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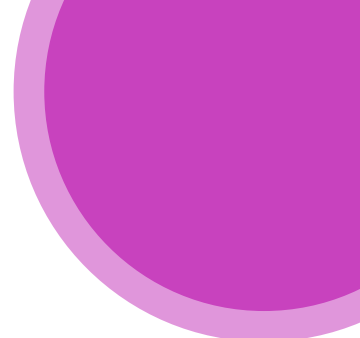
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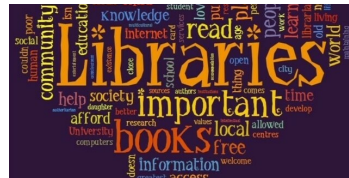
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Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

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Wednesday 25th March
Wednesday 22nd April
Saturday 23rd 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.



This month's work has had some challenges. It is with regret that we have had the passing of Nat Rogers at Gascoyne Junction. My appreciation goes out to Sean and Cherie as they tried valiantly to resuscitate him. Nat's funeral will be held in Northampton on the 22nd of May. On a similar note, I can advise that some staff, Cr Jim Caunt and I attended the funeral of Vaughn Whitby who is the brother of Damien.

Work is progressing with formulating the Budget with Councillor workshops scheduled for June and July.

As part of my enquiry into the "Hardship Policy" I have had the opportunity to phone all the pastoral property owners in our Shire. In general, the feedback received was very positive with little to no complaints, just encouragement to keep things moving along.

I would like to welcome Paul and Amelia to the Shire. Paul will be doing the CRC full time with Amelia doing the CRC part time. Make sure you introduce yourselves next time you are in.

Finance and Corporate Services

Work continues on the 26/27 budget and preparing for year end which will be here before we know it. After Harpreet spent the ANZAC long weekend with his girlfriend who was visiting from Perth, he decided Gascoyne Junction was too quiet and solitary for him and he has returned to Perth. We thank him for his efforts and wish him well. This leaves us short a pair of hands but we believe with a concerted effort we should be able to achieve our goals.



Community Resource Centre

This month, we farewelled Ta-Leah, who finished up with us on May 6th. Ta-Leah has been a valued part of the CRC and community, and she will be greatly missed by all.

Our flu vaccine clinic scheduled to coincide with the May nursing clinic has been cancelled and rescheduled to the GP Clinic in June. Thank you to everyone who had booked and we apologise for the delay.

At the CRC, our current table focus is encouraging everyone to take part in a reading challenge and "soak up a good book" using the Junction Library. The library isn't being used as much as it once was, so we encourage community members to come in, have a look, and make the most of this great resource.

Through the library it is also possible to access e-books through Borrow Box. Further to our selection as one of eight CRCs across the state to be involved in the 2026 CRC Champions program, we had an onsite visit with Naomi from WACOSS to explain the program in more depth and discuss potential initiatives to benefit our community. CRC Staff will be reaching out to the community in the coming weeks for input before putting the final programming together. This program comes with a grant for \$5000 to help deliver outcomes. Our work pods have been delivered and are now installed and operational. After a week in service they have had a few visits with lots of positive feedback from community members. With stage 2 of the CRC fitout complete the CRC staff are now looking to find furniture and equipment to ensure we have a community space that is adaptable and reflective of current needs with charging stations, seating and new library shelving.



Horizon Power visited us on site on Friday May 15th to install a new payment terminal. We will now be able to assist residents with up-to-date account balances and an estimate of how many days of power they have left according to their credit balance.

Tourism

A travel journalist who was due to visit in the week post Cyclone Narelle has rescheduled their travel to the first week of June. Julia will be writing a series of articles on the Upper Gascoyne encouraging visitors to our region post the cyclone. This has been co-funded by AGO.

The impact of fuel and the aftermath of Cyclone Narelle is still having an impact on visitor numbers not only in the Upper Gascoyne but across the region. In the past week we are slowly seeing a build in numbers. The Under Gascoyne Skies Festival has interest from visitors at a regional and state level.

Community

ABC Pilbara will be conducting their morning breakfast show from the Gascoyne Junction CRC on Friday May 22. Kelly will be interviewing community members on the Under Gascoyne Skies Festival, the Digital Literacy Program at the CRC, an update on the drought and cyclone recovery, our retiring councillors and the upcoming election, the Gascoyne CWA and the Landor and Junction Races. There is a lot happening in our community.

We have been successful in gaining a \$10000 grant through the Community Gardens Grant Program. A meeting will be held in the next week to establish our next steps in getting this project underway to provide community members with access to fresh produce.

GDC visited on April 20 to discuss the Gascoyne Drought Resilience Plan to see the Upper Gascoyne first hand and discuss projects that would support our community in this space. In my role, I have been asked to be a part of the Gascoyne RDRP Advisory Group to provide input from our community into the implementation of the Gascoyne Drought Resilience Plan.

Our ANZAC Day Service was well attended with 53 visitors, residents, Carnarvon Horseman Club Members and Defence Force Members in attendance. Positive feedback on the quality and content of our service was shared. Thank you to all who attended.

A draft copy of the Local Government Health Policy will be shared before presenting a final copy to Council for endorsement at the June meeting. The community feedback into what is important to us for our health and wellbeing.

After attending the District Health Advisory Meeting in April raising concerns about the inconsistency of our nursing clinics, a meeting with the new Gascoyne Operations Manager has been scheduled for the third week in May. The importance of regular clinics, ancillary services and support for our residents to get to appointments will be raised.

Executive Manager of Works and Services

As we move closer toward the end of the financial year, the Works Construction crew have finalised the Cobra – Dairy Creek Rd C3398 (RRG) re-sheeting project, they did a fantastic job on this section as always, Dameon and the team should be proud. They have since shifted their attention to the re-sheeting works on the Landor – Meekatharra Road C3400 (R2R) project. We managed to install a new bore for the project, which has been producing a high quality and quantity of water. This will future proof all maintenance in that area for years to come, as you are all aware infrastructure like this is vital to ensuring roads are kept to a high standard. I have no doubt they will continue to deliver a quality finish; this project will see the construction crew out to the end of year.

The Works Maintenance Grading crew has been limited in the past few months due to a shortage of staff, however we have a new Grader operator starting on the 25th of May, as such we would like to welcome Peter Ryan to the crew. If you see Peter out and about, be sure to introduce yourself. He will be joining Jeff around the Landor – Mt Augustus Road area to be put through his paces and learn the ropes. Once we have finished that area, they will move off separately and continue maintenance grading in other areas.

The existing road projects continue to carry on, sealing has commenced at the Landor Realignment project, and the culvert installs along Landor – Mt Augustus Road are well and truly progressing. Whilst new projects such as the Pells's (Carnarvon – Mullewa) widening and sealing project has just started, and the resealing on the Landor – Mt Augustus Road is also being conducted. Amongst all of this, emergency works and immediate works associated with AGRN1280 Cyclone Narelle continue to occur in the background. All in all, a very busy few months on the roads as far as construction and repairs go.

