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Gassy Gossip



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Dear Readers

I am advised that this is the 100th edition of the 'Gassy Gossip' which equates to over 8 years of publications. I would like to congratulate the previous administrations and Councillors for their dedication and support of this very informative publication.

July is proving to be a very challenging month with a number of projects and administrative functions being planned or undertaken at the same time, keeping all of your inside and outside staff members absolutely flat out. I am constantly astounded at the amount of work we get through given our very small presence. By way of example; our graders are producing approximately 2000 hours of work per annum, in my previous employment the grader was producing 800 hours of work.

The budget for the 2017 / 18 financial period is nearing completion, we are just waiting for the final invoices to wash through, so that we are able to accurately predict whether we go into the new financial year in surplus or deficit, this obviously has an impact on the shape of the new budget.

I am pleased to advise that Killili Bridge / Bundagee Wash and associated road works are now complete. It appears that we will come in under budget, we will write to the new Minister for Regional Development and request that we be allowed to develop a tourist stop / rest / viewing platform at Hackers Hectare. This project has been an almighty effort by all concerned, inclusive of our Councillors, staff and the various contractors, to be able to successfully complete a \$10M+ project on time and under budget is testament to their professionalism; other organisations could well look to our example as a case study as to how to do it 'right'.

Michael and Nat have continued with their usual duties around town, we also employed Sonia, a French backpacker, for a few days to help us catch up on maintenance work on the museum and pavilion. The museum upgrade is nearly complete and ready for display pieces to be returned. We will be doing some minor maintenance work on the pavilion in next couple of weeks as a few issues were highlighted during the music festival. The kitchen floors have been sealed to help preserve the life of the tiles and improve the overall look. In July we will have a plumber investigate if we need to upgrade the existing leach drains and supply water to the new craft kitchen.

The music festival kept every one busy leading into and out of another successful event. While in town, Theaker scaled the depot communications tower and removed the redundant UHF aerial cable and mount, which had been hanging precariously over the office.



Figure 1: Removing damaged UHF aerial

Dameon has completed the Ullawarra road and has now moved over to assist Warren with the last leg of the Cobra Dairy Creek road. From here they will work across from Cobra to Mount Augustus and down to Landor.

Rodney Kelly from Junction Contracting completed grading from Landor to the Meekatharra boundary at the end of May. Thomas Fletcher will spend the next month maintenance grading on the Carnarvon Mullewa road. This should get us back on the front foot with our maintenance grading programme.

Shire of Upper Gascoyne		Actual times graded since July 2016	Remaining work to July 2017	Minimum No. Times graded	Road Priority
Road No	Road Name				
45E	Carnarvon/Mullewa Road (EAST)	2	1%	2	1
45W	Carnarvon/Mullewa Road (WEST)	2	100%	1	1
32	Landor/Meekatharra Road	2	0%	2	1
4	Landor/Mt Augustus Road	1	100%	2	1
1	Cobra/Dairy Creek Road	2	0%	2	2
7	Cobra/Gifford Road	2	0%	2	2
20	Cobra/Mt Augustus Road	2	0%	2	2
13	Dalgely/Glenburgh Road	2	0%	2	2
5	Dalgely/Landor Road	1	100%	2	2
30	Kennedy Park Access Road	3	100%	2	2
48	Lyndon/Minnie Creek Road	0	200%	2	2
22	Mt Augustus Tourist Loop	2	0%	2	2
2	Ullawarra Road	2	0%	2	2
3	Pimbee Road	1	100%	2	2
34	Carey Downs Access Road	1	0%	1	3
43	Carey Downs/Gilroyd Road	1	0%	1	3
17	Winderlee/Callagiddy Road	1	0%	1	3
8	Tovrana/Carey Downs Road	1	0%	1	3
31	Gilroyd Road	1	0%	1	3
35	Mooloo Downs Access Road	2	100%	1	3
21	Weedarrah Road	2	100%	1	3
41	Bingegaroo Road	1	0%	1	3
12	Mt Augustus/Woodlands Road	1	0%	1	3
11	Mt Clere/Meekatharra Road	0	100%	1	3
19	Landor/Mt Clere Road	0	100%	1	3
25	Dooley Downs Road	1	0%	1	3
42	Pingandy Access Road	1	0%	1	3
40	Pingandy Road	1	0%	1	3
15	Wanna Road	1	0%	1	3
6	Edmund/Gifford Road	1	0%	1	3
9	Eudamullah Road	2	100%	1	3
36	Mangaroon Access Road	0	100%	1	3
37	Rubbish Tip Road	2	100%	1	3
26	Erong Road	0	100%	1	4
23	Waldburg Road	0	100%	1	4

Figure 2 Maintenance Grading actual Vs planned as of July 2017

June has seen the completion of the remaining work at Bundagee Wash, Killili Road and Barr Street. These sections have now been stabilised and sealed which will minimise the risk of damage in the event of a flood.

