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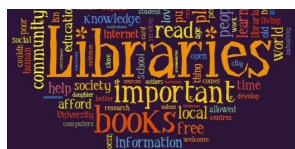
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Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Tuesday 10th February
Wednesday 25th March
Wednesday 22nd April
Saturday 23rd May
Monday 29th June
Wednesday 29th 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.



COUNCIL NEWS

Chief Executive Officer

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Lance Root on being elected to the position of Councillor for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. We now have a full contingent of Councillors which is great. I am very confident that Lance has a skill set that will add great value to Council and assist us in our decision making.

I have attended the following meetings:

Roadwise
Wyloo
Benz
Regional Road Group
WALGA Zone Meeting
WALGA On-site meeting
Lotteries west
Mala – Hot Springs
GDC
Procurement Plus

The compliance audit has been completed in draft form; Cherie and I are working through it to make sure we are doing what we claim to be doing. This will be brought to Council via the next Audit Committee / OMC in September.

There has been a bit of disruption in the office as the front of house is being renovated. It has smartened up the area with a fresh coat of paint, repaired cracked gyprock walls and will provide security for all staff once the new counter gets installed. This has necessitated staff relocating to various offices scattered from the CRC and throughout the Admin Building. This is going to help ensure the admin has the capacity to provide a full service to the community, and future proof it for much needed missing roles.

Our very own, Sean Walker, is a recipient of a WALGA's "Future Leadership Scholarship". Sean will be undertaking a Diploma of Local Government. The LGA50120 Diploma of Local Government is a nationally recognised qualification designed to support Local Government Officers to develop a strong, practical understanding of how Local Government operates within a legislative and governance framework. The qualification is suited to Officers who have developed capability through workplace experience or prior study and are seeking to strengthen their understanding of Local Government systems, responsibilities and decision-making in practice. It supports applied learning for professionals who are ready to formalise their experience and build confidence working across Local Government functions.

Work continued with the 2026/27 Budget. My thanks go out to all staff and in particular Andrea's Team and RSM for pulling this together. It is a monumental task given that the end of year accounts also need to happen at the same time as well as preparing for an up-coming Audit.

Cr Caunt and I are busy trying to arrange meetings with the Minister for Transport and the CEO of Benz for when we are down in Perth at the conference. We are trying to get additional support for the maintenance and up-grade of our road network.

Work has commenced in setting up a local procurement panel, much the same as the WALGA Panel, where local suppliers can register with all their details for inclusion on the different categories, we will set-up. These could be Civil Contractors, Labour Hire, Project Management, Financial Services and the like. This will make it a lot easier for staff to choose a contractor and will eliminate the cumulative effect of engaging the same contractor

Executive Manager of Finance and Administration

Firstly, I would like to thank the team for all their efforts in keeping the Finance and Corporate Services operating during my leave. It was very much appreciated! Having been back for three weeks my priority has been finalising the budget in readiness for adoption at the August OCM.

Once this is complete our next objective is to finalise the 2025/26 Financial Statements so that the first draft can be forwarded to the Office of the Auditor General by the 30th of September 2026, prior to our onsite audit scheduled to commence Monday 5th October 2026.

CRC & Community

July was a busy month at CRC where we hosted both a GP and Nursing Clinic which were both well attended. The nursing clinic visits will continue in August with a Maternal Health Clinic to be held. Staff has also been assisting with minor first aid and RFDS call outs.

On Friday August 14, the CRC hosted staff, the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School and community members for a morning tea for Flanno for a Farmer Day raising \$253.10. The CRC staff are well into plans for the Upper Gascoyne community weekend. The weekend will commence with a Digital Business Workshop – free for all residents of the Upper Gascoyne as part of the CRC's involvement in the CRC Digital Champions Program. Bogan Bingo will be returning to hold an Aussie Icon Quiz Night as we host the Western Long Drive for Farm Angels on Friday October 9. On Saturday Live Music, a Community Lunch, Social Tennis Tournament and art activities will be held at the Pavilion. Music in the Park in July was held with a mix of visitors and locals in attendance. The August event will be held on Saturday 22 August.

Work is progressing on the Digital War Memorial with work on track for installation in October. The team of volunteers at the Community Garden have planted the first trial of seedlings. Thanks to all have been involved so far.

Tourism

On August 5 and 6, consultants from Mala who have been engaged for the Hot Springs project travelled to Gascoyne Junction for a preliminary onsite visit. A first stage presentation will be given on Friday August 21. An onsite visit with Fremantle Biennale has been confirmed for September 15 with the team visiting Mount Augustus, Kennedy Range and Gascoyne Junction to gather ideas for a night sky show for our local government area.

It has been wonderful to see several motorcycle tour groups pass through the region over the past few weeks, increasing occupancy and visitor spend in the region. Overall, there has been an increase in visitation numbers over the past two months which has been pleasing to see. The old problem of not having enough accommodation to accommodate groups has risen again over the past few weeks. GDC and Horizon Power have both travelled to Gascoyne Junction to hold meetings and staff training in the past week alone.

Work is underway on creating marketing material for 2027 promotional material.

Executive Manager of Works and Services

The month of August has come and gone so quick, it will be the Junction Races in no time. As such, the Shire will be prepping the track for the 2026 Junction Races at the end of this swing to ensure the community has a fantastic Junction Races weekend. Outside of that, the works crew have been busy as always. Jeff has been conducting maintenance grading along the top end from Cobra-Gifford Creek Road, all the way around the top and back down Ullawarra Road. This area required some much-needed attention after Cyclone Narelle. Jeff is still flying solo as the Shire still searches for a quality maintenance grader operator to join the team. The road construction team have been slipping into Cobra-Gifford Creek Road, it is full steam ahead. We are currently 3km into resheeting 13km of road, as always Dameon and the team are kicking goals.

The town crew have been flat out keeping up with the weeds with the on/off again rain we have been having, the addition of Trish to the team has certainly been welcomed. Unfortunately, Ali has decided to move on to bigger and better things, as such she will be leaving us in October. The Shire would like to thank Ali for all that she has done, she has been a big part of the town team and will be sorely missed. Tourists and visitors regularly mention how nice the town looks, Ali has always gone above and beyond to keep this place looking top notch. They will be big shoes to fill when she's gone.

As for projects around town, the chemical laydown is all but complete, once the area is filled in with gravel and tidied up, it will be ready for the storage of chemicals and associated equipment. Lot 48 and 49 carports are complete, fantastic news for the team storing their vehicles there during their swing.

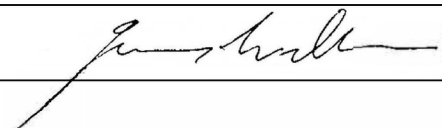
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Local Government Act 1995, s.4.77

RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE

Date of election: 24 September 2026

COUNCILLORS	
Candidate	First-preference votes
ROOT, Lance	Elected Unopposed
Name of first candidate to backfill: No candidate	
Name of second candidate to backfill: No candidate	
The following person is elected as councillor for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne . The councillor will hold office until the date set out next to the councillor's name.	
Name	Expiry of term
Lance ROOT	16 October 2027

Returning Officer	Full name: JAMES WILLIAMS	
	Signature: 	Date: 11/8/26

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

Head Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Start Date	21 November 2025
Concrete Work Contractor “Nominated Subcontractor”	Exmouth Civil	Practical Completion Date	31 July 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: <u>Landor Bypass</u> • 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 <u>Pink Hills Culvert Upgrades</u> • 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.			

