

Gassy Gossip



*-First river flow for January 2018 - Killili Bridge,
Gascoyne Junction.*

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Dear Readers

Welcome to the first edition of the 'Gassy Gossip for 2018, I trust everyone had a very enjoyable festive season. Personally I must say that my break was busy getting the Brunswick House ready for sale, so painting, cleaning and gardening for me.

Staff

It is with regret that we have received a resignation from Lance Root. Lance has indicated that due to the travel and the fact he has a young family that it was becoming too difficult. I fully appreciate Lance's predicament and support his decision as family has to be the number one consideration. I am convinced that this position is adding value to the Shire and will look to reappoint as soon as we can find the right person.

Status of Grants

I am pleased to be able to advise that the Shire has received a grant from the Lotteries Commission to erect a shade sail for the Community Court Yard for the Arts & Craft / Gymnasium / Accommodation structures located in the Pavilion Precinct.

Christmas Party 2017

Our Shire Community Christmas Party was held on the 15 December 2017, which drew a large crowd, from locals to visitors from surrounding areas. Lots of beautiful festive food was prepared for the occasion and Santa Claus with his big sack of presents for the children. A big thanks go to our local businesses and contractors who supported this event. I would also like to thank Shane Aymore for volunteering to be 'Father Christmas', he performed the task with admirable aplomb.



Australia Day

On Friday 26 January an Australia Day event was held at the Junction Pub & Tourist Park, the event was well attended with lots of food and drinks being served, also a few of the locals enjoyed a few friendly games of darts.

Thank you to everyone who came along from the local community and surrounding areas and supported us at this great event.

A big thank you to Mitch, John, Marcia and Omo for their kind donation of meat raffles and catering with wonderful food and music, to keep the crowd rocking on into the evening. A great enjoyable day had by all. Omo is proving to be Chef with flair and is producing amazing meals at a very reasonable price, I would encourage those who have not tasted his culinary masterpieces to come out and give it a go.

Gascoyne in May

Gascoyne River Country Music Festival, is being held on 11,12 & 13 May this year, we have some great artists in the Line Up for this year with country rock musician – Ray Ryder, The Pigram Brothers Duo just to name a couple, Food vendors and caterers, also Kader Boot company has expressed an interest in coming to the Junction to set up a stall to sell their wares.

Gassy Dash

2018 Kickstarters Gascoyne Dash 30th March - 1st April Easter Weekend, the Dash will run from Carnarvon to Gascoyne Junction and return. The campsite is at Junction Race track which has all the facilities for this event.

Transport

The start to the New Year has been an extremely busy one for all of us. Lance and Nat have been carrying on with completing paving on the new house in Hatch Street and getting on top of reticulation issues in staff housing and buildings. The lads have conducted a full retic inspection on all buildings since and repairs are ongoing. We have been pumping directly out of the river since the recent flow and will continue to do so until the river levels drop again.

Dianne Kempton is still assisting with mowing lawns and gardening during this busy time. To add to the workload, we experienced a mini cyclone that took out the pub playground shelter, water tanks, staff housing fences and some roof sheets. Luckily insurance will cover these costs.

Materials for the Woodgamia fencing project have arrived, the Max Employment team will be erecting the fence themselves. The materials for the north river fence are here and Bobby Pepper will erect the fence this month while Junction Contracting will install the grid on Killili Road.

Maintenance Graders

We welcome back Thomas Fletcher onto the maintenance grader, Thomas is swapping out with Dameon Whitby just to change things up and give Dameon the opportunity to lead the construction crew. Thomas' efforts on the construction are greatly appreciated and I am certain Dameon will do a great job. Eventually we hope to have Warren Kempton doing the same in order to give us greater flexibility with our grader operators.

January saw significant rain throughout the shire which has caused damage in some areas. We deployed all three of our graders to deal with opening up works over nearly all of our northern and eastern road network. Once this is complete they will resume normal maintenance operations starting on the Landor Meekatharra road and then up to Mount Augustus including Woodlands, Mt Clere and Walburg roads. They will then split and Warren will work from Landor towards Glenburgh, Thomas will continue to Ullawarra road.

Construction Crew

Cobra Dairy Creek Rd- Again the rain event associated with ex tropical cyclone Joyce has altered our construction programme. Michael Emin returned a couple of weeks earlier to begin carting gravel on the Cobra Dairy Creek job so the team could begin re sheeting when returning from leave. Instead Michael assisted in the opening up of roads following cyclone Joyce. We engaged a contractor's road train side tipper to assist Michael in carting of material and the team will fire up on Cobra dairy Creek road on the 12th February. We anticipate that we will complete works there by the 21st February. Once the sheeting is completed we will concentrate on signage on the first 60km of the Cobra dairy Creek road.

Beedary Floodway C3330- Jarrod Walker is working to finalise costing and a timetable to begin the Beedary floodway project on the 12th March. Together we have a total budget of \$519,000 between our funding and Quadrio's flood damage money. We plan to raise and cement stabilise the existing 700m of road back up to natural height and install edge walls and rock protection on the downstream of all three crossing points. At this stage we will utilise our grader, side tipper and rollers and Quadrio will supply the dozer, loader, gravel and water carts. Jarrod will get quotes for the installation of edge walls and rock protection.

