne/>

Tenders close 2.00 PM AWST MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2025.

Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. Canvassing of any Shire Councillor, Officer or the principal Consultant, Greenfield Technical Services will disqualify Tenderers from consideration.

Should Tenderers have questions with respect to accessing Tender documents or submitting a Tender, please contact the Shire on 08 9943 0988.

Questions relating to the Tender document and/or specifications must be made via the forum on Tenderlink.

NO OTHER FORMAT OF SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Upper Gascoyne

For enquiries, please call the Shire office on (08) 9943 0988

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

Contact

Email – junctioncraft@gmail.com

Alys McKeough – President/Secretary 0438 384 603

Chris Kearney – Treasurer 0428 841 818

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 - 15th July 1998

Heavy rain washes out roads and races

A RECORD rainfall over the week-end caused localised flooding, road closures and the cancellation of the Gascoyne Junction races and gymkhana.

The North-West Highway was impassable north and south of Carnarvon on Monday as the rain kept falling and was expected to continue into Tuesday.

Travellers are advised to take extra caution on roads as conditions can alter rapidly during rainfall.

Rainfall for the 24 hours from 9am Sunday, July 12 to Monday, July 13 was 102.6mm.

This is the highest daily total on record for July.

The average rainfall for July is just 44.7mm. So far this month 153.6mm has been recorded.

There was a mass exodus from Gascoyne Junction on Saturday as people were keen to beat the road closures but an estimated 100 people stayed

behind camping in trucks and caravans.

Junction Hotel proprietor Ann Russel said most people left on Saturday. Those who were stranded were either staying at nearby station homesteads or camped at the race track.

Bidgemia Station, near Gascoyne Junction, hosted nearly 50 people as road access was closed and light rainfall made camping uncomfortable.

Those who ventured to Gascoyne Junction on Friday made the most of the entertainment on Friday night with reports of a fun-filled evening with the Geraldton band, Moresby Rangers.

Band members left early Saturday morning to beat the road closures.

If a road has been closed by the local shire, access by any vehicle, including four-wheel drives, is illegal.

The damage to roads can run into thousands of dollars and fines of up to \$1000 per wheel can be imposed.

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

I'll Leave You With This

Author: Kylie Ladd

I'll Leave You With This is a heartbreaking, funny, thought-provoking and honest novel about a brother's legacy and the tangled bonds of sisterhood.

The O'Shea sisters couldn't be more different. Allison, an obstetrician, has always put others before herself and is torn between her job and young family. Prizewinning film director Bridie hasn't had work in over a decade, though her actor husband is on the brink of stardom. Clare, desperate for a baby, is bereft when her wife leaves her after their latest IVF failure. And Emma, the youngest, has turned to God to fill the aching loneliness in her life. When their only brother Daniel is killed the four women drift even further apart... Then, on the third anniversary of Daniel's death, Clare proposes an idea: they should trace the many recipients saved by his donated organs. Perhaps their brother's gift of life can bring them back together again?

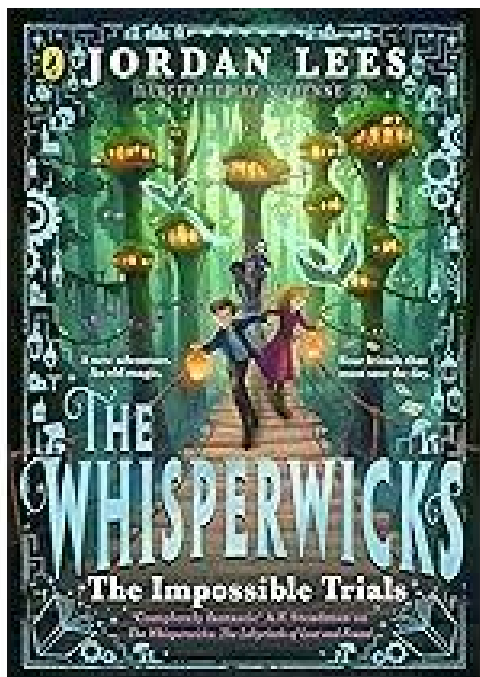


The Whisperwicks: The Impossible Trials

Author: Jordan Lees

When Benjiamiah Creek discovers a strange fragment of witchstone, he finds himself transported to the labyrinthine streets of Wreathenwold - a world of spectacular adventure and impossible magic.

