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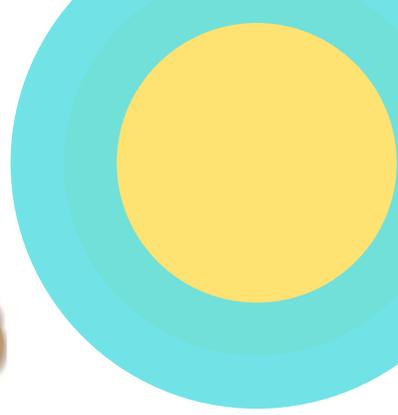
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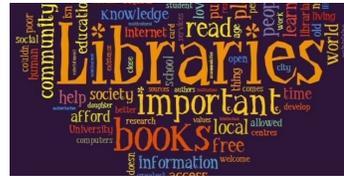
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CEO Report

To say the month of January and part there-of February have been hectic is slightly understated. Many of our longer-term strategic drivers are now becoming a reality. Obviously with Jarrod away over the Christmas Period and for the month of January and part thereof February I have had to look after this aspect of our business. Sean has been a great help in the day-to-day operations leaving me time to move forward with the bigger picture type stuff.

The Shire have been given a further \$2.5 million for the "Pell's" Project which consists of sealing the gap of approximately 2.5 kilometres between the two seals on the Carnarvon / Mullewa Road inclusive of renovating the existing concrete crossing. At this stage it looks like we will be able to get the Pell's Project and the extra 1.5 kilometres of seal done in time for Bitumen Contractors to carry out the sealing works prior to heading to Landor.

We have been given permission to bring forward the 2026/27 State Initiatives Funding for the Carnarvon / Mullewa Road Sealing Project (\$4.7M) if we feel that we are in position to deliver the works.

I have instructed Main Roads to prepare our Federal Black Spot funding application to renew and widen the crossings at the Congo and Dorie Rivers. If we are successful work won't start for at least 18 months to 2 years. Greenfields are undertaking the design and costing work to go with the application.

On the 29th of January Councillor Caunt, the GDC Chair (Burke Maslen) and myself attended the Yinggarda Common Law Meeting where the ILUA for the residential land and waste site land was put to the members seeking their agreement. Unofficially we have been advised that it was a unanimous decision to grant the ILUA. We will now need to work with Yinggarda's Lawyers and ours to finalise the document for registration, once done we can purchase the land from the State and commence development.

Work has recommenced in early January at the Landor re-alignment project. I went out and undertook a site inspection and spoke with the Site Supervisor who advises that the works are on schedule. There has been a mountain of silt and overburden removed.



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The Hay run undertaken by the charity "Farmers across borders" was a success and all credit must go to Councillor Caunt and Cr McTaggart as well as Cherie for organising the logistics, meals and refreshments. As a Shire we have written to the Minister for Agriculture requesting that the State provides financial assistance to Farmers Across Borders Charity to augment transport costs.

I have been busy advocating for greater regional representation on the State Advisory Committee. This has taken a lot of work as most representative on the WALGA State Council had no idea it existed and what it actually did. There was a fair amount of kick back from the WALGA Executive who basically want no change but I am pleased to report that it appears change has happened.

We had Onward Drilling putting in bores for us on or around the Lyndon Minnie Creek Road. They put four holes down with only one producing at about 1 litre per second.

I am pleased to be able to advise that the scope of works for AGRN 1175 has been approved by DFES. It should be noted that this event happened on the 10 December 2024.

We have sought help from LGIS to assist us with our Safety, hopefully we can move forward in this area.

Ainsley has commenced getting things to line up for our Mining Symposium. We will look to get the Minister for Mines and others to attend. I believe that GDC are once again assisting us financially to put the symposium on.

Executive Manager of Works and Services Report

With Jarrod being on long-service leave, I have had the pleasure of filling in for him. As we fired up again and started the new year, the parks and gardens crew have been addressing minor maintenance issues that occurred during the break.

They have also been monitoring the RO plant which has been up to the task over the summer break, a few small modifications will ensure this continues to provide the required water for both the Pub and the Parks and Gardens.



