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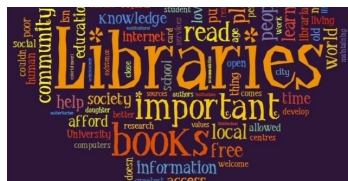
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## Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

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

This month I have nearly spent more time out of the office than in it. I spent a week in Perth attending to both personal and Council business. From a personal viewpoint I had my last PET Scan and then visited the Oncologist who has now officially discharged me. This means that I am Cancer Free! My most sincere and heartfelt appreciation goes to both Council and my staff for the absolute unconditional support provided. Whilst in Perth I also had my new teeth implants checked over and once again all good to go and I can now wrap my fangs around a nice juicy steak.

Josh Kirk and I attended a meeting with Main Roads to discuss road maintenance issues in the short and long term. I can't report that we secured any additional funding at this time, but we are now better informed as to how we may be able to address this issue.

Councillor Caunt and I attended a Yinggarda Board Meeting and the Yinggarda Annual General Meeting to discuss the ILUA for the residential land and proposed new waste site. THE GDC represented by their CEO Tim Bray and Burke Maslen also attended in support of the SUG. Although we did not get a definitive yes or no as the final decision must be made at a Common Law Holders Meeting scheduled for December. At face value, I got a very positive feeling with support in general from those Yinggarda members in attendance.

I will attend the RRG Meeting and WALGA Zone meeting in Carnarvon on the 21st of November. At the time of writing this I cannot provide any further details.

## Manager of Works and Services Report (CEO)

As the weather gradually heats up, our town maintenance crew are busy ensuring that the parks and gardens are ready for another summer. The river bore supply has all but ceased so Sean and Brendon have been carrying the final commissioning of the town bore. This included engaging contractors to re-blast sections of the concrete casing to increase the flow rate to optimise the efficiency and output of the revers osmosis plant. Just in the nick of time.



Our maintenance graders have been working on Cobra dairy Creek, Ullawarra and Carnarvon Mullewa Roads. We enlisted the services of Brett Kanny to assist our maintenance graders for a fortnight. Brett was joined by our operator Jeff Pyman and together they completed sections of Ullawarra road and clearing the shoulders on our bitumen sections of C'von Mullewa.

Dameon Whitby enjoyed a couple of weeks on leave and Jeff filled in for him on the construction crew. The crew have all but completed the re-sheeting of approximately 14kms between dairy Creek and Glenburgh. This is one of our RRG projects. The crew will mobilise to Cobra Dairy Creek Rd after Christmas.

ABBL Contracting have completed various bitumen patching works throughout the shire and have also repaired/adjusted several stock grids. They will begin a focus on signage on various roads up to and after Christmas.

Dean Contracting have almost completed the earthworks on C'von Mullewa Road in readiness for Colas to seal in late November. Colas will also complete resealing on various sections of C'von Mullewa Road and the section in front of Burringurrah on the Landor Mt Augustus road.

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

Our onsite audit commenced on Monday the 6th October and the week went smoothly with minimal queries coming through which a testament to the team and what an excellent job everyone does. We are currently in the process of finalising the audit and are scheduled to have our exit interview with the Office of the Auditor to be held later this morning at 10.00am. So far, we have not been flagged for any management letters and proposed best practice improvements and fingers crossed this doesn't change in the short term. It is rare for a local government to receive a clean audit and if this comes to fruition will be the second year in a row that our Shire has achieved this result.

The Bush Ball was held on the 18th of October and was an amazing success with the goal of raising \$10,000 towards adopting a room at either Crawford House or Milroy Lodge, to aide community members with accommodation, should they be in the unfortunate position of battling cancer, well exceeded. So much so Cherie is currently discussing options of adopting a room for two years or two rooms for a year instead of the goal of one! What a fantastic outcome and is a real tribute to the generosity and support of our local and neighbouring communities in the fight against Cancer! Much thanks go to Cherie in being the driving force behind this event and to Billie who, even though she no longer works for the Shire, came out to help run the event and sell raffle tickets in Carnarvon. Lastly, we can't forget Brooke, Ta-Leah, Sean, Ali and Brando who helped with setup, and cleanup after the event and apologies if I have forgotten to mention anyone else who assisted with the success of this event.





### **Community Resource Centre Update**

The Bush Ball was a night to remember! A fantastic evening filled with great music, delicious food, and plenty of community spirit — all in support of a meaningful cause.

Our goal was to “Adopt a Room” at Crawford & Milroy Lodge to help regional patients travelling for cancer treatment.

We’re thrilled to share that we raised \$16,000.00! A big thank you to Cherie and Billie for all your hard work — the community truly appreciates your efforts.

Our Community Weekend brought everyone together to celebrate Mental Health Week and Children’s Week.

We started with an art session at GJRCS with Gosia from @G-Stop Art Studio who guided the kids in painting a rural sunset scene. We also set up a smoothie bar and served up fried rice and sandwiches — which were a big hit with the kids!

We heard an inspiring talk from Warren Davies – The Unbreakable Farmer who shared his inspiring story about resilience, mental health, and staying strong through life’s challenges.