Once completed our next and final construction work is on the Landor Mount Augustus road re sheeting approximately two-three kilometres near Rutters Creek to expend an additional amount of funding we were successful in obtaining late last year.

Rutters Creek C3326- We have received three quotes for the installation of a concrete crossing at Rutters Creek. A decision will be made this week as to who and when we will carry out works

Indigenous Access- we have received an additional \$157,500 as result of applying for a Special Project Roads Grant. This will be spent re sheeting approximately 3-4km of the Landor Mount Augustus road north Rutters Creek. At this stage we will begin this project after we complete the Beedary Floodway.

Cobra Dairy Creek hill realignment C3325- We have finally been granted a clearing permit and permission from the mining lease holder to realign and clear for gravel extraction. This project funding was reallocated to re sheeting other sections of the same road this year. However now we can plan this project in for the future.

WANDRAA

Quadrio and Lacy earthmoving were postponed from returning to work due to the road damage from Cyclone Joyce. They have since returned to work on the 7th of February. At the time of writing discussions were being held as to possibly altering the work programme for each contractor to accommodate the new damage and additional WANDRAA claim being initiated.

New Claim- We have initiated the process for a new flood damage claim to WANDRAA for the recent damage sustained as a direct result of rainfall from ex tropical cyclone Joyce.

The event has been declared a Natural Disaster. We obtained quotes for the original damage assessment and Greenfields were engaged to conduct a full pickup within a week of the event. All roads have been assessed and a submission is being put together by Greenfields as we speak. Nearly all roads have been opened up and MRWA have inspected some of the damage.



Figure 1; C'von Mullewa Road



Figure 2; Landor Mount Augustus Rd



Figure 3; Coordewandy Crossing on the C'von Mullewa Road

Equipment.

Pronto has done a great job working his way through the defect list on our machines over the Christmas shutdown. All major work is completed with only some minor tasks to attend to. Full credit to Pronto for bashing his way through such a big list this year.

Lance Hatch has also completed all planned works on the Westrac equipment.

In the wash up we have decided to stand down the Steiger tractor as we have deemed it too unsafe to operate and not viable to repair to a standard fit for operation. As such we will have to finish the financial year without the use of a grid roller where possible or factor in the hire of a tractor where required. A replacement tractor will be sourced in the new financial year.

The new Grader has landed in Australia and Westrac Geraldton have begun commissioning it and are on track to deliver at the beginning of March. Smith and Broughton will conduct an inspection and take receivership of our existing grader once the new one has arrived.

Road Inspections

On the 19th and 20th of February the full council and staff undertook a detailed road inspection of the roads in the Southern sector of the Shire. These inspections are vital in the overall scheme of assessing our roads and prioritising future works and methodologies.



Pingandy – Mount Augustus to Paraburdoo Road Re-alignment

On the 12th of February 2018 I accompanied Councillor Caunt and John King (Talis) to attend a meeting with the Ashburton Shire in Paraburdoo. The meeting was to inform the Shire of Ashburton about the current status of the Mount Augustus to Paraburdoo realignment project and seek their formal support. Anecdotally, I got the impression that the presentation was very well received by all those in attendance.

As always, I hope that you have a great month ahead and look forward to keeping you further informed in our next edition. I am available at any time, so call in or give me a call.

John McCleary, JP
Chief Executive Officer



COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2018

Wednesday 21st February 2018

Wednesday 28th March 2018

Thursday 26th April 2018

Wednesday 30th May 2018

Wednesday 27th June 2018

Wednesday 25th July 2018

Wednesday 29th August 2018

Wednesday 19th September 2018

Wednesday 31st October 2018

Wednesday 28th November 2018

Friday 14th December 2018

All Audit Committee meetings commence at 8.00am. Council meetings commence at 8.30am. All meeting will be held at the Shire Council Chamber, 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

Doctors Visit



Time: 10.00am—2.30pm

Date: Wednesday 14/03/2018

Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre

Gascoyne Junction Storm



Damage around town.



Damage January 2018



Junction Pub & Tourist Park Children's Playground.

More River Flow Pic's







Photo taken from the bridge, looking to the East, up stream.



Pelicans enjoying all the fresh water, the froth and debris floating by.





Carnarvon Mullewa road going East, - Box Gully
bursting over the banks.



Michael Emin taking stores over Box Gulling, for one of
our Stations.

Emin's Transport Mail & Stores Delivery



GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR



24th and 25th Feb	Untutored Workshop
24th and 25th March	Untutored Workshop
14h April – 29th April	April School Holidays and Easter
14th and 15th April	Dongara Autumn Craft Round Up Road Trip
28th and 29th April	Tutored Workshop TBC
11th – 13th May	Music Festival (Sculpture Trail)
2nd – 4th June	Junction Craft Group Reunion Weekend
16th and 17th June	Tutored Weekend
30th June – 15th July	School Holidays
11th and 12th August	Untutored Craft Weekend
15th and 16th Sept	Untutored Craft Weekend
22nd Sept – 7th Oct	School Holidays/Landor Races
13th and 14th Oct	Mosaic Workshop
24th and 25th Nov	Christmas Craft

For any queries please contact the Secretary

Rachael Funnell

junctioncraft@gmail.com



The Great Australian Bake Off has captured the hearts and taste buds of amateur bakers across the nation.