Along with his friends, Elizabella Cotton, Mea and Silas the Mapmaker, Benjiamiah embarks on a dangerous quest involving a strange collection of fairy tales - *The Book of Barely Believable Stories*. The gang must undertake a series of magical trials to save the missing children of Wreathenwold, before Midsommer ends and they are lost forever....



Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

Responsibility Resilience Respect



PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

July has been a busy month as always, with lots of fantastic learning happening across our classrooms. We were pleased to welcome Harley back to Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School, it's great to have him rejoin our school community.

On the last day of term, we held a student and staff morning tea to celebrate the end of a successful term and present the end of term values awards. It was a lovely way to come together and reflect on all we've achieved.

Last week, we were fortunate to go on an excursion with our staff, Yinggarda Elders, and Tristan and Mark from Cultures of Excellence. It was a wonderful day of exploring, connecting to Country, and learning together.

We look forward another great term ahead!

Amanda Grayson
(Principal)



Cupcakes for a Cause! 🧁💜

Alzheimer's Fundraiser at School

We're proud to be supporting a cause close to many hearts – **raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's research and support services.**

To help make a difference, our school will be holding a **Cupcake Fundraiser:**

📅 **Date:** 7/08/2025

🕒 **Time:** 10:45am-11:00am

📍 **Where:** Gascoyne Junction CRC & Junction Pub & Tourist Park

💰 **Cost:** \$2.00 each

All money raised will go towards supporting the **Alzheimer's Association**, helping them continue their important work with individuals and families affected by dementia.

Whether you **buy, or simply donate**, your support will be truly appreciated. Let's come together, enjoy a sweet treat, and show we care. 💜

Crispy Chicken Tenders

Traffic Light: ●

Ingredients

- 1 kg chicken breast cut into strips
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 8 eggs
- ¾ cup water
- 5 cups panko breadcrumbs
- Cooking spray

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Place an oven-safe baking rack on a baking sheet. Lightly spray with oil.
3. Place the flour in a shallow dish. Whisk eggs and water together in a second dish. Place panko breadcrumbs in a third dish.
4. Cut chicken into strips. Dip each strip into the flour, egg wash and then breadcrumbs.
5. Place the crumbed chicken tenders onto the prepared baking sheet and lightly spray with oil.
6. Bake for 10-13 minutes (or air fry for 4 minutes each side) or until chicken is cooked and golden on the outside.



Term 3 is underway



Students returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to dive into learning!

In our early childhood space, imaginations have been running wild with role play, thanks to some fabulously funky costumes. We've had dinosaurs roaming the classroom, disco divas dancing through the day, and even some punk rocker robbers causing harmless mischief, all in the name of creativity and play-based learning!



A sweet surprise was discovered in our greenhouse, a perfectly ripe watermelon! It was a delicious treat and a wonderful reward for all our gardening efforts.

We were thrilled to welcome Harley back to school. It's so lovely to see his smiling face around the classroom again!



In the kitchen, Bridie has been cooking up a storm as part of her food studies, preparing some mouth-watering ramen that had everyone's stomachs rumbling.

To top off a fantastic week, final-year optometry students from UWA visited to conduct vision checks. Thanks to their visit, some of our students will be receiving brand-new specs and they're looking pretty cool too!



Temple & Honeycomb Gorge



This week, students had the opportunity to visit the breathtaking Temple and Honeycomb Gorge in the Kennedy Ranges as part of a cultural learning experience. We were honoured to be accompanied by Elders, Thomas and Rowena, along with Marc and Tristan from the Cultural Excellence Team.



Throughout the day, students engaged deeply with Country, capturing aerial photographs with a drone and taking scenic and cultural photos using iPads. These hands-on tasks encouraged students to observe and reflect on the landscape from new perspectives.



We shared a yarn together, listening to stories and knowledge shared by our Elders, and took time to be present, respectful and curious on Yinggarda Country. It was a meaningful and memorable experience for all involved.





BOOK AN
Adventure



2025 Children's Book Week®
16–23 August

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP

Come dressed as your favourite book character.