Works this period – August 2026	No works next period
General	
- Installed signs and delineators. - Installed grid. - Cleaned up the work site.	Works complete.
Work Area 1 (north of Mt Clere Rd intersection)	
Works complete.	
Work Area 2 (south of Mt Clere Rd intersection)	
Works complete.	
Work Area 3 (Landor homestead driveways)	
Works complete.	
Work Area 4 (Mt Clere Rd intersection)	
Works complete.	
Work Area 5 (Gascoyne River floodway)	
Works complete	
Work Area 6 (Aurilla Creek floodway)	
Works complete	
Work Area 7 (1st Culvert Structure Pink Hills)	
Completed subgrade and gravel sheeting construction over culvert structure	Works complete.
Work Area 8 (2nd Culvert Structure Pink Hills)	
Completed subgrade and gravel sheeting construction over culvert structure	Works complete.
Work Area 7 (3rd Culvert Structure Pink Hills)	
Completed subgrade and gravel sheeting construction over culvert structure	Works complete.

PROGRESS UPDATE – LANDOR BYPASS								
Work Areas	Clearing	Embankment & Subgrade	Basecourse Pavement	Stabilised Floodways	Concrete & Culverts	Sealing	Signs Delineators Grids	Overall
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
1	100%	100%	100%			100%	100%	100%
2	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%
3	100%	100%	100%			100%	100%	100%
4	100%	100%	100%			100%	100%	100%
5	100%	100%			100%		100%	100%
6	100%	100%			100%		100%	100%
1. Northern Portion (Landor Mt Clere Rd north to Landor Mt Augustus Rd 2. Southern Portion (Landor Mt Clere Rd south to Landor Mt Augustus Rd					3. Landor Homestead Access Tie-Ins 4. Landor Mt Clere Rd Intersection 5. Gascoyne River Concrete Floodway 6. Aurilla Creek Concrete Floodway			
PROGRESS UPDATE – PINK HILLS CULVERTS								
Work Areas	Clearing	Embankment & Subgrade	Basecourse Pavement	Stabilised Floodways	Culverts	Sealing	Signs Delineators	Overall
	100%	100%	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	100%	100%
7	100%	100%	100%		100%		100%	100%
8	100%	100%	100%		100%		100%	100%
9	100%	100%	100%		100%		100%	100%
Work Areas								
7. Slk 65.4 Culvert Structure 8. Slk 65.9 Culvert Structure					9. Slk 79.1 Culvert Structure			

PROGRESS PHOTOS



Work Area 2 - Landor Mt Augustus Rd realigned section south of Landor Mt Clere Rd



Work Area 4 - Landor Mt Clere Rd intersection



Work Area 3 - Landor Homestead access north road



Work Area 1 - Landor Mt Augustus Rd north of Homestead ripped for rehabilitation

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – CARNARVON MULLEWA RD UPGRADE 2026-27
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – August 2026

Earthworks Contractor	Dean Contracting	Start Date	13 July 2026
Sealing Contractor	Colas	Practical Completion Date (Dean)	31 December 2026
Project Overview			
The 2026-27 Carnarvon Mullewa Rd upgrade project involves upgrading approximately 15 km of the “Carnarvon to Meekatharra Route” from gravel to seal standard between Slk 121.80 - 137.03. The work scope includes: • Bulk earthworks, embankment construction & subgrade preparation • Pavement construction & roadside drainage works • Construction of ten sections of cement-stabilised floodways • Supply & installation of rock protection • Removal & reinstatement of the existing rock protection • Removal & disposal of the existing stock grid at SLK 133.20 • Adjustment of table drains to accommodate the new widened road formation • Renewal of existing offshoot drains and construction of new drainage • Reinstallation of existing road signage • Installation of additional signage & delineators • Maintenance of constructed pavement pending completion of spray sealing works • Provision of water cart to support spray sealing work The project is funded via the State Initiative Program. Dean Contracting is delivering the earthworks and pavement construction under RFT07 2025-26. Colas is responsible for the spray seal works under RFQ01 26-27.			
Works this period – August 2026		Works next period – September 2026	
• Commenced subgrade preparation and basecourse import. • Cement stabilised two floodways. • Completed 9km of basecourse ready for seal. • Commenced sealing basecourse. • Continued subgrade preparation.		• Continue subgrade preparation. • Continue basecourse import. • Mix, lay out and compact basecourse. • Commence rock removal to establish road formation	

Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Upgrade 2026-27	Clearing, Embankment & Subgrade	Basecourse and Stabilisation	Drainage	Sealing	Signs and Delineators	Overall
	60%	48%	60%	14%	0%	39%



Basecourse mixing in progress



Basecourse ready for final trim and face up



Cement stabilised floodway final trimmed



Completed two coat seal

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

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	15/04/2026
		Forecast Completion Date:	September 2026
Works this period (August 2026)		Works next period (September 2026)	
Due to Contractor availability, works were put on hold as of April 26th and resumed on August 3rd. Works on the following roads have been completed this period: - Erong Rd - Landor Mt Clere Rd - Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd Works on the following roads have been commenced this period: - Dalgety Downs Landor Rd - Landor Meekatharra Rd - Waldburg Rd		Works on the following roads are planned to commence and be completed by the end of September. - Cobra Dairy Creek Rd - Cobra Gifford Creek Rd - Dooley Downs Rd - Edmund Gifford Creek Rd - Eudamullah Rd - Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd - Minnie Creek Rd - Pingandy Homestead Access Rd - Pingandy Rd - Ullawarra Rd - Wanna Rd - Weedarrah Rd Works on the following roads are planned to continue and be completed by the end of September. - Dalgety Downs Landor Rd - Landor Meekatharra Rd - Waldburg Rd	
Status of Roads			
		This Month	Last Period
Overall Package		58%	18%
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd		0%	59%
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd		Works yet to commence	
Cobra Mt Augustus Rd		100%	100%
Dalgety Downs Landor Rd		43%	0%
Dooley Downs Rd		Works yet to commence	
Edmund Gifford Creek Rd		Works yet to commence	

Erong Rd		100%	0%
Eudamullah Rd		Works yet to commence	
Landor Meekatharra Rd		50%	0%
Landor Mt Clere Rd		100%	0%
Lyndon Minnie Creek Rd		Works yet to commence	
Landor Mt Augustus Rd		100%	100%
Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd		100%	0%
Minnie Creek Rd		Works yet to commence	
Mt Augustus Rd		100%	100%
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%	100%
Ullawarra Rd		Works yet to commence	
Waldburg Rd		82%	0%
Wanna Rd		Works yet to commence	
Weedarrah Rd		Works yet to commence	
Discussion Items			
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report		
Camp	Landor Mt Clere Rd Slk 0.5 and Cobra Mt Augustus Rd Slk 46.41		



Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd SIK 0.331-0.354 – Defect



Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd SIK 0.331-0.354 - Repair

Road: Waldburg Rd
ID: 8050023
RACAS Chainage: 9970m
Date/Time: 2023 Apr 09 09:13:03.717
Coordinates: Lat: -24.928574 Lng: 117.352249



Waldburg Rd SIK 9.970-10.000 - Defect



Waldburg Rd SIK 9.970-10.000 - Repair



Visiting service

We're visiting your community soon.

**If you need help with Medicare, Centrelink
and Child Support come and speak with our staff.**

We're visiting from:

Tuesday 15th September to Thursday 17th September 2026

You can find us:

Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre
Tuesday 10am - 12pm

Burringurrah
Wednesday 9am - 3pm
Thursday 9am - 10am



For more information about payments and services you can call the
Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre on **1800 136 380**.

