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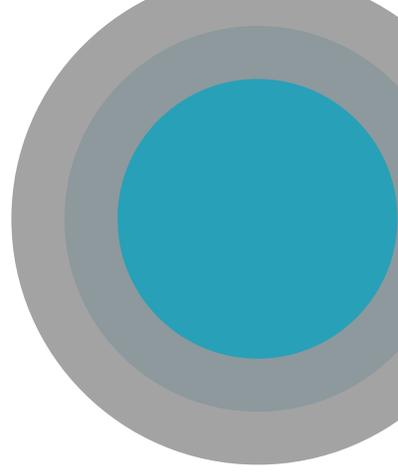
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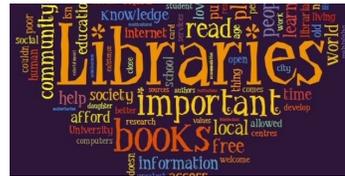
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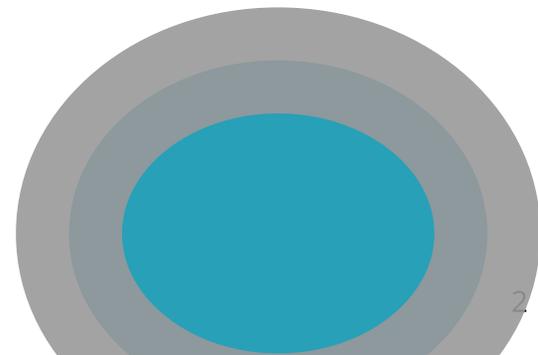
Puzzles and Games to keep the kids entertained!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



COUNCIL NEWS

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 11th February
Wednesday 25th March
Wednesday 22nd April
Wednesday 27th May
Wednesday 24th June
Wednesday 22nd July
Wednesday 26th August
Wednesday 23rd September
Wednesday 28th October
Wednesday 25th November
Wednesday 16th 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

At the time of writing this report the month is only one third into the month given the early date of the OMC. Basically, this part of the year is largely ensuring compliance and tidying up things prior to the break.

I have written to Main Roads seeking an additional \$2.5 million for the Pell's Crossing and to bring the 26/27 Carnarvon/Mullewa Sealing Works forward to this financial year with expenditure likely over the 25/26 and 26/27 financial period.

I have contacted Yinggarda and DPLH in a further attempt to push the Pells Heritage Survey forward.

The Yinggarda Common Law Holders meeting has been postponed until late January 2026.

Manager of Works and Services Report (CEO)

Not available at the time of writing.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

It is congratulations all round as we have successfully received a clean audit for the second year in a row. It is rare for a Local Government to receive an unqualified audit result with no management letters, through which the auditor puts forward best practice suggestions to improve internal controls and mitigate risk, and for us to attain this, two years in a row, is testament to the quality and care taken by Shire's employees. We definitely kick butt! Well Done everyone, this could not be achieved without you.

It is with sadness that I advise that Brooke Podmore has resigned from her position in the CRC and will be leaving town to move to Carnarvon. Her input and efforts, especially in hosting and assisting with various events, will be sorely missed. I am sure that everyone joins me in wishing you all the very best and hope you visit often.

Finally, from everyone here in the Finance, Administration, Tourism and CRC Team, we wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for 2026. Happy New Year!



Community Resource Centre Update

As the 2025 season winds down, we are beginning to explore potential new merchandise and items to bring into the CRC for next year. We are also in the process of ordering two new office pods, which will provide private spaces for residents and visitors to hold meetings or work quietly.

Our library has recently been refreshed and rearranged, creating a brighter and more inviting space for everyone to enjoy.

Our final Kids Club session for the year wrapped up with great energy! Children from across the Upper Gascoyne took part in Christmas-themed games and craft activities, sharing lots of laughs and enjoying some friendly competition.