With Clive leaving us, our maintenance grading team is currently reduced in capacity, we would like to thank him for his services over the past year. The Shire is in the process of finding a suitable replacement that will continue to assist with maintaining the high standard of work we have all come to know and expect in our Shire. At present Jeff has been conducting maintenance work and clearing shoulders along Pimbee Road and will shift his focus to Ullawarra Road once completed.

With Dameon at the helm, the construction crew have set up camp, overseen the construction of a new turkey's nest and gravel pits, and started the re-sheeting works along the Cobra-Dairy Creek road, this work is part of the regional road group funding. THEM earthmoving is assisting with water cartage, whilst ABBL Contracting is assisting with the gravel cartage.

The Landor realignment project is underway, THEM Earthmoving have been conducting the civil works, whilst Exmouth Civil will be conducting the concrete works associated with the project. We look forward to the completion of this long-awaited project.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

Happy 2026 and welcome back to the team.

January as gone fast and it has been all hands-on deck after mandatory shutdown.

We would like to introduce Peter Ward who has joined our team filling the Senior Finance Officer position on a short-term basis. So, if you see Peter around, please introduce yourself and welcome him to the Town.

I am happy to announce that Ta-Leah Podmore has accepted a CRC full time position with us ensuring that we continue to provide ongoing services and information to the community and visitors to the region. In addition, we will commence advertising for the recently vacated CRC role so we can return to a full complement of staff.

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.

We now move on to the 2026 season without Brooke, with Ta-Leah taking over in the CRC.

Over the past few weeks, we have been busy updating the new telephone directory, sorting and processing the latest intake of library books, preparing the first 2026 edition of the Gassy Gossip, and establishing and planning events for the year ahead, including the upcoming Blue Light Disco.

We are also working to improve our social media output and appeal through TikTok and a new Instagram page, as well as creating a more social and engaging Facebook presence by encouraging comments, shares, and likes.

These tasks have ensured a smooth transition into the new year and aim to strengthen community connection.

Tourism & Community Development Report

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:

Representatives from GDC will be onsite in February to view the current set up and to finalise the documentation for the first scope of work ready to go to tender in early 2026.

Mining Symposium:

GDC have confirmed their support of the 2026 event with funding support for \$5000 towards hosting this key economic event. The 2026 theme will be 'Creating Opportunity' for the Gascoyne Resource Connect Mining Symposium again in 2026 to be held on May 21.

Local Public Health Plan:

A desktop audit, and assessment of current General Health Profile of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne 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. Before a draft policy to be presented to council in April for adoption in May.

Tourism:

A draft tourism strategy for the Upper Gascoyne Visitor Economy will be presented in March. The 2026 Marketing Strategy will be presented at the February Council Meeting with a strong mix deliverable to meet the outcomes of raising brand and destination awareness, delivering a strong visitor economy and developing an industry that is sustainable. The town walking signage is on track to go into production by the end of February with signage in place for the 2026 season. This signage includes a project specific to the town cemetery to create a stop on the town walk but also in displaying the names of those buried there. Investigations are underway to get the area refenced. Preparations have begun for the Perth Caravan and Camping Show in March, and a travel journalist will be spending time in the Upper Gascoyne in late March to produce a series of articles on the Shire. New content is currently being created for the 2026 Digital Marketing Campaign with a focus on road tripping in the Upper Gascoyne, road safety and etiquette, and on the natural attractions of our Shire.

A content series on our events is also being produced. A submission is also being prepared for the 2026 Tiny Tourism Town Awards, a strong benchmark on which to monitor and measure the development of tourism in our Shire. Production has started on the workpods with an estimated delivery in April. 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. A community meeting will be held on February 11 for interested parties to formulate a plan to undertake this project.

Arts Activities in Regional Areas: In December the Shire was advised that we have been successful in the grant process for the RACIP grant for the Music in the Park Series for 2026 to the tune of \$36,000. These funds will be used in paying for musicians and sound crews for events throughout the year. The first event in May will headline Proud Mary with two supporting acts. The final program for the year will be completed over the coming weeks.