The weekend also featured a community BBQ, mosaic workshop, pool and darts comp, live music from Dylan Hutchins, and a delicious community dinner at the Junction Pub.

Huge thanks to the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, Gascoyne Junction CRC, GDC, and Meerilinga for making the weekend possible.

Thank you, Ta-Leah, for taking the lead and organizing this year’s Halloween event!

The kids had a blast taking on a spooky scavenger hunt around town, following eight clues to find hidden treats. Everyone went all out with their costumes — congratulations to Mackenzie from Edaggee Station, winner of Best Dressed!

## **Tourism & Community Development Report**

### **Physio & GP Clinics:**

In liaising with the funding committee within WACHS, the proposal to extend our physio program has been denied in its present form due to insufficient funds in the budget. It is noted that the program is successful and is an important part of life in the Upper Gascoyne. A short-term extension has been arranged whilst alternate funding sources for the continuation of the programme are undertaken. All parties, Carnarvon Physiotherapy and WACHS are keen to offer continued support and delivery of the project if funding can be found. Work is underway with a priority in this space.

The GP and Nursing clinics will continue as normal with 2026 almost finalised.

The Community Development Officer Network meeting for the Gascoyne Murchison will be held in Cue with a focus on opportunities coming from 2026 being the year of the Rangeland Pastoralist, Creative Industries across the region and a chance to network and discuss programs during the third week in November.

Talks with GDC re the 2026 Mining Symposium on May 21 have begun with potential speakers currently being identified.

### **Tourism**

Product & Experience Development: Meeting with consultants working with Jidi Jidi in the ex Waldburg space have undertaken with a positive first meeting which also included Tourism WA and GDC. Consultants have been engaged to help determine tourism experiences that could be developed in two locations of Jidi Jidi country with one being in the East of our Shire.

Dark Sky: Work continues on the submission to the International Dark Sky Committee for Gascoyne Junction to become a recognised as an International Dark Sky Community. After review our current light policy needs a few amendments which will be tabled at the December Council Meeting. The journey of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne in both our commitment to minimizing light pollution, dark sky recognition and our development of Dark Sky Tourism was presented to the International Dark Sky – Under One Sky 2025 Conference as part of a focus on SE Asia. Our case study was the only Australian presentation for the event.

In October, the Australian Regional Tourism Conference was held in Adelaide and through participating, sharing our success stories in fostering a strong community and the numerous ways with collaborate with our neighbouring Shires in tourism to forge successful local and regional outcomes was a privilege. Networking opportunities, and a strong depth of topical presentations where inspiring and also reaffirming of the work the Shire is undertaking in the tourism space.



One key conversation was with Austrade re regional data collection with conversations continuing to identify how we can gather better data from government data collection.

At the recent Perth 4WD show, 800 brochures were shared with our target market over three days. Once again we partnered with the Shire of Carnarvon to encourage visitation across the region given that 64% of our visitors spend the night prior or the night after visiting our region in Carnarvon. It was rewarding to have people visit the stand to tell us they visited the Upper Gascoyne after visiting our stand in previous years.

At the AGO Board meeting in November I was elected as the Deputy Chair of the regional tourism organisation continuing my ongoing liaison and advocacy with this key tourism partner.

Our 2026 tourism marketing strategy is almost finalised after liaising with partners and aligning our own goals. Events including the 2026 Under Gascoyne Skies Festival from May 21 to 24 have planning well underway and have been promoted at the 4WD show to encourage planning visits. A series of stargazing evenings and walking tours have also been highlighted and the Music in the Park series will continue. Signage for our walking tours and the museum is being finalised ready for installation early in the New Year.

# SHIRE OFFICE AND CRC CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES FOR 2025/2026



We would like to advise that the Shire and the CRC will be closed from 12 noon on the 19th of December 2025 to the 5th of January 2026.

We will re-open on Monday the 5th January 2025 as per normal business hours.

The Shire and CRC Staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas!





**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – CARNARVON MULLEWA RD UPGRADE 2025-26**  
**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2025**

<b>Earthworks Contractor</b>	Dean Contracting	<b>Start Date</b>	17 September 2025
<b>Sealing Contractor</b>	Colas	<b>Practical Completion Date (Dean)</b>	31 December 2025
<b>Project Overview</b>			
<p>The 2025-26 Carnarvon Mullewa Rd upgrade project will improve approximately 11.6 km of road by upgrading from gravel to sealed standard. The works are divided into two sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Slk 88.30-94.17</b> – Western section between Pells Crossing and Daurie Creek.</li> <li>• <b>Slk 116.00-121.60</b> – Eastern section from Dairy Creek westward towards Congo Creek, including the Cobra Dairy Creek Rd intersection.</li> </ul> <p>The project is fully funded by Main Roads WA.</p> <p><b>Dean Contracting</b> is carrying out earthworks and pavement construction under RFT09 24.25.</p> <p><b>Colas</b> is undertaking the spray seal works under RFQ02 25-26, with completion expected in late December.</p>			
<b>Works this period – Nov 2025</b>		<b>Works next period – Dec 2025</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western end (Between Pells Crossing and Daurie Creek)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Original scope of subgrade complete with minor improvements made to vertical curves.</li> <li>○ Original scope of basecourse completed, including provisions for wider pavement through 4x floodways. These will be stabilised with cement in the coming week.</li> <li>○ Additional 1.6km of subgrade completed</li> <li>○ An additional 1.6km of basecourse material imported, mixed and compacted. Testing scheduled for this week.</li> <li>○ Cement stabilisation of 4x floodways commencing this week.</li> <li>○ Replacement of a narrow culvert to provide enough width for the new pavement.</li> <li>○ Prime and sealing activities are due to start on the 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Eastern end complete ready for final trim</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete all remaining work including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approx 98,000m<sup>2</sup> of spray sealing</li> <li>○ Forming, shaping and tie in of all remaining drains</li> <li>○ Rock scour protection on cement stabilised floodways</li> <li>○ Signage and delineators</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Depending on final cost, there may be opportunity to complete another 1 – 2 weeks of subgrade in preparation for future 2026-27 works. This will be known in the coming 2 weeks.</p>	



**Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 116.75 – Basecourse**



**Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 119.00 – 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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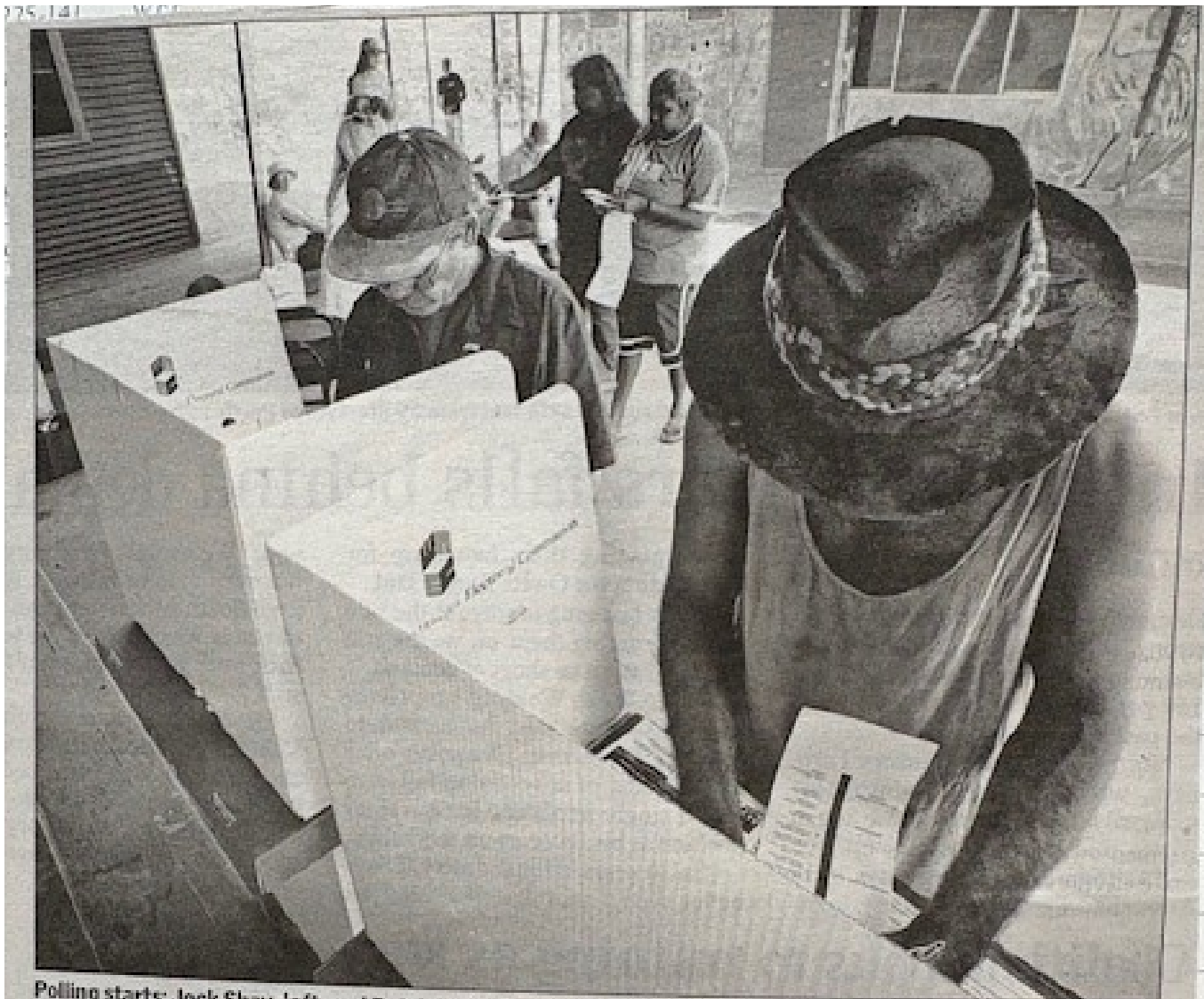
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# BLAST FROM THE PAST

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



Polling starts: Jock Shay, left, and Patrick Shay cast their votes at Burringurrah. Picture: Lee Griffith

## Shopping hours last on the list for remote voters

ELOISE DORTCH

Health, education and the provision of services after the break-up of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission were the top concerns of electors voting yesterday by remote polling in WA's biggest electorate, Murchison-Eyre.