Prize for the best dressed

When: Week 5
Monday 18th August

COMING EVENTS

31/07/25	School Meet & Greet – Junction Pub & Tourist Park 5:30pm-7:00pm
05/08/25	Protective Behaviours
07/08/25	Student Councillor fundraiser for Alzheimer's WA 10:45am-11:00am
15/08/25	Pedal The Path & Flanno for a Farmer Day – 9am
18/08/25	Book Week – Dress up day
04/09/25	R U Ok? Day – morning tea 10:30am – 11:15am
25/09/25	Stephen Michael Foundation visit
26/09/25	Burringurrah Community BBQ excursion
26/09/25	LAST DAY OF TERM
27/09/25-13/10/25	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
14/10/25	STUDENTS RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL



Spicy Honey Garlic Chicken



METHOD

Step 1 - Marinate chicken with salt and pepper, garlic powder, corn starch, rice flour, egg, soda water. Set aside for 10 minutes.

Step 2 - Fry in medium-high heat oil for 4-5 minutes or until golden brown. Optional but highly recommended, double fry for another 1-2 minutes after removing from the heat for extra crispiness.

Step 3 - In a pan, add in Korean Chilli Paste, Honey, 1 tbsp of soy sauce, and minced garlic.

Step 4 - Turn the heat up to medium-low and mix till everything is thoroughly mixed well.

Step 5 - Add in the chicken and make sure every piece of chicken is covered in the sauce.

Step 6 - Finish off with sesame seeds. Saute on high heat for 1 minute.

INGREDIENTS

Chicken & Batter:

- 6 pieces of boneless chicken thigh (cut into bite-size pieces)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of Rice Flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of Corn Starch
- 1 tbsp of Garlic Powder
- Salt and Pepper to season
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of Soda Water
- 1 Egg

Marinade:

- 8 cloves of Garlic Chopped
- 2 tbsp of Korean Chilli Paste
- 3 tbsp of Honey
- 1 tbsp of Soy Sauce
- 1 tbsp of Sesame Seeds

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

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



SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 6 Andrea Pears
- 13 Jodie McTaggart
- 15 Colin Sibson
- 15 Wendy Hoseason-Smith
- 17 Raymond Hoseason-Smith
- 17 Oscar Hammarquist
- 22 Richard Dowker



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: SLIME & LEGO

Our latest Kids Club was a fun fun filled afternoon of slime making and LEGO building. The kids enjoyed experimenting with different slime recipes and making crazy Lego creations. A big thank you to Ta-Leah for leading the session, sharing her Lego building skills and helping keep the slime mess under control!



MUSIC IN THE PARK:

Geoff Udy performed at our July Music in the Park series, bringing a fantastic afternoon of live entertainment to Two Rivers Memorial Park. With an extensive list and music for all tastes, Geoff had something for everyone.

The warm sun shone down as families and friends relaxed with their picnics, with the amphitheatre providing a lovely backdrop for the event. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such an enjoyable afternoon!



SAVE THE DATE!

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne has a variety of exciting events coming up in the next few months. Check out the dates below and refer to the flyers for more detailed information. For any inquiries, feel free to call the CRC at 9943 0988.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Pedal the Path & Flanno for a Farmer Day

15th August, 9am

A great way to celebrate the footpath extension and support local farmers!

Kids Club:

19th August, 4pm

Children of the Upper Gascoyne aged between 5-16, join us for an afternoon of Bingo Battle & Water Bead Creation.

Gascoyne Food Festival / Under Gascoyne Skies Festival

21st – 30th August

Celebrate the unique flavours, landscapes, and culture of our region. Highlights include:

- **Kennedy Range Campdraft**

21st–23rd August – Junction Race Club, Gascoyne Junction

- **Stargazing, Sounds & Supper**

Friday 22nd August – Mount Augustus Tourist Park

- Astrophotography workshop (spaces limited)- bookings essential

- **Gascoyne Junction Stars & Savour**

Saturday 23rd August – Gascoyne Junction Pavilion

- Astrophotography workshop (spaces limited)- bookings essential

- **Music in the Park**

Sunday 24th August – Two Rivers Memorial Park

- **Outback Station Tour & Tea**

Tuesday 26th August – Doorawarra Station

- **Big Rock Feast (formerly Biggest BBQ)**

Saturday 30th August – Mount Augustus Tourist Park

SAVE THE DATE:

Million Moves

1st-21st September

Join the Million Moves Challenge

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE UPPER GASCOYNE

We are proud to be taking part in Million Moves, a statewide health initiative designed to get more Australians moving and feeling great. As a Shire initiative, we are encouraging every community member to complete 75 moves a day for 21 days.