Now we're looking for the finest home bakers to take part in the next series!

Are you passionate about your pastry? Does your sponge rise to the challenge?

From biscuits to bread, pies to pavlovas are you ready to step into The Bake Off Shed, throw on your apron and have your bakes judged by two of Australia's most beloved culinary icons?

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Household Retrofits

Each year we work closely with households to help them save water in their homes and gardens.

We are currently offering households free retrofits of water-using appliances as part of water saving programs in various towns throughout the state. There are currently no household retrofits available to customers in the metropolitan area.

If you live in Gascoyne Junction, Yalgoo, Denham, Exmouth, Moora, Coomberdale/New Norcia, Bindoon/Chittering, Capel, Onslow, Fitzroy Crossing or Halls Creek, you could be eligible to receive the following:

- A free in-home plumbing check by a licensed plumber
- Same day minor repairs of leaking fixtures

Based on the plumbers' recommendation you may also be eligible for the following retrofits to be booked at a later date:

- Replacement of showerheads with WELS 3 star rated water-efficient showerheads
- Replacement of sink and basin tap aerators with WELS 4 star rated aerators
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- Replacement of toilets with WELS 4 star rated toilets.

The best part is that it's all completely free, so it's even easier for you to be waterwise!

Register for your free in-home plumbing check now by filling in our online form below. Alternatively, you can email waterwisetowns@watercorporation.com.au or phone (08) 9423 7117 to register.

Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitter Course



WALGA's RoadWise Program is running this free and nationally accredited course. Participants will be provided with the knowledge and skills to competently check and fit child car restraints in vehicles, and will become part of a state-wide network of qualified Type 1 Fitters.

Gascoyne - 15 May 2018

Course details

Cost: Free of charge

Registration opens: Wednesday 14 March

Registration closes: Wednesday 4 April (or when max. participant numbers are reached)

This course is delivered in two parts:

Part ONE - is delivered via an external course booklet, and is theory based. Assessments for this component are completed prior to attending part two. **Completion required by 1 May**

Part TWO - is delivered face-to-face and has a large practical component. The majority of assessments for this part are completed at the course, with a small post-course assessment completed after the course.

Date: Tuesday 15 May 2018

Time: 9.00am — 4.30pm

Location: TBA

Refreshers: On registering, Type 1 Fitters are able to attend just Part TWO as a refresher

Preference will be given to individuals intending to offer a fitting service to the community, and who have a limited number of Fitters in their current area. To allow as many organisations to attend as possible, **ONLY ONE REGISTRATIONS PER ORGANISATION** will be accepted. Additional registrations may be sent through and will be allocated to any remaining positions.

When registering please ensure you provide the following documents: - A completed and signed registration form (attached) - A copy of your \$10 million public liability/ certificate of currency

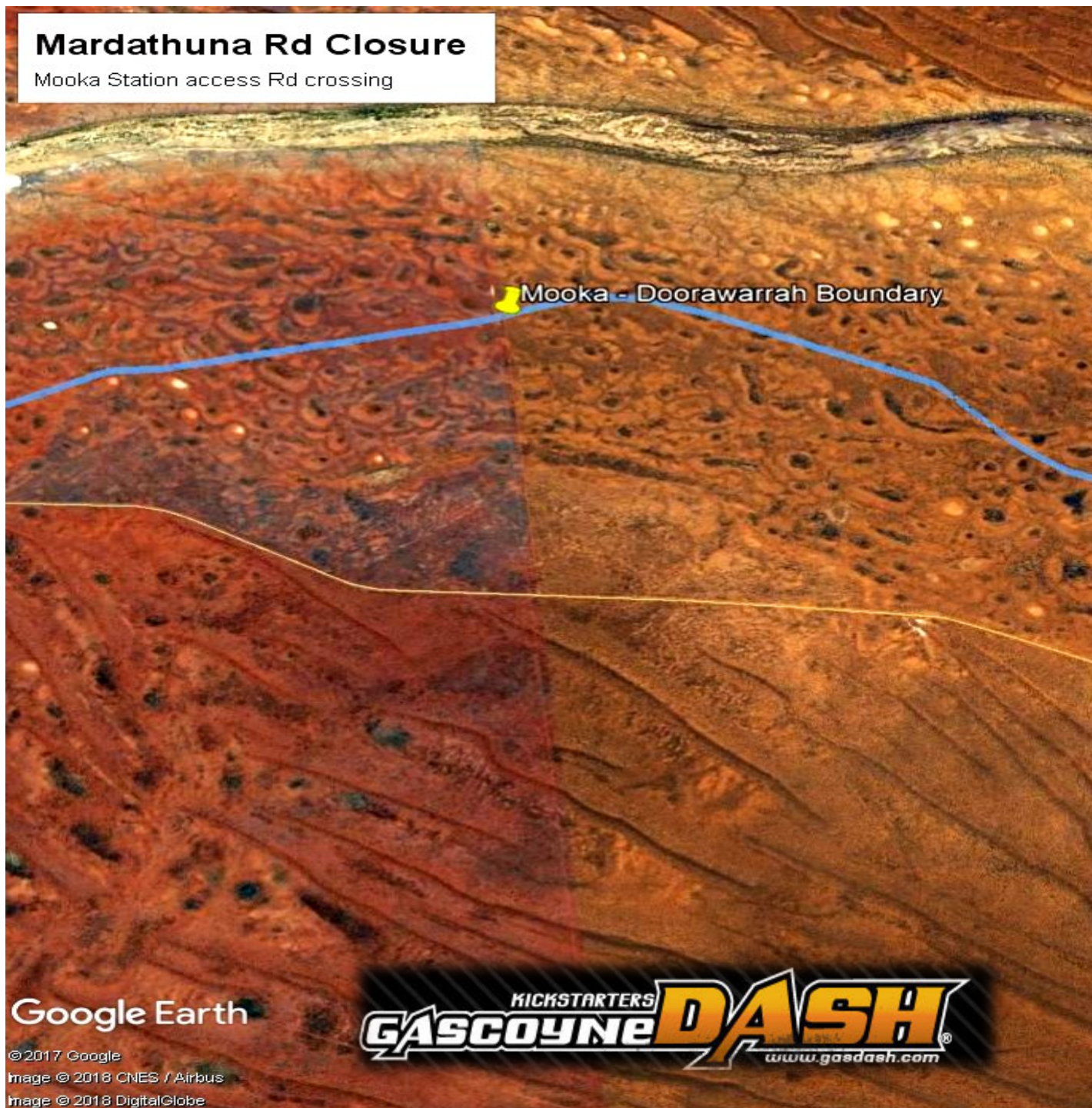
Register by **Wednesday 4 April** (registration closes on this date, or when maximum participant numbers are reached).