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MEET OUR LOCALS



NICKNAME: ADZY
PLACE OF BIRTH: PORT
HEDLAND

SAY G'DAY

ADAM
WATKINS

MY FAVOURITES

Footy Team: West Coast
Food: Fish & Chips
Animal: Dog
Movie: Days of Thunder

How long have you lived in the
Upper Gascoyne? 3 weeks

Why did you move to the Upper
Gascoyne? Work and love the
Upper Gascoyne region

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The peace and quiet

QUICK FIRE ROUND

TEA OR COFFEE Coffee

BOOKS OR MOVIES Movies

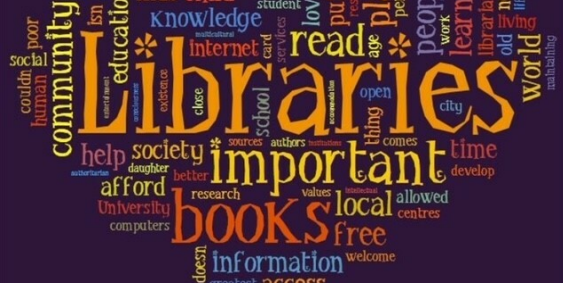
EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL Early Bird

SUMMER OR WINTER Summer

MOUNTAINS OR OCEANS Both

ALL ABOUT ME

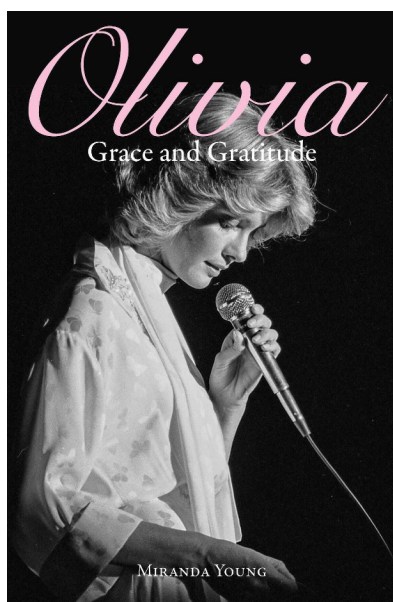
- Where did I grow up? Port Hedland
 - Hobbies? Speedway
 - What's on your bucket list? Travel Australia
 - If you could have one superpower, what would it be? To be invisible
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BOOKS OF THE MONTH

Olivia- Grace And Gratitude- Biography

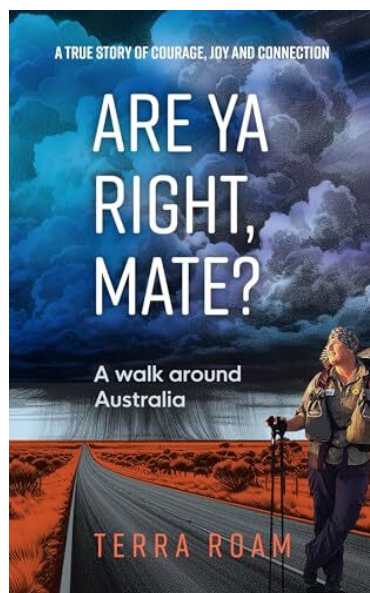
Author: Miranda Young



From the UK to Melbourne and all around the world, Grease superstar Olivia Newton-John is one of the most beloved musical and acting icons in the world. Grace and Gratitude covers Olivia's journey as a dedicated woman in music who conquered the international entertainment world as well as being a mother, a wife and a relentless charity advocate who fought against the cancer that sadly took her from the world in August of 2022.

With over twenty years of music and film research under her belt, author Miranda Young celebrates Olivia's achievements while also paying tribute to the incredible woman she has become beyond her fame. With tributes from famous celebrities and public figures and exclusive insights from some of Australia's biggest names in music, Grace and Gratitude is the perfect tribute to a world-beloved icon.

Are Ya Right, Mate? - Non Fiction



Author: Terra Roam

"Go for a walk," suggested the psychologist. Four and half years later, Terra became the first female to walk solo and unsupported around Australia, all in aid of suicide prevention. Not only did the 17,200-kilometre walk set a distance record, but Terra became a roadside counsellor, helping thousands of people on their own paths to mental health recovery. As Terra faces down wild dogs, staggers through dust storms, and battles exhaustion, the story also delves into lifelong experiences of depression, PTSD, anxiety, autism and identity. This is a real-life recounting of surviving and thriving, no matter the odds. The book can be used as a guide for healing, hiking and connecting with Australia's wild, wonderful, majestic natural places, but above all to living life to the full.

Two Rivers Memorial Park

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

At the July Council Meeting, a policy was endorsed to introduce Memorial Plaques within the Two Rivers Memorial Park. With no cemetery in Gascoyne Junction, finding a suitable place for residents and those with close ties to the Upper Gascoyne community can be remembered, has been on council's agenda for sometime.

From August 27 applications for a memorial plaque can be submitted for approval. Once an application has been approved the applicant will then make payment of the Memorial Plaque Fee. This fee covers the cost of a concrete plinth, plaque with engraving and installation under a tree in the Memorial Park.



GDC VISIT

On August 12 & 13 the Gascoyne Development Commission's Board and Staff visited Gascoyne Junction to both hold a Board Meeting and a Sundowner Event to meet with locals and talk about the Upper Gascoyne economy. A great crowd turned out and it was great to see lot's of conversation between our residents and the GDC staff and board.



FLANNO FOR A FARMER

On Friday August 14, the Community Resource Centre hosted Flanno for a Farmer as a fundraising event for Farm Angels. Farm Angels are an Australian charity started in rural Australia for farmers, primary producers and pastoralists to provide support during times of natural disaster. \$253.10 was raised during the morning. Thanks to the Shire staff, Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School and our visiting contractors who attended and supported this great cause.





Gascoyne Junction Community Garden

The restoration of the garden and bringing it back to its former glory is going to plan. The seedlings that were initially planted last month are looking great! Carrots, Tomatoes, Zucchini, Cabbage and Lettuces to name a few will be ready to harvest soon and it will be a celebration of the projects intention of providing the community with fresh produce to share. Jeffery Pyman has donated Asparagus to be added and the recticulation is now fixed providing the plants with much needed water as the months will becoming increasingly wamer and dryer.



GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GARDEN

● GUIDE TO COMPOSTING ●

Composting is a great way to recycle food scraps and garden waste into nutrient-rich compost. Instead of throwing away fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and eggshells, these everyday kitchen leftovers could be turned into nutrient-rich compost to help our garden grow. It's a simple and practical way to reduce household waste while giving something back to the community.

Entering the garden from Gregory Street, you will find two tall composting bins on either side of the entry gates. Please feel free to drop in and deposit your compost waste, and remember to close the door behind you.

What Can You Compost?

Green Materials (Nitrogen)

These provide nutrients and moisture.

Fruit and vegetable scraps
Coffee grounds and paper filters
Loose tea leaves or plastic-free tea bags
Fresh grass clippings
Fresh garden prunings
Soft weeds (before they go to seed)
Old cut flowers

Brown Materials (Carbon)

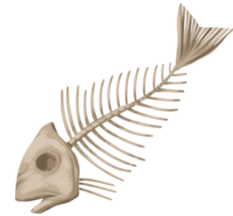
These provide structure and improve airflow.

Dry leaves
Straw or hay
Shredded newspaper
Plain cardboard
Paper towels and napkins
Small twigs and wood chips
Old dry lawn clippings
Sawdust (from untreated timber only)

Please Don't Add

To keep our compost healthy, please leave these items out. These items can attract pests, create odours and slow down the composting process.

- Meat, fish and bones
- Dairy products
- Cooking oils and fats
- Pet waste
- Plastic, glass and metal
- Glossy or coated paper
- Treated or painted timber
- Large branches



Why Compost?

- Reduce household waste going to landfill
- Create nutrient-rich compost for our Community Garden
- Improve soil health and help the garden retain moisture
- Grow healthier plants
- Build a more sustainable Gascoyne Junction

Composting Tips

- Chop It Up
- Cut larger scraps into smaller pieces so they break down more quickly.
- Remove stickers and packaging
- Keep It Moist - Compost should feel like a wrung-out sponge damp but not soggy.
- Balance Your Mix. Add a mixture of green and brown materials regularly to keep the compost healthy.
- Give It Air. Turn or mix the compost every week or two to introduce oxygen, speed up decomposition and reduce odours.





Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School

August 2026 Newsletter

Principals Post

Dear Parents/Carers

August has been another busy month at Gascoyne Junction RCS, with students enjoying a range of learning experiences both at school and in the wider community.

This month, we warmly welcome **Zakhias and Zamiel** to our school community. We hope they enjoy their time at Gascoyne Junction RCS and look forward to getting to know them.

We also say farewell to **Harley** as he begins the next chapter of his schooling. Harley has been a valued member of our school community, and we wish him all the very best at his new school.

Our students travelled to Carnarvon for a **Burrowing Bee excursion with Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys**. It was a great opportunity for students to learn more about burrowing bees, the local environment and caring for Country.

We welcomed **Chloe from the Stephen Michael Foundation**, who visited the school and spent time working with our students. The students always enjoy Chloe's visits and the activities she brings to our school.

A big thank you to the **CRC** for inviting our students and staff to their **Flanno for a Farmer** morning tea. It was lovely to come together with members of our community and support an important cause.

A reminder to families that **this is the last week to apply for the WA Student Assistance Payment**. Families who have not yet applied are encouraged to do so before applications close.

As always, thank you to our families and community for your continued support of our school and students.

Amanda Grayson -Principal



Zakhias and Zamiel

LEARNING CHANGES LIVES

Every day at school counts.

Being at school every day helps you learn,
build friendships and reach your full potential.

HOW DAYS OFF ADD UP!

1 DAY OFF EACH WEEK

That's 1 day missed every week



That's **40** days
missed each year



That's **8** weeks
of learning missed



That's over **200** hours
of learning missed



That's nearly **1.5** years
of learning missed
over 13 years of school

**LESS TIME IN CLASS =
LESS TIME TO LEARN**

2 DAYS OFF EACH WEEK

That's 2 days missed every week



That's **80** days
missed each year



That's **16** weeks
of learning missed



That's over **400** hours
of learning missed



That's over **3** years
of learning missed
over 13 years of school

**MORE TIME AWAY =
FAR MORE TO CATCH UP ON**



GOOD ATTENDANCE TODAY
builds a better tomorrow.

- ✓ Be here.
- ✓ Be ready.
- ✓ Belong.
- ✓ Achieve.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. EVERY DAY. EVERY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY. ♥

Easy Zucchini Slice

A simple, tasty recipe that is great for **lunchboxes**, an **easy lunch** or a **light dinner**.



Ingredients

- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 5 eggs
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup olive or vegetable oil
- Optional: 3–4 rashers bacon, diced

Pepper to taste

Method

1. Preheat oven to **180°C**.
2. Lightly grease or line a slice tray.
3. Place zucchini, carrot, onion and cheese in a large bowl.
4. Add flour and mix well.
5. Whisk eggs and oil together, then stir into the zucchini mixture.
6. Add bacon if using.
7. Pour into the prepared tray and spread evenly.
8. Bake for approximately **30–35 minutes**, or until golden and cooked through.
9. Allow to cool slightly before cutting into squares.

★ **Lunchbox Tip:** Zucchini slice can be made the night before and served warm or cold. It's an easy way to add some extra vegetables to the lunchbox!

A kid-friendly zucchini slice commonly combines zucchini, carrot, eggs, cheese and self-raising flour and takes around 30 minutes to bake.

Up Coming Events

Stephen Michael	1 st September
School Psychologist Visit	2 nd September
Junction Races	5/6 September
Interschool Athletics	10/11 September
Million Moves with Shire Walk	17 th September



Harley and Colin enjoying reading with Miss Ainsley at the CRC.



Burringurrah Police Station

Officer in Charge: Brevet S/SGT Chris FOX

Telephone 99187160 | Emergency 000

Burringurrah Police Activities

Brevet Senior Sergeant Chris FOX, Officer in Charge of Burringurrah Police Station, together with Brevet Sergeant Asim MALIK, are pleased to provide the community with an update on local policing activities. We remain committed to keeping the community safe through proactive policing, road safety enforcement, community engagement and event planning. As preparations continue for the upcoming Junction Races, we encourage everyone to work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for residents and visitors alike.

Keeping Our Roads Safe

Burringurrah Police continue to focus on road safety across the district, with officers conducting regular patrols and Random Breath Testing (RBT) operations to reduce road trauma and keep our community safe.

Throughout August, police have maintained a strong focus on impaired driving, targeting drivers affected by alcohol and illicit drugs. Impaired driving remains a significant contributor to serious and fatal crashes, and officers will continue conducting RBT and roadside drug testing at various locations throughout the region.

As we move into September, the road safety focus will shift to fatigue and driver inattention. Long-distance driving is a reality for many people living and travelling throughout the Gascoyne and Murchison regions. Police encourage all motorists to plan their journeys, take regular breaks, avoid driving when tired, and eliminate distractions while behind the wheel.

Officers from Burringurrah Police are conducting RBT operations throughout the district and reminding drivers that road safety is everyone's responsibility. Whether travelling locally or on longer regional trips, making safe choices can save lives.

Preparing for the Junction Races

Burringurrah Police are also busy preparing for the upcoming Junction Races, one of the region's major annual events.

To support community safety during the event, additional police resources will be deployed from both Meekatharra and Geraldton. These extra officers will assist with event policing, traffic management, crowd safety and general law enforcement activities to ensure a safe and

enjoyable experience for everyone attending.

A key feature of this year's policing operation will be the deployment of the Mobile Policing Facility (Large Rigid Truck), which will provide a highly visible police presence and a central point for members of the public to seek assistance, obtain information or report concerns during the event.

Burringurrah Police look forward to working alongside event organisers, community members and visitors to help make this year's Junction Races a safe and successful occasion for all.

Junction Races Safety Tips

- Plan your trip before travelling and allow extra time for increased traffic.
- Never drink and drive. If you intend to consume alcohol, organise a designated driver or alternative transport.
- Do not drive under the influence of drugs. Police will be conducting roadside alcohol and drug testing throughout the event period.
- Wear your seatbelt and ensure all passengers are properly restrained.
- Take regular breaks if travelling long distances and avoid driving when tired.
- Stay hydrated, particularly if spending extended periods outdoors.
- Keep an eye on children and arrange a meeting point if family members become separated.
- Follow directions from police, event officials and traffic management personnel.
- Secure valuables and report suspicious behaviour.
- Look after your mates. If someone needs assistance, seek help early.

Emergency Contacts

Emergency (Police, Fire or Ambulance): 000

Police Assistance Centre (non-urgent police matters): 131 444

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Health Direct: 1800 022 222

In a life-threatening emergency, call 000 immediately. The Mobile Policing Facility (Large Rigid Truck) will be operating throughout the event. Community members are encouraged to approach officers if assistance is required. Additionally, police will be monitoring the UHF channel the event utilizes. If the mobile telephone network is not available and you require police assistance speak to an event official or security guard and they will be able to contact police.

Enjoy the Junction Races, celebrate responsibly, and help make the event safe and enjoyable for everyone.



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FAST FOUR - DOUBLES
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SCAN QR CODE TO
REGISTER ONLINE

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026

10AM - 4PM

JUNCTION TENNIS COURT
GREGORY STREET

FREE PAELLA LUNCH | LIVE MUSIC | ART ACTIVITIES



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FAST4 TENNIS

INFORMATION SHEET

FAST4 Tennis is a shortened format of tennis. FAST4 Tennis was globally launched in Sydney with Roger Federer and Lleyton Hewitt. It has since been showcased by a host of other champions including Rafael Nadal, Fernando Verdasco, Gael Monfils, Nick Kyrgios and many more!

RULES & REGULATIONS

SCORING

Scoring will be numerical (1, 2, 3, Game) rather than 15, 30, 40, Game

PLAY LETS:

If the ball hits the net cord on a serve and bounces in the correct service box, play will continue. In doubles, either of the receiving pair can play the let (eg. the receiver's partner can move across and return the serve).

