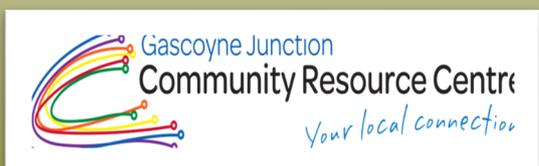


Gassy Gossip



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Dear Readers

As I have kept you all informed of my current health issues it is only right that I continue to keep you up to date. Recently I went to Perth and had an ultra-scan on a lymph node in my neck that was showing a bit of action in a recent PET scan. They did a fine needle biopsy and unfortunately this revealed that the melanoma in my cheek had spread. Given this, the decision was made to remove all the lymph nodes in my neck, accordingly I have been under the knife where they laid me open from the ear to the throat. The surgeon advised that four of 30 lymph nodes were affected; however, he believes he has got it all out as far as he can see. As cancer is at the cellular level I am now required to get a dose or 30 of radiation therapy. I will be away from the 3rd of December through to the 28th of January 2019. Whilst away Jarrod Walker will be the Acting CEO. I will still have access to all my emails and I will have my telephone so will still be able to contribute. I thank all those who have wished me well, fingers crossed we can beat this bastard, I know I will give it my best shot, I also thank Council and staff for their support.

Dave and Nat have commenced fogging for mosquitoes around town as the weather gradually warms up, they have also been busy weeding, spraying and general duties around town. Nat and Dave have also repaired the solar pump tracking, tidied up the tip and continued with the town maintenance and gardening.

The CRBA held their AGM on the 26th of October in Carnarvon. Dave Higgs attended on the Shire's behalf. The aerial baiting run has been completed. At the time of writing Dave is compiling a list of which stations were serviced and which were missed. Dave is continuing with following up permits and aligning us with protocol. The Mesquite spraying programme is set to begin again this year, the herbicide has been delivered and the crew commenced at the end of October.



Shiney has relocated the old house from the old caravan park which will allow us to commence installing the new war memorial in time for ANZAC day ceremonies next year. We have also had Quantum Surveyors conduct a pickup of the old caravan park which will be used to plan the proposed tourist stop facility.



We have had major disruptions to Ullawarra Road for which I had to close it to the general public, as the road was in an unsafe condition. The vast majority of the damage was caused by contractors associated with the Yangibana Rare Earth Project. I have provided an exemption for Pastoral Activities and the Dampier Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline personnel. It is estimated the damage is in the order of \$2,600,000.00. I have appointed TALIS as the primary conduit to work out a plan with Hastings to undertake the remedial works and have this road re-opened, the reason for this appointment is to ensure that we have one point of contact to avoid mixed messages and confusion of who said what.

I am pleased to advise that the Shire are the recipient of \$2,828,684.00 funding under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program. Hastings have provided a letter to confirm that they will commit the additional \$2,828,684.00 thus providing a total project budget of \$5,657,369.00. The purpose of this grant is for the widening of roads and intersections, installing signs, widening stock grids and causeways and line marking at various locations across the Gascoyne Key Route, will improve productivity for primary producers and the mining and tourist industries, and improve safety.

There was a good attendance at this year's Melbourne Cup function which was held at the Tavern. Robyn took out best dressed for the female and Alys took out best hat. For the boys Fred got best dressed with young Riley McKeough taking out best hat.



John McCleary, JP

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Wishing you all a Safe & Merry Christmas!

**The Shire Office will be closing
for Christmas between:**

**Friday 21st December 2018
and Monday 7th January 2019**



HORIZON POWER

SANTA VISITS

13TH DECEMBER

Santa will be visiting the
Horizon Power 2018
Community Christmas Party!

Register your child to receive
a gift valued at \$25 from
Santa by contacting the
Community Resource Centre
or Shire Office on 9943 0988

Community Party starts
at 4:30pm.

Santa visits at 6:30pm.





HORIZON POWER

Community Christmas Party

We ask that each family in attendance please bring a side dish to share for the Horizon Power Community Christmas Party.

Please RSVP on 9943 0988 for catering purposes.





CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

The Christmas Party is rapidly approaching and we will be holding our annual raffle.

If you would like to contribute something (big or small) to the hampers the donation/s can be dropped off at the CRC before the event on the 13th December 2018.