For further information contact : Tammie Deshon — Road Safety Project Officer (Child Car Restraints) - tdeshon@walga.asn.au or 9213 2070 Engel Prendergast — Senior Road Safety Consultant - eprendergast@walga.asn.au or 0437 413 225

Temporary Road

2018 Kickstarters Gascoyne Dash

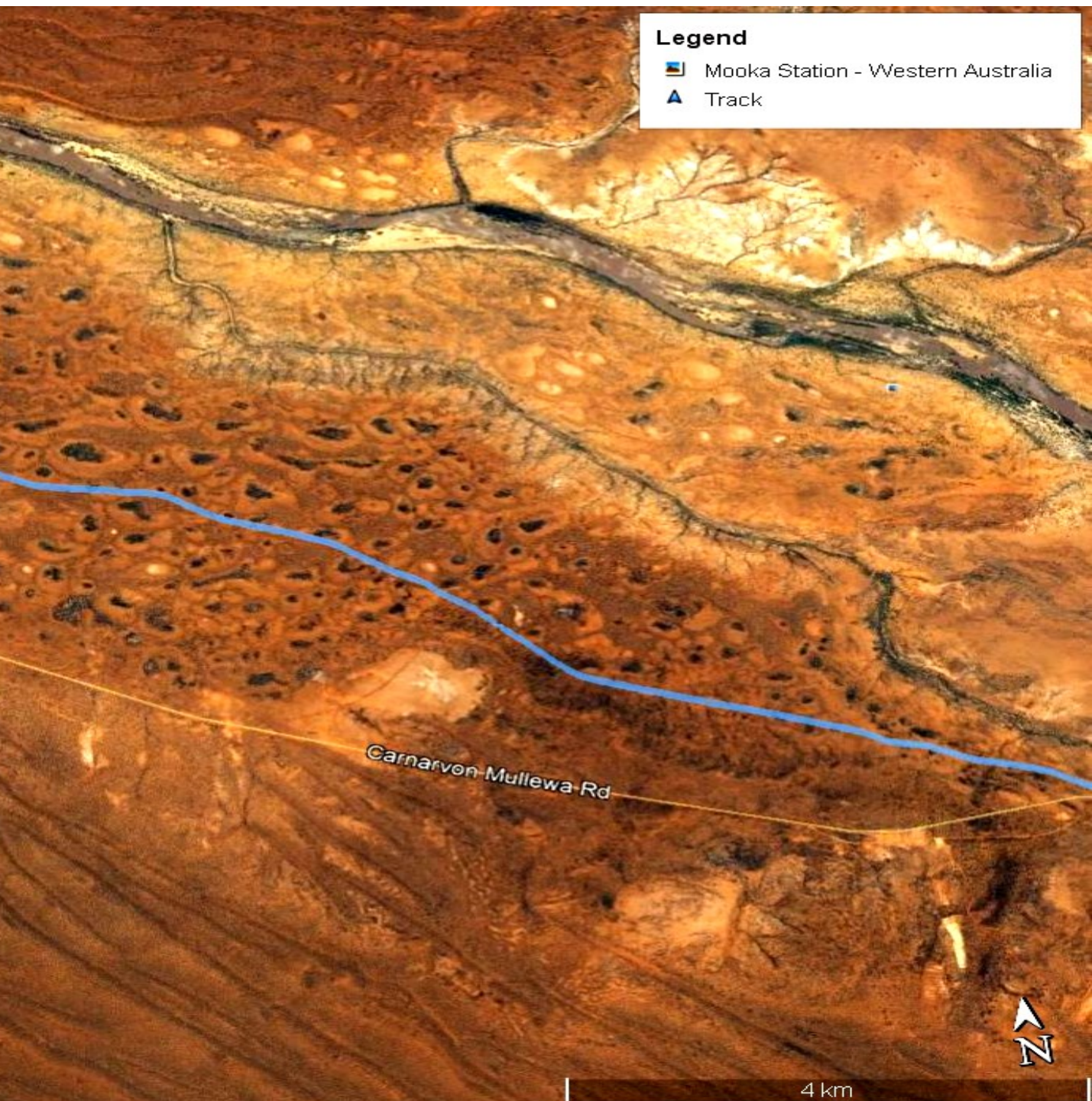
30th March - 1st April Easter Weekend



Closure

We will be closing a section of the Mardathuna Rd from Carnarvon Mullewa Rd to the Gascoyne River crossing and to the Mooka/Doorawarra Boundary on the 31st March and 1st April due to the Gascoyne Dash utilising this section of road.

Please See Below Map



Carer Support Group



Is someone close to you affected by a mental health condition?

A peer led group for people who are supporting someone with a mental health condition.

An informal and confidential monthly get together where you can share stories, ideas and issues with other people that may be experiencing a similar situation.

Location: The second Wednesday of the Month
Date: 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Time: HelpingMinds, 5 Stuart Street Carnarvon



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For more information

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BUSY BEE DATES 2018

17/18 March

5/6 May

16/17 June

28/29 July

11/12 August

Please contact junctionraceclub@hotmail.com for more information





Expand your skills as an emerging leader in the agriculture industry

Emerging Leaders in Agriculture, Technology and Enterprise Program (ELATE)

Diploma of Leadership and Management (BSB51915)

Tailored to managers and emerging leaders in the agriculture industry, this course will provide you with the knowledge and skills to do better business. Over a total of nine and half days (delivered in three blocks) industry experts will share their insights and provide you with the tools and techniques to manage staff and self more effectively. Upon completion of this program you will demonstrate highly developed management skills and the ability to seek innovation and embrace new technologies to develop your business to reach its potential.

During the course you'll learn how to:

- develop and use emotional intelligence;
- manage operational plans;
- manage budgets and financial plans;
- facilitate continuous improvement;
- establish systems that support innovation;
- communicate with influence;
- lead and manage effective workplace relationships;
- lead and manage team effectiveness;
- manage personal work priorities and professional development;
- select and use agricultural technologies;
- manage risk; and
- ensure a safe workplace.

Benefits of the course include:

