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#### SAY G'DAY

Say hello to one of the Junction's newest residents.



#### **New power station** for Gascoyne Junctio

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WESTERN Power will build a new power sta at Gascoyne Junction.

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Mr Ripper said the power stations would su electricity to Western Power at higher envinental standards than existing diesel generand could lower generation costs.

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All the details of the event and what we raised..



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Gus the Garden Gnome awaits to answer your gardening questions.



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Busy bee dates.



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Happy birthday to you all.



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Take a break and enjoy the puzzles and word games.



Puzzles and Games to keep the kids entertained.





#### **UPCOMINGEVENTS**

Here you will find all the important dates to jot down in your diary.

## Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Friday 5th February

Wednesday 24th March

Wednesday 21st April

Wednesday 19th May

Wednesday 24th June

Wednesday 21st July

Wednesday 18th August

Wednesday 22nd September

Wednesday 20th October

Wednesday 17th November

Thursday 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**

Once again the Shire of Upper Gascoyne has been inundated with copious amounts of precipitation, with approximately 92mm falling on the 29th of May and a further 30-40mm falling on the 8th of June 2021. The Pastoral sector would be absolutely buzzing with the amount of vegetative growth and water for their livestock. As with all things there has been a negative effect with this amount of rain and this manifested itself within our road network, with most roads being closed for a considerable period of time and avoidable damage being sustained which has been caused by tourists and others driving on our closed roads. Despite taking pre-emptive action and closing roads prior to the inundation and getting the information out on the various social networks we still have this problem with the Shire facing many thousands of dollars of work to make the roads safe. Greenfield's have completed a pick-up and estimate the damage at between \$2-4 million, the Shire have notified DFES that we will be making a further claim. Probably the most disappointing aspect is the so called locals that think that they have some entitlement to drive on these roads whilst they are closed. I am in the process of preparing a report that will look at various legislative interventions we can currently take and what needs to happen legislatively so that we can fine people who continue to flaunt road closures, this will need to be a sector wide initiative.

On the 25th of June the SUG will host the WALGA Zone Meeting and the Regional Road Group Meeting. Each year either the Shire of Shark Bay or the Shire of Exmouth host the event with Carnarvon hosting the other two meetings. These meetings are important in the overall regional scheme and provide us with the opportunity to advocate for our Local Government.

Don, Ainsley and I attended a DBCA working group to discuss the formation of this group that will be responsible in delivering on the \$10 million spend on the Mount Augustus National Park as part of the McGowan's Governments election commitment. The group is made-up of representatives from the DBCA, GDC and the Shire.

Water Corp have advised that they will be installing a new water main along Smith Street within the road reserve closest to the road, this way the main will no longer go through the middle of the Depot.

We are still working on formalising the budget, the biggest challenge is getting the opening and closing position established as this has a profound effect on the overall budgetary position.

The Shire have been advised by the Valuer General that he is going to uphold objections about the recent pastoral rental increases established for the 20/21 financial year. At the time of writing I cannot advise of the financial implications but should be in a position to advise Council at the Council meeting. The Valuer General will provide an updated roll on the 18th of July. If the changes are material they will definitely effect our opening and closing position and our estimated budgeted revenue as such we will need to make budgetary adjustments to compensate.

The Variety Bash called through Gascoyne Junction and stayed the night at the Pavilion as part of their fund raising activities. The Shire were presented with a certificate of appreciation for our small contribution.

We have engaged a Structural Engineer to fly up to examine the new addition to the existing workshop so as to get it certified; unfortunately this did not occur when the building was constructed. We should be able to go to tender for the replacement shed in the next month or so once the electrical drawings have been completed.

#### **Corporate Services Update**

At the last meeting the Corporate Services Manager advised Council that we were in the process of selecting a successful candidate for the CSO position. We had just completed interviews and sourced references for our shortlisted applicants. Leading into our final decision it was very close between applicants that had made it to the final round, but after much deliberation we settled on a candidate. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Cynthia Wright in the position of Corporate Services Officer. We look forward to Cynthia officially joining our team on the 28th June 2021.

William Buck have confirmed our audit dates as 9th July for the Interim and 13th September for the End of Year audits. The interim audit has been scheduled particularly late in the piece and coincides with a very busy time of year for the corporate team, however we will endeavour to work with William Buck to ensure the process runs smoothly.

#### **Community Resource Centre Update**

At the beginning of May Ainsley, our Tourism & Community Development Officer attended the WA Tourism Regional Conference in Geraldton. Over the course of two days she participated in conference streams covering Aboriginal Tourism, Visitor Information Centres and a more general tourism in regional Western Australia. A report on this conference was shared with Tourism Stakeholders within the Shire at the Visit Upper Gascoyne meeting in June. Ainsley also represented the Shire at the May Australia's Golden Outback Tourism Meeting.

Each Regional Tourism Organisation across the State are this year undertaking a Strategic Plan Review and she has begun putting forward the views of our community to the discussion. Work is still progressing on having the Gascoyne Junction Visitor Information Centre becoming formally accredited.

One of the roles taken on by the team at the CRC is assisting Shire residents connect in a digital world. The CRC has registered to be a part of the Federal Government Be Connected Program which provides funding and resources to educate Australian's on the topic of Digital Literacy. Over the coming months the CRC will be hosting Digital Literacy Lunch workshops utilising webinars offered through the program, and logging into the Be Connected online community to practice skills. There is also the opportunity to use this framework and the learnings of digital technology to preserve the history of the Upper Gascoyne through images and stories.

#### **Works Update**

Another wet month has fallen right across the shire. While it is great for the country and our pastoralists it has been a nightmare for our road assets. I am perplexed at the ignorance and straight out selfishness of those that choose to drive on closed/wet roads. We have entire road lengths with severe damage caused by vehicles driving on wet roads. Obviously there are plenty of people out there who clearly have no regard for those that depend on these roads or the people that devote their time and money into making our roads safe. While we are completing another damage assessment in the hope we can source DRFWA relief there is no funding available to repair what I call "CLOWN DAMAGE". The additional damage also prolongs the reopening of roads while we carry out temporary repairs to ensure the safety of road users.

In an attempt to mitigate future damage we will install "road closure gates" at strategic locations around the shire where local pastoralists and businesses can close them at the Shire's request. I will also be looking into signage at entry points to our shire. Our team will also liaise with neighbouring shires to ensure we work together on a united front in regard to road closures.





Pimbee Road

#### **Town Works:**

The town staff have been busy cleaning and preparing 6 Scott Street, (Old Mick's house), in readiness for our new finance administrator Cynthia to move into. The main switchboard required an electrician to make some minor repairs to ensure it is safe. Cynthia will reside there until the new staff housing is completed later in the year. Modula WA have indicated that the house will arrive onsite in October.

The new tourist stop is coming along slower than planned due to skilled labour shortages and rain delays once again. Since the last update some of the precast slabs have been installed and footing and reinforcing steel were being prepared this week. We have sent the aeroplane to Geraldton to have the pole mounting engineered and plane prepared to be put in place. Craig Poletti and his engineers have been onsite to address the bitumen issues and to monitor progress.

The town oval and playground fencing will commence on the 15th of June and is expected to take approximately 10 days to complete. We are also working on replacing the town street banners and poles and improving the main street appearance.