At Burringurrah Aboriginal Community — 450km north-east of Carnarvon where 30 people braved 43C heat to vote — most were aware of Colin Barnett's

Kimberley canal but bemused when asked to vote on extended shopping hours in Perth.

In a drive to catch 800-1000 voters, the WA Electoral Commission will travel 5000km in the next week as far inland as the South Australian and Northern Territory border.

Commission remote polling manager Brian Moore said it was the commission's statutory responsibility to reach as many voters as possible. By travelling to

the communities, the commission hoped to educate voters about postal voting.

Burringurrah chairman Bill Merritt admitted he did not know before yesterday about the referendum on trading hours.

He doubted the canal proposal would get off the ground because it would cut through many sacred sites. Community assistant manager Lindsay Councillor said most Aboriginal people in the Labor-held electorate voted Labor.

# 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?**

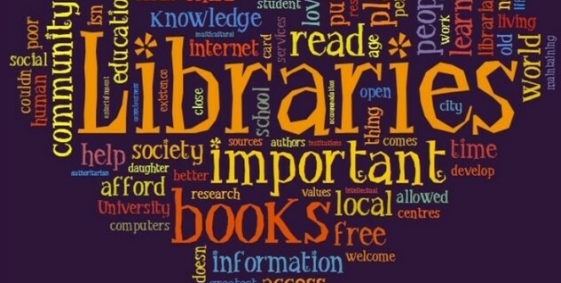
**What is on your Bucket List?**

**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**



### **A CURIOUS DAUGHTER**

**Author: Jules Van Mill**

Joy Meredith has the world at her feet.

She has just turned eighteen, is starting a vet science degree and has defied her mother by moving to her own place in the city. She has a boyfriend and a job at the local pub. Her future seems set.

Then Joy meets Mick Harris. Charismatic, talented and wild, Mick is the lead singer in a band that is going places - fast.

He is everything Joy's life is not.

When they head to the dizzying lights in London in the 1980s - and an intoxicating whirlwind of gigs, stardom and modelling - the past begins to overwhelm Mick and the cracks in Mick, in their relationship, and in Joy's own life.

As things fall apart, Joy has to follow her heart around the world to find her way home.



### **IS IT REALLY NEARLY CHRISTMAS?**

**Author: Joyce Dunbar & Victoria Turnbull**

Have you ever given any thought to what the perfect jumping pet would be?

Wombats are cute, and koalas can cling, but what about a springy kangaroo?

Being an ace on the trampoline is a breeze when you have a kangaroo for a pet, but hold on to your stomach during the school run—it's pretty bumpy being bounced around in a pouch.

In this charming, rhyming bedtime story, a young protagonist imagines what it would be like to have an outrageously impractical pet.



# Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S POST

*Hello to parents, families, and the school community.*

As we wrap up the year, it's been a busy and exciting month at Gascoyne Junction RCS!

We recently held our **Learning Journey**, and we'd like to thank all the parents and carers who took the opportunity to visit and see the fantastic work their children have been doing in the classroom.

A huge **congratulations to all students** who participated in our **Remembrance Day** service, your respectful contributions made the day especially meaningful.

This term also saw the conclusion of our sessions with the **Stephen Michael Foundation**. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and built strong teamwork and leadership skills throughout the program.

Our **Year 9 students** travelled to Geraldton with Mrs Walker to attend **Career Tasters at Geraldton Regional TAFE**. It was a great opportunity for them to explore different career pathways and broaden their understanding of what's possible after school.

Thank you to all our **staff, students, and community members** for a wonderful year. Your support, energy, and commitment make our school such a special place.

**Wishing everyone a safe, joyful, and relaxing holiday break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Amanda Grayson - Principal**

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### 🎄 Community Christmas Party & School Concert 🎄

A quick reminder that our **Community Christmas Party** will be held on **Friday, 12 December**, with our **School Concert** kicking off at **5:30pm**. Students will begin rehearsing for the concert from **Monday, 24th November**. We kindly ask all parents and carers to help ensure students are at school every day so they can be fully prepared. We can't wait to celebrate with everyone!

### APPLE & BERRY OAT SLICE

Traffic Light: ●

#### Ingredients

- Olive oil spray
- 150g can pie apples
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup wholemeal flour
- ½ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 50g blueberries
- 4 tablespoons yoghurt

#### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Spray small baking dish with olive oil spray
2. Add apples into baking dish and mash
3. Add remaining ingredients, except blueberries and yoghurt, and mix until combined
4. Add blueberries and mix gently
5. Bake for 35 minutes
6. Allow to cool slightly and serve with a dollop of yoghurt!



## What's happening in Room 2

As part of our science learning this term, and with a focus on the Properties of Materials, our Early Childhood students explored a variety of everyday items found both in the classroom and in nature.