The Shire office and CRC will be closed from 12pm Friday 19th December and reopening to normal hours on Monday 5th January 2026.

Tourism & Community Development Report

CRC Fitout

Workpods for Privacy and Soundproofing. We have selected the supplier for the Workpods for the CRC. We will be purchasing two. A smaller pod with more desk space to house the Services Australia computer and equipment, and a second larger pod as a hot office space that will be available for bookings for those wanting a work or meeting space. An order has been placed with delivery in early 2026. This will complete stage 2 of the CRC Fitout. Once the pods are in place we will commence stage 3 looking at new seating spaces and library storage.



Grants

Community Garden: In conjunction with the GJRCS, an application was made for a Community Garden Grant to reactivate the community garden site in 2026.

Arts Activities in Regional Areas: A grant submission has been made for funding of the 2026 Music in the Park Series.

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program: The background work has been undertaken on this grant to submit in February for the installation of a digital honour board at the War Memorial displaying our local war history and listing servicemen and servicewomen from our region.

Local Government Heritage Grant: A submission has been lodged to update the Shire of Upper Gascoyne Heritage Survey.

Active Regional Community: work is underway to commence an application utilising this grant to partially fund physiotherapy program in 2026.

Meetings

Since the November report, meetings have been held with the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism & Sport for our regularly quarterly catch up. The Gascoyne Games in 2026 are being hosted by Shark Bay. Potential sports have been discussed including shooting, golf, lawn bowls, AFL 9s, basketball, tennis, netball and cricket. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne has been asked to host the Gascoyne Community Sport & Recreation Forum in May 2026. This brings key meetings and events to our region to showcase our town and provide an economic boost to the town. It also enables us to advocate for services and programs that will benefit our community.

The ongoing funding for the physiotherapy clinic is not available in 2026, however, discussions and investigations have begun into other ways to fund this program moving forward given the strong participation across all sections of our community. The matter was raised at the DHAC meeting, along with challenges residents are facing with medical appointments outside of the Upper Gascoyne.

Arts Strategy:

The Gascoyne Arts Strategy is in its final draft phase a launch date proposed for World Arts Day on April 15, 2026. There will be one final opportunity to make comment on the document before the adopting the plan.

Hot Springs Project:

With works completed and the RO operational, the successful outcomes have enabled this project to move to the next state. After talks with GDC, a scope of work is currently being prepared to appoint an engineering consultant to determine the feasibility from an operational standpoint, infrastructure requirements, and the potential parameters of a hot spring project in Gascoyne Junction. Once this report is prepared, and there are no roadblocks determined at this phase, a second scope of work will be prepared for the design of a project along with a economic viability study. The first scope of work is aimed to go to tender in early 2026.

Mining Symposium:

Conversations have begun with the GDC to once again have their support in delivering the Gascoyne Resource Connect Mining Symposium again in 2026. The date has been set for May 21, with save the dates being sent, and speakers being approached to provide another meaningful day for our emerging industry, and the community stakeholders.

Local Public Health Plan

A desktop audit, and assessment of current General Health Profile of the Shire of UpperGascoyne is being undertaken to produce and adopt a Local Government Public Health Plan by June 2026. A series of workshops will be held with Councillors, Council Staff and the wider community in February. Based on the State Public Health Plan the local public health plan must ensure the best possible health, wellbeing and quality of life for the Upper Gascoyne through promotion, prevention, protection and enabling public health with two overarching objectives of Aboriginal health and wellbeing and equity and inclusion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBzjEo4Fqys>

Tourism

A draft tourism strategy for the Upper Gascoyne Visitor Economy will be presented in February 2026, alongside the Marketing Strategy for 2026. Final works are being put together on the town walk signage and museum signage for production in February and installation by April. Utilising technology to share information in real time outside ofoperating hours through an updated website and touch screen information services at the Community Resource and Visitor Information Centre are being designed to meet our unique needs presently, providing communication with travels in the planning stage of travel 24/7 and for visitors in region outside of our own operating hours. A full event calendar including the Under Gascoyne Skies Festival in late May and the 2026 Music in the Park series is also well underway.