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program: The background work has been undertaken on this grant and the final submission has been made for consideration 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 December report, a further meeting has been held with the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism & Sport to discuss the potential program and offerings for the Gascoyne Sport and Recreation Forum to be held in Gascoyne Junction in May. The allied health optometry team travelled to Gascoyne Junction during the first week of January for the new program head to see our facilities and discuss dates for the 2026 year. A meeting with CDO counterparts from Murchison Shires was held following up on a workshop held at Cue Parliament in November around Rethinking Remoteness in our region. This is a topic we will continue to explore as we engage community, think of our sense of place and define our identity.

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – LANDOR MT AUGUSTUS RD UPGRADE 2025-26
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – February 2026

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: Dalgety Downs Landor Rd S1k 76.4



Work Area 1: Embankment foundation

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

19 – 20 September TBA

25 September – 11 October: School Holidays

17 – 18 October Mosaic Table

28 – 29 November Christmas Craft

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

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GOSSIP



Check out this old cover and editorial of a February 1998 edition of the Gassy Gossip!

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**SHIRE OF UPPER
GASCOYNE**

FEBRUARY 1998

EDITION NO. 5

EDITORIAL

Well here we are into 1998 and there does not appear to be a great many good things happening. In fact the only good news I hear is that goats are still worth catching and that the Upper Gascoyne Health and Recreation Group were successful with their application for a grant of \$ 3,500 from the State Governments Community Conservation Grants Scheme. Well Done!!

The money is to be spent establishing a Herbarium which will be a tourist attraction.

For those of you wondering what has happened to the Shire's new Komatsu grader, it is on a ship somewhere and due to be unloaded in the middle of March. Let us hope commonsense will prevail and there will be someone to do the unloading.

Noel Page has resigned from the Shire after 14 1/2 years of dedicated service and I know everyone wishes him well.



"HA
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HA,"

ODD QUESTIONS ONLY



Which would be the nicest if animals could talk?



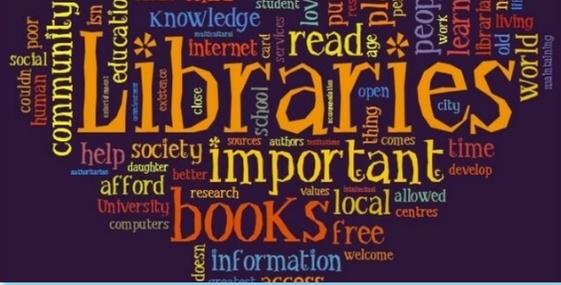
If you were to name a country, what would you name it?

'CONCORD'
'PEACEFUL'
'ANONYMOUS'
'THE REPUBLIC OF FINDERS KEEPERS'
'CYN'
'HAPPYLAND'
'PODSLAND'

What is the most embarrassing thing you've ever worn?

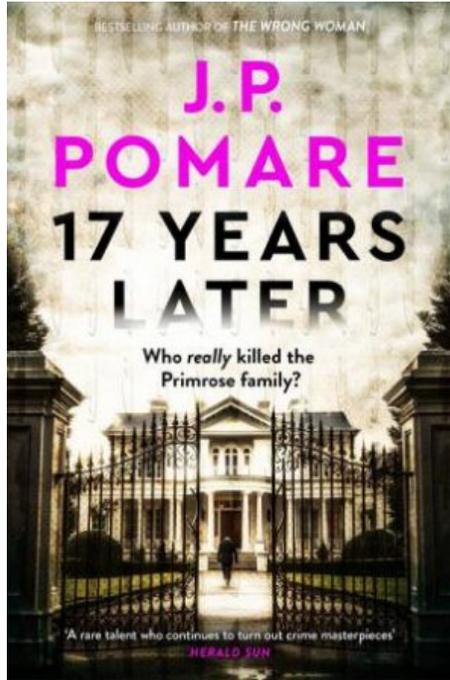
'MANKINI'
'HOSPITAL GOWN'
'SNAP PANTS'
'KNEE HIGH COWBOY BOOTS'
'PJAMAS'
'HULA SKIRT'
'STITCH ONESIE'