NO-AD SCORING:

At 3 points all its "next point wins" the game. The receiver chooses which side the point is played.

TIEBREAKER AT 3 GAMES ALL:

FAST4 Tiebreaker:

- First to 5 points
- 2 points serving each (starting deuce side)
- Change ends once only after 4 points.
- If Tiebreaker reaches 4-4 it's "next point wins" the set. Players come to the net and umpire will toss a coin with winner(s) of toss deciding who serves (or spin racquet if no umpire); receiver chooses which side the point is played.

Example:

- Player A - 2 points serving
- Player B - 2 points serving
- Change ends
- Player A (or Player C in doubles) - 2 points serving
- Player B (or Player D in doubles) - 2 points serving
- If TB reaches 4-4 players come to net for coin toss or racquet spin - winner of toss decides to serve or receive. Receiver(s) chooses which side the point is played.

4 GAME SET:

First to 4 games wins the set.

POWER PLAY:

Each player has the ability to nominate a "Power Play" once per set when serving. Players must hold the ball up to their opponent and announce "Power Play". Umpire must call "Power Play".

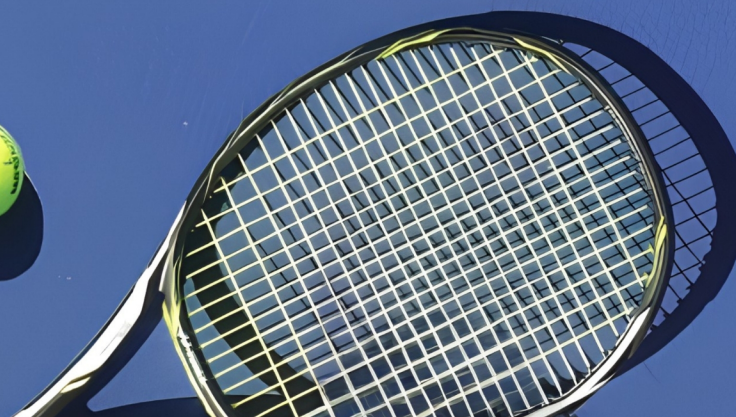
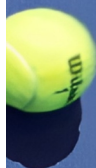
- The winner of the Power Play receives 2 points.
- See FAQ document re Power Play

MATCH FORMATS

One of the following FAST4 match formats can be used.

- One FAST4 set.
- Best of two FAST4 sets. If sets are split, a FAST4 tiebreaker is played to determine the outcome of the match.
- Best of three FAST4 sets.

**FAST4
TENNIS**
FAST4.COM



TENNIS TOURNAMENT TEAM REGISTRATION FORM SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2026

Get ready for a fun-filled day of tennis at the 2026 Fast Four Doubles Tennis Tournament. The event will be held on Saturday 10th October 2026 from 10am to 4pm, at the Junction Tennis Court on Gregory Street. The first team to four games in each match is deemed the winner. Grab your partner for your chance to win the title of Upper Gascoyne Tennis Champs 2026. **Entry is FREE.**

Catered lunch provided, BYO drinks, with cold drinks also available to purchase. As part of registering, teams will also be rostered to officiate on games with other entrants throughout the event.

Please return the completed form to the CRC by Wednesday, 30 September, either in person or via email to tcdo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au. Alternatively, you can register online by scanning the QR code. The draw will be released on Monday 5th October.



**SCAN QR CODE TO
REGISTER ONLINE**

PLAYER ONE		
Full Name	Phone Number	Email
PLAYER TWO		
Full Name	Phone Number	Email



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Small Business Workshop

Hosted by *The Business Social*

What is included

- ✓ Two experienced facilitators delivering the full-day program.
- ✓ All workshop content, materials, and resources tailored to a regional small business audience
- ✓ A take-home workbook covering all workshop materials, plus follow-up exercises to help attendees stay on track
- ✓ Interactive delivery style with plenty of room for questions and group discussion



FRIDAY 9TH OCT 26 8am-5pm



Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre

This event is for anyone interested in starting a small or micro business, as well as existing business owners looking to gain new skills, practical advice, useful tools, and support to help grow their business.

Here's How The *Day* Looks

Morning Session: 8.00am-12.00pm

Business Fundamentals

8:00am – 9:30am | Starting Strong: Business Basics for Regional Entrepreneurs — the essentials every business owner needs, from structure to pricing, without the overwhelm.

9:45am – 11:15am | Cool Business Tools — our favourite tools, live and in action, to help you stay organised and run more efficiently.

11:30am – 12:00pm | AI for Small Business — a friendly, jargon-free intro to using AI for content, admin, and customer communication.

Lunch Break: 12.00am-1.00pm

Afternoon Session: 1.00pm - 5pm

Wellbeing (Mental Health Week Theme)

1:00pm - 3:00pm | The Breakthrough Stop Burn Out, Start Thriving — our most requested session, tackling burnout, boundaries, and healthier work habits.

3:15pm – 5:00pm | Continued Discussion, Reflection & Wrap-Up — extra time built in, because these conversations always run long!



Scan the QR code to register online. This event is FREE for all Shire of Upper Gascoyne residents - simply enter the code **SOUGCCOMMWEEKBW26** at checkout to receive your free registration. For non-local attendees, tickets are \$250 per person, which includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and the Aussie Icon Quiz Night.

Please note: The resident discount code is exclusively for Shire of Upper Gascoyne residents only. Registrations will be checked, and bookings made by non-local attendees using the resident code will not be accepted.

For enquiries, please call the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre on (08) 9943 0988



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Hardcopy forms available at Gascoyne
Junction Community Resource Centre.
Individual appointments are also available
through CRC to assist with setting up the
ServiceWA App

\$100 Fuel Support Payment

For all valid WA driver's licence holders



Claim on the
ServiceWA app



wa.gov.au/fuelpayment



NEED A LITTLE DIGITAL HELP?

Is there something digital you'd like help with? Whether it's using your phone, tablet or computer, setting up an email, accessing online services, staying safe online, using social media, or learning a new software or program we're here to help.

We're looking at future Digital Inclusion sessions based on what our community needs, so we'd love to hear from you. Drop into the CRC or give us a call and let one of our staff know what you'd like help with.

Keep an eye out each month for a new factsheet with practical tips to help you feel more confident using technology.

WHAT IS CRC CHAMPION'S PROGRAM?

The CRC Champion's Program gives CRC staff the skills and confidence to help the community with everyday technology. From using online services to staying safe online, the program helps us better support our community with all things digital.

Digital Exclusion Factsheet



Digital technologies and the internet have become an essential part of modern life in a very short space of time. While there are many benefits to digital technologies, they have also unfortunately left many people behind.

The WA Digital Inclusion Project aims to support people to access the benefits of technology.

You may be digitally excluded if you have ever felt:

"I don't know how to use a computer or how to access the internet"

"I don't know how to use online government services"

"I don't have access to a computer or the internet"

"I don't know how to do online banking"

"I don't know how to use email"

"Internet costs are too expensive for me"

"I am too worried about my personal information and safety to use the Internet"

"I am worried about being a victim of a scam"

"I don't know how to search for employment online"



What is Million Moves:

75% of Australians aren't moving enough, and that's our parents, friends, kids, and communities. Million Moves isn't just a exercise challenge, it's a movement to change that. From 1–21 September, we are asking Australia to complete to get moving for 21 days.

1 minute of movement = 1 move
Every minute counts. Every move matters

.Any movement counts, big or small, seated or standing, high or low impact. No cost. No catch. Just sign up and start moving for your health, your family, and the 75%.

Why is it called Million Moves?
It's a goal we can all move toward, together. Every squat, step, stretch and spin adds up. One person can make a difference, but millions of us can create a movement.

30 minutes of movement
Where consistency starts to build real health benefits and you make the time to prioritise movement in your routine.

Did you know?
30 minutes of moderate exercise most days can reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes by up to 30–40%.