The Town Maintenance and Garden crew have also been limited somewhat, with Ali being on well-earned leave. Brendan has done a fantastic job carrying the flag on his own, it has been an uphill battle with weeds since the rain associated with Cyclone Narelle. They will be doing the final touches to the parks and gardens for the upcoming Music in the Park event; we are looking forward to it.

Shire of Upper Gascoyne



Public Notice

Notice of Intention to Impose Differential Rates for 2026/2027

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 the Shire of Upper Gascoyne hereby gives notice of its intention to impose differential rates and differential minimum rates on all rateable unimproved valued (U.V) properties within its boundaries during the 2026/27 financial year. The differential rates are imposed on the basis of predominant land use as detailed below-

LAND USE	RATE IN \$	MINIMUM
G.R.V.	12.7500 cents	\$536
G.R.V Transient	25.0000 cents	\$2200
Workforce Accommodation		
U.V. Mining	35.6796 cents	\$2244
U.V. Rural	17.8398 cents	\$1632

A statement of Objects and Reasons for each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected at or obtained from, the Shire of Upper Gascoyne Administration Centre, 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Further queries can be directed to the undersigned by telephoning (08) 9943 0988 or by email to: financemanager@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Submissions regarding the proposed differential rate and minimums can be made in writing and submitted by email or post to the above details. Submissions must be received by 4.30pm Thursday 25th June 2026.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer
27/05/2026

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

2026 COUNCIL ELECTION



LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION ELECTION NOTICE Shire of Upper Gascoyne (Local Government Act 1995, s4.64)

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is holding an extraordinary election by postal vote on Thursday, 25 June 2026 to fill vacancies in the offices of Councillors as listed below:

District **2 Councillors**
HAMMARQUIST, David
BASTON, Martin
ROOT, Lance
TUBBY, Teresa

Election Packages will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll where there is an election in their electorate.

You may hand deliver your postal voting papers, or **obtain a replacement package** (if the package is not received, or should any papers be missing), **during business hours before election day** from the following location:

Shire of Upper Gascoyne, 4 Scott Street, GASCOYNE JUNCTION Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4.30pm
Friday 8.30am to 3pm

Post your vote early. Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6pm on election day, Thursday, 25 June 2026.

You may hand deliver your postal voting papers to an electoral officer, or **obtain a replacement package** (if the package is not received, or should any papers be missing), between 8am and 6pm **on election day** at the following location:

Chief Polling Place:

Shire of Upper Gascoyne, 4 Scott Street, GASCOYNE JUNCTION 8am to 6pm

The count of votes will commence after 6pm at the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, 4 Scott Street, GASCOYNE JUNCTION.

Electronic Counting Place

Western Australian Electoral Commission head office at Level 2, 66 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000 may be used as an electronic counting place.

DENNIS O'REILLY
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
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COUNCIL CANDIDATES

ROOT, Lance

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ROOT, Lance is eligible to stand for election as the owner of rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

Lance Root is a proud local business owner, family man and passionate community supporter with strong connections throughout the Gascoyne and Midwest regions. A carpenter by trade Lance has built a career spanning more than 20 years within industry, earning a reputation for his strong work ethic, reliability and hands-on approach to both business and community. A passionate supporter of regional clubs, Lance has spent many years volunteering within the speedway community and was proud to serve as President of the Carnarvon Speedway Club for five years. During this time he played an important role in supporting the club's growth, helping create opportunities for local families and young drivers to be involved in the sport. Family sits at the centre of everything Lance does. Together with his family he is heavily involved in junior speedway. Lance is known for his approachable nature, willingness to lend a hand and genuine commitment to supporting regional communities.

Mobile: 0437 485 991

Email: abblcontracting@outlook.com

COUNCIL CANDIDATES



TUBBY, Teresa

TUBBY, Teresa is eligible to stand for election as the owner of rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

About Me

Together with my Husband I own and operate our Pastoral Stations. I have a nursing background I am a mother to our 4 young adult children.

I have a strong passion for rural communities and keeping them vibrant to ensure our future generations have a community to be a part of and that we have the services we need in our community.

Having previously served on School Boards at 2 schools as both Councillor and Chair I have an understanding of the importance of good governance.

I would like to see our community remain strong for the locals that use its facilities and services and a welcoming attractive place to visit that encourages tourism and I will strive to achieve the best outcomes for our community within my role as Councillor.

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Email: ct.tubby@bigpond.com

COUNCIL CANDIDATES



HAMMARQUIST, DAVID

HAMMARQUIST, DAVID is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

Hello my name is David Hammarquist, I have spent most of my life in the Gascoyne region, I am currently the Managing Director for our family operation Mt Augustus station and Mt Augustus tourist park alongside my partner Beth Hammarquist and our son Morgan. I have only spent a few brief periods away completing a trades certificate and time working on the mines, but the Gascoyne always drew me home. I have seen a lot of change in the Gascoyne in my years and wish to be a part of its future direction to benefit all who live here now and the future generations to come.

Mobile: 0429 430 577

Postal Address: MT AUGUSTUS STATION PMB 24
MEEKATHARRA MEEKATHARRA 6642

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Candidate Details

	Ballot paper name	BASTON, Martin
No Photo Supplied	Candidate name	George Martin Henry BASTON
	District	Shire of Upper Gascoyne
	Nominating for	Councillor for Shire of Upper Gascoyne
	Election type	Extraordinary
	Enrolment status	BASTON, Martin is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

My name is Martin Baston of Jimba Jimba Station, via Carnarvon. I lived at Jimba Jimba Station in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne since 1977 when we took over the Station. I was very interested in moving to the Upper Gascoyne due to the fact that Gascoyne Junction had a school that my children could go to, also a police station, a regulated mail service and had an active Shire that served all the roads including the Carnarvon Mullewa Road in the Shire boundaries and the main roads to the other stations. If elected I believe I am able to bring knowledge to the Council and staff from the past, and for future forward thinking. I have been a very forward sheep and wool person, after having to remove sheep and turn to cattle.

Mobile: 0499 120 144



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

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is home to the spectacular Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus – known as “The World’s Biggest Rock”. We are a family-friendly employer and proud winners of the 2022 WA Tidiest Towns Award.

An exciting opportunity is now available for a motivated and experienced Plant Operator / Serviceman to join our Works and Services team based in Gascoyne Junction.

About the Role

This hands-on role is suited to a self-driven individual who enjoys working in a team environment and is capable of operating a variety of machinery including rollers, loaders, graders and road trains. The successful applicant will also undertake manual labour duties including traffic management, road maintenance, refuelling, and basic plant repairs and maintenance.

The position operates on an 11-hour day roster of 10 days on / 4 days off. Good quality housing is provided, and a residential applicant is preferred, although not essential.