### 🕒 Learning to Tell the Time!

Our students have been practicing their time-telling skills using both digital and analogue clocks. They worked together to read different times, solve time problems, and build confidence in recognising hours and minutes. A great hands-on learning session!

The students got into the festive spirit, joyfully creating Christmas tree artworks made from their own colourful handprints. 🎄 ✨



## What's happening in SIDE

### 🌍 Shaking Things Up in Science! 🏠

#### Year 9 Investigate Earthquake-Proof Buildings

This week, our students became engineers and scientists as they explored how the design of a building can impact its stability during an earthquake. Their challenge? To design and build two identical structures, changing only ONE feature:

- ◆ the width of the base
- ◆ the height of the building
- ◆ or the distribution of mass

With this controlled experiment, students needed to:

- ✨ Define their aim – what exactly were they trying to find out?
- ✨ Create their own earthquake simulation to test each building
- ✨ Identify safety hazards before shaking things up
- ✨ Form a hypothesis, then put their structures to the test to see if they were right

To the right, you can see Bridie's project shows her investigation into how height affects a building's stability during an earthquake.

### 🍴 Food Technologies Cooking

Bridie and Sophie have been busy in the kitchen every Wednesday afternoon as part of their Food Technologies lessons. They've been exploring a range of recipes and building their cooking skills. One of the recipes they made was the Chinese mango pudding (pictured below). Well done to both students for their great effort and enthusiasm!





# 🌸🌸 Remembrance Day Ceremony 🌸🌸

On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, our school community came together to honour Remembrance Day with a respectful and meaningful ceremony, reflecting on the significance of the day and paying tribute to the service and sacrifice of our veterans. We would like to thank the families and community members who joined us. Following the service, we welcomed everyone to stay for a morning tea, which was a lovely opportunity to connect and share time together. Thank you once again to our wonderful community for your ongoing support.



## YEAR 9 CAREER TASTER PROGRAM

In Week 7, our Year 9 students headed to Geraldton for the TAFE Career Taster Program — and their first day was packed with excitement! They kicked things off in Hair & Beauty, where they styled mannequin heads and created their own lip scrub to take home. From there, they moved into Animal Care, exploring the facilities, listening to heartbeats with a stethoscope, comparing their own to a guinea pig's, and even giving a very calm and cooperative guinea pig a wash! To round out the day, students jumped into Visual Arts, designing and spray-painting their very own skate decks — a vibrant and creative end to their taster sessions.

After such a big day of hands-on learning, they still had the energy to enjoy a trip to the movies that evening! 🎬





# YEAR 9 CAREER TASTER PROGRAM- CONTINUED

Our Year 9 students enjoyed another full day of hands-on learning at TAFE! They began in Automotive, where Peter explained the importance of regular car maintenance for safety and longevity. In Music, students used the Ableton Move machine to create their own beats in a fun girls vs boys challenge. Sophie even performed her own lyrics with the help of Rick, a talented freestyle rapper. After lunch, they visited the Batavia Coast Maritime Institute, exploring the fish-breeding program, checking out the baby “Nemos,” and helping measure and weigh bream for data collection. To finish the day, Kate taught the students all about bees — how they grow, make honey, and organise their hive — before they made their own beeswax lip balm.

A big thank you to Laura and Geraldton Regional TAFE for another fantastic Career Taster day!



## COMING EVENTS

12/12/25	School Concert and Community Christmas Party
18/12/25	LAST DAY OF TERM
2/02/25	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL





# No-Bake Rocky Road Cheesecake

## METHOD

**Step 1** - Grease a 22cm round (base) springform pan. Line base and side with baking paper.

**Step 2** - Place 400g chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH (100%), stirring every 30 seconds, for 1 minute 30 seconds or until chocolate is melted and smooth. Cool for 15 minutes. Add biscuits, marshmallows, cherries and almonds. Press biscuit mixture into base of prepared pan, pressing firmly to compact.

**Step 3** - Place boiling water in a small heatproof jug. Sprinkle over gelatine. Stir until gelatine dissolves. Cool for 5 minutes.

**Step 4** - Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese, sugar, coconut and vanilla until light and fluffy. Gradually add cream, beating until mixture thickens slightly. With motor operating, add gelatine mixture, beating until just combined. Fold in raspberries. Pour mixture into pan. Level top. Refrigerate for 6 hours or until set.

**Step 5** - Place remaining chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH (100%), stirring every 30 seconds, for 1 minute or until chocolate is melted and smooth. Transfer cheesecake to a serving plate. Top with extra whipped cream, mini marshmallows, extra marshmallows and raspberries. Drizzle with melted chocolate. Sprinkle with pistachios. Serve.