#### **Construction Crew:**

Due to the ongoing rain events we are unable to complete the bitumen works on the Carnarvon Mullewa road. The underlying moisture is preventing us from obtaining sufficient compaction. We have postponed sealing until later in the year. Unfortunately this means we are left to maintain a detour for the entire 6km job site. It is also extremely disappointing to see that people have ignored road closures and signage and driven down the new works. Once again we will need to redo the final trim and roll the section again. All of which will add to the total cost of the project.



Carnarvon Mullewa Road

The Dalgety Landor bitumen project is still forging ahead. There has been some setback due to rain however they did not see the same rain totals as we did in the western side of the shire. We have had some issues pinning Boral down on a date to seal the works, at this stage they are coming to site on the 28th of june. The additional works required to maintain surface condition and repair rain damage has also increased the project total.

#### **Maintenance Crew:**

As mentioned, the excessive rain has caused significant damage to our network and forced extended road closures. I would like to thank those that were patient and understanding during this time. We have tried extremely hard to get roads accessible again however we are limited by time, distance and number of graders. We engaged three contractors to assist in opening up works taking us to a total of six graders at one time. Unfortunately the damage caused by vehicles made the reopening of roads three times longer.

At the time of writing I have been completing road inspections in order to determine the next few months grading programme. At this stage Thomas and Roger Davies Contracting will focus on getting Ullawarra and its connecting roads safe again. Ian will grade the wheel ruts out of Pimbee road with the multi roller following behind him. Dameon will repair the Carnarvon Mullewa detour and then assist Ian to speed things up. QEM will send a grader down from Cobra through to the Landor boundary and then down Cobra Dairy Creek road. They will then head to the top of Ullawarra road and complete a full maintenance grade on the Ashburton Shire's section.

Once I have completed road inspections and the roads are all open again I will reassess our maintenance grading programme.



Road Closed Sign Run Over And Detour Ignored On Works Prepared For Bitumen

## COUNCIL UPDATE....

#### FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT



Edmund Gifford Creek Rd



Not yet commenced

#### SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – June 2021 (PACKAGE 1)

	MONTHLY PROGRESS REPO	RT – June 2021 (PACKAG	E 1)	
Contractor	Contractor QEM Group	Package Start Date:	19 Sept 2020	
Contractor		Forecast Completion Date:	Nov / Dec 2021	
Works this	Works this period (June 2021) Works next period		od (July 2021)	
Waldburg Rd		Mt Augustus Woodlands Rd		
comprising reforming	Completed all remaining works on this road comprising reforming and resheeting several sections at the northern end of the road.		Complete the remaining works on this road from the Lyons River crossing to Landor Mt Augustus Rd.	
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	Status o	of Roads		
		This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package		69%	60%	
Bingegaroo Rd		0%	-%	
Cobra Gifford Creek	Rd	Not yet commenced		
Cobra Mt Augustus	Rd	5%	-%	
Dooley Downs Rd		Not yet commenced		



Landor Mt Clere Rd		100%	100%	
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Landor Mt Augustus Rd		100%	100%	
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Wanna Rd		Not yet commenced		
Discussion Items	ь			
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Mt Augustus Woodlands Rd / Bingegaroo Rd















#### SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – June 2021 (PACKAGE 2)

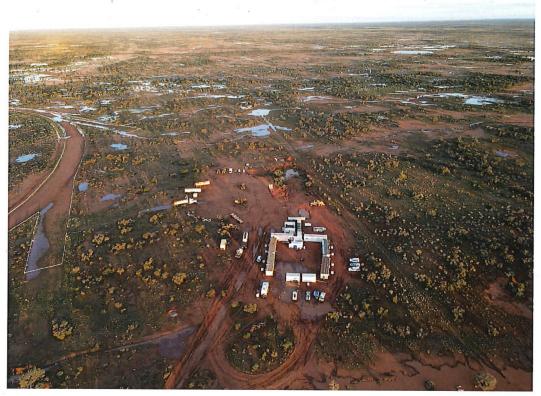
Contractor	THEM Forthmoving	Package Start Date:	8 Nov 2020
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Works this	Works this period (June 2021) Works next period (July 2021)		(July 2021)
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd (AGRN908)		Carnarvon Mullewa Rd	
Continued works on this road between end of existing seal and Pells Crossing.		Complete remaining works between end of existing bitumen seal and Pells Crossing.	
Hatch St		Hatch St	
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Overall Package		32%	28%
Carey Downs Road		Not yet commenced	
Carnarvon Mullewa	Road	97%	82%
Cobra Dairy Creek I	Road	Not yet commenced	
Dalgety Downs Gler	nburgh Road	100%	100%
Dalgety Downs Land	dor Road	100%	100%
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Eudamullah Road	<i>*</i>	Not yet cor	mmenced	
Gilroyd Road		Not yet commenced		
Gregory Street		Transferred to AGRN951 scope		
Hatch Street		50%	-%	
Killili Road		88%	74%	
Lyons River Road		Not yet commenced		
Minnie Creek Road	Minnie Creek Road		Not yet commenced	
Mooloo Downs Access	Road	Not yet cor	mmenced	
Newton Drive		100%	80%	
Pimbee Road	mbee Road		Not yet commenced	
Riverside Drive		100%	100%	
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Scott Street	cott Street		100%	
Jllawarra Road		0%	-%	
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Camp	<ul><li>Male and Fema</li><li>Contractor site</li><li>Laydown area,</li><li>Workshop and</li></ul>	parate mess station, ale ablutions,	wns Station.	

The camp will be relocated to near Minnie Creek Rd intersection on Ullawarra Rd during the next R&R break (early July 2021).

Camp site after May 2021 rain





Ullawarra Rd





# 2020 UNCIL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 16th Ocober 2021

3 COUNCILLOR POSITIONS UP FOR NOMINATION

make application to the CEO for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne to be added to the Owners / Occupiers Roll. This means you may live in another area but own or rent / lease land in the Local Government District or it could mean that you reside in the Local Government Area. This applies to Mining Tenements, Pastoral Leases, Commercial / Industrial / Residential Land.

If you are not registered on the applicable voting rolls you can

Applications for both the residents and owner/occupiers roll close at

5:00pm on Friday 27 August 2021

For those intending to nominate for a Councillor position the first date you can nominate on the

2nd of September 2021.

This has to be done on a prescribed form and must be lodged with the returning officer.

The nomination period is open for 8 days and closes at 4.00pm on the 9th of September 2021.

All candidates must complete an online candidate induction prior to nominating for election so they are fully aware of what to expect as an elected member and the rules related to campaigning. This will be available on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries web site. Candidates must also make a deposit of \$80 which is repaid if the candidate receives more than 5% of the vote.

All are encouraged to be a part of this process whether this be by nominating to be a Councillor or voting for your preferred candidate.

To be eligible to vote or nominate for a vacant position in this election you must be on either the State Electoral Roll or be on the Owners/Occupiers Roll.