Essential Criteria

- Previous experience in road construction or earthworks
- Ability to work and live remotely
- Mechanically minded with the ability to maintain equipment
- Experience working in culturally diverse communities
- Strong communication, time management and conflict resolution skills
- Knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety principles and regulations
- Current National Police Clearance (less than 6 months old)
- Current HR or MC Class Driver’s Licence
- Ability to work unsupervised and follow direction
- Willingness to undertake manual labour duties as required

Desirable Criteria

- Experience in Local Government
- Forklift High Risk Licence
- Basic Worksite Management and Traffic Control experience
- First Aid Certificate

Salary & Benefits

- Annual salary package between \$100,000 – \$110,000 (dependent on experience and qualifications)
- 12% Superannuation Guarantee
- Access to Council Salary Sacrifice Super Scheme (up to 5%)
- 5 weeks annual leave
- Housing provided (approx. value \$15,800 p/a)
- Utilities included Electricity, Gas, Water and garden maintenance (approx. value \$7,000 p/a)
- Uniform allowance of \$700 p/a
- Relocation assistance as per Council Policy

How to Apply

To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to: cso@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

For further information, please contact the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on (08) 9943 0988. Applications close at 4:00pm Monday 22 June 2026.

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne reserves the right to close applications prior to the advertised closing date.

Canvassing of Shire Staff and/or Elected Members will disqualify applicants from the recruitment process.



Position Title	Experienced Maintenance Grader Operator /All Rounder
Cash Component	\$110,000 - \$120,000 (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 seeking a dedicated and skilled Maintenance Grader Operator / All Rounder to join our Works and Services team.

As a family-friendly employer, we offer a supportive and rewarding work environment. This role presents a fantastic opportunity to live and work in an extraordinary location while enjoying competitive remuneration, quality housing, and utilities provided. This position is based in Gascoyne Junction and operates on an 11-hour day, 10 days on / 4 days off roster.

Essential Criteria

- Experience in road maintenance.
- 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. (Camping out)
- Strong communication, time management, and conflict resolution skills.
- Current National Police Clearance (issued within the last 6 months).
- Current HR/HC Class Driver’s Licence.
- Ability to work unsupervised and follow direction effectively.
- Willingness to undertake other duties as required.

Desirable Criteria

- Forklift High Risk Licence.
- Traffic management and worksite management experience.
- MC Class Driver’s Licence.
- First Aid Certificate.

Salary & Benefits

- Annual Salary: \$110,000 – \$120,000 (dependent on experience and qualifications)
- 12% Superannuation Guarantee
- Salary Sacrifice Super Scheme (up to 5%)
- 5 Weeks Annual Leave
- Housing Provided (approximate value \$15,600 p/a)
- Utilities Included – Water, Power, Gas & Gardening Maintenance (approximate value \$10,500 p/a)
- Uniform Allowance: \$700 p/a
- Return airfare to Perth
- Relocation Assistance provided in accordance with Council Policy

How to Apply

If you are passionate about working in a remote, community-focused environment and possess the relevant skills and experience, we encourage you to apply.

Please submit your resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to: cs@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Applications close at 4:00 PM on Monday, 22 June 2026. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne reserves the right to close applications earlier. For further information, please contact the Shire on (08) 9943 0988.

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



NAT ROGERS

Nat first started working for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on the 28th of February 2012 as a town maintenance worker and gardener. From the very beginning, his passion for the Shire's parks and gardens spoke for itself. He took immense pride in his work, and it showed in every space he cared for.

Nat wasn't someone who just did his job. He would often check that the pumps were working properly over the weekends, on his own time, simply because he cared. That kind of commitment can't be taught; it comes from who a person is at their core.

Working in Gascoyne Junction is no easy task. Summers stretch on with temperatures rarely dropping below 45 degrees, yet Nat persevered through it all. He worked with a calm, steady manner that earned the respect of everyone around him. No matter the conditions, Nat just got on with the job.

One of Nat's proudest milestones was playing a big part in Gascoyne Junction winning Tidy Towns in 2023. His efforts could be seen in places like Two Rivers Memorial Park and the Junction RO Plant areas that stand today as a reflection of his care and dedication.

But above all, Nat's favourite part of his work was checking and maintaining the water supply in the Gascoyne River. It was something he took seriously, knowing how important it was to the community. It's fitting, in a way, that his work was so closely tied to something that sustains life because that's what he did for this town in his own way.

Nat may not have sought recognition, but his impact is all around us. In the parks, in the spaces he maintained, and in the community, he helped support.

Nat finished working with the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on the 30th of November 2025, closing a 13-year chapter, he will be remembered at the Shire of Upper Gascoyne not just for what he did, but for how he did it with quiet strength, care, and unwavering dedication.

Rest easy, Nat. Your work here is done, but your legacy will live on in the place you helped shape and the people who were lucky enough to know you.

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN1062 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – MAY 2026**

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	15/04/2026
		Forecast Completion Date:	September 2026
Works this period (May 2026)		Works next period (June 2026)	
Works on the following roads have been completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cobra Mt Augustus Rd - Landor Mt Augustus Rd - Mt Augustus Rd - Potts Rd 		Due to Contractor availability, works were put on hold as of April 26 th . The Contractor has yet to advise a date of recommencement, however it is likely they will return early August.	
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		18%	4%
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd		59%	0%
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd		Works yet to commence	
Cobra Mt Augustus Rd		100%	0%
Dalgety Downs Landor Rd		Works yet to commence	
Dooley Downs Rd		Works yet to commence	
Edmund Gifford Creek Rd		Works yet to commence	
Erong Rd		Works yet to commence	
Eudamullah Rd		Works yet to commence	

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Landor Meekatharra Rd	Works yet to commence	
Landor Mt Clere Rd	Works yet to commence	
Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd	Works yet to commence	
Landor Mt Augustus Rd	100%	100%
Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd	Works yet to commence	
Minnie Creek Rd	Works yet to commence	
Mt Augustus Rd	100%	0%
Mt Augustus Woodlands Rd	Works yet to commence	
Pingandy Homestead Access Rd	Works yet to commence	
Pingandy Rd	Works yet to commence	
Potts Rd	100%	0%
Ullawarra Rd	Works yet to commence	
Waldburg Rd	Works yet to commence	
Wanna Rd	Works yet to commence	
Weedarrah Rd	Works yet to commence	
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Cobra Mt Augustus Rd Slk 46.41	

Road: Cobra - Dairy Cree...
ID: 8050001
RACAS Chainage: 133009m
Date/Time: 2023 Apr 10 08:59:40.131
Coordinates: Lat: -24.340396 Lng: 116.294435



Cobra Dairy Creek Rd Slk 133.009-133.021 - Defect



Cobra Dairy Creek Rd Slk 133.009-133.021 - Repair



Mt Augustus Rd Slk 2.353-2.393 - Defect



Mt Augustus Rd Slk 2.353-2.393 – Repair



Potts Rd Slk 0.115-0.133 - Defect



Potts Rd Slk 0.115-0.133 – Repair

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – CARNARVON MULLEWA RD UPGRADE 2025-26 – PELLIS CROSSING
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – MAY 2026**