Bush Ball Fundraiser – Supporting the Cancer Council

Saturday 18th October- Gascoyne Junction Pavilion

In memory of the late Don Hammarquist the Shire of Upper Gascoyne will be hosting a Bush Ball Fundraiser supporting the Cancer Council of WA

In 2023, after a long battle with cancer, Shire President Don Hammarquist passed away. He has left a huge hole in our community, and sadly he is not the only Upper Gascoyne resident who we have lost to cancer, or has had fought the battle and won. For such a small community we really have been hit hard by the C Word.

A frequent conversation with Upper Gascoyne residents when receiving treatment, is the struggle to afford the cost of travelling to Perth and the cost of accommodation for regional patients. The goal of this event is Adopt a Room through the Cancer Council at Crawford & Milroy Lodge - a place that took incredible care of Don and his family, and also other residents of the Upper Gascoyne. Our fundraising target is \$10,000 which will enable the Upper Gascoyne Community to adopt a twin or double room at the Lodge through the Cancer Council WA, to assist with reducing accommodation costs for those in need.

A good reason, to dress up, pull on your boots and have a great night out.

Tickets are now available via Eventbrite - check out our social media page for the link



Proudly supported by



Yoga Classes:

Last week saw the launch of our very first community yoga class! Heejeong put us through our paces with a fun and energising session that had everyone smiling (and stretching!).

Classes will be held every Tuesday at 5:15pm at Two Rivers Memorial Park.

Cost is just \$10 per class – all levels welcome!

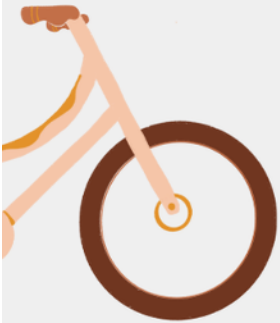
Bring a mat, some water, and come unwind with us.

Please call the CRC on 9943 0988 for more information.





PEDAL THE PATH & FLANNO FOR A FARMER DAY



COMMUNITY EVENT GASCOYNE JUNCTION



JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED COMMUNITY BIKE, SCOOTER, OR WALKING EVENT AS WE CELEBRATE THE NEW FOOTPATH EXTENSION — AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR HARD-WORKING AUSSIE FARMERS!

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST 2025
9 AM

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST FLANNO



START

WOODGAMIA
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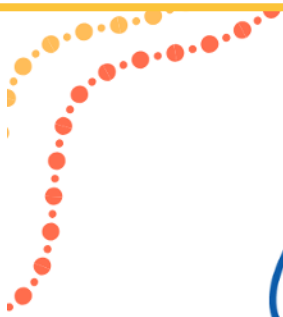
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TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL PARK



MORNING TEA PROVIDED

PLEASE RSVP TO CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU



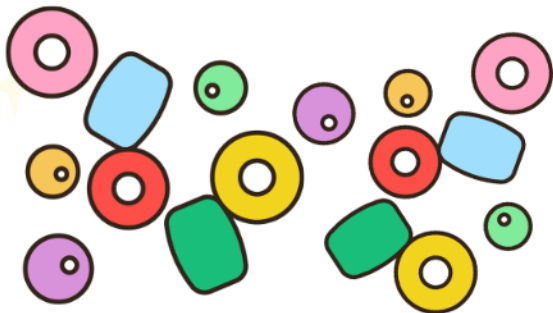
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KIDS

CLUB

LETS GET CREATIVE



**BINGO
BATTLE &
WATERBEAD
CREATIONS!**

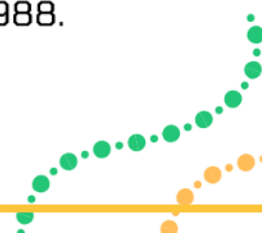
TUESDAY 19
AUGUST 4PM

**SNACKS
PROVIDED**

Ages 5 -16

RSVP

crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au
or 9943 0988.