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



BOOKS OF THE MONTH

17 YEARS LATER - Adult Fiction



Author: J. P. Pomare

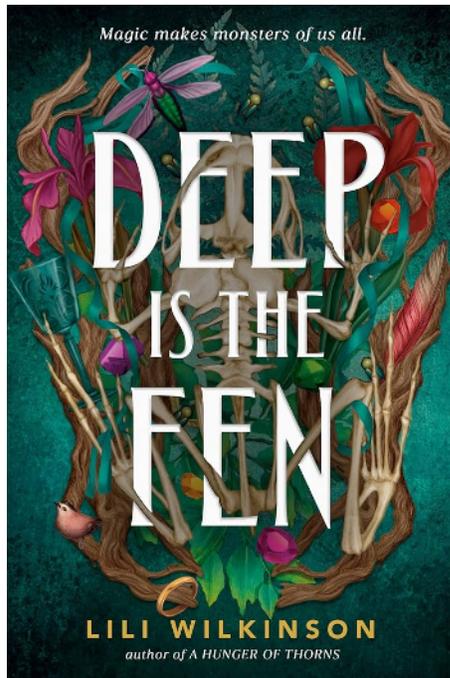
The violent slaughter of the wealthy Primrose family while they slept shocked the nation of New Zealand and scarred the small idyllic rural town of Cambridge forever.

All of the evidence pointed to their young live-in chef, Bill Ruatara, who was swiftly charged with murder and brought to justice. The brutal crime is now infamous, and Bill a figure of contempt who deserves to rot in jail for life.

Seventeen years later, prison psychologist TK Phillips is fighting for an appeal. He is convinced Bill did not receive a fair trial. When celebrity true-crime podcaster Sloane Abbott takes a sudden interest, it's not long before she uncovers new evidence that could set fire to the prosecution's case.

As TK and Sloane dig deeper into the past, they become tangled in a complex web of danger and deceit. With Bill's innocence far from assured and their own lives at stake, will they risk everything to unearth the truth, or leave it buried for good?

DEEP IS THE FEN - Young Adult Fiction



Author: Lili Wilkinson

Merry doesn't need a happily-ever-after. Her life in the charming, idyllic town of Candlecott is fine just as it is. Simple, happy, and with absolutely no magic. Magic only ever leads to trouble.

But Merry's best friend, Teddy, is joining the Toadmen—a secret society who specialize in backward thinking and suspiciously supernatural traditions—and Merry is determined to stop him. Even if it means teaming up with the person she hates most: her academic archnemesis, Caraway Boswell, an ice-cold snob who hides his true face under a glamour.

An ancient Toad ritual is being held in the sinister Deeping Fen, and if Merry doesn't rescue Teddy before it's finished, she'll lose him forever. But the Toadmen have been keeping dangerous secrets, and so has Caraway. The farther Merry travels into Deeping Fen's foul waters, the more she wonders if she's truly come to save her friend . . . or if she's walking straight into a trap.

There's nothing the Toadmen love more than a damsel in distress.

Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

Responsibility Resilience Respect



PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

Term 1 has come around very quickly, and it has been a positive start to the year at Gascoyne Junction RCS.

We would like to warmly welcome our new teacher, **Lori Beatty**, to our school community. We are also fortunate to have her husband, **Howie**, joining us as our ground's person and cleaner. We are very lucky to have you both as part of our team.

NAPLAN is fast approaching. We will continue supporting students in their preparation.

In Week 5, students will travel to Carnarvon for swimming lessons. This is always a valuable opportunity for students to build confidence and develop important water safety skills.

We have also had **Yalagan Career Tasters Roadshow** visit our school. Students had the opportunity to experience working in confined spaces and learned how to safely use harnesses. It was a valuable hands-on experience that exposed students to different industry skills and potential career pathways.

We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead

Amanda Grayson - Principal

Meet & Greet with Our New Teacher!

We're excited to invite our school community to a **Meet & Greet** to welcome our new teacher, **Lori Beatty**! Come along to get to know Lori, chat with fellow parents and staff, and celebrate the start of an exciting new year at our school.

 **Date:** Thursday, 12th March

 **Time:** 5:30 PM

 **Location:** The Junction Pub

 **Nibblies will be supplied!**

We can't wait to see you there!