You can check to see if you are on the State Roll by going to the State Roll by going to https://www.elections.wa.gov.au



#### **COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2021**

In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, under regulation 12 (2), it is hereby notified that as from January 2021 to December 2021, Ordinary Council meetings of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne will be held as follows:

Fabruary 2021*	Friday 5 th
February 2021*	Friday 5
March 2021	Wednesday 24th
April 2021	Wednesday 21st
May 2021	Wednesday 19 th
June 2021	Wednesday 23 rd
July 2021	Wednesday 21st
August 2021	Wednesday 18 th
September 2021	Wednesday 22 nd
October 2021	Wednesday 20 th
November 2021	Wednesday 17 th
December 2021*	Thursday 16th

^{*}Exception being February (brought forward due to long break between meetings) and December (moved to last day of school).

Ordinary Council Meetings commence at 8:30am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, except for the May meeting – this will be held at the Mount Augustus Tourist Park in conjunction with the Eastern Road inspections.

Road inspections are scheduled for:

April 2021 - Western Road inspections May 2021 - Eastern Road Inspections

Rate payers 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.

John McCleary JP Chief Executive Officer

# RESPECT OUR ROADS



#### CLOSED MEANS CLOSED FOR LOCALS & VISITORS ALIKE

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne encourages visitors to experience our beautiful attractions and soak up everything the real Australian outback has to offer.

We are a large shire of 46,602 square kilometres with approximately 1,950kms of unsealed roads and our team takes great pride in looking after these roads to ensure everyone enjoys a safe comfortable drive.

Sometimes we need to close roads to traffic due to wet conditions. While this may be an inconvenience in the short term, we do it for your own safety and to ensure safe roads all year round for visitors and locals. It is important to check local weather conditions and forecasts before travelling on unsealed roads; this information can be found at www.bom.gov.au. Severe damage can occur to roads when people drive on closed or wet roads. It is not only extremely dangerous but can be costly for our shire to repair. Please consider those that live in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne and depend on these roads all year.

Please do not drive on our roads if they are closed. Penalties may apply to those who choose to ignore "Road Closed" signs and the shire may choose to prosecute offenders for the cost of repairs. If you have an accident or injury on a closed road, you may not be covered by your insurance company. This applies to locals and visitors alike.

We make every effort to minimise delays and appreciate your patience and assistance when roads are closed.

For further information and up to date road reports please visit our website: www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/roadreport

T: (08) 9943 0988 F: SUG6705

Shire Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8.30am to 4.30pm Fri 8.30am to 3.00pm





Landor Burringurrah Rd May 2016: driving on wet roads, estimated repair costs were \$45,000.00

# Know How Rates are Calculated and Win



**FRIDAY, 18 JUNE 2021** 

#### Media Release

Each year households across the State receive their Local Government rates notices, however independent research, commissioned by the WA Local Government Association, has found only about one in five WA ratepayers can identify how rates are calculated.

Of the remainder, 32% believed rates were calculated similar to stamp duty, with another 14% linking rates directly to the housing market. A total of 22% correctly identified that rates form a portion of each Local Government's annual budget.

The survey of 1000 West Australians from across the State found 73% percent of respondents wanted to better understand the process. It also found that 69% of people wanted a greater say on their rates; while about 40% would be prepared to either pay higher rates for more services, or accept a cut to services for lower rates.

WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts said "Rates form a significant part of Councils' operating budgets that is needed to provide the facilities and services that are required by the respective communities."

"The greater the input from the community and involvement with the Council, the more likely it is that the services and facilities provided, and the rates required, will meet their expectations."

Starting next week, in a competition to run in *The West Australian* newspaper, being able to nominate the correct method could win your residential rates paid for the year.

Supported by WALGA, the competition will give readers a chance to win one of 10 prizes of having residential rates paid up to \$3,500 by choosing the correct calculation method from three options.

The competition is hoped to improve understanding of how rates are calculated in response to the research findings that the majority of ratepayers wanted to better understand this process.

The competition opens Monday, **21 June** – go to <u>councilrates.thewest.com.au</u> to enter. Terms and conditions apply.







### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

#### Information sheet - What you need to know

Take care of yourself, your family and community.

By being kind and staying calm you can help our mob stay strong.

This is an information sheet for Aboriginal people on what they need to know about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) – what it is, how it spreads, how it makes them feel and what they can do to help it stop spreading.

#### What is a Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can make people sick ranging from a mild cold to severe respiratory illness.

It is a new virus spreading across the world.

#### How does it make you feel?

Most people who get COVID-19 feel like they have a cold or flu.

Some people have mild symptoms and others can get very ill very quickly and need medical help.

#### What are the symptoms?

- Fever (sweats)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Fatigue (tiredness)

#### How does the virus spread?

It can spread from person to person through:

- Close contact with a person who is infectious with COVID-19.
- Touching or being in close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 who coughs or sneezes.
- * Touching objects or surfaces like door handles, tables or phones that have cough or sneeze droplets from a sick person, and then touching your mouth or face.





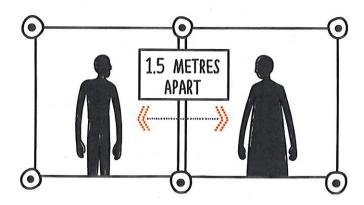




#### Stop the spread

We need to take care of each other and keep our community safe by doing what we can to stop the virus bugs spreading to each other. This means practising good personal hygiene and physical distancing.

- Stay away from people who are sick with cold or flu symptoms.
- Stay home if you are sick and rest to stay strong.
- Stay 2 arms lengths away from everyone (at least 1.5 metres apart).



Wash your hands a lot with soap and water (for 20 to 30 seconds) or use hand sanitiser especially before and after eating, after going to the toilet, and after coughing or sneezing.

- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or bent elbow, NOT into your hands.
- Throw used tissues in the bin.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Keep your distance don't shake hands, kiss, hug or do high fives*
- Practise physical distancing when around big mobs of people like family and community gatherings.

#### AND

If you are unwell with COVID-19 symptoms go to your nearest COVID clinic or GP respiratory clinic.

#### For more information

Go to the **Healthy WA** website for up to date information on COVID-19.

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus

or call the Western Australian enquiry line on 13COVID (13 268 43)



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#### **COVID-19 Vaccines**

#### Mythbusters and frequently asked questions

#### Myths

#### Aboriginal people are being told to get the vaccine before everyone else

Australia's COVID-19 vaccines will become available in phases.

Priority groups have been identified for the first phases, including people that would be at a higher risk of serious illness if they contracted COVID-19, and those most likely to be exposed to it.

Phase 1a started in February and is well underway for our quarantine and border workers, frontline health care workers and aged care and disability care staff and residents.

Phase 1b is expected to start in March and not only includes Aboriginal people who are aged 55 and older, it also includes those who are at a higher risk of serious illness if they contract COVID-19. This includes older adults, health care workers, those with existing medical conditions, and critical and high-risk.

All people who live in remote communities will have the opportunity to receive the vaccine at the same time, regardless of which phase they may be in.

#### The COVID-19 vaccine is killing Aboriginal people or making them sick

The COVID-19 vaccine has not caused increased death rates in other communities where it has been widely used and there is no evidence that Aboriginal people react worse to the vaccine than others.

Some people may experience mild side effects after getting vaccination such as tiredness, muscle soreness and redness around the injection site and mild fever. This is normal for any vaccine.

Serious reactions from the vaccine are extremely rare and may occur within 15 minutes therefore you must stay with the nurse for 15 minutes (or longer if needed) after receiving the vaccine.