## INGREDIENTS

- 3 x 160g blocks dark milk chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 x 250g packet butternut snap biscuits, roughly chopped
- 1 1/2 cups raspberry marshmallows, plus extra to serve
- 1/2 cup glace cherries
- 1/2 cup roasted almond kernels
- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 2 tsp gelatine powder
- 500g cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup caster sugar
- 1/3 cup desiccated coconut
- 3 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup thickened cream
- 125g punnet raspberries, plus extra to serve
- Extra 300ml thickened cream, whipped
- Mini pink and white marshmallows, to serve
- 2 tbsp Pistachios, chopped



## DECEMBER

16 Scarlet Boddington

## JANUARY

3 Ella Hoseason-Smith

3 Hazel McTaggart

3 John McCleary

17 Nat Rogers

17 Gracie Collins



## FEBRUARY

6 Sophie Wright

7 Geoffrey Jnr

8 Hannah Ball

17 Dart

21 Cynthia Wright

24 Lachlan Wright



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

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



## Halloween Scavenger Hunt:

Thirteen kids set off around town on a spooky scavenger hunt, following clues that led them to tricks or treats at each stop! A big thank you to Ta-Leah for organising such a fun adventure — the kids had a fantastic time. Congratulations to Mackenzie from Edaggee Station, winner of Best Dressed!



## Kids Club:

Our November Kids Club was a fun-filled afternoon of interactive guessing games and classic board games. There were plenty of laughs, friendly competition, and lots of opportunities for the kids to enjoy time together.





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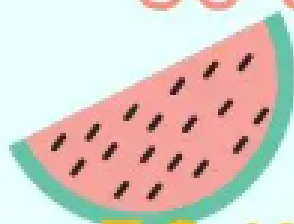
10 Push ups

15 Fire hydrants (each side)

20 Side dips

25 Squat front kicks

30 Jumping jacks



1 minute rest

50 Kettlebell Swings

1 minute rest

Repeat 3-4 Rounds





# KIDS CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
FROM 4:00PM TO 5:00PM**

**Gascoyne Junction Pavillion**

**Come down and join in some fun Christmas  
activities and games**

**For Children aged 6 to 16**

Please RSVP to  
[crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au)  
Or 08 9943 0988

Drinks and snacks provided



Gascoyne Junction  
**Community  
Resource  
Centre**



Department of  
**Primary Industries and  
Regional Development**

You're Invited to join

# Junction Christmas Party

FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 5.30 PM  
DECEMBER

JUNCTION PAVILION  
GASCOYNE JUNCTION

Delivered by the Junction Craft Group on behalf of the  
Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Dinner Provided

Santa is Visiting (see Jotform Link Below)

Reverse Raffle - Big Cash Prizes - Tickets on Sale Soon

Raffles

DJ Mick

BYO Alcohol

See you there

RSVP/Register by 6th Dec to :

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Questions:

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# *Merry Christmas*



## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSURE

DEAR CRC CUSTOMERS

*The Shire and the CRC will be closed from 12noon  
on Friday 19th December 2025 and re-open  
at 8.30am on Monday 5th January 2026*

*Please note that during the shut down period, services offered by  
the CRC including collection of mail, will not be available until the  
Monday 5th January 2026.*

*Residents can access the following services by phone or visit their  
websites for more information:*

*Centrelink - 13 24 68  
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/>*

*Department of Transport - 13 11 56  
<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/>*

*Horizon Power - 1800 447 707  
<https://www.horizonpower.com.au/>*

*We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.*



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## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST WILL & TESTAMENT SERVICE**

We are seeking expressions of interest from community members who would like access to a local Will & Testament service from Kennedy Vinciullo Law firm.

This initiative aims to provide residents with convenient, professional support in preparing or updating their wills without needing to travel long distances.

Please note: fees are applicable for this service.

Once we gauge community interest, we will coordinate with the service provider to confirm availability and organise suitable dates for their visit. Further details will be shared once arrangements are finalised.

If you are interested, please contact the CRC on 9943 0988 or via email [crc@uppergascoyne.gov.au](mailto:crc@uppergascoyne.gov.au)



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# **COLLATING UPPER GASCOYNE HISTORY CAN YOU HELP?**

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is currently undertaking a project with an emphasis on preserving our past. Work has recently been undertaken to catalogue all items in the Gascoyne Junction Historical Museum and this was just the beginning. Work is underway to create signage for the Museum precinct cataloguing the history of our region. There are also projects in the early stages of development to update the Shire of Upper Gascoyne Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places, the Gascoyne Junction Town Cemetery and other burial sites across the Shire and to establish an honour board for the Upper Gascoyne War Memorial.

## **DO YOU KNOW OF A PLACE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE THAT SHOULD BE ON OUR INVENTORY OF HERITAGE PLACES?**

There are currently 15 sites across the Shire that are listed on the municipal heritage inventory. Former Upper Gascoyne Road Board Office, the Junction Hotel, Old Cemetery, the Station Homesteads at Carey Downs, Winderie, Jimba Jimba, Lyons River, Mt Sandiman, Bidgemia, Dairy Creek, Minnie Creek, Mount Augustus, Landor and the original Cobra Homestead. The Former Bangemall Hotel is also listed. In 2026, we plan on conducting a review of these listings and also determining if there are more to add. If you are aware of a site, please email [tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](mailto:tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au)

## **HAVE AN HISTORICAL ARTEFACT, AN HISTORIC EVENT OR STORY FOR THE GASCOYNE JUNCTION HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Do you have an historical artefact lying around that you don't know what to do with that helps preserve the stories of and life in the Upper Gascoyne? Did a significant event happen on your station, or in town that we might not know? Do you have a story to that you would like to share? Tell us about it using the QR code below and someone from the team will be in touch.