Earthworks Contractor	Dean Contracting	Start Date	5 May 2026
Sealing Contractor	Colas	Practical Completion Date (Dean)	31 May 2026
Project Overview			
<p>The 2025-26 Carnarvon Mullewa Rd upgrade project involves upgrading approximately 2.84 km of road from gravel to sealed standard, between Stk 84.05 – 86.89, including the Pellis Crossing concrete floodway.</p> <p>The work scope includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk earthworks, embankment construction & subgrade preparation • Pavement construction & roadside drainage works • Construction of three sections of cement-stabilised floodways • Installation of four culvert structures • Demolition of the existing concrete slab across Pellis Creek • Construction of a new concrete slab across Pellis Creek including rock protection • Renewal of existing offshoot drains and construction of new drainage • Reinstallation of existing signage • Installation of additional signage & delineators <p>The project is fully funded by Main Roads WA.</p> <p>Dean Contracting is delivering the earthworks and pavement construction under RFT06 2025-26.</p> <p>Colas is responsible for the spray seal works under RFQ04 25-26, with completion expected in late June 2026.</p>			
Works this period – May 2026		Works next period – June 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed approx. 1km of subgrade preparation • Continue bulk earthworks and subgrade preparation • Completed removal of existing floodway and scour protection • Completed earthworks across the Pellis Creek • Commenced concrete works for new floodway • Commence and complete installation of new culverts • Commence pavement construction • Renew roadside drainage and scour protection 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete pavement construction, including cement stabilisation • Complete sign and delineator installations • Commence and complete bitumen sealing 	

Progress Breakdown							
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Upgrade 2025-26	Clearing, Embankment & Subgrade	Basecourse and Stabilisation	Concrete Floodway	Culverts & Drainage	Sealing	Signs and Delineators	Overall
Pells Crossing	20%	0%	40%	15%	0%	0%	20%

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – LANDOR MT AUGUSTUS RD UPGRADE 2025-26
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – May 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			
<p>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.</p> <p>Specifically, the work comprises:</p> <p><u>Landor Bypass</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • <i>Depending on funding, there may be the opportunity to upgrade the “gap” from Slk 0.1 – 1.4 from gravel to seal</i> <p><u>Pink Hills Culvert Upgrades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>THEM Earthmoving is the Head Contractor responsible for all work.</p> <p>Exmouth Civil is the “Nominated Subcontractor” who will complete all concrete and culvert works.</p>			

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Services Australia Information & Resources - Cyclone Narelle



A message for residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne from Services Australia containing information and resources about Services Australia payment and support for those affected by Tropical Cyclone Narelle in March 2026.

Please read below:

Please accept my condolences for the damage and loss your community has faced because of Western Australia Tropical Cyclone Narelle, March 2026. I'm reaching out from Services Australia to share some information and resources about our payments and support which you can use to help affected people.

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment: Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) is a lump sum payment to help people affected by Western Australia Tropical Cyclone Narelle, March 2026.

People may be eligible if they experienced any of the following:

- major damage to their principal place of residence
- major damage to a major asset or assets that they own at their principal place of residence
- serious injury
- an immediate family member who is an Australian citizen or resident has died or is missing.

Equivalent financial assistance is also available to eligible New Zealand citizens. People can find information about eligibility including declared areas and how to claim on the Services Australia website. They can type 'QC 60504' into the search bar. Please check back regularly as other areas may become eligible.

Disaster Recovery Allowance: Disaster Recovery Allowance is a short-term allowance to help people directly affected by this disaster. People can be eligible for DRA for up to 13 weeks if they have lost income as a direct result of the Western Australia Tropical Cyclone Narelle, March 2026. Equivalent financial assistance is also available to eligible New Zealand citizens. You can find information about the areas declared for payments and eligibility information on our website. Please go to the Services Australia website and type 'QC 60504' in to the search bar.

Stay up-to-date with us on social media: Our social media pages are also a great way to find information about where our staff are, and other important updates for people who are getting Australian Government payments and services. I invite you to follow our page and share any updates that are relevant to your community from your channels. Please go to our website and type 'QC 33601' into the search bar to find all our social media accounts.

Get in touch with us: I hope these resources are helpful to you during this difficult time. If you have any feedback on these materials or are looking for additional content about our payments or services, please let us know. If you have any questions or would like us to forward this to a different contact within your organisation, please reply to us at atcomms.emergencies@servicesaustralia.gov.au

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

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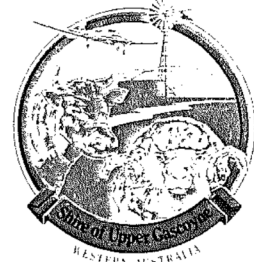
Shire of Upper Gascoyne

4 SCOTT STREET,
GASCOYNE JUNCTION
W.A. 6701

All communications
to be addressed to the
Shire Clerk

Your Ref:

Our Ref:



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TO THE SHIRE PRESIDENT IN THE YEAR 2018 WHEN THIS CAPSULE IS DUE TO BE OPENED.

The contents of this capsule contain many various items which I consider could be of reference value in the year 2018.

The present population of Gascoyne Junction is 35 people including children, of which 1 policeman, 1 school teacher, 7 Concil employees.

It is difficult to envisage how the Junction will be in the year 2018 but if my foresight is correct it should be a thriving little community with perhaps 100-150 people residing here. The reason for this statement is that people are starting now to take an interest in this area. At present there are only 2 surveyed lots available for purchase within the townsite ie lot 18 & 45 Gregory street. Hatch street is not yet surveyed.

The date plantaton should be the main attraction in the town as the palms are just flowering for the first time. Nat Duca has 375 palms planted at present. There are no buildings on the lot although a sorting shed has been approved for construction.

There should be a well established private cararvan park, service station, shops and development of the lots east of Lot 60 Riverside Driove. At this present time there is no Town Planning but Council has a conceptional Plan. Sporting facilities consist of a tennis court, cricket pitch with synthetic surface, basketball court at the school badminton court in the pavilion. At present 4 hole par 3 golf coarse being made by myself and helpers which it is hoped to have a 9 hole par 3 coarse.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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The Carnarvon - Meekatharra road should be sealed as it is scheduled to be completed before 2020. The Ullawarra, Pimbee, Mullewa roads should also be close or sealed. The enclosed information on roads was a Road Strategy Plan up 2020 by the Main Roads Department.

The current revenue of the Shire is \$1m of which \$978000 comes from general purpose and Main Roads grants. Rate revenue is very minimum being only \$42000 in 93/94.

Council has just financed the extension of the electricity to the north river blocks. Cost \$123237.00. Reason Council had to find the money due to the fact no Government funding. At present there is no scheme water supply on the North river blocks the occupants relying on windmills to pump from the river.

The river has not flowed for 18 months. Up to this date 25th October 1993 Gascoyne Junction has only received 120.5mm for the year.

Two coins are the current currency except the 1¢ & 2¢ which are no longer in production. These 2 coins were taken from circulation in January 1993.