Choc Crunch Bliss Balls

Traffic Light: 

Ingredients

- 1½ cups puffed rice (not rice bubbles)
- 1½ tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 12 fresh Medjool dates, seeds removed
- 2 tablespoons chia seeds
- 2 tablespoon pumpkin seeds
- Water, up to 3 tablespoons

Method

1. Place all ingredients except the water into a food processor. Process for approximately 30 seconds or until mix resembles coarse breadcrumbs.
2. Add water bit by bit until the mixture comes together into a ball.
3. Transfer to a bowl, with wet hands shape into small balls (the mixture will be sticky).
4. Place on a tray lined with greaseproof paper, refrigerate for at least 2 hours until set.
5. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM!

Hi, my name is Lori Beatty, and I am so happy to be here in this lovely Community. It looks like it's going to be a very busy year, and we have started off with a bang!

Colin starting
Pre-Primary



Corey and DJ-
SHOTS!!



DJ learning
about
fractions.

Harley: High School
learning on SIDE

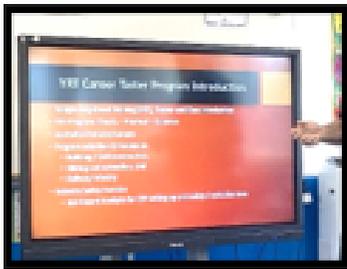


This term in Food Technologies on SIDE, Bridie has been exploring the rich history and flavours of Australian Bush Foods. Her first delicious creation was chocolate macadamia cookies! Macadamias are one of Australia's most significant Indigenous bush foods and have been enjoyed for thousands of years by First Nations peoples – particularly the Yugambeh, Gubbi Gubbi (Kabi Kabi), Bundjalung and Quandamooka peoples of south-east Queensland and northern New South Wales. Don't the cookies look delicious! 😊



Yalagan Career Taster Roadshow!

Students participated in the Career Taster Program, where they gained hands-on experience in the Australian construction industry. They learned about workplace safety, used industry safety equipment and PPE, and explored safe work practices such as job hazard analysis, exclusion zones, signage, and specialised equipment including rigging and harnessing. The program gave students practical insight into construction career pathways while actively engaging in real-world safety demonstrations using the Mobile Training Trailer.



Safety on the high ropes talk.



Bridie enjoying the high ropes.



DJ loving the high ropes.



Harley conquering the high ropes.



Corey didn't like the high ropes quite as much but enjoyed the crawl through the confined space part.



COMING EVENTS

02/03/26	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
03/03/26 - 06/03/26	Swimming Lessons Carnarvon
12/03/26	School Meet & Greet
17/03/26	School Psych visit
19/03/26	Protective Behaviours
25/03/25	Stephen Michael Foundation visit
31/03/26	School Psych visit
02/04/26	LAST DAY OF TERM
03/04/26	GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
06/04/26 - 20/04/26	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
20/04/26	Staff Development Day
21/04/26	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TERM 2



Sticky Lime Honey Chicken



METHOD

Step 1 - Season the chicken – In a large bowl, toss the chicken with the olive oil, garlic powder, smoked paprika, salt and pepper until well coated.

Step 2 - Cook the chicken – Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook for 6–8 minutes, turning occasionally, until golden and cooked through. Remove from the pan and set aside on a plate.

Step 3 - Make the glaze – Turn the heat off (see note 1). To the same pan, immediately add the honey, lime zest and juice, soy sauce, butter (or olive oil), grated garlic and chilli flakes, if using. Stir for 1–2 minutes until bubbling and slightly thickened. Turn the heat back on.

Step 4 - Coat the chicken – Return the cooked chicken to the pan and toss it through the glaze for 1–2 minutes until sticky and glossy.

Step 5 - Assemble the taco – Fill the warm tortillas with mashed or sliced avocado, the sticky chicken, pickled red onion, coriander, feta and serve with a squeeze of lime.