Every donation will receive a FREE raffle ticket into the draw.

Hamper raffle tickets are \$2.00 each **on sale now** and will also be available on the night.



GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP



CHRISTMAS CRAFT

8th and 9th December @ The Shire Chambers

Sleeping in Dongas at Pavilion - please let Tina (tinainparis@westnet.com.au) know if you want a room and if you have children with you.

CRAFT PROJECTS

Christmas Wreath (All materials supplied you just need sewing machine and threads)

Macrame Tree Decoration or Wall Hanging (All materials supplied)

10 Minute Table Runner (All materials supplied you just need sewing machine and threads) (Some have made these but decided we could revisit)

Fabric Stars (No sew!) (All materials supplied to make 1 - if you want to make more for your tree each one needs 4 x 8cm x 30cm Rectangles)

Baubles Ornaments (All materials supplied) (some of you may have done this)

FOOD

Please bring 2 dishes to share (Smokos, Desserts, Salads) - Please email Tina with what you will be bringing - Craft will supply Ham and Turkey for Lunches

Dinner at the Pub (@own cost)

Toast and Condiments for breakfast (Craft supplied)

SECRET SANTA

Please bring a gift (\$25 value) that is craft related

Hope to see you all at craft otherwise please have a Very Merry Christmas from the Craft Group

Kind regards

Alys

Carey Downs Station

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TOGETHER WE SUCCEED

Newsletter

14/11/2018

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello there Parents, Carers and Community members,

One of the most frequent conversations Educators have with parents and carers is around the question, "How well is my child progressing?"

Whilst the Principal can give a general professional opinion about what has been observed, noted or discussed, to get the real nitty gritty of an individual's development, your child's teacher is the one to see. In the classroom you will see work samples, anecdotal notes, test results and the context in which your child is working. You have the opportunity to share knowledge about your child that will assist the teacher to better plan for them.

As a school's population is a reflection of the community in which the school is located, this too needs to be considered. At Gascoyne Junction we are blessed with cultural and social diversity. The context of the MAG class provides the opportunity for students to learn co-operation, empathy, appreciate other points of view, develop emotional intelligence and the ability to deal with problems in a safe environment. This in turn drives resilience for the child, a necessary attribute in the context of the real world.

Nevertheless, we need to do more. From information gathered this year through parent/staff questionnaires, conversations, planning meetings, hearty debate and school data, we earmark a focus for 2019 on comprehension, writing and proactive communication to community.

With your help and support, a relentless focus on comprehension and writing, and promoting proactive communication to community, I believe our students and school are on track for becoming an even better "darn good school in the middle of remote WA!"

Chris Polakiewicz
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

THE FINAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE YEAR IS TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Staff room
4:00pm

TIME CAPSULE

What an exciting event last weekend!

The big dig

uncovered not only a time capsule from the Education sector but a capsule from Local Government was unearthed as well!!

This resulted in another whole discussion around Shire history.

Stay tuned, I'm sure there will be more news about this in the pipeline soon.

AND THEN BEGAN PINK STUMPS



Congratulations to the team captained by Vince Catania who brought Team Kempton to their knees!!!

Classic catch went to Ross Collins.
Back to back wins!!

Top of the Line was won by Chase Chong-Wee, a budding star!

Thanks to Omo, Ali and Fred

What an absolutely splendid spread!
More about this, and pics, in the following pages.

STUDENT INFORMATION

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, students' individual progress to date is steady. Data, including benchmark testing, NAPLAN, formal and informal assessments and observations indicate a consistent upward trend in improvement for all students.

Final preparations are now underway for the end of year reports.

If you wish to make an appointment with Mr Peter Polakiewicz and Ms Toni Lewis prior to the distribution of reports, please touch base at your earliest convenience.

We have earmarked an interview day after distribution of reports. This will occur on Monday 10th December. Please make an appointment time through the office between 3:00pm and 6:00pm to discuss your child's progress.



As soon as the word "**reports**" raises its head in Term 4, it is full steam ahead as staff race against that old enemy time...to complete goals prior to Christmas!

As in previous years, the school will conduct a Celebration of Learning where students' progress is formally recognised and celebrated. This takes place on Thursday 13th December and is followed by the Shire Christmas party. Please keep an eye out for your invitation.