#### Aboriginal people are being used as guinea pigs for the vaccine

Aboriginal people are not the first people to receive the COVID-19 vaccines. Tens of millions of people across the world have already received the vaccine safely.

COVID-19 vaccination is voluntary. The COVID-19 vaccination is recommended to protect yourself, Elders and community.



#### The vaccine implants a microchip in me that will track our movements

The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain a tracking microchip and there is no evidence or data to support this. Microchips are too large to be administered through needle injection.

This conspiracy theory/rumour has been circulated across social media platforms, to create a fear of technology and a mistrust of Governments.

Rumours like these can cause mass scepticism of vaccines. It is best to receive your information from trusted sources including <a href="health.wa.gov.au">health.wa.gov.au</a>.

#### Frequently asked questions

#### The vaccines have been made so quickly, how can we be sure they are safe?

Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines have been able to be developed faster than any other vaccine because of several reasons:

- A level of funding and commitment not seen before;
- The availability of new technologies; and
- Researchers and developer around the world working together.

Some steps of the clinical trials and approval processes have been done at the same time instead of one after the other. As soon as the preliminary data was available, the trials were able to progress. This has given us access to the vaccine as quickly as possible.

#### Only old people get or die from COVID so why should I get the vaccine?

Anyone can get COVID-19. The elderly and people with chronic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes are most at risk of serious COVID-19 infections.

Luckily, thanks to the hard work in our communities, numbers have been very low for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with no deaths. However, there have still been approximately 150 cases so far and a vaccine is a safe and effective way to protect people against serious illness from COVID-19.

Just like the flu, it is important to get vaccinated to protect yourself, family, our vulnerable and our community.

Even if you are not an older person, you should still get vaccinated against COVID-19. The vaccine will strengthen your immune system by training it to recognise and fight the COVID-19 virus before it makes you very sick and pass it onto others.

#### Is there a difference to the vaccine that is being rolled out in our community to the ones that are rolled out across Australia and internationally?

Everyone in Australia will have access to more than one vaccine. Every vaccine that is available in Australia must firstly be approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and must meet strict standards for safety, quality and efficacy.

At this stage, there will be no difference in which vaccine is given in a remote Aboriginal community and the wider Australian community.



#### Can I choose which vaccine I get?

No. You cannot choose which vaccine you get. It will depend on vaccine availability and any determination made by the TGA. Those who are at greatest risk will be vaccinated first.

All registered and approved vaccines are effective in protecting against COVID-19 and serious illness caused by the virus.

#### Where can Aboriginal people get the vaccine?

The Australian government is working closely with States and Territory Governments and National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (NACCHO) to ensure the vaccine is made available to all Aboriginal people.

There will be many sites across Australia where the vaccine will be made available. Many of them will be in rural and remote locations. This includes Western Australian state-run clinics, country hospitals, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACHHS), GP-led Respiratory clinics, GP clinics and community pharmacies.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, eligibility criteria and more FAQ's please visit HealthyWA.wa.gov.au

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with disability.

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# **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

THIS SEGMENT OF THE GOSSIP EXPLORES PAST ARTICLES ON NEWS AND EVENTS.
THIS ARTICLE WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE NORTHERN GUARDIAN ON 15 JULY
1998

# Heavy rain washes out roads and races

A RECORD rainfall over the weekend caused localised flooding, road closures and the cancellation of the Gascoyne Junction races and gymkhana.

The North-West Highway was impassable north and south of Carnar-von on Monday as the rain kept falling and was expected to continue into Tuesday.

Travellers are advised to take extra caution on roads as conditions can alter rapidly during rainfall.

Rainfall for the 24 hours from 9am Sunday, July 12 to Monday, July 13 was 102.6mm.

This is the highest daily total on record for July.

The average rainfall for July is just 44.7mm. So far this month 153.6mm has been recorded.

There was a mass exodus from Gascoyne Junction on Saturday as people were keen to beat the road closures but an estimated 100 people stayed

behind camping in trucks and caravans.

Junction Hotel proprietor Ann Russel said most people left on Saturday. Those who were stranded were either staying at nearby station homesteads or camped at the race track.

Bidgemia Station, near Gascoyne Junction, hosted nearly 50 people as road access was closed and light rainfall made camping uncomfortable.

Those who ventured to Gascoyne Junction on Friday made the most of the entertainment on Friday night with reports of a fun-filled evening with the Geraldton band, Moresby Rangers.

Band members left early Saturday morning to beat the road closures.

If a road has been closed by the local shire, access by any vehicle, including four-wheel drives, is illegal.

The damage to roads can run into thousands of dollars and fines of up to \$1000 per wheel can be imposed.



#### GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP 2021 CALENDAR

13th & 14th February Untutored & AGM (cancelled)

27th & 28th March Untutored (cancelled)

18th & 19th April Dongara Autumn Craft Round Up (cancelled)

22nd & 23rd May Untutored & AGM

19th & 20th June Copper Foiling Workshop

24th & 25th July Resin Dipping Outside Tutored Workshop (provided we can get a tutor)

(provided we can get a tator)

14th & 15th August Out Back Wives overnight bag

18th & 19th September Untutored

30th & 31st October Mosaic Workshop

November 27th & 28th Christmas Craft

For any queries, please contact the Secretary Tina Matthews
E: <u>junctioncraft@gmail.com</u>
P: 9943 0531

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$20 UNTUTORED WEEKENDS \$10 WORKSHOPS \$50 with craft supplied materials OUTSIDE TUTORED WORKSHOPS \$50 + materials if required

#### **BOOKS OF THE MONTH**



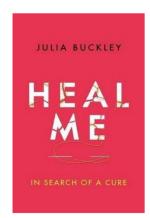


#### **BEDTIME IS BORING**

Billy Bunny REALLY doesn't want to go to bed. He's NOT tired! Not even a little bit. It may be bedtime, but Billy is NOT going quietly...

See if Billy wins the bedtime battle. Get in quick to pick up this month's kids book from the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CRC}}$ 



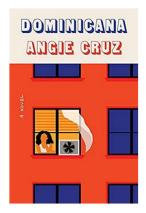


Julia Buckley needs a miracle. She has a chronic pain condition and according to her doctors, it can't be cured. She doesn't believe them. She does believe in miracles, though.

Julia's search for a cure takes her on a global quest, exploring the boundaries between science, psychology and faith with practitioners on the fringes of conventional, traditional and alternative medicine. From neuroplastic brain rewiring in San Francisco to medical marijuana in Colorado, Haitian vodou rituals to Brazilian 'spiritual surgery', she's willing to try anything. Can miracles happen? And more importantly, what happens next if they do?

Raising vital questions about the modern medical system, this is also a story about identity in a system historically skewed against 'hysterical' female patients, and the struggle to retain a sense of self under the medical gaze. *Heal Me* explains why modern medicine's current approach to chronic pain is failing patients. It explores the importance of faith, hope and cynicism, and examines our relationships with our doctors, our beliefs and ourselves.