The latest craze amongs the children/adults are dinosaurs, hence the stamps which have just been produced.

I trust that the pastoral industry is not suffering like it is at the present time with very low wool prices and a feeling of doom and gloom in the industry. Paul Keating the present Prime Minister is also stuffing the country.

One of the main worries of the pastoral industry and mining at the present time is the MABO affair.

God willing I could be still around when this capsule is opened being the age of 83 years, and who knows I could be at the re-opening.

Allan E.G. Fisher JP AIMM

SHIRE CLERK

25th October 1993

SAY G'DAY TO....

Paul



Full Name: Paul Robertson

Nickname: Big Robbo

Place of Birth: Bunbury WA

Favourite Food: Red Thai Chicken Curry
Banana Bread with Vanilla Ice cream.

Favourite Animal: Red Wattlebird

Favourite Movie: Django Unchained,

Footy Team: Harvey Brunswick Leschenault,
Liverpool FC, Western Bulldogs

Favourite Band: The Beatles

Where did you grow up? Australind

What is on your Bucket List? Visit China, Go skydiving and visit East Coast of Australia

Hobbies: Swimming, writing songs, reading and cooking.

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? Further my professional development

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? Four weeks

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? Sense of community, star gazing,
and the beautiful Scenery.

What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne?

Open mic/karaoke



SAY G'DAY TO....

Amelia



Full Name: Amelia Wells

Nickname: Mills

Place of Birth: Malaysia



Favourite Food: Burger & chips

Favourite Animal: Bottle nosed Dolphins

Favourite Movie: Truman Show

Footy Team: West Coast Eagles

Where did you grow up: Mostly around Perth

What is on your Bucket List?

Travel around Australia, see the Northern Lights, visit the Pyramids in Egypt.

Hobbies: Arts & Craft - sewing, swimming at the beach, reading

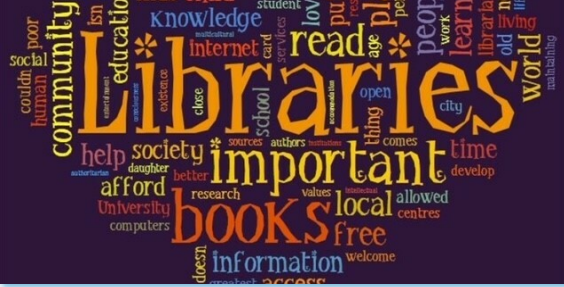
Favourite Band: Powderfinger

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? For a lifestyle change, new experiences, and the chance to slow down and enjoy a stronger sense of community.

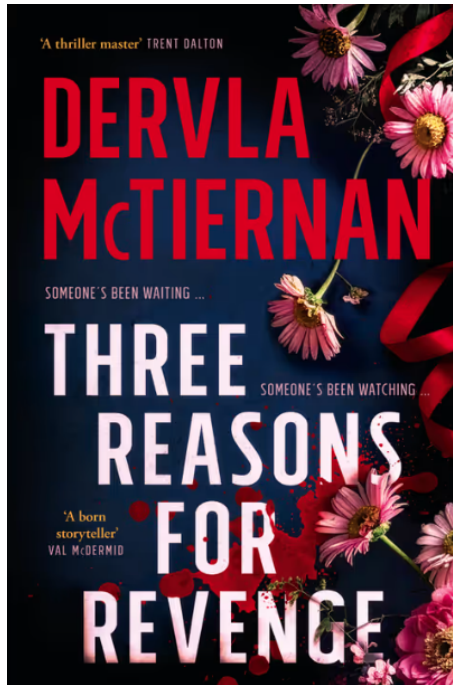
How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? Just few weeks now.

What do you love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The peaceful lifestyle, the landscapes, and how welcoming the community is.

What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne? Wellness activities, markets, and workshops for locals.



BOOKS OF THE MONTH



Three Reasons For Revenge - Adult Fiction

Author: Dervla McTiernan

Three gifts. Three victims. One deadly game.

Alexis Turner walks into the police station to report an assault. By the end of the day, she is nowhere to be found.

Soon after she disappears, three identical packages arrive at three very different doors: a respected psychologist's home, a socialite's mansion, and a struggling single father's run-down apartment. Inside, each gift is perfectly tailored to its recipient - and each will tear apart the life of its intended victim.

Detective Sergeant Judith Lee is smart and experienced, but this is no ordinary case. Someone with intimate knowledge of their targets is orchestrating these attacks. Someone who knows exactly how to hurt each victim where they're most vulnerable. And she's convinced that somehow, it connects back to Alexis Turner.



A Rising of the Lights - Adult Fiction

Author: Steve Toltz

In a reeling world of fraudsters and hypnotists, sleep talkers and estranged twins, false alibis and second chances, Rusty Wilson is beset on all sides by mysteries. Why was his childhood decided by a throw of dice, why has his wife confessed to a lover, and why do his parents no longer wish to see him?

When Rusty loses his job to an AI system, Edwina, the mercurial friend of his youth, finds him a new role as an oracle to the young. But how can he advise anyone on what it means to be human when artificial consciousness appears within reach? If it's all just one more con, it's not clear who's scamming who. Besides, should any of it matter to Rusty, when all he wants is for those he loves to love him back?

What holds a life together when everything is coming apart?

An audacious comic lament for a world that no longer knows itself, A Rising of the Lights traces Rusty's descent - or perhaps his ascent - to the wonder of his true self.

Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

Responsibility Resilience Respect



PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

This term students have been busy participating in activities with the Stephen Michael Foundation. Chloe has been visiting the school and teaching students cricket skills, which everyone has really enjoyed.

We also held our "Do It For Dolly Day" morning tea and raised \$500 for the foundation. This important fundraiser supports bullying prevention and mental health awareness for young people. Thank you to everyone who supported the day.

Bridie has been busy completing her OLN assessments and has been working very hard.

Our Pink Stumps Day will be held on the 20th June and is our biggest fundraiser of the year for the McGrath Foundation. This year marks our 10th Annual Pink Stumps Day, and we look forward to seeing our families and community members come together for this special event.

We would also like to wish Blanche and her family all the very best in their new venture. Blanche will be sorely missed by our school community, and we hope she enjoys her Long Service Leave.

Amanda Grayson - Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON S.I.D.E



Bridie has been putting her new cooking skills to great use and recently made a delicious cheesecake. She showed great independence and confidence in the kitchen, and we are very proud of the effort she put into learning new skills.

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.



Our Yarning Circle Art Project!

This term we have been beautifying our yarning circle. We are loving the way it is coming together 😊



Sport with Chloe from the Stephen Michael Foundation



We are very fortunate to have Chloe from The Stephen Michael Foundation come on sporting skills with our every two weeks to work children. They have enjoyed doing basketball and learning the skills of cricket.



Harley put **so** much care into his Mother's Day present. Bless! ❤️



Bridie and Harley enjoying getting to know how VR works. An important skill for future employment ...and awesome fun!