INGREDIENTS

CHICKEN

- 500 g (1 lb 2 oz) boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp sea salt flakes
- ¼ tsp freshly cracked black pepper

STICKY LIME HONEY GLAZE

- ¼ cup (90 g) honey
- Zest and juice of 1 lime
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter or extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, finely grated
- ½ tsp chilli red pepper flakes



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

- 2 Karen Coffin
- 6 Genevieve Robinson
- 9 Thomas Fletcher
- 18 Laura Litek
- 23 David Hammarquist
- 30 Di Kempton



APRIL

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

MAY

- 9 Kevan "Pronto" Brand
- 27 Barney McTaggart
- 24 Anna Collins



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

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

GASSY GOSSIP

We have some exciting content coming out on our new platforms, so don't forget to follow us!



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\$ 59



XS – 6XL

Postage Available

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Large (4+ shirts) – \$19.75

Pick Up Available

Preorders Close:

20 March

Expected Delivery:

Late April

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orders close!

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Charcoal, Clay,



Cobalt-Blue, Cornflower,
Diesel, Emerald, French-Navy,



Green, Hot Pink, Jade, Kelly-
Green, Light-Blue,



Ochre, Olive, Pale Blue,
Purple, Red,



Royal, Silver, Stone,
Terracotta, Yellowstone

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COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING



Round 2: Grants Available Up to \$5000

Opens: 27 Feb 2026

Closes: 20 Mar 2026

This is for events to be held by 31 Dec 2026

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne provides organisations with the opportunity to apply for funding to conduct events or community programs or for small projects that benefit the Upper Gascoyne community.

Round 2 of funding is for community focused projects and events conducted in the Shire between March 1 2026 and December 31 2026.

Another funding round will open in August 2026 for events and projects conducted the Shire from 01 September 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Grants up to \$5000 can be applied for.

For further information and to submit an online application, visit the Shire website:

[www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/community/our-community/
community-grant-funding.aspx](http://www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/community/our-community/community-grant-funding.aspx)

Applications Close: 5pm on Friday March 20, 2026.



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How to support us:

1. Go to www.themarchcharge.com.au/find-a-friend
2. Search up Shire of Upper Gascoyne
3. Donate to this great cause!





GASSIFIEDS

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

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- Where:** CRC Gascoyne Junction

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Electric, hybrid and hydrogen vehicle owners are now required to fit an EV or H label to help emergency services respond safely.

✓ Position like this



✗ Not like this



Labels are available online and from auto accessories retailers from \$10. There will be a 12-month transition period to 1 January 2027 for vehicle owners to affix the new labels. After this time, fines may apply if you fail to display the appropriate label.

While the requirement only applies to electric, hybrid or hydrogen vehicles manufactured (or modified) from 1 January 2019, all owners are encouraged to affix the labels as an important safety measure to protect our emergency services personnel.



Scan the QR code to learn more
transport.wa.gov.au/evlabels



What's Up in the Night Sky?

Everything is Turning Red!