#### **DOMINICANA**



Fifteen-year-old Ana Cancion never dreamed of moving to America, the way the girls she grew up with in the Dominican countryside did. But when Juan Ruiz proposes and promises to take her to New York City, she has to say yes. It doesn't matter that he is twice her age, that there is no love between them. Their marriage is an opportunity for her entire close-knit family to eventually immigrate. So on New Year's Day, 1965, Ana leaves behind everything she knows and becomes Ana Ruiz, a wife confined to a cold six-floor walk-up in Washington Heights. Lonely and miserable, Ana hatches a reckless plan to escape. But at the bus terminal, she is stopped by Cesar, Juan's free-spirited younger brother, who convinces her to stay.

As the Dominican Republic slides into political turmoil, Juan returns to protect his family's assets, leaving Cesar to take care of Ana. Suddenly, Ana is free to take English lessons at a local church, lie on the beach at Coney Island, see a movie at Radio City Music Hall, go dancing with Cesar, and imagine the possibility of a different kind of life in America. When Juan returns, Ana must decide once again between her heart and her duty to her family.

# BOUTT SEVEN

That is how many new titles arrived at the Gascoyne Junction Library this month. DVDs, Biographies, Audio Books, Childrens Books, Fiction and Non Fiction await. The Library is FREE to join. Make sure you take a look next time you are visiting the CRC.

#### DVDs

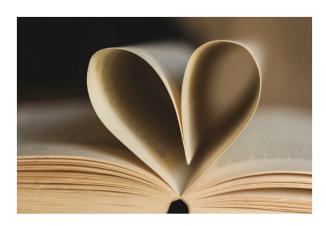
- 1. Dark Waters
- 2. Fantasy Island
- 3. Night Hunter
- 4. The Vanished

#### **AUDIO**

- 5. The Accusation by Wendy James
- 6. Later by Stephen King
- 7. Gathering Dark by Candice Fox

#### **FICTION**

- 8. Grace Under Pressure by Tori Haschka
- 9. The Last Bookshp by Emma Young
- 10. Tipping by Anna George
- 11. The fine art of invisible detection by Robert Goddard
- 12. Who is Maud Dixon? by Alexandra Andrews
- 13. The Affair by Danielle Steele
- 14. Spring Clean for the Peach Queen by Sasha Wasley
- 15. The Lady with the Gun Asks the Questions by Kerry Greenwood
- 16. Not Dark Yet by Peter Robinson
- 17. Where the Line Breaks by Michael Burrows
- 18. The Fall of Koli by MR Carey
- 19. The Hope Flower by Joy Dettman
- 20. The Red Book by James Patterson and David Ellis
- 21. The Cook of the Halycon by Andrea Camilleri
- 22. Eternal by Lisa Scottoline
- 23. Fairytale Forever by Margo Magro
- 24. Second First Impressions by Sally Thorne
- 25. Trick of the Light by Fiona McCallum
- 26. Turn a Blind Eye by Jeffrey Archer
- 27. The Chase by Candice Fox
- 28. The Emporium of Imagination by Tabitha Bird



# NEW THIS

#### **FICTION**

- 29. Flappy Entertains by Santa Montefiore
- 30. Legacy of War by Wilbur Smith with David Churchill
- 31. The Old Enemy by Henry Porter
- 32. The Ripping Tree by Nikki Gemmell
- 33. Sisters of Freedom by Mary-Anne O'Connor
- 34. The Vineyard by at Painted Moon by Susan Mallery
- 35. The Bone Code by Kathy Reichs
- 36. You Need to Know by Nicola Moriarty
- 37. Fidelity by Marco Missiroli translated by Alex Valente
- 38. You Love Me by Caroline Kepnes
- 39. The Favour by Laura Vaughan
- 40. The Other Emily by Dean Koontz
- 41. Where the Grass is Green by Lauren Weisberger



#### NON FICTION

- 42. Songs by Don Walker
- 43. One Punch: The Tragic Toll of Random Acts of Violence by Barry Dickins
- 44. Home by Natural Harry: DIY Recipes for a Tox Free Zero Waste Life by Harriet Birrell
- 45. Living without Plastic by Brigette Allen and Christine Wong
- 46. What is to be done: Political Engagement and Saving the Planet by Barry Jones
- 47. Culture is Life: A Photographic Exploration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People by Wayne Quillia
- 48. With the Falling of the Dusk by Stan Grant
- 49. Fake Medicine: Exploeing the Wellness of Crazes, Cons and Quacks by Dr Brad McKay
- 50. You're not Broken: Break Free from Trauma and Reclaim your Life By Dr Sarah Woodhouse
- 51. How Good is Scott Morrison? by Wayne Errington and Peter Van Onslen

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

- 52. My Year of Living Vulnerably by Rick Morton
- 53. Black and Blue: a Memoir of Racism and Resilience by Veronica Gorrie
- 54. How Animals Saved by Life: Being the Supervet by Noel Fitzpatrick
- 55. Lapsed by Monica Dux
- 56. Turns out, I'm fine by Judith Lucy
- 57. Homecoming by Elfie Shiosaki
- 58. One Life by Megan Rapinoe

#### DVD

- 59. Deadliest Catch Series 14
- 60. Gauguin in Tahiti: Paradise Lost

# FOR THE KIDS

- 61. Haywire by Claire Saxby
- 62. Goodnight, Little Llama Written by Amanda Wood
- 63. Sleep 101: How to Sleep Like A Baby by Beck and Matt Stanton
- 64. A Tale of Witchcraft by Chris Colfer
- 65. Look! That's a Koala: Cute and Furry Friends Inside Illustrated by Nicola Anderson
- 66. Ngaginybe Jarragbe: My Story by Shirley Purdie with Gija translation by Elaine Bray
- 67. Aunty's Wedding by Miranda Tapsell and Joshua Tyler
- 68. Comet: The Unstoppable Reinderr by Jim Benton
- 69. Santa.com by Russell Hicks and Matt Cubberly
- 70. Superstore Surprise: Geronimo Stilton Series Translated by Emily Clement
- 71. Lullaby and Good Night: An Australian Lullaby by P Crumble and Kim Dale
- 72 Frontline Heroes by Emily Hudd
- 73. Be Kind, Be Cool, Be You: Inspiring Words to Live By by Nikki Miles
- 74. The Story of Australia: 1806-1830 Text by William Fince
- 75. Penguin Bloom by Chris Kunz
- 76. The Secret Upstairs Fan Club Party by Shanna and Tayla Stedman
- 77. Tell Me Why: For Young Adults by Archie Roach
- 78. Horse Camp: A Love Tail
- 79. Scooby Doo! The Sword and the Scoob: Original Movie
- 80. Dandy & Dazza by Micke Dumbleton
- 81. Don't Forget by Jane Gowin
- 82. Revolting Rescue by John Kelly
- 83. Earth's Incredible Oceans Written by Jess Fren
- 84. The Gentle Genius of Trees by Philip Bunting
- 85. Mummy by Leslie Patricelli
- 86. The Puffin Keeper by Michael Morpurgo
- 87. Wombat by Christopher Cheng.