tuition by leading industry experts including: Jan Rose, Chief Executive Officer of One World Learning – ELATE developer and lead RTO; Renae Adams, certified accountant and passionate businesswoman within the agriculture and viticulture industry; Sue Middleton, National Chair of the Landcare Advisory Committee and Landcorp board member; Linc Murray, leader in innovation and precision control technology in agriculture; Maree Gooch; leadership and business development consultant and Project Director at Safe Farms WA; Nic Thomas, Masters in Science (Project Management) facilitator and qualified trainer/assessor; Ashley McConnell, Agworld representative and specialist in cloud based management systems-farmers and agronomists working together; Amanda McLean, farm business planning, financial management, analysis and complex problem solving specialist; and Mait Meesak, precision agriculture specialist. delivery over three blocks aligned to industry seasonal demands; access to quality training facilities; and pathway opportunities to an Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management or a Bachelor of Management.





When?

Block one: 12–16 March 2018 Block two: 19–21 June 2018 Block three: 7–8 August 2018

Where?

Muresk Institute located near Northam, Western Australia's skills hub for modern agriculture.

How long is the course?

A total of 9.5 days, the program will be delivered over three blocks.

What is the cost?

\$3,250. Scholarship opportunities are available, visit our website or contact us directly to find out more.

Are there any prerequisites?

There are no prerequisites however a high level of language, literacy and numeracy skills as well as experience using Microsoft Excel is desired.

Can I stay on site?

Yes, Muresk Institute offers a variety of accommodation and meal options. Visit the facilities section of our website or chat to us about what we can offer you.

How do I sign up?

Visit our website and complete the online expression of interest form. Once submitted a member of our team will contact you to arrange your enrolment.

How do I find out more?

Contact the team at Muresk Institute.

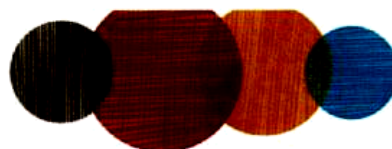
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One World Learning RTO code: 52129





Lifeline's DV-alert* (Domestic and Family Violence Response Training) is a nationally recognised training program that enables frontline workers supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to confidently:

- RECOGNISE signs of domestic and family violence (DFV)
- RESPOND with appropriate care
- REFER people experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence to appropriate support services

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21th March 2018

9am – 4.30pm

**Gascoyne Development Commission
15 Stuart St Carnarvon**

To register go to www.dvalert.org.au

Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome web browsers are recommended to access the website
Who is eligible to attend?

All health, allied health, community, higher education, childcare frontline workers supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

What is the cost of the training?