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	Gascoyne Junction Stars & Savour	Gascoyne Junction Town Pavilion
	Sat Aug 23	Stargazing & Astrophotography	Gascoyne Junction Town Pavilion
	Sun Aug 24	Music in the Park**	Two Rivers Memorial Park
	Tue Aug 26	Outback Station Tour & Tea	Doorawarra Station
	Sat Aug 30	Big Rock Feast (Formerly Biggest BBQ)	Mt Augustus Tourist Park



Events in yellow are part of the Gascoyne Food Festival and require tickets. Book at gascoynefoodfestival.com.au

* Stargazing, Sounds & Supper is a free event but still requires a ticket

** Music in the Park is a free event but still requires a ticket. Picnic boxes available to prepurchase.



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.

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.

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.

OUTBACK STATION TOUR & TEA:

Embark on a delightful adventure with the Outback Station Tour & Tea, a unique tag-along high tea experience at the scenic Doorawarrah Station, combining country charm with delicious culinary indulgence with a progressive high tea.

GASCOYNE JUNCTION STARS AND SAVOUR:

Dine beneath the spectacular outback skies at Gascoyne Junction Stars & Savour, a delightful evening of fine dining, friendship and authentic outback hospitality.

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

These events are part of the Gascoyne Food Festival and require tickets. Book at gascoynefoodfestival.com.au



STARGAZING AND ASTRO PHOTOGRAPHY:

Gather round at the new Gascoyne Junction Stargazing Platform at the Town Pavilion for a night of stargazing with the Perth Observatory. Learn about stars, planets and nebulas under our pristine dark skies. This is a free community event thanks to Horizon Power and the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. For those attending the Stargazing there are limited spots available for an astrophotography workshop with renowned astrophotographer Roger Groom from Astrophotography Australia.

FREE ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY
WORKSHOP WITH ROGER
GROOM FROM
ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY
AUSTRALIA

MT AUGUSTUS - AUG 22
GASCOYNE JUNCTION - AUG 23
USE QR CODE TO BOOK.
SPACES ARE LIMITED





PRESENTS

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.

 08 9943 0527

 mtaugustustouristpark@skymesh.com



GASCOYNE JUNCTION BUSH BALL FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025
FROM 6.30PM - 12AM

ENTERTAINMENT BY MONTY COTTON
FORMAL ATTIRE
DOOR PRIZE
AUCTION ITEMS
FINGER FOOD
ALCOHOL SOLD SEPARATELY



TICKETS ON SALE
1ST AUGUST 2025 AT
9AM

HOSTED BY THE SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE



GASSIFIEDS

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

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

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

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$44.60

A5 - \$27.60

A6 - \$22.30

Business Card Size - \$9.00

**Contact the CRC on 9943 0988 or
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WE ARE SUPPORTING



Million Moves

Powered by AUSactive

**Join us
in completing
75 moves
a day for
21 days**

1-21 SEPTEMBER



JOIN OUR TEAM

Let's move!

Join the Million Moves Challenge

**TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE UPPER
GASCOYNE**

We are proud to be taking part in Million Moves, a statewide health initiative designed to get more Australians moving and feeling great.

As a Shire initiative, we are encouraging every community member to complete 75 moves a day for 21 days.

Why 75 and 21?

75 represents the alarming statistic that 75% of Australians do not meet the physical activity guidelines. It takes 21 days of consistent action to build a healthy habit.

The 75 daily moves could be any type of movement: big or small, seated or standing, high energy or low impact. You decide what works best for your body. Get started in three easy steps:

- 1. Pledge your commitment at www.millionmoves.org.au**
- 2. Join our team: search for Upper Gascoyne when prompted or <https://millionmoves.org.au/upper-gascoyne>**
- 3. Start moving from the 1st of September!**

Let's motivate each other, track our progress, and move toward better health together. Ready to build a healthy habit? Let's make every move count!

SOCK

Save Our Country Kids®



DISTRACTIONS

DID YOU KNOW?

If you look away from the road for 2 seconds at 60km per hour how far do you travel?