Visiting: Gascoyne Junction

When: Tuesday 3rd August 2021 11.30am to 1pm

Where: CRC Offices

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For enquiries please call:

Karen - 9216 8194

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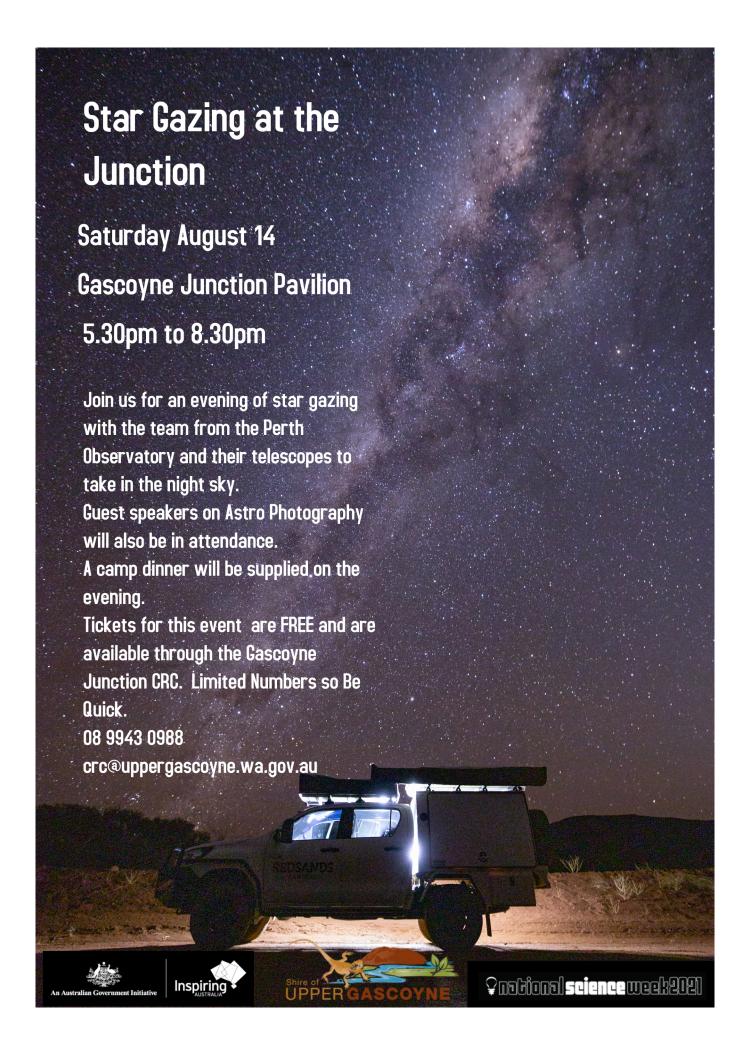


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## Newsletter 25/06/2021

#### PRINCIPAL'S POST



Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

The last day for this term for staff and students is on Friday 2nd July and I think our students will be ready for a break at the end of such a busy term.

Semester one reports are being sent home today to provide parents with an overview of the progress and achievement of their child or children. Miss Wilson will be available for discussion of reports during the last week of term, so please contact her on 9943 0515 to arrange a suitable time to meet.

On 1st July, which is the last Thursday of this term, we are inviting parents to a Cyber Safety Workshop via Zoom organised by Leticia Andreoli, from Ngala in Carnarvon. She will provide parents with invaluable information about helping children to stay safe online, including real world examples, and practical strategies.

Please ring Leticia on 0432 743 909 or via email tish moor@yahoo.com.au to register your attendance OR contact the school on 9943 0515 by Tuesday 29th June to let us know.

Staff will supervise children in the classroom so parents can attend the workshop without any interruptions. We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards

Jackie Miller, Principal

#### CYBER SAFETY WORKSHOP



#### Where?

Gascoyne Junction RCS Library

#### When?

Thursday 1st July, 11:00am-12:00pm

Cost

Free

#### **Facilitator**

Leticia Andreoli from Ngala in Carnarvon

#### To Register

Contact Leticia on 0432 743 909 or via email tish_moor@yahoo.com.au



Let us know at the school on 9943 0515 by Tuesday 29th June if you will attend the workshop.

Join us for our end of term assembly after the workshop followed by some light refreshments for the adults.

Visiting children can bring their lunch and join our students for play during lunch break from 12:30pm to 1:00pm.



#### Variety Club Visit



Our students were lucky enough to be given many gifts and goodies by Variety Club participants.



Here our students were showing people the soft, cuddly toys they had chosen to take home.



This view captured from across the room showed the many people who attended the Variety Club breakfast.



Andre, our Kindy student, drew some terrific pictures and orally gave his recount of the morning's event for Miss Wilson to scribe.

#### **AWESOME ARTS**









Students co-wrote and created short videos during the recent visit from the Awesome Parents and Arts team. community members attended their movie premiere a few weeks ago. The feature video was based on this year's theme of Reconciliation- More Than a Word and it carried a message of how to take actions to make the world and school more safe and welcoming places.

#### Indonesian instruction answers!



#### Coming Events

24/6/21	Cross Country Carnarvon Yrs. 3-6
25/6/21	Winter Carnival Carnarvon Yrs. 3-6
1/7/21	Cyber Safety Zoom workshop in school library
2	End of Term Assembly
2/7/21	Last day of term
3/7/21-18/7/21	School Holidays
19/7/21	Pupil Free Day
20/7/21	Students return

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#### Talk4Writing

In Talk for Writing, the process of "Imitation - Innovation - Invention" is explored. Students learn to orally recite and act out popular stories through listening and reading.

The teacher maps out the story using pictures to aid students' memory. The repetition allows the students to interact with the text and helps them to internalise the language patterns & text features. Students are then taught to use the underlying structure of the original text to create their own version on a different topic.

Over time, they move towards independent writing as they create texts about their own topics.











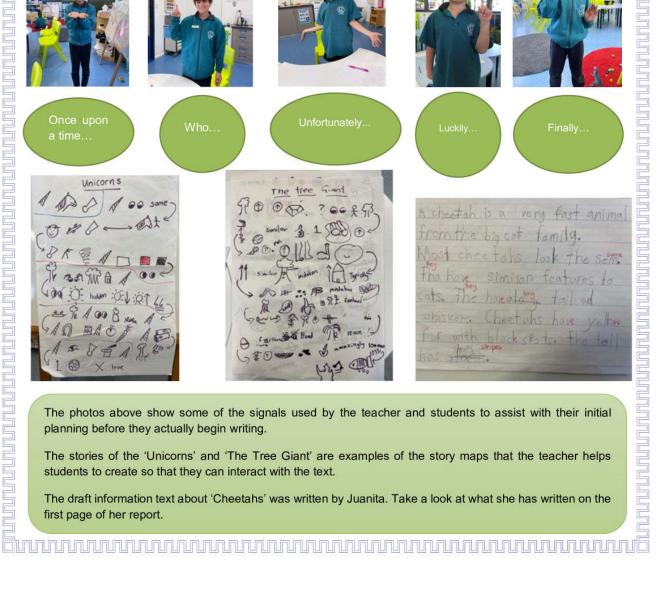












## Shire's Greatest Picnic Treat Recipe WINNER: The Fruit Loop Kebab



We had Red Dirt & Dust Cakes, Honeycomb Gorges, and Chocolate Slice but the judges decision is final and the winner of the Shire's Greatest Picnic Treat Recipe were the students of the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School with their entry The Fruit Loop Kebab.

Their entry was awarded a Camp Oven for their efforts. The recipe was judged on taste, its Gascoyne theming, presentation and picnic friendliness.