"Do It for Dolly" Day!

Harley and Bridie making yummy cupcakes the day before.



Do It for Dolly Day was a great success! Thanks to everyone who donated before the day and to those who came down to support this very worthy cause.

Coming Events

1/06/26	WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
2/06/26	Stephen Michael Foundation visit
16/06/26	Stephen Michael Foundation visit
20/06/26	PINK STUMPS DAY – from 12pm
30/06/25	Stephen Michael Foundation visit
3/07/26	LAST DAY OF TERM
4/07/26 - 19/07/26	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
20/07/26	Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL)
21/07/26	STUDENTS RETURN

Pink Stumps Day.

Now for all cancers.



REMINDER!

The Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School Invites the Upper Gascoyne Community to...

Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School is hosting our

10th Pink Stumps Day!



Friday 20th June



Gascoyne Junction Oval



From 12pm

- ✓ Cricket match
- ✓ Fun games & prizes
- ✓ Best dressed in pink prizes
- ✓ Lots of raffles!



Wear pink. Show your support. Together, we can make a difference!



Can't make it?

Donate or support our cause

Scan the QR code or visit

pinkisthecolour.com.au/s/2263/10603



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Proudly supporting the McGrath Foundation
Now for all cancers.



Classic Chicken Casserole

INGREDIENTS

- 12 tbs extra virgin olive oil
- 6 chicken thigh fillets
- 1 leek, trimmed, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 2 large carrots, thickly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced
- 35g (1/4 cup) plain flour
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 125ml (1/2 cup) dry white wine
- 375ml (1 1/2 cups) Chicken Stock
- 2 large potatoes, peeled, roughly chopped
- 3 fresh thyme sprigs
- 200g button mushrooms
- 185ml (3/4 cup) thickened cream
- Parsley to serve
- Crusty bread to serve



METHOD

Step 1

Preheat oven to 160C/140C fan-forced.

Step 2

Heat half the oil in a large, heavy-based casserole dish over medium-high heat. Cook chicken for 5 minutes, turning, or until browned. Transfer to a bowl

Step 3

Heat remaining oil in same dish over medium-high heat. Cook leek, celery and carrot, stirring, for 4-5 minutes or until leek starts to soften. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Add flour and mustard, stirring to coat vegetables. Stir in wine and simmer until reduced by half. Gradually stir in stock until combined.

Step 4

Return chicken and resting juices to dish and add potato. Season. Cover. Bake for 30 minutes. Add mushrooms and bake for a further 1 hour or until chicken and vegetables are tender.

Step 5

Using 2 forks, roughly shred chicken. Stir in cream. Sprinkle casserole with parsley and drizzle with extra cream, if using. Serve with crusty bread.



JUNE

- 7 Amelia Wells
- 19 Heejong Hwang
- 19 Cherie Walker
- 20 Sean Walker



JULY

- 4 Paul Robertson
- 7 Hamish McTaggart
- 13 Darcy McKeough
- 17 Dameon Whitby
- 27 Jamie Podmore

AUGUST

- 1 Alys McKeough
- 18 Spags Burnett
- 18 Harry McKeough



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

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

Community Garden Reinvigoration Program

This month we received great news that the funding application for the Gascoyne Junction Community Garden Reinvigoration Program was successful. This project is a joint initiative between the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School, the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre and the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. The aim is to have the garden functioning that it can provide local residents with fresh produce throughout the year. We already have a small team of volunteers waiting to get the project off the ground. Our next gathering will be held at the Junction Pub & Tourist Park at 5pm on Friday June 5. We would love to see new faces.



GASSY GOSSIP

Digital Literacy

Naomi Campbell-Smith from the Digital Inclusion Project recently visited the CRC and gave the Customer Service team a helpful rundown of the program. The program is designed to make technology feel more approachable and accessible, help community members build confidence using technology, online services, computers, and digital communication tools in everyday life. The session provided staff with a better understanding of the resources, training opportunities, and support available through the project.

Stargazing & Line Dancing

A fun-filled community night combining country music, line dancing, and stargazing under the clear Upper Gascoyne skies was enjoyed by locals and visitors on Friday 22nd May. The evening began with a stargazing demonstration organised by the Community Resource Centre, giving attendees the chance to experience the beauty of the region's incredible dark skies. Over 30 community members and visitors took turns using the Shire's telescope, with some of us getting a close-up look at the surface of the moon, Jupiter and surrounding stars. The Friday Night Starlights events will continue throughout the year, with the next session scheduled for 19th June 2026.

Afterwards, the night shifted from stargazing to dancing as the line dancing class kicked off in the outdoor garden area. Everyone was encouraged to join in, regardless of experience, with plenty of laughs as people learned the steps together. Thanks to Ainslee at EES Line Dancing in Carnarvon for coming out to share her skills with the crowd. There were plenty of boots on the dance floor.

A special thanks to the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park Team for hosting this events. Great food and inviting warm outdoor fire made for an enjoyable evening for all.



When the ABC Comes to Breakfast

On Friday May 22, we welcomed Kelly Gudgeon from ABC Pilbara Breakfast back to Gascoyne Junction to catch up on what has been happening. Throughout the morning show from the Gascoyne Junction CRC, Kelly spoke with residents across the Shire starting with Shire President Jim Caunt who spoke with Kelly about Cyclone Narelle recovery, the ongoing impact of drought across the Shire, the service of our retiring Councillors and the upcoming council election. Next in the hot seat was Tourism & Community Development Officer Ainsley Hardie, who shared with listeners the events and activities planned for the Under Gascoyne Skies Festival being held. The new CRC Champion Digital Literacy Program was also discussed. Hamish McTaggart donned the headphones to chat about his time as a Councillor and the upcoming Junction Races. Sandy from Landor Races also chatted with Kelly about their event in late September. Paula from Burringurrah Remote Community School chatted about the upcoming Run for Blue event at the community and how the students are preparing for this much loved community event. Cherie Walker shared the news of the re-establishment of the Gascoyne CWA highlighting that the group has the second highest membership numbers. The group are fundraising to renovate the Carnarvon CWA building. The regional focus of this group with members from across Carnarvon and the Upper Gascoyne is something to be celebrated. Thanks for dropping by Kelly.





RO Plant Opening

The official opening of the new RO Plant was held following the Shire of Upper Gascoyne's May Council Meeting on Saturday 23rd May 2026. It was great to see community members come together to celebrate such an important project for the Shire, securing a long term water supply to maintain gardens and parks without impacted the potable water supply for town..

During the opening, Gary gave everyone a really informative and easy-to-understand rundown on how the Reverse Osmosis pumping station works, explaining the process behind the system as the water leaves the bore and to make it usable for town needs.

The afternoon gave locals the chance to learn more about the project, ask questions, and get a better understanding of the benefits the new plant will bring to the community for years to come. Overall, it was a fantastic event and an important milestone for the Upper Gascoyne.