Use this QR Code  
to share your  
information on an  
historical event or  
story in the Upper  
Gascoyne

## **TELL US ABOUT SOMEONE YOU KNOW FROM THE UPPER GASCOYNE WHO HAS SERVED IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE**

The Shire has a listing of confirmed and potential serving members to place on an honour board at the War Memorial in Gascoyne Junction. We would love to hear about your family and friends from the Upper Gascoyne who have served in conflicts for the Australian Defence Force.



Use this QR Code to  
share your information  
for the Upper Gascoyne  
War Memorial Honour  
Board

# **CAN YOU ADD TO OUR LIST?** **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE OR HAVE YOU HAD A FAMILY MEMBER BURIED IN THE GASCOYNE JUNCTION CEMETERY OR SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE?**

We're seeking assistance from the public to expand our list of burials and grave sites across the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. If you have any information or know of any burial sites, please reach out and help us preserve this important part of our heritage. Use the QR Code to complete an online submission or contact the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre for a hard copy of the form.



Use this QR Code to share your information

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Douglas Hugh Phillips, a station manager from Mt Augustus who died in 1942 was buried in the Gascoyne Junction Cemetery and was later reburied in the family graveyard in Toodyay.

## **GASCOYNE JUNCTION CEMETERY**

Town gazetted under the name of KILLILJ - and cemetery located on an island formed by the junction of the Gascoyne River with Box Gully, close to the Old Police Station

Surname	Givenname	Occupation	Age	Cause of Death	Date of Death
JACOB FRANCIS	Aboriginal	Shepherd	Unkn	Murdered by a Native	5-Mar-1882
MITCHELL	Ernest Samuel James	Station Hand	31 yrs	Fall from a Horse	31-Mar-1906
McNALLY	John Joseph 'Jack'	Station Hand	33 yrs	Heart Failure	06-Jun-1917
WEISNER	Friedrich aka Fred Winton	Station Hand	66 yrs	Natural Causes	04-Feb-1919
DALTON	Philip Joseph	Station Hand	65 yrs	Heart Failure	23-Jul-1922
MCDONALD	Frederick	Shearer	40 yrs	Accidental Drowning	14-Apr-1923
COUSINS	Fred	Blacksmith	58 yrs	Heart Failure	21-Oct-1923
SELWAY	Frederick Edward aka Frederick Edwards	Contractor	76 yrs	Natural Causes	07-Jan-1931
ABORIGINAL	Unknown				26-Jun-1931
ABORIGINAL	Unknown				15-May-1932
MOLONEY	Charlotte	Domestic	45 yrs	Natural Causes	26-Sep-1942
CARSON	Charlie	Pauper	75 yrs	Natural Causes	23-Apr-1943
JACKIE	Aboriginal	Pauper	Unkn		17-Jun-1943
FAIRWEATHER	James Henry	Gardener & Odd Job Man	62 yrs		1984
ALBINSKI	Henryk 'Harry'	General Handyman	57 yrs	Heart Attack	1984
ANDERSON	John	Grader Driver	58 yrs	Heart Attack	24-Jul-1986





# UNDER Gascoyne SKIES FESTIVAL MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup> 2026



Under Gascoyne Skies is a must attend four day celebration of the rugged beauty and unique lifestyle of the Real Outback in the heart of the Upper Gascoyne, Gascoyne Junction. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Kennedy Range and the Gascoyne and Lyons Rivers, this festival is an unforgettable mix of music, stargazing, local history and adventure - you can even take part in line dancing classes. Enjoy a four act music festival, explore the pristine night skies through guided stargazing sessions, and immerse yourself in a photography exhibition capturing life Under Gascoyne skies. With walking tours, a taste of local history, don't miss your chance to camp under a blanket of stars and discover the heart of the outback in Western Australia.

For more events and experiences see over page.



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## FRIDAY NIGHT STARLIGHTS

Join us for an unforgettable night under the stars in Gascoyne Junction, where the breathtaking beauty of the night sky comes alive. This stargazing experience offers the chance to connect with passionate locals who share their knowledge and love for the celestial wonders above.

With the help of high-powered telescopes, you'll explore the stars, planets, and constellations while learning the stories that have shaped the night sky for generations. As you soak in the awe-inspiring views, enjoy a comforting hot chocolate and a delicious starry treat to make the evening even more special. In this pristine, light-pollution-free environment, you'll discover a whole new appreciation for the vastness of the universe and the simple joy of stargazing. It's a perfect family-friendly activity, a serene escape for retirees, and a must-see for any adventurer!

Friday 17 April

Friday 22 May\*

(\*Part of Under Gascoyne Skies Festival)

Friday 19 June

Friday 17 July

Friday 14 August

Friday 11 September

## MUSIC IN THE PARK - AN OUTBACK SOUNDSCAPE

Escape to the heart of Gascoyne Junction for Music in the Park, a free, family-friendly event held on the fourth Saturday of every month from May to September at the Town Amphitheatre. From 3:00 PM, enjoy two hours of live music under the wide, blue skies of Western Australia's outback.