### **Gascoyne Junction Biggest Morning**



#### Tea

The 2021 Gascoyne Junction Biggest Morning Tea was held in June in conjunction with the June Council Meeting. \$415 was raised during the morning for the Cancer Council. An amazing effort from our community. There were many fundraising events happening including quizzes, raffle and selecting the magic teacup. Thanks to all the participated and attended. The food was amazing as was the company, and funds raised for a deserving charity. Congratulations to our winners:

KIDS QUIZ: Bridie and Hazel took home a book pack.

ADULTS QUIZ: Jodie Gibson took home a set of 4 coffee mugs

RAFFLE FIRST PRIZE: Alys Keogh - a Banquet Frypan

RAFFLE SECOND PRIZE: Don Hammerquist - A Slow Cooker

MAGIC TEACUPS: Chris from Carnarvon - \$20 cash prize

We look forward to doing it all again in 2022.





**PRESENTS** 

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# CONNECTED LUNCH & LEARN ALL THINGS DIGITAL 1PM TO 2PM AT THE CRC FREE EVENT

#### TUE AUG 3 CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Its vital to stay in touch with friends and family. Learn how you can make video calls, send typed or instant messages, send photos and written updates with your friends.

#### WED AUG 18 CAN YOU SPOT A SCAM

Australians aged 55+ lost over \$50 million to scammers in 2019. Join us for lunch and learn how to spot common scams, what to do and what not to do and where to go for help.

#### WED SEP 01 SAFE ONLINE SHOPPING AND BANKING

For many Australian's a connected lifestyle includes the convenience of online shopping and banking, however, privacy and security concerns can stop those who aren't as confident online from enjoying the same experience.

#### WED SEP 16 HELPFUL APPS FOR YOUR MOBILE PHONE

What is an app? Where do you find them and how do you download them? Find out all this and more.

### **BE CONNECTED**

Be connected is an Australia wide initiative empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world. We have online learning resources on offer to support you so you can develop digital skills and confidence. Join us at the Gascoyne Junction CRC for firendly help and advice.





Register at the CRC

#### **Be Connected**

#### **Passwords**

Here are some top tips for creating a strong password, one that can't be guessed by other people.

# Login example Email Address paul@gmail.com Password 3br@T2 Continue

#### Why we need passwords

Many websites will ask for personal details, such as your name, address, date of birth or credit card information. To protect that information, you have to create a password. Creating a good password that can't easily be guessed is an important way of protecting yourself online.

#### Why good passwords matter

If somebody else gets hold of your password, they can use that password to access the personal accounts on the websites you've visited. That means that your email, banking, shopping and social media accounts might be hijacked. A good password makes it much harder for someone to guess your password, which means that your personal accounts can be far more secure.

#### What not to do

There are some common mistakes that people make when creating passwords. These include:



- Using obvious or very simple passwords, such as 1234 or password.
- Using personal information, like birthdays, or the names of pets or family members.
- Using dictionary words, such as January, beach or family.
- Using the same password for multiple websites.

You should avoid making these mistakes yourself. Instead, you should create what's known as a 'good' password, one that can't be easily guessed.

#### **Passwords**

#### How to create a good password

A good password looks like it's just a jumble of letters, numbers and symbols. For example, **3br@T2** or **Figit32!** are good passwords.

But remembering those types of passwords can be hard, so there are some tricks you can use to create good passwords that you can remember.



- You can use the substitution method. This is where you take a word and replace several letters with numbers, symbols and upper case letters. For example, **friday** could become **f7!Day**.
- You can use a phrase or lyric that you remember and make the password from the first letter of each word. For example, Married on the 24th of July could be used to remember the good password, Mot24oJ.

#### Storing passwords in a web browser

Over time, you'll need to remember a lot of passwords. Your web browser can help with that. Just follow these steps:

- 1. When you enter the password on a website, your browser will ask if it you would like it to remember the password.
- 2. Only click **Yes** if you own the computer. If you're on a public computer, click **No** or **Never**.
- 3. If you clicked **Yes**, the next time you visit that website, the password will be filled in for you.



Your browser can help with password management

#### Keeping it up

You should create a new good password every time you're asked to create a new password. As an added precaution, you can change your most important passwords every few months.

### Sportsmen & Sportswomen of the Upper Gascoyne



22 June 2021

#### GASCOYNE GAMES | EXMOUTH | 22 - 24 OCTOBER 2021

Dear visiting club

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in the Gascoyne Games to be held in Exmouth between 22 and 24 October 2021. The Games are being organised by each sporting club in Exmouth with the support of the Shire of Exmouth staff.

We encourage you to make all sport-related inquiries directly to the sports clubs participating in Exmouth. All other inquiries can be made directly to <a href="mailto:gascoyne.games@exmouth.wa.gov.au">gascoyne.games@exmouth.wa.gov.au</a> or more information will be available in the coming weeks on the Shire of Exmouth website <a href="https://www.exmouth.wa.gov.au">www.exmouth.wa.gov.au</a>

The Game's opening ceremony will be held at Federation Park, Exmouth on Friday 22 October from 5 pm. All Games competitors will be able to receive their welcome packs that will include a dinner voucher to be redeemed on the night.

We look forward to this exciting sporting event and wish all teams and competitors the best of luck over the weekend's competitions.

See you in Exmouth!











#### **TOMATO SOUP**

#### **Ingredients**

3 tbsp. olive oil 9 roma tomatoes (sliced lengthwise)

2 tbsp. unsalted butter 1 brown onion (diced)

4 garlic cloves (minced) 1 tbsp. fresh thyme

1tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. black pepper

2 400g tins crushed tomatoes

1 cup fresh basil (roughly chopped)

1 tbsp. sugar 2 cups chicken stock

2/3 cup heavy cream



#### Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 180° C Fan-forced.
- 2. Spread tomato halves on a baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil, and then sprinkle with salt and black pepper.
- 3. Roast tomatoes for 1 hour. Remove from oven and set aside.
- 4. Heat 2 tbsp. oil, or butter, in a large pot over medium-high heat.
- 5. Add onion, and sauté for about 5 minutes.
- 6. Stir in the garlic, thyme, salt, and pepper. Sauté for another minute.
- 7. Add crushed tomatoes, basil, and sugar to the pot. Lower the heat and simmer for about 10 minutes.
- 8. Add the stock and the roasted tomatoes into the pot. Simmer for 30 minutes, stirring every now and then.
- 9. Use a blender to purée the soup, very carefully transfer to a blender or food processor to purée. This will need to be done in a couple batches. Return the soup to the pot.
- 10. Stir in the cream.
- 11. Ready to serve!



## Gus the Garden Guru is Back?

Gus is a mischievous little gnome and has been missing from our pages. Never fear, we have tracked him down to share his wisdom about the garden with you all.

#### Wildflowers

The Gascoyne Region is one of the world's renowned areas for its wildflowers. Given our recent rainfall the wildflower season is bound to be magical. But what flowers will we find in our backyard.

Sturt's Desert Pea - have you seen them blooming around the Junction

Another red bloom to be discovered in the Junction is the Namana. If pink is more your style be on the lookout for the Sand Hibiscus, the Perennial Tar Vine, the Gascoyne Mulla Mulla and the Mountain Nancy at Mt Augustus.

Purple is another bloom to be discovered with Sturt's Nightshade and Rough Bluebell on display. Oh and the Marsh Stemodia at Mt Augustus, Camel Weed, Wedge Leaved Eremophila and Purple Mouth.