33 metres

If you look away from the road for 2 seconds at 100km per hour how far do you travel?

55 metres

FATIGUE

- 80% of fatigue related crashes are on country roads
- Plan ahead and get at least 7.5 hours sleep before you drive
- Take regular breaks at least every 2 hours
- Swap Drivers regularly
- Plan your drives for daylight hours



WILDLIFE

- Avoid driving between sunset and sunrise
- Be alert for wildlife and cattle - slow down and proceed with caution
- DO NOT swerve to avoid animals. One in 10 crashes on country roads are a result of a vehicle hitting an animal or crashing after swerving to hit an animal
- Follow animal warning signs
- Livestock collisions can be fatal for drivers, passengers and animals
- You might know the road like the back of your hand, but you don't know when an animal might suddenly appear in front of your car
- When you dip your lights slow down. Low beam lights reduce the distance you can see.
- Kangaroos and Emus can be fast moving and unpredictable





National Science Week: 9-17 August 2025

August is a brilliant month for astronomy and all science. It's National Science Week! The nation-wide program is jam packed with so much to get your science minds into.

There are in-person and online events, virtual tours, DIY science workshops happening around Western Australia, with the theme *Decoding the Universe - Exploring the unknown with nature's hidden language*.

National Science Week keeps on giving all month with astronomical events for adults and children alike. You're bound to find an event for you. www.scienceweek.net.au

One way to get involved in science this month is to get out under the stars in our Astrotourism Towns. There's a handy map of dark sky places near you – www.astrotourismwa.com.au/map.

Two Brightest Planets Side by Side!

What a sight this will be! Rise early on 13th August and you'll be treated to the brightest planets side by side! Jupiter and Venus will look like car headlights on the horizon. Head outside at 5.30am and look to the east.



Jupiter and Venus will look like car headlights in the night sky at 5.30am on 13th August. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system – the king of the planets is more than twice as massive as all the other planets combined. Even Jupiter's great red spot, which is a massive storm that been raging for centuries, is bigger than Earth.

Venus is the brightest planet we can see from Earth and it's about 450 degrees Celsius! Often called the "Evening Star", the sulphuric cloud that surrounds Venus makes a great reflection surface for our Sun's light. That's why it's so bright.

What's up in the night sky? Visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au. Happy stargazing!



SMOKO TIME

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

What five-letter word typed in all capital letters
can be read the same upside down?

ANSWER: SWIMS

ACROSS

1. Area _____
4. **Quality cuisine**
9. Mythological bird
11. **Sufficient funds**
12. **1943 message to Lassie**
15. Coral construct
17. Chow down
19. **Unknown person's ire**
22. Prosecutors, for short
23. Put online