Time capsule

On the 24th October 1993 a time capsule was buried to celebrate 100 years of Education in W.A. It was buried by Les Kempton and Steffan Silcox. On November the 3rd 2018, we opened the capsule as decreed by the inscription written on the plaque some 25 years ago.

At the beginning of the day we were concerned that attendance was not as high as we would have hoped. But as the time ticked away more and **more** and **more** people gathered outside the Community Resource Centre for the digging up of the Time Capsule. It had been below ground for 25 years!

It was with pleasure we welcomed all to the event. We made our way across to the area where the capsule was located. Councillor Jim Caunt kindly dropped himself into the metre deep pre-dig to access the capsule. Vince Catania MLA was by his side to assist in the delicate extraction.



It was warm and the digging continued. Wonder was in the air as it was debated whether the wide, white PVC pipe could have been the passage of a sewerage or water line for Junction. Finally the cylinder was found to have a lid, then the other end was uncovered. Carefully it was removed and examined. Here it was the 25 year old time capsule clearly marked "School"!

Speculation mounted when the call went out "There's another one in here!"

Everyone huddled around the hole and peered into its depths. Sure enough another cylinder was there. When it was hauled from the ground, the word Shire was written clearly on the outside.

Of course that proved a conundrum. Was this to be opened now too? Some said "Yes", some said "No".

The decision was made to hand over the capsule to the Shire of Upper Gascoyne CEO Mr John McLeary. "I'll have to do some research" was the cry. No doubt another event may soon be in the wind.



All of us traipsed across to the school where Ms Theona Mitchell Smith opened the capsule and read some of the written information from 25 years ago. Members of the community perused old newspapers, and photos, read about dreams, goals, predictions and wondered what could be on the Video that was encased within the capsule.

A new time capsule was buried on this day in 2018 by Abigail and Santanah, the youngest and oldest student at the event on the day. It is to be opened in 25 years' time on 3rd November 2043.



On this day, a 2007 capsule, which was found in the deep dark recesses of the Junction cupboards, was also buried. This capsule is due to be opened in 25 years on 3rd November in 2032.

The school is now in the process of collating the information from the 1993 capsule into a history display for all to enjoy in the near future.

Thanks to Margaret Rowe-the instigator of this great event, the tireless staff for assisting with organisation, the students of Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School for their contributions to the time capsule and you the Gascoyne Junction Community for supporting this event. What a great day!



And then came.....
PINK STUMPS



Respect For Others

This week's winner is

Bridie Walker

Bridie demonstrates **Respect For Others** by actively listening.

We know she is listening because she looks at the speaker whether they are a friend or a staff member.

Bridie waits until the person has finished speaking before she speaks. She raises her hand when she wants to say something.

Every single thing that she is expected to do Bridie does quickly and as well as she can.

When people respect others, it sometimes shows us that they respect themselves as well. Bridie does this when she moves away from people who annoy her. This shows respect to them because she is thinking of their feelings and respect to herself because she has decided she works better away from that person.

I think you have a right to be very proud of yourself Bridie.

Well done and congratulations.



PINK STUMPS DAY 2018

On the 3rd October the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School hosted a Pink Stumps Day for the McGrath Foundation. There was a great turnout of town and station folk who came along to try out their cricketing skills. Two teams 'Townies' captained by Dianne Kempton and 'Think Local Vote Nationals' captained by Vince Catania rallied their troops together before the game.

The Schools Teacher Peter Polakiewicz took to the oval for a pre game warm up of 'Top of the Line' to test everyone's catching abilities. Pete took no prisoners and was hitting those balls harder than Rodger Federer. After the 10 minute alarm went off Chase Chong Wee was at the top of the line and our 2018 winner.

The game kicked off with Team 'Think Local Vote Nationals' batting and first off the rank was Peter Hutchison and Santanah Chong Wee. Pete was out after two runs and Santanah on 4. The married duo Amanda and Blaise continued on the trend and made 7 runs between them. Vince needed to bring his team together and between Jodie Gibson and himself scored the highest partnership for their team and overall a score of 27. Three more partnerships continued after that for Team Nationals all averaging about 11 runs.