Sadly according to the Australian Institute of Health and Wellbeing (ABS 2022b)

"it is estimated that 75% of adults aged 18–64 do not meet both the physical activity component and the muscle-strengthening component of the Guidelines."



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN
TEAM UPPER GASCOYNE**



Million Moves WALK



Let's get our community moving together with Million Moves Walk!

Everyone is welcome – all ages and fitness levels.



17th September 2026



School Oval



8:30am – 9:30am



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Journey virtually from **Geraldton to Exmouth** while helping your city, town or shire become the **Great West Aussie Adventure 2026 Champions!** Join your colleagues on an unforgettable virtual journey along the spectacular West Coast.

Every step, ride, paddle and workout progresses your team further along the adventure route. Track your activity on the Health by Design Challenge Portal and watch your team climb the leader board as you explore some of Western Australia's most iconic destinations.

Whether you walk, run, cycle, swim, kayak, dance or play sport—**every kilometre counts.**

Each city, town and shire competes as its own team.

The team that travels the furthest along the virtual route will be crowned the **Great West Aussie Adventure 2026 Champions!**

** Team progress is averaged by participant numbers, so every team has an equal chance to win.*

The adventure begins 1st September 2026.

How can you get involved?

Registrations are now open. Sign up via the QR code, or head to client.healthbydesign.app/start

If you haven't used the Health by Design online challenge portal before, enter the **Shire of Upper Gascoyne** sign up code and follow the prompts.



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SAVE 10¢ CONTAINERS

From July 1 most plastic and glass bottles, drink cartons, that are 150ml to 3L and wine bottles are accepted.

YOUR MEMBER NO. (SCHEME ID) HELPS US RECORD YOUR RETURNS & REFUNDS

YOUR MEMBER NUMBER LETS YOU:



GET DEPOSITS STRAIGHT INTO
YOUR POCKET



TRACK YOUR CHANGE MAKING



DONATE TO A CAUSE



BOOST YOUR FUNDRAISING

RETURN YOUR CONTAINERS

Drop off your containers at our drop point is located on Scott Street in Gascoyne Junction. Bags are available at the Community Resource Centre. A reminder that recycle boxes are also located at the CRC.

GET YOUR REFUND!

Earn a 10¢ refund for every accepted container you return. Keep it or donate it to a cause you care about.

GET THE CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE APP

The app features a visual tracker for your refunds, and a container scanner to check what's accepted for a 10¢ refund.

WANT TO DONATE?



You can choose to donate your refund directly to one of these local causes when setting up your member account. **Every container makes a difference!**

GASCOYNE JUNCTION REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Member Number: C10373506

GASCOYNE JUNCTION GENERAL COMMUNITY

Member Number: C11469012

ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

Member Number: C10336670



WHAT'S ACCEPTED?

Most drink containers between 150ml and 3L are accepted for return. Here's the full list:



Plastic Bottles

Water, soft drinks, juice, flavoured milk, and sports drinks.



Glass Bottles

Water, beer, pre-mixed spirits, and soft drinks.



Drink Cans

Soft drinks, carbonated beverages, energy drinks, beers, and pre-mixed spirits.



NEW!

Drink Cartons

Flavoured milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes, and water cartons.



NEW!

Wine & Spirit Bottles

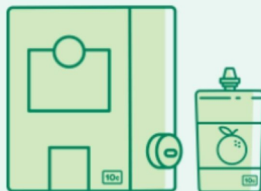
Wine and spirits in plastic and glass bottles.



NEW!

Juice & Cordial Bottles

All fruit and vegetable juice, and cordial containers.



NEW!

POUCHES, CASKS, LIDS & CORKS

We also accept a range of juice pouches, water casks, and wine in sachets or casks. You can bring your separated corks and lids with you to the refund point, as these can be recycled too.

⚠ NO 10¢ MARK? NO WORRIES.

Newly accepted containers may not show the 10¢ mark yet, but they're still accepted at our refund points. Use our container barcode checker above, or scan the container's barcode in the Containers for Change WA app.

✗ WHAT'S NOT ACCEPTED?

Plain milk and registered health tonic containers are not accepted at our refund points. This includes alternative milk and Yakult containers. Please follow WasteSorted's disposal guidelines for these containers.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

On November 24, 1966, technical tests and test patterns were run at the OTC Satellite Earth Station Carnarvon in Western Australia.

These tests prepared for Australia's first-ever live, two-way satellite television broadcast between Carnarvon and London, which officially took place the following day on November 25.



● Picture shows Mrs. Gilham speaking into the microphone. Husband Alan is (partly hidden) between her and the interviewer, with the Vintons on the extreme right.

Historic TV Link

HOW many of us saw the historic first direct telecast of live pictures between Australia (Carnarvon) and England (London) last November?

And how few of us knew that of the three British migrants who spoke to relatives from Carnarvon, two worked at our space-tracking station?

They were Alan Gilham, an engineer in the unified S-band radar section used for the Apollo program, and Frank Vinton, a technician in the same section.

Both men, who came

out in June, 1965, were interviewed with their wives and children in Carnarvon's main street.

It was 2.25 p.m. in Carnarvon and 6.25 a.m. in London when the 15-minute telecast started.

The program was transmitted via the Intelsat communications satellite, over the Indian Ocean, through the OTC ground station at Carnarvon.



Apple Cinnamon Crumble

macro-friendly & delicious



1 serving



25 minutes

INGREDIENTS

Apple Filling:

- 1 medium apple (peeled, cored and diced)
- 1 tsp granulated sweetener (I use Allulose)
- 1/2 tsp cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

Protein Crumble:

- 20g (3 tbsp) Kodiak Protein rolled oats
- 20g (3 tbsp) almond flour
- 10g (2 tsp) granulated sweetener (I use Allulose)
- 1/3 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp coconut oil (or melted butter)
- 1 tsp milk (more if needed)
- Pinch of salt

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Apple filling:
 - In a small bowl, toss apple chunks with granulated sweetener, cornstarch and cinnamon. Transfer apple filling to a greased ramekin or mini cast iron skillet.
- Protein crumble:
 - In a bowl combine oats, almond flour, granulated sweetener of choice, ground cinnamon, pinch salt and melted coconut oil (or butter)
 - Pour in milk and mix to get a crumbly dough. If after mixing the streusel it's still too dry, add little milk more.
 - Sprinkle crumble evenly on top of the apple mixture.
 - Bake for ~20 minutes, or until topping is golden brown and apples are tender. Serve warm and top with sugar-free vanilla ice cream (I like Halo Top)



happy BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

20 JASON WINDIE



OCTOBER

6 ANDREA PEARS

13 JODIE McTAGGART

22 RICHARD DOWKER

24 KEN KEMPTON

NOVEMBER

4 LANEY McKEOUGH

21 DOT HAMMARQUIST



DO YOU LIVE IN THE UPPER GASCOYNE? IS YOUR BIRTHDAY MISSING FROM THE MONTHLY GASSY GOSSIP? EMAIL US AT CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU

The Month Of September

BIRTH STONE



SAPPHIRE

BIRTH FLOWER



ASTER

STAR SIGNS



VIRGO & LIBRA

Personality

September borns are known for being meticulous and never make a move without considering the consequences. They pay close attention to the details which gives them a competitive advantage, aiming close to perfection, their favourite destination.

Did you know...?

- The Romans believed that the month of September was looked after by **the god of the fire and forge – Vulcan**. Therefore, they expected fires, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in this month.
- September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month: **it is the ninth month and has nine letters**.
- In the UK, **September 26** is the most common birthday for people born in the last 20 years.