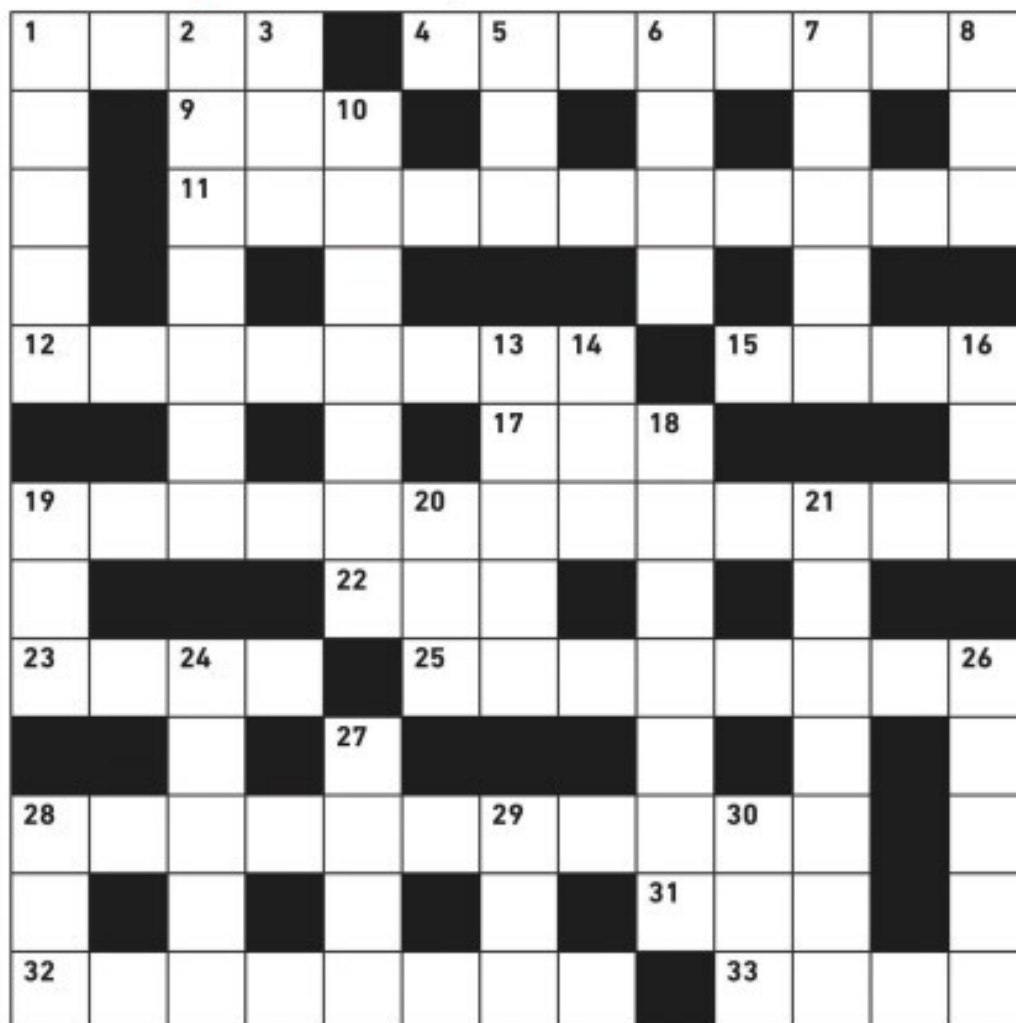
25. **"Game of Thrones" star**
28. **Drought or heat wave**
31. 1950s presidential monogram
32. **Nice breeze**
33. Type of exam

DOWN

1. Doubter
2. Idealist
3. Ages and ages
5. Assn.
6. Fashionable guy
7. Functional; helpful

8. Homer Simpson expletive
10. Buckaroo
13. Reagan's attorney general
14. Corn cob
16. A long way
18. Teased
19. Tiny taste
20. Ford fuel
21. _____ than(>)
24. Strict
26. Belly button
27. Put away

28. Chinese pan
29. _____ Solo
30. Hubbub





KIDS CORNER

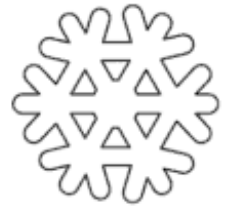
KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

The more you take, the more you leave behind... What am I?