Classic catches winner Jox

There were some great catches taken from the Townies before they swapped over to bat. Tim and Dustin started the batting off with Tim making 22 runs and Dustin on 3. Peter Dalgety and Brett Smith continued with another good score with 22 runs between them. Unfortunately the scoring went down from here for the Townies team with the partnerships averaging 7 runs. There was a bit of foul play amongst some of the players but the Umpire was onto it and quick to deduct runs. Some magnificent hits were taken some going over the fence into the local residents yards, luckily they had some young runners to collect the ball! Tim Caunt got the most runs scored for the day 22. Once

the match finished there was a game of 'classic catches' which was won by last years winner Jox Collins.

It was a close match and both teams played with outstanding skills, Team Townies scoring 78 runs but were just beaten by the Think Local Vote National team by 2 runs scoring 80runs!

After the match there were raffles drawn with lots of prizes kindly donated by our sponsors. An auction was held and a BBQ hog kindly made and donated by Graeme fetched \$235 and a signed cricket bat by the Perth Scorchers went for a whopping \$475. Everyone proceeded to the pub where a presentation of the annual trophy was presented to the winning team Captain Vince. The pub put on a great buffet and provided the kids with some water play fun on the blow up slide. A great night was had by all and would like to thank the pub for working together with the School to run a successful event.

We would like to thank all the volunteers on the day for their help without volunteers events like these would not happen. Also would like to say a big thanks to Jennifer for donating her time to run the merchandise she always does a fantastic job.

GASCOYNE JUNCTION REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
AND THE GLEN MCGRATH FOUNDATION
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TOWARD THIS EVENT
SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE
JUNCTION TAVERN AND TOURIST PARK
WAPA
WOOLWORTHS CARNARVON
BARRY EVANS STORE CARNARVON
CARNARVON MOTO GROUP
TOYWORLD CARNARVON
NELLA PRESERVES
GRAEME

Thanks everyone for your support for our Pink Stumps Day to help us raise money for the McGrath Foundation. Together, we raised a whopping \$1973.15 our best yet! We look forward to next year's return match.

Here are our best pink pics of the day.



Peter serving up for 'top of the line'

PINK STUMPS DAY 2018



Coming Events

22nd Thursday November
School Council Meeting. 4:00pm in the staffroom

22nd November
Jodie and Karen out on PL.

30th November
Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologist at the school.

7th December
Reports out.

10th December
Parent Interviews.

13th December
Last day of school.
Celebration of Learning and Christmas Party.

14th December
Holidays!

Students return to school on Monday 4th February 2019

- Final School Council Meeting for 2019
- Thursday 22nd November 4:00pm in the staff room

Agenda

- WWC/Crimscreen
- Fees and Charges
- Professional Learning/pupil free days
- Parent info booklet



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

WA's Country Ambulance Strategy: Have your say today

**The draft WA Country Ambulance Strategy is out now.
Have your say until Monday 10 December, 2018.**

The draft Strategy outlines a plan and actions to help support and improve the ambulance service to meet the needs of communities into the future.

Now we want to hear from you. Take the survey to have your say – it'll take less than 10 minutes to complete on your phone, laptop or desktop.

Visit <https://wacountryambulance.com.au/> or search in your internet browser WA country ambulance to read the draft Strategy and take the survey, or write to us:

The Country Ambulance Strategy
WA Country Health Service
PO Box 6680
East Perth Business Centre
Western Australia 6892

Get in touch

WA Country Health Service
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2018**

& Every Wednesday

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Junction Pub & Tourist Park



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Salad**

Only \$15.00



Junction Phone Book 2019



We are currently in the process of updating the local phone book if you want to add or make any changes to your details please fill out the form below and return to the Shire Office or email to

adminmanager@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Name: _____

Station Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Building's Phone: _____

Satellite Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile/s: _____

Email: _____

UHF Channel: _____

If you own a business and wish to advertise in the Phone Book, Please fill out the details below and return to the Shire Office. Business advertising cost, is \$20.00 per year.

Business Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

What you can offer: _____

WALGA RoadWise Report

Senior Road Safety Consultant

November 2018

Towards Zero – the only acceptable number is zero.
Let's work together to prevent people from dying or being seriously injured on our roads.