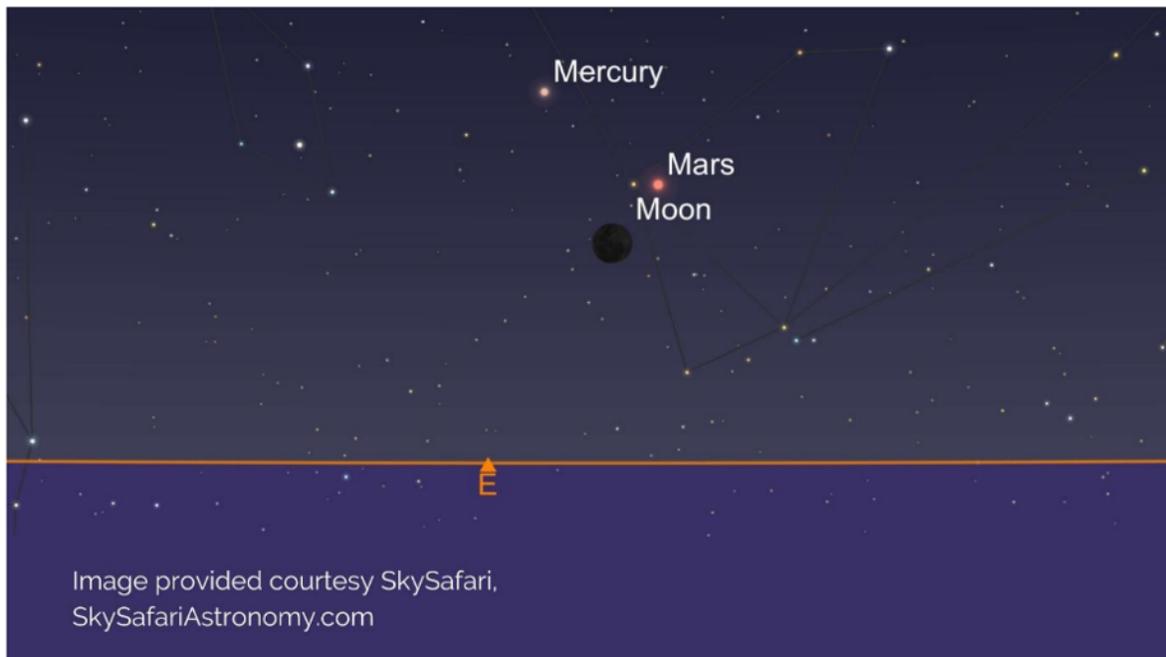
It's total lunar eclipse time! On Tuesday evening, 3rd March, look to the east to see the Moon turn a beautiful red/coppery colour. Earth's shadow is cast across the Moon and totality lasts an hour!

The lunar eclipse starts at 4.44pm, which is before moon rise for WA observers. At moon rise, observers will see the partial lunar eclipse underway. The total lunar eclipse starts at 7.04pm and lasts until 8.02pm. It's during this time that the Moon will appear as a coppery/red colour and will look spectacular!

You can find out specific times for your town by visiting this website: <https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/lunar/2026-march-3>. Enter your town to get precise rise times for the moon and all the details on the lunar eclipse.

Later in the month, it's the red planet's time to shine. A spectacular morning view is on 18th March when Mars will appear close to a very, very thin slither of a Moon. Above, Mercury is also visible to the naked-eye, so it's a terrific time to be up early.

In recent news, SpaceX has announced that it will delay the plans to go to Mars and focus on the NASA Moon mission efforts instead.



See Mars and the Moon at 5.45am on 18th March. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

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



SMOKO TIME

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

What can you see in the middle of March and April
but never see in any other month?

ANSWER: The letter 'r'