Under Gascoyne Skies Festival

Music in the Park delivered a fantastic afternoon and evening of live entertainment at the Town Amphitheatre in Two Rivers Memorial Park, with locals and visitors coming together to enjoy great music, good company, and a relaxed community atmosphere.

Andrew Winton kicked off the festivities and set the tone for the evening with an enjoyable performance that had the crowd settled in and ready for a great night ahead.

The much-anticipated return performance from Proud Mary was a definite highlight of the night, bringing plenty of energy, crowd favourites, and classic hits to the stage. The crowd was up singing along, dancing, and enjoying the atmosphere as the night rolled on.

With live music, plenty of community connection, and a great turnout, Music in the Park was another successful event that brought people together and created a fantastic atmosphere for everyone involved.



Farewell & Thank You

We said goodbye to our dear locals Jarrod, Blanche, Dustin and Bridie as they head off on their next adventure. They will certainly be missed by many. We wish Jarrod and Blanche all the very best for what's to come and hope this next adventure brings them plenty of happiness, success, and exciting opportunities. Blanche gave a heartfelt speech on behalf of the family leaving not many dry eyes. The night was also an opportunity to say thank you for their contribution to Gascoyne Junction over the past 11 years..

The contribution of retiring councillors Hamish McTaggart and Will Baston were also acknowledged on the evening.





Junction Craft Group Calendar

(*****Updated May 2026 – Changes Highlighted)

2026

1st February End of School Holidays

21st and 22nd February

Untutored

28th and 29th March

AGM/Creaty Junk Art

3rd April - 19th April School Holidays

2nd and 3rd May

Tutored Mystery Quilt

13th and 14th June

Finish Mystery Quilt

4th July - 19th July School Holidays

29th July - 2nd August

Retreat (Email for Info)

15th and 16th August

Woodwork

19th and 20th September

Jelly Rolls or BYO or UFO

25th September - 11th October School Holidays

17th and 18th October

Mosaic Table

28th and 29th November

Christmas Craft

Contact

Email – junctioncraft@gmail.com

Alys McKeough – President/Secretary 0438 384 603

Chris Kearney – Treasurer 0428 841 818

Junction Craft Group acknowledges the generous support of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne





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JOIN THE GASCOYNE JUNCTION SPORTS CLUB GYM

Did you know that there is a gym in Gascoyne Junction located in the Pavilion Precinct.

Membership is available for all Shire residents.

3 months:

6 months: \$51.35

12 months: \$102.70

To join or find out more please contact the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource & Visitor Information Centre

E: crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

T: 08 9943 0988

Homemade Granola Bars

HEALTHY TREAT!

These homemade granola bars are soft, chewy, easy to make. They're highly customisable with your favourite nuts, dried fruit, and chocolate.



Main Ingredients

Rolled oats	Makes about 12 bars
Almonds (or any nuts)	Prep & Cook Time
Honey	Prep: 20 mins
Butter	Cook: 10 mins
Brown sugar	Chill: 2 hours
Vanilla & Pinch of salt	
Dried cranberries (or other dried fruit)	
Mini chocolate chips	

How They're Made

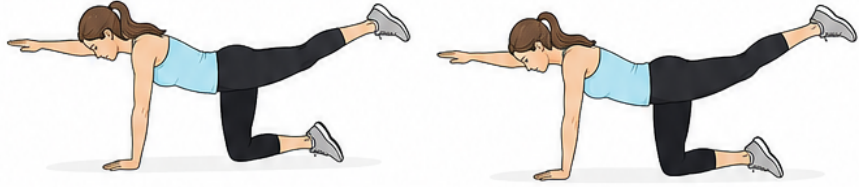
- Toast the oats and nuts in the oven for extra flavour.
- Melt butter, honey, and brown sugar together to create the sticky mixture that holds everything together.
- Mix the wet ingredients with the oats and nuts.
- Let cool slightly, then stir through dried fruit and chocolate chips.
- Firmly press the mixture into a lined baking pan.
- Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before cutting into bars.
- Store in the fridge for the best texture.
- Can be frozen for longer storage.
- Easily adaptable with different nuts, seeds, fruits, or chocolate.

YOGA & PILATES TONING WORKOUT

This full body yoga and Pilates inspired workout uses no equipment... so you can do it anywhere! Just do 8–12 reps of each move 3 times and you're finished!

1 BIRD DOG

- Start on hands and knees.
- Extend one arm and the opposite leg.
- Keep your core tight and back straight.
- Alternate sides slowly.



2 BICYCLE CRUNCH

- Lie on your back with hands behind your head.
- Bring opposite elbow to opposite knee.
- Extend the other leg out straight.
- Continue alternating sides.



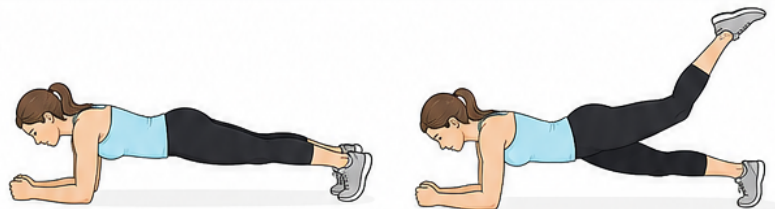
3 DIVE BOMBER PUSH-UPS

- Begin in a pike/downward dog position.
- Lower your chest toward the floor in a scooping motion.
- Push through into an upward-facing stretch.
- Return back to the starting position.



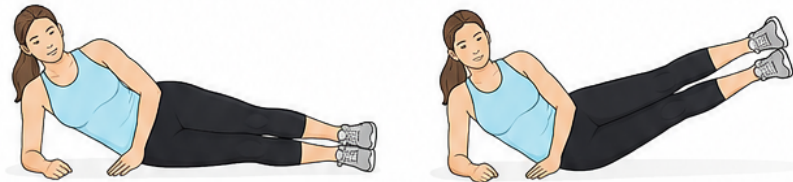
4 PLANK GLUTE KICK BACK

- Hold a forearm plank.
- Lift one leg up while keeping hips stable.
- Squeeze the glutes at the top.
- Alternate legs.



5 SIDE DOUBLE LEG LIFTS

- Lie on your side with legs together.
- Lift both legs upward at the same time.
- Lower slowly with control.
- Repeat on both sides.



REPS
8–12
each exercise



ROUNDS
3
times



FOCUS
Full body toning,
core strength, flexibility
and balance.

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



ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$45.80

A5 - \$28.35

A6 - \$22.90

Business Card Size - \$9.25

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

EVERY ANSWER MATTERS

Your guide to the Census



Census



SAVE THE DATE | TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2026

What is the Census?

Every five years, the Census counts every person and household in Australia.

It helps us understand how Australia is changing, and what we need now and in the future. It asks questions about your age, ancestry, what languages you speak and what you do for work.

If you know where you'll be on Census night, you can fill out the Census as soon as you get your instructions.

Your answers are private and protected by law.

We need to hear from everyone, because every answer matters.