Statistical data

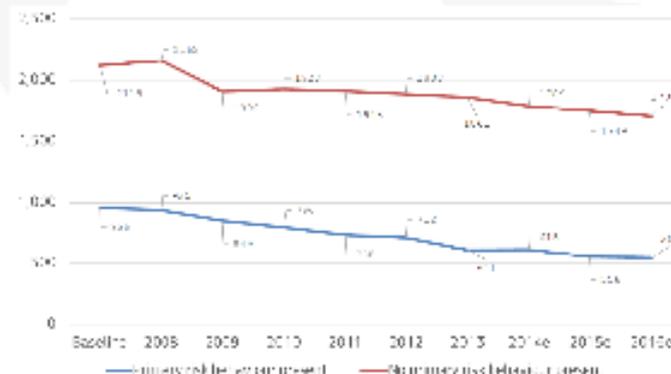
129 deaths as at 28 October 2018 – 48 Metropolitan WA, 81 Regional WA
Killed and serious injury (KSI) rate (2016): Regional WA 127.5 per 100,000, Metropolitan WA 73 per 100,000

Figures taken from Road Safety Commission website www.rsc.wa.gov.au (30/10/18)

Risk versus no risk behaviour

How often is the cause of crashes, resulting in people being killed or seriously injured (KSI), a driver who is engaging in risky illegal behaviour such as speeding, drink driving, not wearing a seatbelt or helmet? We may think that if we can remove these behaviours, our road safety issues would be fixed. However research shows that there are many more KSIs through non-risk behaviours – that is mistakes. The graph below shows the gap between the two. The blue line is the risk/illegal behaviours whilst the red one are the mistakes/errors of judgement.

People KSI involving primary risk taking behaviour¹



Source: Road Safety Commission, October 2018

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While continuing working on reducing illegal, risky behaviour is needed, it is important to look at how we can reduce KSIs caused by people making mistakes, after all people are fallible. The safe system approach does this through a holistic view which provides a framework to assess, guide and improve travel safety. The approach does not ignore risk taking behaviour, but acknowledges that people are fallible and that there needs to be allowances for human error.

For more information about the safe system approach give me a call on 9213 2060 or send me an email at eprendergast@walqa.asn.au.

How safe is your car?

The latest Used Car Safety Ratings Buyer's Guide has been released, helping buyers to identify the safest, affordable second-hand car for them.

Launched last month, the 2018/19 Used Car Safety Ratings Buyer's Guide provides buyers with safety ratings on second-hand vehicles to help them choose a vehicle with the best driver protection and greatest number of safety features. Some vehicles can significantly reduce your chance of being seriously injured in a crash and can even help avoid a crash altogether.

Local Governments and organisations are in a great position to add safer vehicles to the used car market by ensuring that the fleet vehicles they purchase or lease are the safest in their class.

To find out more about used car safety ratings visit How Safe is Your Car [website](#) or download the [guide](#).

Road Ribbon for Road Safety® 2018 – a reminder..

WALGA's RoadWise is encouraging everyone to work together towards zero deaths and serious injuries during the Christmas and New Year season by participating in the 2018 Road Ribbon for Road Safety® campaign.

The campaign enables Local Governments to engage with communities and individuals to support local road safety initiatives, directly contributing to WA's road safety strategy, *Towards Zero 2008-2020* and zero deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

To assist Local Governments involvement in *Road Ribbon for Road Safety®* campaign events, displays and publicity, RoadWise has prepared a suite of resources and tools. Click [here](#) to download the resources.

For more information, visit the RoadWise [website](#) or email Road Safety Project Officer [Essie Smith](#).

Dates for your diary:

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims – 18 November 2018
<https://worlddayofremembrance.org/>

National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2018 – Alice Springs, 20-22 November 2018,
http://www.conferenceco.com.au/ALGA_Roads/

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November		December	
4	Laney McKeough	1	Damian Leighton
14	Dustin Walker	1	Donald Kelly
21	Dot Hammarquist	27	Levi ChongWee
21	Tairelle Ryan		

Got a Birthday coming up? Contact the Gassy Gossip by email at crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

WANTED

Aluminium Cans

Dear Community members please take your aluminium cans to the wool bales at the Junction Pub. So they can be sent to Carnarvon and sold for scrap where the money is then donated back to community groups such as the Gascoyne School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctor.

John Wheelock

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Up to 6 phone numbers can be linked to the TicTocTrack® watch, which are the only numbers that can be called, ensuring the people your child is speaking to are trusted. Calling the watch allows a 2 way conversation so you can pass on a message, let them know you are running late or simply check that they are ok.