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



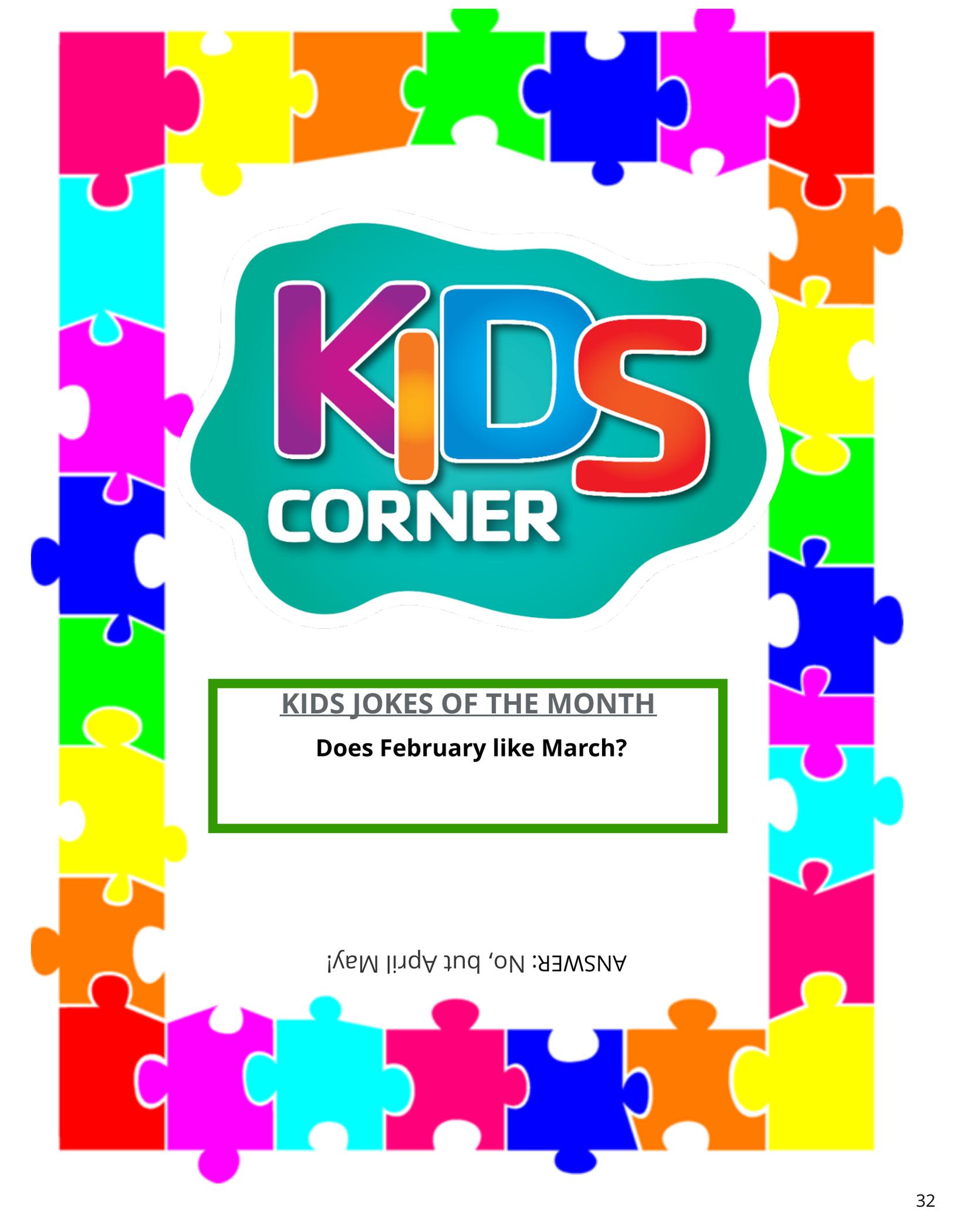
A crossword puzzle grid with 13 numbered starting points for clues. The grid is composed of white squares for letters and empty spaces. The numbers are: 1 (top right, vertical), 2 (top middle, vertical), 3 (top middle, vertical), 4 (top middle, horizontal), 5 (middle left, horizontal), 6 (middle left, horizontal), 7 (middle right, horizontal), 8 (middle left, vertical), 9 (middle left, horizontal), 10 (middle right, vertical), 11 (bottom middle, horizontal), 12 (bottom left, horizontal), and 13 (bottom middle, horizontal).

Across

- 4. capital of Ireland
- 5. a type of Irish dance
- 7. if you do not wear green on March 17 this will happen
- 9. the day St. Patrick's Day falls on
- 11. the national emblem of Ireland
- 12. yellow and blue make _____
- 13. from Ireland

Down

- 1. the 3rd month of the year
- 2. good fortune
- 3. nonsense or misleading talk
- 6. called the Emerald Isle
- 7. a starchy vegetable
- 8. a sprite
- 10. 4 leaf _____



KIDS CORNER

KIDS JOKES OF THE MONTH

Does February like March?

ANSWER: No, but April May!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

WORD SEARCH





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

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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

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18 MARCH

COUNCIL MEETING

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE CHAMBERS

25 MARCH

CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

28 - 29 MARCH

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

1 APRIL

UPCOMING 2026 EVENTS



PUBLIC HOLIDAY

THE SHIRE & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED

3 APRIL

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

THE SHIRE & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED

6 APRIL

SHIRE PUBLIC HOLIDAY

THE SHIRE & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED

7 APRIL

NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

15 APRIL

FRIDAY NIGHT STARLIGHTS

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

17 APRIL

COUNCIL MEETING

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE CHAMBERS

22 APRIL

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

THE SHIRE & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED

27 APRIL

CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

27 - 2 MAY