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

Earthworks Contractor	Dean Contracting	Start Date	17 September 2025
Sealing Contractor	Colas	Practical Completion Date (Dean)	Portion A (Actual): 9 December 2025
			Portion B: 31 May 2026

Project Overview

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:

- **Slk 88.30-94.17** – Western section between Pells Crossing and Daurie Creek.
- **Slk 116.00-121.60** – Eastern section from Dairy Creek westward towards Congo Creek, including the Cobra Dairy Creek Rd intersection.

The project is fully funded by Main Roads WA.

Dean Contracting is carrying out earthworks and pavement construction under RFT09 24.25.

Colas is undertaking the spray seal works under RFQ02 25-26, with completion expected in late December.

Works this period – Dec 2025	Works next period – Estimated March - April
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<p>Separable Portion A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed all remaining work including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approx 98,000m² of spray sealing ○ Forming, shaping and tie in of all remaining drains ○ Rock scour protection on cement stabilised floodways ○ Signage and delineators • Practical Completion for Separable Portion A was achieved on 9/12/2025. • Approx cost to construct the 13.27km of work was \$310,000 per km <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 72% earthworks & pavements ○ 26% surfacing ○ 2% project management and administration <p>Due to the base scope being completed under budget, there is opportunity to complete an additional 1.6km of work from Slk 121.8 – 123.4. This has been split into a separate portion of work which will be completed in March / April 2026.</p>	<p>Separable Portion B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade from gravel to seal approx. 1.6km of works including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construct a 150mm pavement layer blending insitu material with fresh imported material ○ Box out existing material through two floodways, treat underlying material and import fresh material to construct a 200mm cement stabilised pavement. ○ Prime + 2 coat seal • Practical Completion for Separable Portion B is 31/5/2026
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Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Slk 94.050 – Sealed Pavement



Carnarvon Mullewa rd Slk 116.260 - Sealed Pavement

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – LANDOR MT AUGUSTUS RD UPGRADE 2025-26
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – DECEMBER 2025**

Head Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Start Date	21 November 2025
Concrete Work Contractor “Nominated Subcontractor”	Exmouth Civil	Practical Completion Date	30 June 2026

Project Overview

The 2025-26 Landor Mt Augustus upgrade project will upgrade various segments of the Landor Mt Augustus Rd. The project is fully funded via a combination of Main Roads WA State Initiative Program (SIP) funds and Remote Access Roads (RAR) funding.

Specifically, the work comprises:

Landor Bypass

- Upgrade of approx. 6.6km of the Landor Mt Augustus Rd (Slk 1.4 – Slk 8.0) from gravel to seal
- Construction of a new 10m wide concrete floodway over the Gascoyne River
- Construction of a new 10m wide concrete floodway over the Aurilla Creek
- Construction of three new cement stabilised floodways (south of the Gascoyne River crossing)
- Upgrade of the Landor Mt Augustus Rd / Landor Mt Clere Rd intersection
- Construction of two new intersections for the private Landor Homestead Access Rd (original Landor Mt Augustus Rd)
- New 12m wide stock grid
- *Depending on funding, there may be the opportunity to upgrade the “gap” from Slk 0.1 – 1.4 from gravel to seal*

Pink Hills Culvert Upgrades

- Construction of new 3 x 1200x600 box culvert structure (Slk 65.4)
- Construction of new 3 x 1200x450 box culvert structure (Slk 65.9)
- Construction of new 6 x 1200x750 box culvert structure (Slk 79.1)
- Reforming and resheeting of the unsealed carriageway in each location

THEM Earthmoving is the Head Contractor responsible for all work.

Exmouth Civil is the “Nominated Subcontractor” who will complete all concrete and culvert works.