Great for younger children who aren't quite ready for a mobile phone.



SOS Button

For times where your child feels unsafe, the SOS button is discreetly located on the side of the watch. Pressing and holding the button for 3 seconds will send an SOS alert to the linked phone numbers, providing the watch location and a link to Google maps. If you have a voice plan the SOS button also calls the linked phones, allowing you to listen in while deactivating the watch speaker.

Custom-Built Software - Local, Safe, Secure

TicTocTrack® offers both iOS and Android App versions of the monitoring platform, as well as a desktop option, all free to download. The software has all been designed and built from scratch, not licensed from a 3rd party. It's custom designed and supported locally and securely right here in Australia.

Set Safe Areas

Using the platform, with just a few mouse clicks or finger taps, safe areas can be set from a phone or computer. Click points on a map to mark out boundaries of where your child should or shouldn't go. You can configure your safe zone to be active on certain days, dates or times or simply have it active 24/7 - it's up to you. You can set different safe areas for different watches under the same account. There is, of course, a safe area alert when you loved one enters or exits the set boundaries.



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THE Golden Pen

WINNERS
ANNOUNCED
11 MAY 2019 AT
SCRIBBLERS
FESTIVAL

KEY DATES

Entries Open:
18 October 2018

Entries Close:
31 March 2019

Shortlist Announced:
15 April 2019

The Golden Pen Award is a writing competition for budding young writers, with some great prizes up for grabs. There are two aged-based categories—12–14, and 15–17. We want YOU to submit an original piece of creative writing up to 3000 words that responds to the theme of *Discovery*. The entry form, prizes and guidelines are published on our website.

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Duck a l'Orange modern style



INGREDIENTS

1 Whole Duck

Orange Salt Rub

2 tbsp flaked salt
2 blood oranges, zested
1 sml sprig rosemary, finely chopped
¼ tsp black pepper

Blood Orange Sauce

2 zested blood oranges, Juiced
2 blood oranges, thinly sliced
½ cup sugar
½ cup duck stock
2 tbsp verjuice
1 tsp cornflour
1 tbsp water
1 tbsp butter, cubed

METHOD

1. Rinse the whole duck under running water. Thoroughly pat dry with paper towel inside and out.
2. In a small bowl combine the flaked salt, blood orange zest, rosemary and black pepper. Use the back of a small spoon to blend.
3. Place the duck onto the roasting rack inside the roasting pan and liberally sprinkle the flavoured salt over the duck.
4. Roast the duck in the pre-heated oven 180c for 40 minutes per Kg until golden and juices run clear when tested. Remove duck from oven and allow to rest 10 -15 minutes.

Sauce

Place the blood orange juice, slices, sugar, stock and ver juice into the saucepan and simmer over medium heat 8 minutes. Whisk in the combined cornflour and water and stir until liquid boils. Remove from heat and cool 2 minutes, whisk in the cubed butter.

To Serve

Serve roasted duck with seasonal vegetables and drizzle with Blood Orange sauce.

CHEF'S TIPS

If blood oranges are not available use sweet navels or valencia oranges. Replace blood orange juice with pomegranate or cranberry juice for a delicious difference.



Chocolate Christmas pudding



METHOD

INGREDIENTS

375 gram mixed dried fruit
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup brandy
225 gram unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup brown sugar
3 eggs
1 cup breadcrumbs
1 cup plain flour, sifted
1/4 cup cocoa
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground allspice
icing sugar, raspberries, blueberries, custard, to serve

In a large glass bowl, combine fruit, juice and brandy. Cover with plastic wrap. Set aside for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 160°C. Lightly grease a 2-litre pudding basin and line base with baking paper.

In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat butter and sugar together until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold in breadcrumbs, sifted combined flour, cocoa, spices and fruit with brandy.

Bake for 2 hours until cooked when tested. Cool in basin for 5 minutes before turning onto a cooling rack.

Spoon mixture into basin, smoothing top. Cover with baking paper and lid (or a layer of foil and secure with string).

Serve dusted with icing sugar, topped with raspberries and blueberries. Accompany with custard if liked.