ANSWER: Foot Steps



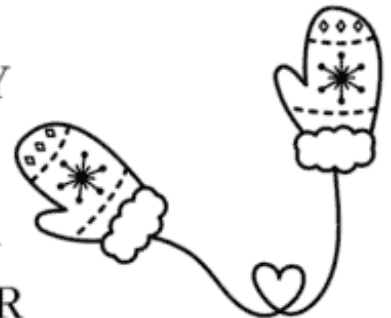
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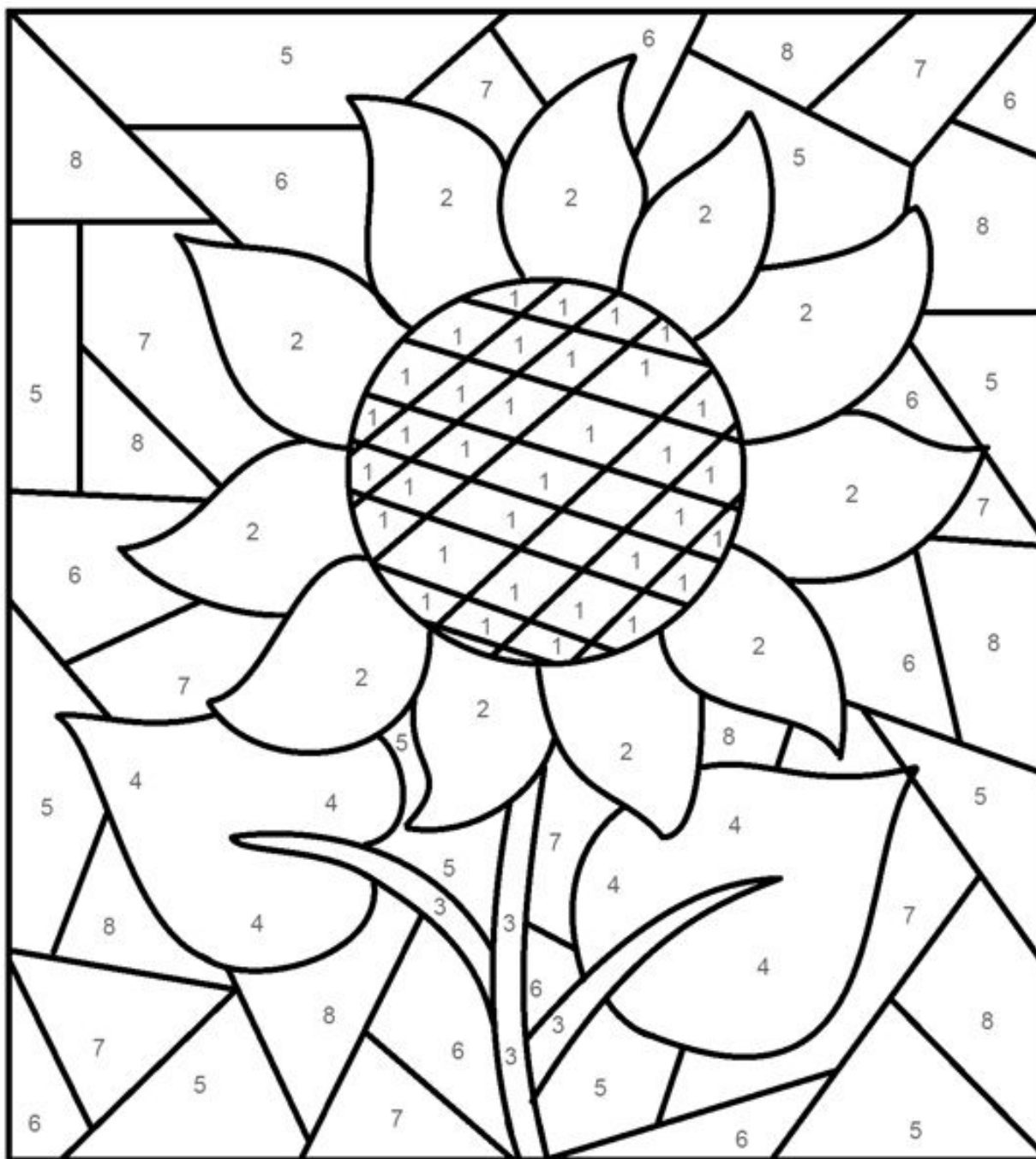
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COAT COLD FROST
MELT PLAY POLAR
SOCKS WIND WINTER



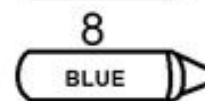
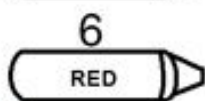
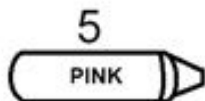
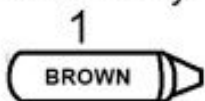
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Gascoyne Junction

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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6 AUGUST

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20 AUGUST

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS



KENNEDY RANGE CAMP DRAFT

JUNCTION
RACE CLUB

21-23 AUGUST

STARGAZING, SOUNDS & SUPPER

MOUNT
AUGUSTUS
TOURIST
PARK

22 AUGUST

STARGAZING, SOUNDS & SNAPSHOTS

JUNCTION
PUB &
TOURIST
PARK

23 AUGUST

MUSIC IN THE PARK

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

24 AUGUST

BIG ROCK FEAST

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30 AUGUST

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
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3 SEPTEMBER

MINING SYMPOSIUM

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

4 SEPTEMBER

JUNCTION RACES

JUNCTION
RACE CLUB

5-7 SEPTEMBER