PROGRESS PHOTOS



Gravel Pit: At Dalgety Downs Lander Rd



Work Area 1: Clearing progress

Junction Craft Group Calendar

1 February: End of School Holidays

21 – 22 February Untutored

28 – 29 March AGM & Mystery Quilt

3 – 19 April: School Holidays

2 – 3 May Untutored – Finish Mystery

13 – 14 June Woodwork Workshop

4 – 19 July: School Holidays

26 – 30 July Retreat – Details to follow

22 – 23 August Untutored

21 – 22 September Cricut Workshop

25 September – 11 October: School Holidays

17 – 18 October Mosaic Table

28 – 29 November Christmas Craft

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at the right time, can change everything.**

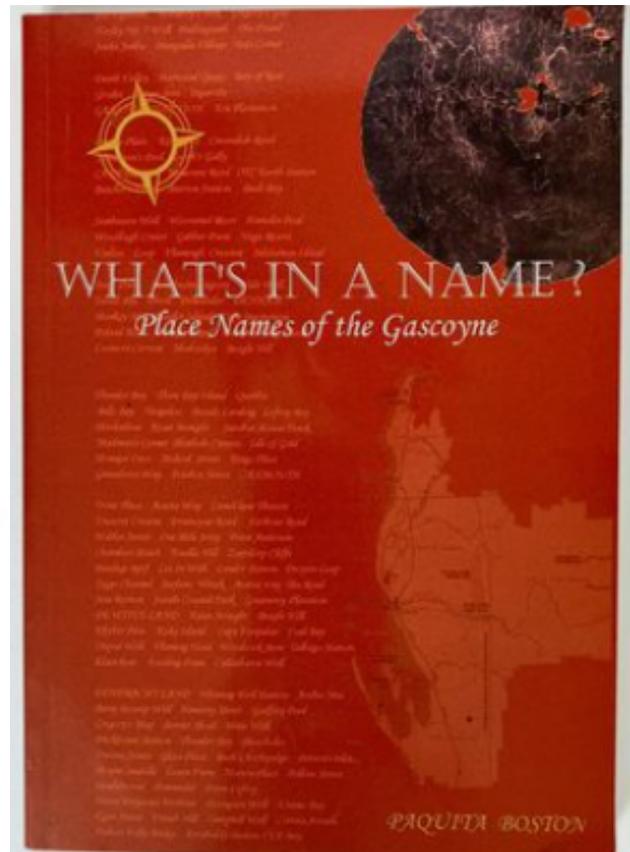
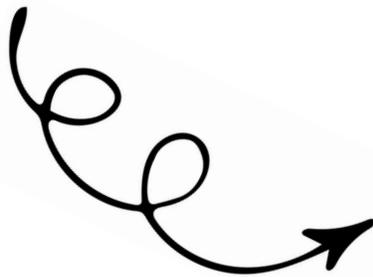
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BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

This book is available to read in the CRC library. It is located in our Upper Gascoyne History section!



Below is an extract taken from this book:

Killili Road, Gascoyne Junction, Upper Gascoyne.

"When the town site was gazetted the Surveyor General asked for a pleasant sounding aboriginal name for the town in 1913. The local policeman suggested 'Killili'. However it did not catch on locally and the name was changed to Gascoyne Junction in 1939. This street is all that remains of the old name."

"HA
HA"
HA,"

ODD QUESTIONS ONLY



What food is trying way too hard to be fancy?



Noodles



Icecream



Steak



Pizza

At what age did you feel the most like a potato?



What everyday thing feels dramatic for no reason?



Washing



Dishes



Brushing
Teeth



Cooking



Have some awesome question ideas? Come and see us in the CRC to tell us your thoughts or send us an email on crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au



Chicken Mango Avocado Salad

This Chicken Mango Avocado Salad is loaded with juicy chicken, creamy avocado and that sweet pop of mango flavor take this mango salad over the top.