Special Days



06 SEPTEMBER

National
Read a Book Day



13 SEPTEMBER

Roald Dahl
Day



20 SEPTEMBER

National
Doodle Day



21 SEPTEMBER

International
Day of Peace

Famous September Birthdays

Adam West, Agatha Christie, Amy Winehouse, Andrea Bocelli, Beyonce Knowles, Bill Murray, Brigitte Bardot, Bruce Springsteen, Confucius, Freddie Mercury, Greta Garbo, Ivan Pavlov, Karl Lagerfeld, Monica Bellucci, Queen Elizabeth I, Richard I, Sophia Loren, Stephen King, T. S. Eliot, Truman Capote.



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

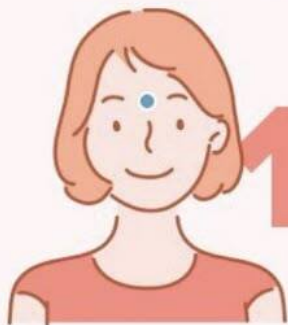
Chris Kearney – Treasurer 0428 841 818

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



7 PRESSURE POINTS TO RELIEVE YOUR NEXT HEADACHE

According to Traditional Chinese Medicine, pressure points are sensitive areas that lie along your body's energy channels. Stimulating these points can help unblock energy paths, relieving pain and tension.



1 THIRD EYE

Press your index and pointer finger in the space between your eyebrows and lightly massage for one minute.

DRILLING BAMBOO

Use your index fingers to apply firm pressure to both points at once and hold for 10 seconds. Release. Repeat 5-10 times.



3 GATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Place both index and middle fingers on the base of your skull, in the hollow areas between your neck muscles. Press firmly upward for 10-15 seconds, then release. Repeat until your neck relaxes.

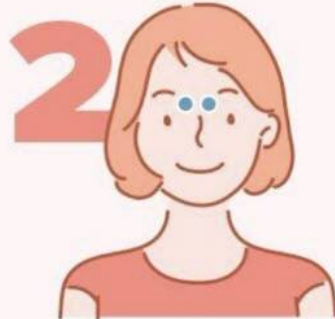
WIND MANSION

Use your thumb to find the hollow under the base of your skull. Press and hold for one minute.



5 SHOULDER WELL

Press your thumb on the top of your shoulder, halfway between your shoulder joint and the base of your neck. Apply firm, circular pressure for one minute. Repeat on the other side.



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: \$33.00

6 months: \$60.00

12 months: \$110.00

To join or find out more please contact the Gascoyne

Junction Community
Resource & Visitor
Information Centre
crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

T: 08 9943 0988



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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 - \$48.00

A5 - \$30.00

A6 - \$24.00

Business Card Size - \$10.00

Contact the CRC on 9943 0988 or

crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

September Stargazing



What's That Bright Light in the Night Sky?

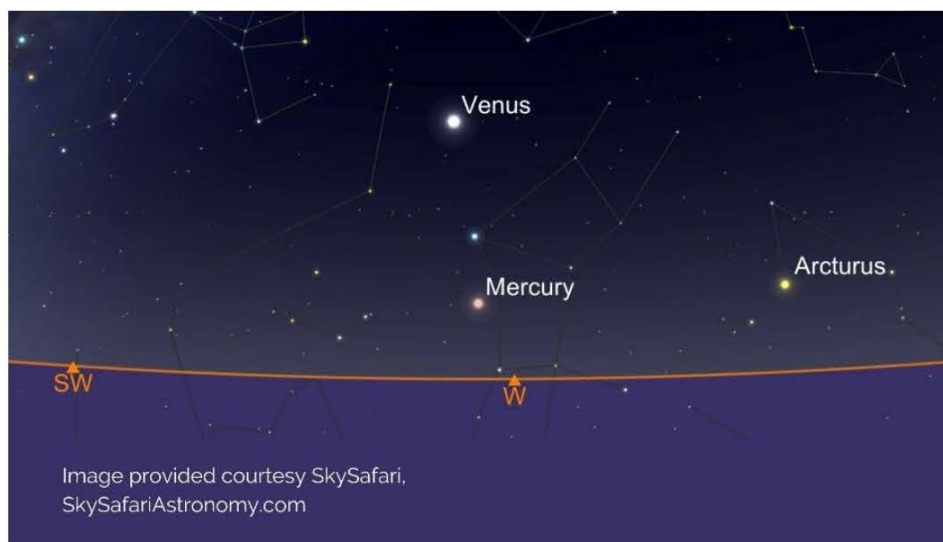
Venus is certainly the “star” of the early evening show right now. Of course, it's a planet and will be at “greatest brilliance”, on 23rd September.

But what if there was something brighter than Venus or even brighter than the full moon in our night sky? Soon there may be brighter objects in orbit around Earth.

An American company, Reflect Orbital, has approval to trial an 18m x 18m mirror in space to reflect sunlight into Earth's night. The company's plan is to eventually have 50,000 mirrors, each measuring 54m x 54m, beaming reflected sunlight onto Earth on demand for more solar power generation and food growing capacity.

DarkSky International has gathered modelling from researchers at Princeton and the Slovak Academy of Sciences indicating that a single 54m mirror will shine at magnitude -16.7, about 40 times brighter than the full moon, erasing even the brightest stars for anyone beneath it. Calculations say that the glow will still outshine a full moon night from 14km away, and stays brighter than moonlight at 34km.

Our night and natural darkness is fundamental to life on Earth. DarkSky International is asking that proper environmental assessments are conducted before Reflect Orbital's satellite is authorised to operate. Visit www.darksky.org to read more. It's also easy to become a member and show your support for their wonderful work they do to reduce light pollution and promote responsible outdoor lighting.



Venus is a dazzling display all through September, from 7pm in the west. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

Happy stargazing, Carol @ Astrotourism WA. www.astrotourismwa.com.au.



SMOKO TIME

Grab a cuppa and solve a puzzle....

Did you know?

21 Fascinating Australia Facts

1. Most Aussies (90%) live by the coast.
2. The Indian Pacific train has the world's longest straight track.
3. Australia has over 60 wine regions.
4. The Great Barrier Reef is huge and can be seen from space.
5. The Great Ocean Road is a war memorial.
6. The Australian Alps get more snow than the Swiss Alps.
7. Fraser Island is the biggest sand island in the world.
8. 80% of Aussie animals are found nowhere else.
9. The world's longest golf course (1,350 km) is in Australia.
10. There are 10,685 beaches—one a day for 29 years!
11. Australia has 21 of the world's 25 most venomous snakes.
12. It's the world's sixth largest country.
13. Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world.
14. Australia has a few active volcanoes.
15. The Dingo Fence is 5,614 km long.
16. One-third of Australians were born overseas.
17. The Aussie dollar is waterproof and hard to fake.
18. Australia is the only country on its continent.
19. There are over 1,500 species of spiders here.
20. 91% of the land is covered in native plants.
21. The world's oldest fossil, 3.4 billion years old, was found in Australia.



KIDS CORNER!