The training fee is waived for health, allied health, community, higher education, childcare frontline workers.

On top of that, Lifeline will cover reasonable costs of participants requiring travel, accommodation and staff backfill. Visit www.dvalert.org.au for more information

What are the benefits of the training?

- Statement of Attainment for the unit of competency CHCDFV001 - Recognise and Respond Appropriately to Domestic and Family Violence
- Points for professional development, specifically for nurses (Continuing Professional Development/CPD hours of the mandatory 20-hour requirement for annual registration; 13 Continuing Nurse Education/CNE hours of the 30-hour professional development annual requirement)
- Opportunity to network with other frontline workers in the community
- Improved referral knowledge through increased knowledge of resources and support



dvalert.org.au
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0432 608 510

Lifeline WA on behalf of Lifeline Australia RTO 88036

*** DV-alert provides initial DFV response training and is not recommended for participants seeking specialist DFV skills training**



1080 baiting: a risk to domestic pets

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development advises that baiting programs using 1080 are carried out across the state, and are aimed at controlling wild dogs, foxes, feral cats, feral pigs and rabbits.

Baiting of pastoral leases, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) reserves, unallocated Crown Lands and freehold farms may be carried out at any time. The poison baits remain toxic for many months. You need to exercise caution when working within, or visiting these areas. Warning signs are placed where applicable on pastoral, DBCA, unallocated Crown Land and main access roads in agricultural areas.

Do not rely upon the presence of warning signs

Signage may not be in the immediate vicinity and can be weather damaged, removed or destroyed. Please consult with individual pastoralists, DBCA and/or farmers prior to entering their lands. Baiting may take place adjacent to such areas and domestic pets should be kept close and under control at all times. Owners may consider the use of muzzles for their domestic pets.

1080 baiting is part of the integrated pest management program to protect livestock from death and injury, reduce the impact upon agricultural production and help preserve the unique flora and fauna of WA.

If poisoning occurs, please seek immediate medical attention or veterinary assistance or contact the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26.





MAIN

Scotch Fillet - \$28

Tender Scotch Fillet Steak served with beetroot Halva, Crispy Sweet Potato, Steamed Vegetables and Beef Jus.

T-Bone - \$28

Pan seared T-Bone steak served with crispy seasoned potato chips and garden salad.

Lamb Shank - \$25

Slow cooked in red wine sauce served with steamed vegetables, roasted butternut and red wine jus.

Chicken Parma - \$25

Crumbed Chicken breast topped with ham, tomato sauce and mozzarella served with chips and garden salad

Chicken Schnitzel - \$22

Golden crumbed chicken breast fillet served with golden seasoned chips and garden salad.

Fish Of The Day - \$25

Grilled fish served with seasoned potato chips and garden salad.

Seafood Basket - \$22

Battered fish, with crumbed prawns, scallops and calamari served with seasoned potato chips and salad.

Fish & Chips - \$20

Battered fish fillet served with golden seasoned chips and salad



BURGERS

Hamburger - \$20

Beef patty with bacon, onion, lettuce, beetroot, cucumber, tomato, cheese and your choice of sauce.

Steak Burger - \$20

Tender steak with bacon, onion, lettuce, cucumber, beetroot, tomato and egg with your choice of sauce.

Chicken Burger - \$20

Crumbed chicken with onion, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and mayo.

All burgers come with a side serve of chips and salad.

KIDS MENU

Chicken Nuggets & Chips - \$6

Fish & Chips - \$8

Chicken Burger & Chips - \$8

DESSERT

Ice cream - \$7

Your choice of Vanilla or Neapolitan



TAKE AWAY MENU

Hamburger - \$15

Beef patty with bacon, onion, lettuce, beetroot, cucumber, cheese tomato and your choice of sauce

Chicken Burger - \$15

Crumbed chicken with onion, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and mayo

Steak Burger - \$15

Tender steak with bacon, onion, lettuce, cucumber, beetroot, tomato and egg with your choice of sauce

Pork Burger - \$15

Braised pork with coleslaw and apple cider sauce

Toasted Sandwiches - \$8

Cold meat of your choice and cheese or bacon and egg.

Cold Meat & Salad Sandwiches - \$8

Cold meat of your choice with lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, carrot & beetroot

Steak Sandwich - \$12

Tender steak and sautéed onions

Hot Chips - \$7

Large chips, add gravy for \$3 extra

Roast Meat & Gravy Sandwiches - \$8

Choose from Beef or Pork with gravy and apple sauce

KIDS MENU

Chicken Nuggets & Chips - \$6

Fish & Chips - \$8

Fish & Chips - \$16

Battered fish served with chips

Chicken Burger & Chips - \$8

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Mt Augustus Tourist Park

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Swim, watch the birds and catch fish at Cattle Pool.