To make homemade custard; bring 2 cups milk with 1 teaspoon vanilla just to the boil. Beat 4 egg yolks, 1/2 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cornflour. Whisk in milk. Stir over low heat until just boiling. Stir in 2 tablespoons brandy. Cover with plastic wrap touching surface if not used straight away.



Smoko Corner

01. What did Pierce Egan add to the basic eggnog recipe when he created a variation of eggnog called "Tom and Jerry."

- a. 2 tablespoons of vanilla ice cream
- b. 1/2 oz of brandy
- c. 1/2 oz of whiskey
- d. 3 tablespoons of cream



02. In what year did the US postal System issue its first Christmas stamp?

- a. 1942
- b. 1952
- c. 1962
- d. 1972

03. How many times is the name Santa Claus used in "the Night Before Christmas"?

- a. 0
- b. 2
- c. 5
- d. 7

04. What two reindeers are mentioned in the song "Here Comes Santa Claus"?

- a. Dancer and Prancer
- b. Donner and Blixen
- c. Vixen and Blixen
- d. Comet and Cupid

05. What country started the gift exchange tradition?

- a. Italy
- b. The Netherlands
- c. Greece
- d. Israel

06. In "Gift of the Magi", how much did Della get for her hair?

- a. \$10
- b. \$17
- c. \$20
- d. \$21

07. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?

- a. Peter Collington
- b. Clement Moore
- c. Chris Van Allsburg
- d. Raymond Briggs

08. What was the first artificial tree made of?

- a. Glass
- b. Plastic
- c. Feathers
- d. Silk

09. What musical instrument was "Silent Night" first played on?

- a. Guitar
- b. Organ
- c. Flute
- d. Harp

10. Which of the following names was not considered for Tiny Tim's character in "A Christmas Carol"?

- a. Little Larry
- b. Puny Pete
- c. Small Sam
- d. Wee Willie





11. What is Santa's name in Holland?

- a. Father Christmas
- b. Grandfather Frost
- c. St. Nicholas
- d. Christkind

12. In what country was the first Christmas card created?

- a. France
- b. Germany
- c. Spain
- d. England

13. In what country was the poinsettia first grown and known as "Flower of the Holy Night"?

- a. Canada
- b. Mexico
- c. Greece
- d. Egypt

14. In what country did the real St. Nicholas live?

- a. Denmark
- b. The Netherlands
- c. Bulgaria
- d. Turkey

15. In what ocean can you find Christmas Island?

- a. Indian Ocean
- b. Arctic Ocean
- c. Atlantic Ocean
- d. Pacific Ocean

16. Which US state was the first to recognize Christmas as an official holiday?

- a. New York
- b. Alabama
- c. Virginia
- d. Pennsylvania

17. In "It's a Wonderful Life," what is the angel's first name?

- a. Clarence
- b. Samuel
- c. William
- d. Stanley

18. What are hot cockles?

- a. A Christmas beverage
- b. A Christmas pastry
- c. A Christmas game
- d. A Christmas decoration

19. If you were to receive all of the gifts in the song "The 12 Days of Christmas," how many gifts would you receive?

- a. 144
- b. 284
- c. 364
- d. 424

20. In what European country is "The Nutcracker" set?

- a. Germany
- b. Russia
- c. Poland
- d. Denmark





CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
9. ___ to the world!



KIDS' CORNER

Vocabulary Worksheet - Christmas

Match words and pictures

angel	<input type="checkbox"/>
candy cane	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas balls	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas bell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Xmas candle & holly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas lights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas pudding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas tree	<input type="checkbox"/>
gingerbread man	<input type="checkbox"/>
present	<input type="checkbox"/>
reindeer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Santa Claus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Santa's hat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Santa's sleigh	<input type="checkbox"/>
snowflakes	<input type="checkbox"/>
snowman	<input type="checkbox"/>
stocking	<input type="checkbox"/>



Write the words (more than 1 answer possible)

1. What you eat at Christmas :
2. Means of transportation on ice :
3. Not one is alike :
4. Red-nosed animal :



NOVEMBER 2018



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3 <i>Pink Stumps</i>	4
5	6 <i>Melbourne Cup Luncheon</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Council Meeting</i>	29	30		
		NOTES:				

Upcoming Events

December

13th

*Council Meeting
&*

*Community
Christmas Party*

21st

*Shire Office
Shutdown*

January

7th

*Shire Office Reopens for
Business*