You can complete the Census:



Online

Most households will get instructions when it's time to complete the Census.

1. Visit census.abs.gov.au
2. Enter your Census number and password
3. Complete the Census and submit

If you don't get instructions, you can request a Census number at census.abs.gov.au



Paper form

If you would prefer a paper form, you can request one from us.

1. Visit census.abs.gov.au/help or call our 24-hour automated paper form request service on 1800 130 250
2. Complete your paper form
3. Return to the ABS in the Reply Paid envelope provided



Visit from Census staff

Some people in remote areas, and people experiencing homelessness, will be visited by Census staff.

You need to complete the Census wherever you are staying on Census night.

Information and support will be available to help you complete the Census in your preferred way.



In-person help

We'll be offering Pop-up Hubs in public places, fill in the form sessions and information sessions. Find out more at census.abs.gov.au/find-us

WE'RE HERE TO HELP



For more information

Visit www.census.abs.gov.au/help



For help in your language

Call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450**



Census

Why the Census matters

'Our Story. Our Future.' was created by proud Wiradjuri, Wotjobaluk, Yuin and Gumbaynggirr artist **Luke Penrith** and Maluiligal people, Badu Island artist **Naseli Tamwoy**.



Having the right numbers...



means the right services can be planned for our communities.



In the Census, every answer matters.



Census staff can help you. They'll come to your home and ask questions and write down the answers.

For more information, visit census.abs.gov.au or call 1800 181 227 from 6 July.



June Stargazing

Triple Planets, Twin Stars, Single Moon

The planets are stunning this winter! If you've been keeping an eye on the sky, you'll have seen Venus and Jupiter appearing brightly in the north western sky after sunset.

The evening delight continues for stargazers at 6pm on 17th June. In the north west sky, three naked-eye planets are visible - Jupiter, Venus and Mercury. They appear in the constellation of Gemini. See if you can identify the two brightest stars of Gemini, Pollux and Castor, below the three planets and the Moon. The Moon creates a stunning vision as a thin crescent. It's smiling at us and its neighbours.

The stars, Pollux and Castor, are the two brightest stars in the constellation of Gemini. They appear as though they could be at the same distance away from us. Pollux, the higher of the two stars is just over 33 light years from Earth, whereas Castor is over 50 light years away.

When and where to look:

Start watching after sunset from 6.00pm, 17th June.

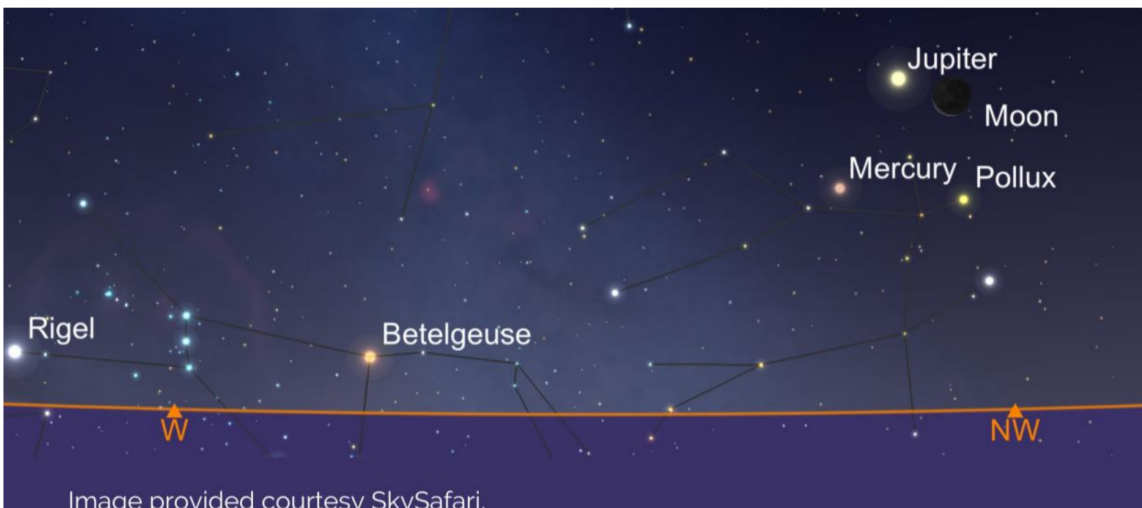


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Three planets, twin stars and the crescent moon at 6pm on 17th June. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

In the news: The Astrotourism Towns have recently featured in a few media stories including Gourmet Traveller! Our astrophotography hotspots, specially chosen observing sites and stargazing trails are being seen by more people. Has anyone seen an "astro-visitor" lately? Read the article online -

www.gourmettraveller.com.au/travel/destinations/dark-sky-tourism/

For more what's up in the night sky, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au. Happy stargazing!



SMOKO TIME

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

You're standing in front of two doors, one leading to hell and the other to heaven. There are two guards: one always lies, and the other always tells the truth (but you don't know which is which). What single question can you ask to determine which door leads to heaven?

ANSWER: Ask one of the guards which door the other guard would say leads to heaven. Whether you're speaking to the liar or the truthful guard, their answer will always be false. Then, choose the opposite door.

JUNE EDITION WORD SEARCH

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

Hot Chocolate

Kangaroo

Blanket

Snuggle

Stars

Soup

Moon

Fireplace

Campfire

Winter

Indoor

Jacket

Wind

Umbrella

Weekend

Clouds

Soccer

Koala

Footy

June

Rain

Cold

Cozy





KIDS CORNER

KIDS JOKES OF THE MONTH

How do cats keep their breath fresh?

ANSWER: They use mouse wash

CAMPING IN JUNE



Gascoyne Junction

2026 GP

CLINIC DATES



03 JUN **01 JUL** **05 AUG** **02 SEP**
07 OCT **04 NOV** **02 DEC**

Gascoyne Junction

2026 NURSING

CLINIC DATES



17 JUN **15 JUL** **19 AUG** **16 SEP**
21 OCT **18 NOV** **16 DEC**

- * Appointments will be 20 minutes long but longer consultations can be requested
- * Appointments are FREE for residents of the Upper Gascoyne
- * Video & Telephone Appointments are available
- * Appointment can be made by online via the QR Code below



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GASCOYNE
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3 JUNE

**CRAFT
GROUP**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

13 - 14 JUNE

**NURSING
CLINIC**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

17 JUNE

**FRIDAY
NIGHT
STARLIGHTS**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

19 JUNE

UPCOMING
2026
EVENTS



**PINK
STUMPS
DAY**

TOWN OVAL

20 JUNE

**COUNCIL
MEETING**

CHAMBERS

24 JUNE

**MUSIC IN
THE PARK**

TOWN OVAL

27 JUNE

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

1 JULY

**NURSING
CLINIC**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

15 JULY

**FRIDAY
NIGHT
STARLIGHTS**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

17 JULY

**COUNCIL
MEETING**

CHAMBERS

22 JULY

**MUSIC IN
THE PARK**

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

25 JULY