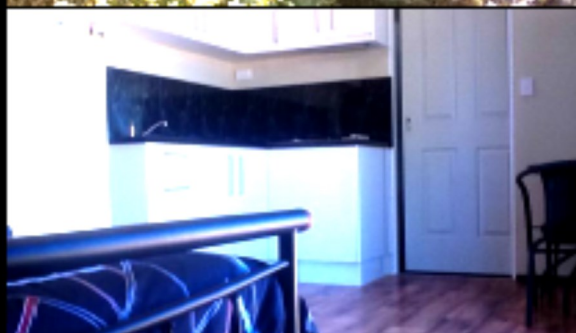
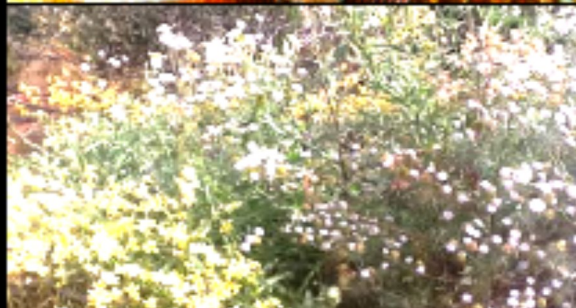
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More information:

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*Celebrate the best of the
bush.
8 September 2018*

March

- 2 *Jane McTaggart*
- 2 *Karen Coffin*
- 6 *Genevieve Robinson*
- 9 *Thomas Fletcher*
- 20 *Georgie Hammarquist*
- 23 *David Hammarquist*
- 29 *Patrick Starr*

April

- 3 *Mitchell Hoseason Smith*
- 8 *Bridie Walker*
- 11 *Riley Mckeough*



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



Mt Augustus Long Table Dinner

This year's Long Table Dinner under the stars will be on:

Saturday 8 September 2018, Asado (should we say ozado or AUS-ado) style open fire barbecue again cooked by Stuart Laws. More information for this event at a later date!



Come and enjoy this unique experience at the heart of the Gascoyne, Mt Augustus.

Main Course



Creamy Garlic Parmesan Mushroom Chicken & Bacon

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 200°C | 400°F.
2. Arrange chicken on a plate. Combine together the olive oil, garlic, parsley, salt and pepper in a jug. Rub the oil mixture over the chicken to completely coat.

Ingredients

FOR THE CHICKEN:

6 bone-in , skin-on or off chicken thighs

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves garlic , crushed
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper , to taste

FOR THE CREAM SAUCE:

4 cloves garlic , crushed 7 ounces

| 200 grams diced bacon
14 ounces | 400 grams sliced brown mushrooms (cremini)
1 cup cream OR milk*
1/2 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan Freshly ground black pepper , to taste Salt , only if needed to your taste
Extra chopped fresh parsley , to garnish Fresh shaved or grated parmesan , to garnish.

3. Heat a large, oven proof pan or skillet over medium high heat. Sear the chicken, skin-side down first, until skin is crisp and golden brown.

Rotate and sear the other side (about 2-3 minutes per side).

4. Transfer to oven and roast until completely cooked through, about 25-30 minutes.

5. Once chicken is done, remove from skillet; set aside. Pour out HALF of the chicken juices left in the pan.

6. Using the same skillet the chicken was in, fry the garlic in the reserved chicken juices over medium heat, stirring frequently until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add the bacon and fry until just beginning to crisp.

Add in the mushrooms and cook until mushrooms begin to soften.

7. Pour in the cream OR milk, chicken broth and Parmesan; allow to simmer until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes.

8. Season with pepper. Taste first before adding in any extra salt, as the bacon will add the salt.

9. Add the chicken back into the pan; allow to simmer for 1-2 minutes in the cream to take on the flavours.

10. Garnish with parsley and shaved or grated parmesan, if desired. Serve over rice, pasta, or steamed/grilled vegetables.

Best Fudgy Cocoa Brownies

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter , melted
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
(olive oil or coconut oil are fine)
- 1 1/8 cup superfine sugar (caster sugar)
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup all purpose (or plain) flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 175°C | 350°F.
2. Lightly grease an 8-inch square baking pan with cooking oil spray.
Line with parchment paper (or baking paper); set aside.
3. Combine melted butter, oil and sugar together in a medium-sized bowl.
Whisk well for about a minute.
Add the eggs and vanilla;
beat until lighter in colour (another minute).
4. Sift in flour, cocoa powder and salt.
Gently fold the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until JUST combined (do NOT over beat as doing so will affect the texture of your brownies).
5. Pour batter into prepared pan, smoothing the top out evenly.
(OPTIONAL: Top with chocolate chunks or chocolate chips.)
6. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until the centre of the brownies in the pan no longer jiggles and is just set to the touch (the brownies will keep baking in the hot pan out of the oven).
If testing with a toothpick, the toothpick should come out dirty for fudge-textured brownies.
7. Remove and allow to cool to room temperature before slicing into 16 brownies.

OPTIONAL ADD INS: 1. Crushed walnuts, peanuts, almonds, pecans, etc. Chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, chocolate chunks, dried fruit (cranberries, raisins, etc.)



Smoko Corner

JOKES



Sheila walked into the kitchen to find Bruce stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh. Killing any?" She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

HOW TO IMPRESS A WOMAN

Wine her,
Dine her,
Call her,
Hug her,
Support her,
Hold her,
Surprise her,
Compliment her,
Smile at her,
Listen to her,
Laugh with her,
Cry with her,
Romance her,
Believe in her,
Cuddle with her,
Go **shopping** with her
Give her jewellery,
Buy her flowers,
Hold her hand,
Write love letters to her,
Go to the end of the earth and back again

HOW TO IMPRESS A MAN

Arrive naked.
Bring Pizza & **Beer**

Three blokes were working on a high rise building project, Macca, Chook and Simmo.