METHOD

Step 1 - Cut chicken breast in half lengthwise then season with garlic salt and pepper to taste and saute in 2 tsp olive oil over medium high heat until browned and cooked through (3 min per side). Remove from pan, cool for 5 minutes then slice into strips against the grain.

Step 2 - In a large salad bowl, add chopped romaine. Top with halved cherry tomatoes, sliced cucumber, diced mango and avocado, thinly sliced purple onion, 1/4 cup cilantro

Step 3 - Combine the Honey Vinaigrette Dressing Ingredients in a mason jar, cover tightly with lid and shake together until well combined. You can also mix it up in a bowl and whisk thoroughly. If not using dressing right away, shake well just before serving. Drizzle the salad dressing over the chicken mango avocado salad, adding it to taste



INGREDIENTS

Servings: 6 people

- 2 medium chicken breasts
- 1/2 tsp garlic salt, or to taste
- 1/8 tsp black pepper, or to taste
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 6 cups romaine or cos lettuce, 1 head, rinsed, chopped and spun dry
- 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cucumber, sliced
- 1 mango, pitted, peeled and diced
- 1 avocado, pitted, peeled and diced
- 1/2 small purple onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted, for topping
- Honey Vinaigrette



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

- 6 Sophie Wright
- 17 Dart
- 21 Cynthia Wright
- 24 Lachlan Wright
- 24 Anna Collins



MARCH

- 2 Karen Coffin
- 4 Ta-Leah Podmore
- 6 Genevieve Robinson
- 7 Glenda Sibson
- 9 Thomas Fletcher
- 20 Georgie Hammarquist
- 23 David Hammarquist
- 30 Di Kempton

APRIL

- 8 Bridie Walker
- 11 Riley McKeough
- 15 Katelyn Wright



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

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Kids Christmas Activities:

Our December Kids Club was filled with festive fun, with a variety of Christmas-themed games set up in the pavilion for the kids to enjoy. They challenged each other in activities such as Bottle Toss Tic-Tac-Toe, Christmas Bow Shovel, and Christmas Ball Roll, just to name a few.

We also set up a cosy craft corner featuring Christmas activity books and a “paint-your-own” Christmas bauble station, which was a hit with the kids.

Kids Club has been a great success this year. The children have loved coming together each month to enjoy different activities in a fun, safe, and engaging environment. Planning for next year is already underway, with plenty of new ideas to keep the momentum going.



Thomas Fletcher Retirement:

The Shire would like to recognise Thomas Fletcher’s time at the Shire and honour twenty four years of service to Local Government. We wish him all the best and a happy semi-retirement.



Thomas started with the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on 5th June 2001. Prior to that he worked for the Carnarvon Shire.

In his time with us , Thomas has worn out five graders, 650 cutting edges, four utes, two camps, four CEO’s and three Works Managers.

He has always graded our roads to the highest standard and made the Shire proud. He has always given his all for the Shire and will remain a respected and valued member of our community.



Community Christmas Party:

On Friday 12th December, our annual Community Christmas Party took place. The evening began with the children from Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School performing a wonderful Grinch play, followed by Christmas carols — they did an amazing job and were a highlight of the night.

After the performance, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner with plenty of options to choose from. Santa then visited the children of the Upper Gascoyne, handing out presents and spreading lots of Christmas cheer. The night finished on a high note with DJ Jager getting everyone up and dancing with his great DJ skills.

A big thank you to the Junction Craft Group for hosting the event, and to everyone who helped make the night such a success.





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UNDER
Gascoyne
SKIES FESTIVAL
MAY 21ST-24TH 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
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CAN YOU HELP AT THE GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GARDEN IN 2026?



INFORMAL GET TOGETHER Wed 11 Feb at the Pub from 5pm.