For something a little different don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for the Native Poplar and the Crinkled Heliotrope.

Share your photos with us on Instagram: tag #shireofuppergascoyne #wanderoutback or email them to the crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

#### **Ask Gus?**

Have a gardening question that you need answering?

Send your questions to Ask Gus via email to the crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au and Gus will reply to you in the next edition of the Gassy Gossip





### The Census is on 10 August 2021



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



The Census counts every person and home in Australia. It helps to tell our story of who we are as a people.



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Dad's name

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Nan's name

Person 4

Uncle's name

Person 5

Baby's name

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Make your community count. Include everyone who is staying in your home on Census night, such as Elders, babies and visitors.

Before Census night, you'll either get a letter with instructions on how to complete online or a paper form. You can start as soon as you get your instructions.



Your personal information isn't shared with other government agencies or anyone else.

Help is available – visit www.census.abs.gov.au/indigenous or call 1800 512 441.



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#### The 2021 Census

The Census counts every person and home in Australia. It helps to tell our story of who we are as a people.



The Census asks questions about our communities, who we are, where we live, and about people living and staying with us.



People living in cities and regional areas will either get a letter with instructions on how to complete online, or a paper form. You can start as soon as you get instructions, if you know where you'll be on Census night, Tuesday 10 August.



There will be Census staff in remote communities. They can come to your home and help you fill in your Census.



It generally takes about 30 minutes to complete the Census. It might take longer for bigger households.



#### Make your community count

The Census can help plan for community needs and our future. That's why it's important to include everyone who is staying in your home on Census night, such as Elders, babies and visitors.



Having the right numbers means the right services can be provided for our community. For example, knowing the number of babies in a region can help plan funding for preschools or mums and bubs health programs.



It's used to make decisions about schools and early learning, health clinics, housing, aged care, jobs, roads, language centres and community programs.



#### Your personal information is safe

Your personal information is protected by law and isn't shared with anyone.



You can't be identified by the information you share about yourself and your family in your Census.



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### **Gascoyne Junction Community**

#### **Footy Tipping**

The split round saw some upsets on the field and in the tipping. The leaderboard at the top has been moving around.

Round 13 Winner: Jason

Round 14 Winner: Clint

Round 15 Winner: Max

Round 16 Winner: Ian

With 7 rounds to go, this is getting very exciting.

#### **Junction Netball Team**



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After 11 rounds the Junction netball team remain undefeated. The girls have had recently started rocking their new dresses sponsored by Elders. The season breaks for a two week school holiday break with the first game back being a bye for Junction. Will the girls still have it after a few weeks off?

#### **Interschool Cross Country**

Congratulations to students from across the Shire on their results in the recent Interschool Cross Country event in Carnarvon. Congratulations to:

Dustin who finished 3rd in the Year 6 boys 3km race Barney who finished 4th in the Year 6 boys 3km race Ella who finished second in the Year 6 Girls 3km race Bridie who finished 2nd in the Year 5 Girls 2km race. Well done and a great effort.



#### **4WD Variety Bash Visit**



The beginning of June saw the 4WD Variety Bash roll into town. Despite being delayed for a day due to the rain, Gascoyne Junction was still able to roll out the red carpet to welcome the participants. The drivers hosted a special 70s themed dinner at the Town Pavilion on the Wednesday night before inviting the town to join them for breakfast on Thursday morning.

It was wonderful to see so many from our community join the drivers and sit amongst them to share stories over a beautiful range of breakfast foods. Certainly a lovely way to start the day.

The drivers were able to spend time with the local school children and perhaps spoiling them all with some great new games and toys before visiting the Kennedy Ranges en route to their next destination.







#### **NEW TOWN OVAL FENCING**

In June, the contractors arrived in town to erect our new town fencing around the town oval, Pavilion and playground. What a difference!

It has certainly made a difference to the streetscape as you pass by. We are already receiving positive feedback from visitors and locals alike as they call in to the CRC.

Another great addition to the Pavilion Precinct as an important part of our community. Thanks to our Town Works team for their work in preparing and coordinating this initiative.



#### **JRC BUSY BEE DATES**

The Junction Race Club is asking the Gascoyne public to volunteer their time in helping prepare the JRC for our iconic 2021 race meeting on the following dates;

24/25 July - Busy Bee 14/15 August - Busy Bee 20-22 August - JRC meeting

Any help would be appreciated, for more info call Hamish on 0401282562



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#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 9 Stanley Hammerquist
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- 29 Donald Hammerquist



# GASSIFIEDS TO ADVERTISE PLEASE CONTACT US CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU

Are you looking for a place to get your business, your event, or your items for sale in front of the residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne?

Its time to book an advertising space in the Gassy Gossip. Whether its for one month or year round this is the place to be seen.

Free advertising for community groups and not for profit organisations.



## WANT TO SEE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE GASSIFIEDS ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$41.20

A5 - \$25.75

A6 - \$20.60

Business Card Size - \$8.24

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

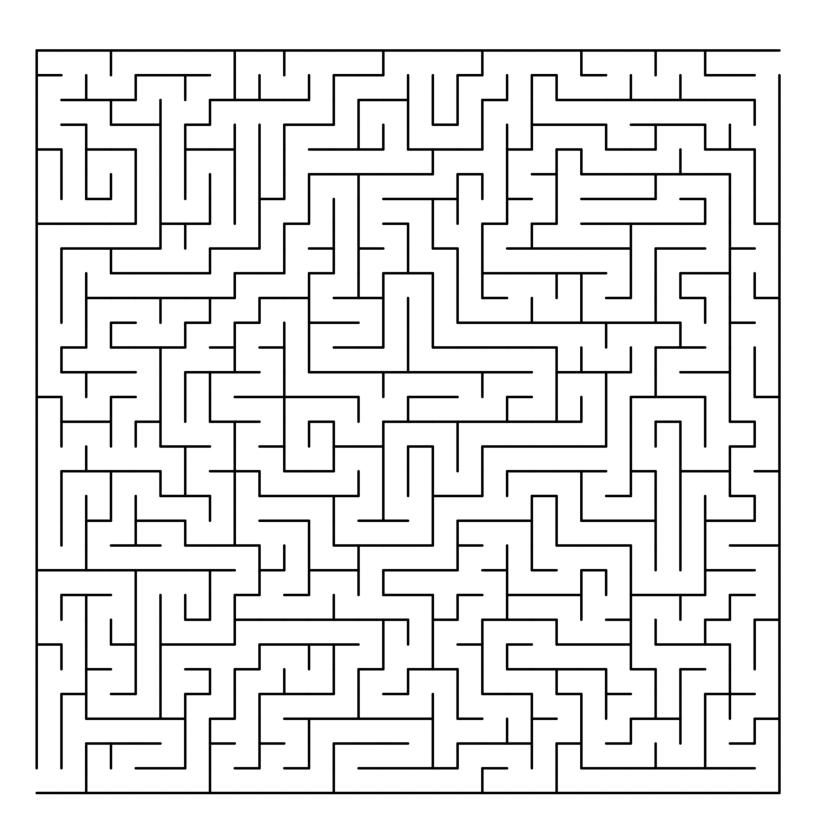


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