Chook falls off and is killed instantly. As the ambulance takes the body away, Simmo says, "Someone should go and tell his wife." Macca says, "OK, I`m pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it."

Two hours later, Macca comes back carrying a slab of VB. Simmo says, "Where did you get that, Macca?"

"Chook's missus gave it to me." "That's unbelievable, you told the lady her husband was dead and she gave you beer?" Macca says, "Well not exactly. When she answered the door, I said to her, "You must be Chook`s widow." She said, "No, I'm not a widow."

And I said, "Wanna bet me a slab"



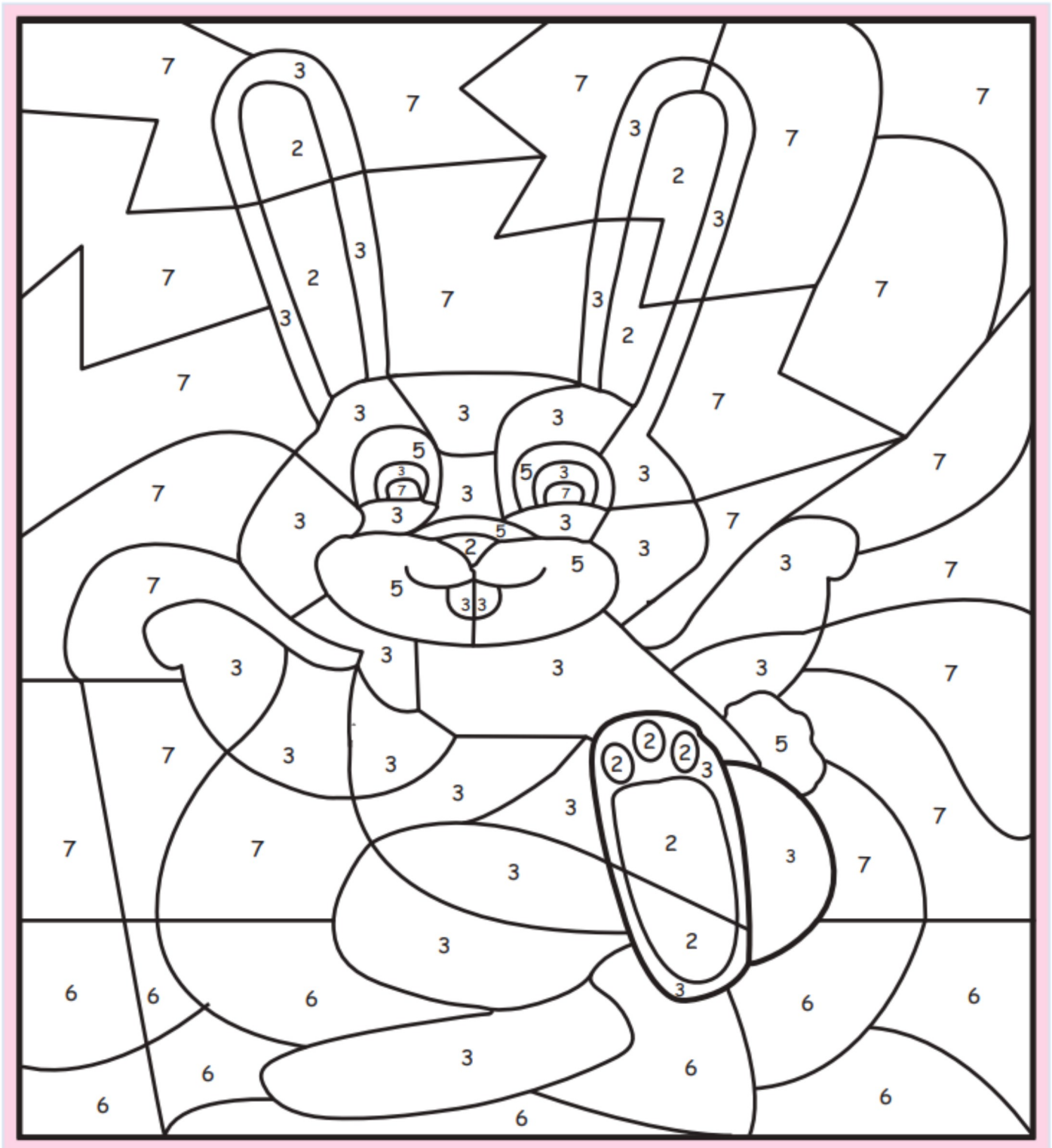
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Rebus Puzzle



Happy Easter!

KIDS' CORNER



1 = black

4 = red

7 = blue

2 = pink

5 = light brown

3 = white

6 = green

Colour by Numbers

FEBRUARY 2018



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				
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Upcoming Events

March

14th

Dr Visits

1st

April

Kickstarters
Gascoyne Dash
Easter Weekend

28th

Council Meeting

26th

Council Meeting

30th- 31st

Kickstarters
Gascoyne Dash
Easter Weekend