In 2026, the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre and the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School are reinvigorating the Gascoyne Junction Community Garden. We are put out a call of interest to the wider community to find out who would be interested in participating in this project. There are many tasks small and large to undertake, once off or ongoing support welcome. Share in fresh fruit & veg grown locally.

ARE YOU INTERESTED

- Call the CRC
- Join us for an informal get together from 5pm to 5.45pm at the Junction Pub & Tourist Park on Wed Feb 11



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WHO

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WHEN

Friday 20th February 6.00 – 8.00pm

WHERE

Gascoyne Junction Pavilion



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Position Title	CRC Customer Service Officer
Location	Full-Time Position based in Gascoyne Junction, WA
Level	Level 5 under the Local Government Officers (WA) Award 2021
Cash Component	Dependant on Experience
Division	Finance & Corporate Services
Reports to	Executive Manager of Finance & Corporate Services

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is seeking a motivated and customer-focused individual to join our team in the role of **CRC Customer Service Officer** at the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre (CRC). This is a full-time, permanent position located in the beautiful and remote Gascoyne Junction, home to the Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide high-level customer service to both external and internal customers.
- Respond to routine counter and telephone enquiries.
- Undertake general administration and finance duties.
- Assist in the running of community programs, events and library services.
- Provide tourism information.
- Assist community members with basic technology and digital support.
- Grant applications.
- Support the operation of the CRC, which also houses a branch of the State Library, and serves as an agent for the Department of Transport, Services Australia and Australia Post.
- Perform various other duties as required.

Skills & Qualifications:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills with a focus on customer service.
- Strong organisational and time-management abilities.
- Ability to work effectively and collaboratively in a team environment.
- A commitment to the Shire's core values.
- A focus on being process-driven and detail-oriented.
- Previous experience in customer service is desirable, but not essential.

Requirements:

- A pre-employment medical and clear drug and alcohol screening will be required.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a positive attitude and a proactive approach to work.

What We Offer:

- A full-time contract with a competitive salary package.
- The opportunity to live and work in one of Western Australia's most unique and scenic locations.
- On-the-job training in all areas of responsibility.

How to Apply:

If you're looking for a challenging and rewarding role with a supportive team, we want to hear from you!

Please submit your **resume** and **cover letter**, addressing the **selection criteria**, to:

finacemanager@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted after the closing date.

Applications close at 4:00 PM on Friday, 27th February 2026, though the Shire of Upper Gascoyne reserves the right to close applications earlier. For further inquiries, please contact the Executive Manager Finance & Corporate Services

Andrea Pears on at **(08) 9943 0988**.

Note: Canvassing of Shire Staff or Elected Members will disqualify applicants.



Position Title	Maintenance Grader Operator / All Rounder
Cash Component	\$100,000 - \$110,000 (dependant on experience and qualifications)
Division	Works and Services
Reports to	Manager of Works

The **Shire of Upper Gascoyne** is renowned for its stunning landscapes, including the majestic **Kennedy Range** and **Mount Augustus** – the world’s largest rock! Located in the heart of Western Australia’s outback, our region is a vibrant and welcoming community. The Shire proudly won the **2022 Tidiest Towns Award** and is now looking to expand its **Works and Services team** with a dedicated and skilled **Maintenance Grader Operator / All Rounder**.

As a **family-friendly employer**, we offer a supportive and rewarding work environment. The role offers a fantastic opportunity to live and work in an extraordinary location, with competitive remuneration and quality housing and utilities (electricity, water and gas) provided. This position is based in **Gascoyne Junction**, offering a balanced **11-hour days, 10 days on / 4 days off** roster.

Essential Criteria:

- **Experience** in road construction or earthworks.
- **Proven skills** in **maintenance grading** unsealed roads.
- Mechanically minded, with the ability to perform basic **plant maintenance**.
- Comfortable working and living in a remote location.
- Strong **communication, time management, and conflict resolution** skills.
- Experience working with **culturally diverse communities**.
- A current **National Police Clearance** (issued within the last 6 months).
- Hold a **current HC class driver’s license**.
- Ability to work **unsupervised** and take direction effectively.
- Capable of performing other manual duties as required.