Q. Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

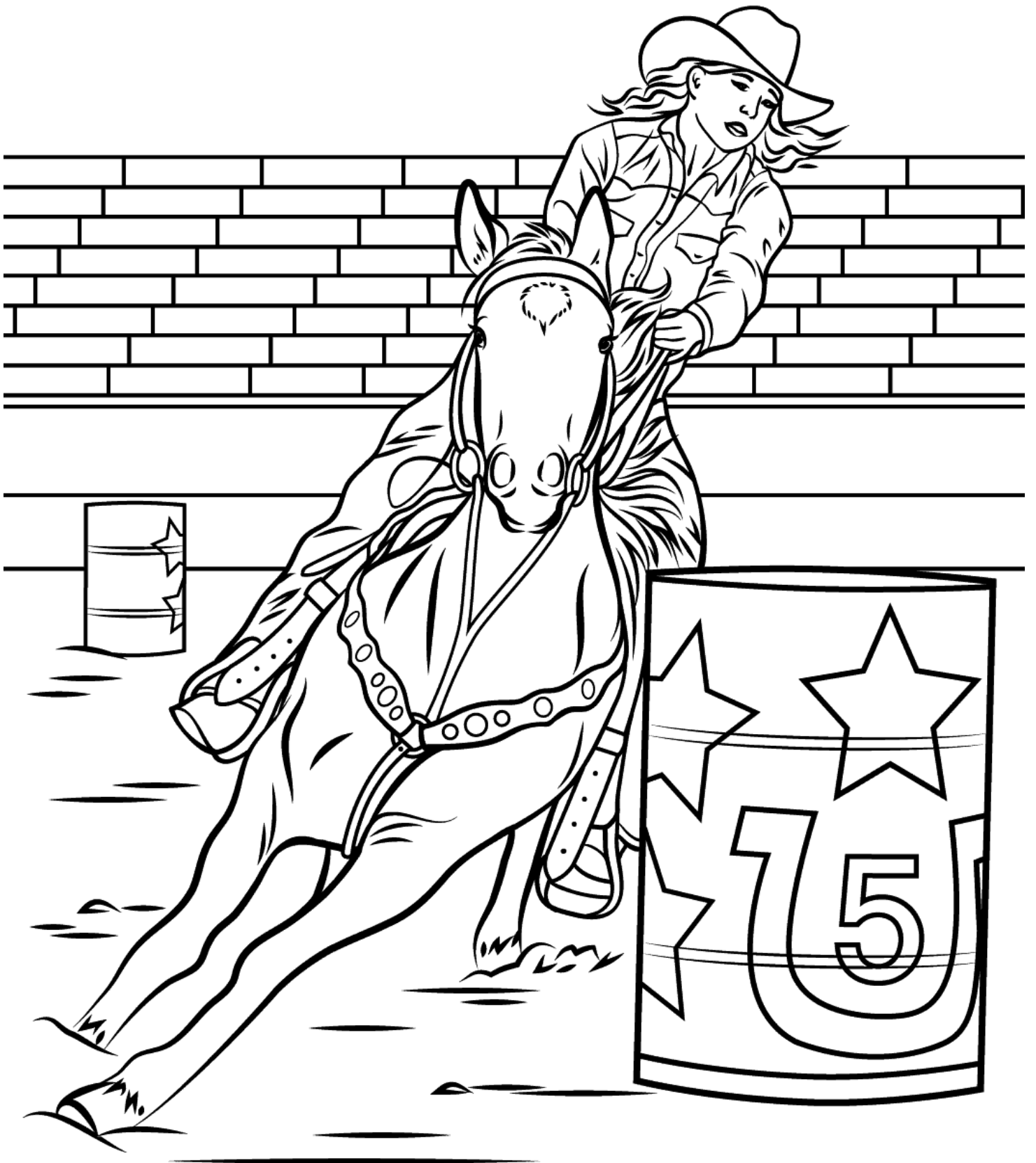
A. Because if they flew over
the bay, they'd be bagels.

Around the House

100 Hidden Words to Find

C P T E L E V I S I O N C J C K X B R E F R I G E R A T O R J K P K
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 Y Z E L J S Z T W J K W P W O R N F T U P T G J Y D D R R S A O B T C
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basement	cabinet	counter	fork	microwave	pot	socks	toothpaste
bathroom	candle	cup	frame	mirror	purse	spatula	towel
bathtub	carpet	curtains	glass	mop	refrigerator	sponge	trash
bed	chair	cushion	hanger	ottoman	remote	spoon	vacuum
bedroom	clock	desk	hook	outlet	rug	stairs	vent
bench	closet	detergent	iron	oven	shampoo	table	washcloth
blanket	clothes	dishwasher	keys	pan	sheet	teapot	washer
blender	coaster	door	kitchen	pantry	shelf	television	window
book	coat	drawer	knife	paper	shoes	tile	
bookcase	comb	dresser	knob	pen	shower	tissues	
bowl	computer	dryer	lamp	photo	sink	toaster	
broom	conditioner	fan	light	pillow	slippers	toilet	



Funny Jokes For The Whole Family!

WHY DID THE BIRD GET
IN TROUBLE AT SCHOOL?
FOR TWEETING ON A TEST!

WHAT'S THE SMARTEST INSECT?
A SPELLING BEE!

HOW DOES THE OCEAN SAY HI?
IT WAVES!

NAME THE KIND OF TREE
YOU CAN HOLD IN YOUR HAND?
A PALM TREE!

WHY DO BIRDS FLY SOUTH
IN THE WINTER?
IT'S FASTER THAN WALKING

WHERE DID THE MUSIC TEACHER
LEAVE HER KEYS?
IN THE PIANO!

WHICH SUPERHERO HITS
HOME RUNS?
BATMAN!

WHY IS A FOOTBALL STADIUM
ALWAYS COLD?
IT HAS LOTS OF FANS!

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS
THE PLAYGROUND?
TO GET TO THE OTHER SLIDE.

WHAT KIND OF MATH
DO BIRDS LOVE?
OWL-GEBRA!

HOW DOES A BARBER
DRIVE TO WORK?
HE TAKES SHORTCUTS!

WHAT KIND OF SHOES
DO FROGS LOVE?
OPEN-TOAD!

WHY DO DUCKS ALWAYS PAY
WITH CASH?
**BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS
HAVE BILLS!**

WHERE DO MOST HORSES LIVE?
IN NEIGH-BORHOODS!

WHICH PLANET LOVES TO SING?
NEP-TUNE!

WHY ARE BASKETBALL COURTS
ALWAYS WET?
BECAUSE THE PLAYERS DRIBBLE!

WHAT KIND OF KEYS ARE SWEET?
COOKIES!

KNOCK, KNOCK!
WHO'S THERE?
WOO.
WOO-HOO!
**NO NEED TO GET SO EXCITED;
IT'S JUST A JOKE!**

WHAT DO YOU CALL CHEESE THAT
BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE?
NACHO CHEESE!

WHY DID THE PEANUT
GET INTO A ROCKET?
**HE WANTED TO BE AN
ASTRO-NUT!**

WHAT FRUIT DO TWINS LOVE?
PEARS!

HOW DO BEES BRUSH THEIR HAIR?
WITH HONEYCOMBS!

WHY WON'T PEANUT BUTTER
TELL YOU A SECRET?
HE'S AFRAID YOU'LL SPREAD IT!

WHO EATS SNAILS?
**PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE
FAST FOOD!**

WHY DID THE BANANA
VISIT THE DOCTOR?
HE WASN'T PEELING WELL!

WHY DID THE COMPUTER
GET SICK?
IT CAUGHT A VIRUS!

WHY DID THE TEACHER
HAVE BIRDSEED?
**FOR HER PARROT-TEACHER
CONFERENCE.**

Gascoyne Junction

2026 GP

CLINIC DATES



02 SEP

07 OCT

04 NOV

02 DEC

Gascoyne Junction

2026 NURSING

CLINIC DATES



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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THROUGH OUT
OUR
COMMUNITY

1 SEPTEMBER

JUNCTION RACES

JUNCTION
RACE
COURSE

4-6 SEPTEMBER

NURSING CLINIC

GASCOYNE
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

16 SEPTEMBER

CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILLION

19-20 SEPTEMBER

UPCOMING **2026** **EVENTS**



COUNCIL MEETING

CHAMBERS

23 SEPTEMBER

MUSIC AT THE PUB

JUNCTION
PUB AND
TOURIST
PARK

26 SEPTEMBER

KENNEDY RANGE CAMPDRAFT

JUNCTION
RACE
COURSE

26-28 SEPTEMBER

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

7 OCTOBER

COMMUNITY WEEKEND

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION

9-10 OCTOBER

SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP

GASCOYNE
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

9 OCTOBER

AUSSIE ICON QUIZ NIGHT

JUNCTION
PUB AND
TOURIST
PARK

9 OCTOBER

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

JUNCTION
TENNIS
COURT

10 OCTOBER