Each month, a diverse range of talented local performers take the stage, bringing an exciting mix of genres that will have you tapping your feet or relaxing in the lush green surrounds. Whether you're into folk, rock, blues, or something else, there's something for everyone.

Pack a chair or blanket, bring your favorite drink and snack, and unwind to the tunes while soaking in the natural beauty of the town. It's the perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon with friends and family. Music in the Park – where great music meets the open skies. See you there!

Saturday May 23\*

(\*Part of Under Gascoyne Skies Festival)

Saturday June 27

Saturday July 25

Saturday August 22

Saturday September 26

## WANDER GASCOYNE JUNCTION

Step back in time and explore the unique charm of Gascoyne Junction on a relaxing walking tour with a local guide. This 1-hour, flat walk covers around 3km and is the perfect way to learn about the rich history and vibrant stories that have shaped this outback town and the Upper Gascoyne region. As you stroll through the picturesque landscape, your local guide will share fascinating insights into life in the area, from its pioneering past to the present-day community. Whether you're a curious mind, like to immerse yourself in local culture, or simply a lover of history, this easy-paced tour offers a great way to connect with the heart of the Gascoyne. Available on select dates throughout the year, it's the ideal way to immerse yourself in the local culture—so be sure to book ahead to secure your spot!



For more information on these events and experiences  
visit [www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/tourism.aspx](http://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/tourism.aspx)





# GASSIFIEDS

*Merry  
Christmas!*

*and Happy  
New Year!*

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# What's Up in the Night Sky?

## A Red Star Disappears Behind the Moon!

If you want to see something a bit strange happening in the night sky, this lunar occultation will have you mesmerised.

Antares is a super giant red star and the 15th brightest star we see in the Southern Hemisphere's night sky. In the early hours of 15th January, the Moon will pass in front of Antares and the view should be spectacular.

When the Moon appears to move in front of another object in space like a star or a planet, this is called a lunar occultation and they can be exciting to watch. It's easier to see a lunar occultation when the Moon is near its new phase and there is hardly any illuminated surface. It means the Moon isn't so bright which makes it easier to see the object that's disappearing behind it. Likewise, a lunar occultation is more spectacular if the Moon is passing in front of a brighter star or planet. You will get the full effect! For a better view try looking through binoculars.



*Set your alarms for a lunar occultation from 2am, 15th January. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved [www.simulationcurriculum.com](http://www.simulationcurriculum.com).*

### When and where to look:

2am to 3.10am, 15th January above the south eastern horizon. These times are suitable for Perth, the Goldfields, Wheatbelt and Mid West. Timing is a little different in the Gascoyne. The occultation will have already commenced prior to Moon rise but stargazers will be able to see Antares reappear just before 3am.

If you'd like to know Moon rise for your location, visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/moon/> and select your town.

What's up in the night sky? Visit [www.astrotourismwa.com.au](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au). Happy stargazing!



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# KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2026



Children born between 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 are eligible to enrol for kindergarten for 2026. Do you live out of town or on a station and not sure of the options for schooling for your child ?

Let us help you at Carnarvon School of the Air !

We are very excited about your child's future at Carnarvon School of the Air.

## CONTACT US

9947 2600 or email [lisa.coon@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:lisa.coon@education.wa.edu.au)





# SMOKO TIME

## RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

What do you break the moment you name it?

ANSWER: Silence



# Birds Word Scramble

Unscramble the following list of shuffled words to meaningful words!

RREHGNI LULG

EITWT

EHSALC PREELT

EDR SRGUOE

TILTLE EETRG

EERD NITBGUN

OORK

ORMTOCANR

NKGERNHESA

ONSG SHTHRU

EBNA OOEGS

DNFIPEKOTO EOGOS

NUNDIL

ATEL



# KIDS CORNER

## KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

**What did the ocean say to the sand?**

ANSWER: Nothing, it waved



# Christmas

## WORD SEARCH

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

JINGLE BELLS  
BOW  
CANDY CANE  
CAROLERS  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
DECORATIONS  
ELVES

FIREPLACE  
GARLAND  
GINGERBREAD  
HOLIDAY  
JOLLY  
SANTA  
MISTLETOE

NORTH POLE  
ORNAMENTS  
PRESENTS  
REINDEER  
SNOWMAN  
WREATH  
WRAPPING PAPER







# 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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### GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

3 DECEMBER

### KIDS CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
PAVILION

9 DECEMBER

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
PAVILION

12 DECEMBER

### PHYSIO CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

17 DECEMBER

# UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS



### NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

17 DECEMBER

### CHRISTMAS DAY

25 DECEMBER

### BOXING DAY

26 DECEMBER

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HOLIDAY

29 DECEMBER

DO YOU HAVE  
AN EVENT  
YOU WOULD  
LIKE ADDED  
TO OUR 2026  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS  
CALENDAR

CONTACT  
THE CRC  
WITH YOUR  
EVENT  
DETAILS

### GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

14 JANUARY 2026

### NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE  
JUNCTION  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE

28 JANUARY 2026