Desirable Criteria:

- **Experience in Local Government**.
- **Forklift High Risk License**.
- **Traffic management and worksite management** experience.
- **MC class driver’s license**.
- **First Aid Certificate**.

Salary & Benefits:

- **Annual Salary:** \$100k - \$110k (dependent on experience and qualifications).
- **Superannuation:** 12% Super Guarantee.
- **Salary Sacrifice Super Scheme:** Access as per policy (5%).
- **Annual Leave:** 5 weeks.
- **Housing:** Provided (valued at approximately \$7,800 p/a).
- **Utilities:** Covered (valued at approximately \$2,500 p/a).
- **Uniform Allowance:** \$700 p/a.
- **Relocation Assistance:** Provided as per Council Policy.

How to Apply:

If you’re passionate about working in a remote, community-focused environment and have the right experience, we encourage you to apply! Please submit your **resume** and **cover letter**, addressing the **selection criteria**, to: worksadmin@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au.

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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
crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

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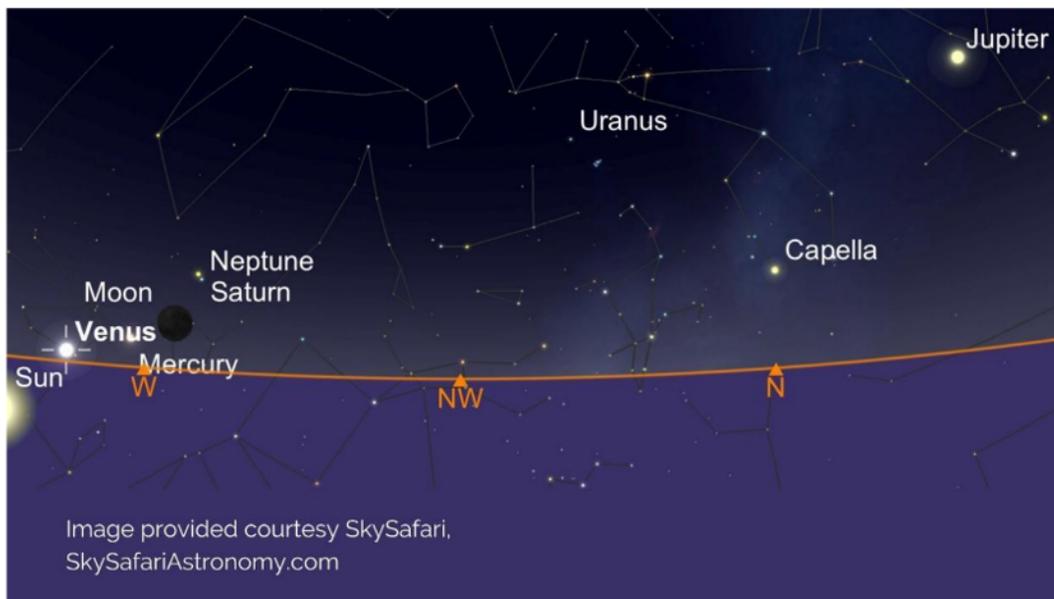


Parade of the Planets

If you've dreamed of ticking multiple planets off your bucket list, here's your chance! This Parade of the Planets includes Venus, Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter!

Planetary alignments, when multiple planets are visible across the night sky in the one evening, happen on a fairly regular basis. There's always a bit of excitement when it occurs. Planetary alignments of seven planets is rarer than an alignment of six. It's much rarer still to witness many planets grouping together in the same area of sky. You might have a conjunction or grouping of two planets together, but when five get together, it's breathtaking!

It's been calculated that a planetary quintuplet will occur on the evening of 8th September 2040! Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Mercury, all naked-eye visible planets, will appear near a very thin crescent Moon after sunset. The bright star of Spica will top of the impressive lineup! Read more about this on www.space.com/stargazing/when-is-next-planetary-parade-how-rare-are-they.



See four naked-eye planets in one night on 19th February. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

When and where to look:

7.30pm, 19th February. Look to the western horizon and higher up in the north west, northern and north eastern sky.

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



SMOKO TIME

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

What kind of band never plays music?

ANSWER: A rubber band

No 81

Easy

8				7		3		
				8		6	1	2
	6	3		2			7	
		7	8	3		1	9	
	3	8		5	2	4		
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		1		4				6

SUDOKU

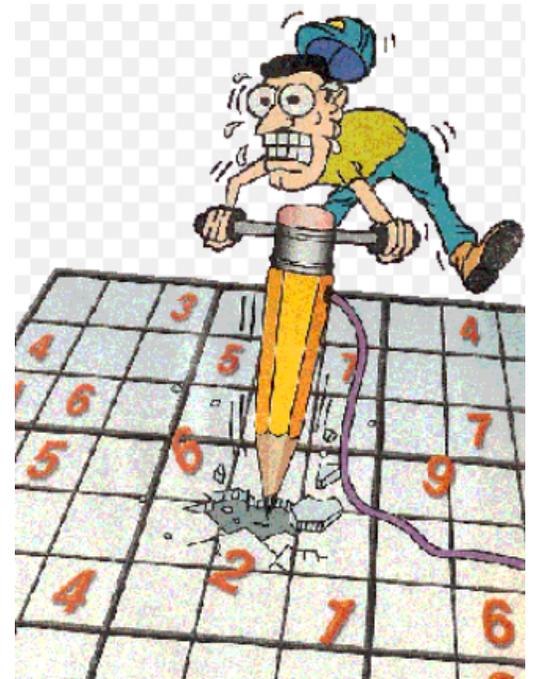
How to play?

Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within the rows and columns are 9 "squares" (made up of 3 x 3 spaces). Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

No 82

Easy

	6		8	1			7	4
		8						
1					4			
7	2		1	8		9	4	
	5	3				1	2	
	4	1		7	2		8	5
			5					8
						4		
3	8			2	6		5	





KIDS CORNER

KIDS RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

What gets wet while drying?

ANSWER: A towel

Summer Maze

Find your way through the maze





Gascoyne Junction

2026 GP

CLINIC DATES



14 JAN	04 FEB	04 MAR	01 APR
06 MAY	03 JUN	01 JUL	05 AUG
02 SEP	07 OCT	04 NOV	02 DEC

Gascoyne Junction

2026 NURSING

CLINIC DATES



28 JAN	18 FEB	18 MAR	15 APR
20 MAY	17 JUN	15 JUL	19 AUG
16 SEP	21 OCT	18 NOV	16 DEC

- * Appointments will be 30 minutes long but longer consultations can be requested
- * Appointments will be bulk billed
- * Appointment can be made by online via the following link

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



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04 FEBRUARY

**COUNCIL
MEETING**

SHIRE OF
UPPER
GASCOYNE
CHAMBERS

11 FEBRUARY

**NURSING
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18 FEBRUARY

**PCYC BLUE
LIGHT
DISCO**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

20 FEBRUARY

UPCOMING 2026 EVENTS



**LABOUR
DAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

SHIRE OFFICE
& CRC
CLOSED

02 MARCH

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CENTRE

04 MARCH

**NURSING
CLINIC**

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RESOURCE
CENTRE

18 MARCH

**COUNCIL
MEETING**

SHIRE OF
UPPER
GASCOYNE
CHAMBERS

25 MARCH

GP CLINIC

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JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
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CENTRE

04 MARCH

**NURSING
CLINIC**

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18 MARCH

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AN EVENT
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LIKE ADDED
TO OUR 2026
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