Downer EDI supplied the stabilisation and sealing crews, whilst our crew managed traffic and final trim of the road surface. Leeson has been installing signage, whilst Junction Contracting completed the rock work and stabilised culvert aprons.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience, with the interruptions to traffic while completing this work.



Figure 3: Bundagee Wash stabilisation



Figure 4: Sealing of Bundagee Wash

While onsite, Downer also completed a further 420m of reseals on the Carnarvon Mullewa West Rd with money remaining in our resealing programme budget.

Our next capital works project will begin in mid-late July on the Ullawarra road between the Lyons River crossing and the Lyons River homestead. Originally we had planned to complete the Cobra Dairy Creek hill realignment, however the process to obtain a clearing permit for the realignment and new borrow pits is expected to take anywhere between three to nine months. We have got the ball rolling and it is currently sitting with the Department of Lands to give us the authority to apply for the clearing permit from the Department of Environmental Regulation.



In the past few weeks Jarrod has inspected the Ullawarra road job site with Councillor Hamish McTaggart, to identify possible water and gravel points. Water supply, as usual, will be our biggest issue on this project. There are a couple of existing gravel pits that appear to be reasonable however Thomas Fletcher and myself have earmarked a location that may provide good coffee rock. I am aiming to have all of our ducks in a line before making a start on this job. There are several sections in this area that will correct drainage issues, and improve driver vision on four corners.

Ken Kempton has removed three grids on the Carey Downs road and two on the Pimbee road. These grids were the old 12ft style with no fences attached and posing a safety risk to drivers.

Junction Contracting have installed a new boundary grid on Eudamullah road this week at the request of Roger Davies. Jarrod is currently pricing new 9m grids for next financial year, this size grid will exceed minimum grid widths for RAV9/10. We are hoping to work in with surrounding shires to reduce transport costs for these grids.

The Shire have recently appointed Greenfield Technical Services to be the project managers for our WANDRRA works. Greenfields have sent one of their supervisors Greg Smith, up to begin mapping bore and borrow pit locations for the WANDRRA flood damage repairs. Jarrod went to Geraldton on the 20th June to witness the opening of tenders with Nigel Goode from Greenfields. At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 28th June 2017, Council was provided with a report which recommended Lacy Constructions and Quadrio Earthworks be awarded the tenders to undertake the civil works. The Council deliberated on the recommendations and made the ultimate decision to award the contracts as per the recommendation. It is anticipated that works will commence early August and will take approximately 10 months to complete.

It is with a degree of sadness that we say farewell to Blanche Walker; Blanche has taken a position at the school. All staff and Councillors would like to thank Blanche for her contribution, and we all wish her every success for the future.

As always, please have a happy and safe month ahead, and if you need me, I can be contacted any time either at the office, or at home.

Warm Regards

John McCleary, JP.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



GASCOYNE JUNCTION MUSEUM

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is pleased to announce the Old Roads Board Building has finally been refurbished and decked out to house our new Gascoyne Junction Museum.

This great effort has only been made possible by funding from the Gascoyne Community Chest Fund, through the State Government Royalties for Regions and the Gascoyne Development Commission.

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One-off payment for 21,000 Durack residents

Many people in Durack are amongst 3.8 million people nationally to benefit from a one-off payment of up to \$75 to help with energy costs.

The Energy Assistance Payment will be provided to people on the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension and Parenting Payment Single as well as Veterans and their partners who receive the Service Pension, Income Support Supplement and relevant compensation payments.

21,000 people in Durack will benefit from this measure including:

- 11,319 recipients of the Age Pension
- 5,623, recipients of the Disability Support Pension
- 3,451 recipients of Parenting Payment Single
- 994 recipients of veteran's payments.

The one-off payment is \$75 for singles and \$62.50 for each pensioner in a couple. It will be automatically paid to eligible recipients over the next two weeks.

"This one-off payment was part of a sensible and reasonable package to secure significant reform through the Senate to reduce company tax rates to businesses with a turnover of up to \$50 million," Member for Durack Melissa Price said.

"In securing the passage of the company tax cuts, which help more than 3.2 million small and medium sized businesses employing 6.5 million people, invest more, employ extra staff and pay higher wages, the Government also committed to these one-off payments."

The payment will not be taxed, will not be treated as income for tax purposes and does not count as income for social security purposes.

Further information is available at: www.humanservices.gov.au/energyassist

In addition, about 252 part-pensioners in Durack will have their Pensioner Concession Card reinstated.

"Some former part-pensioners lost access to some state/territory government, local government and private sector benefits as a consequence of losing their Pensioner Concession Card as a result of sensible reforms to the pension assets test which commenced at the start of this year," Ms Price said.



"I'm delighted that these people will have their card reinstated and be able to continue to access the same benefits they previously had through the Pensioner Concession Card."

The Pensioner Concession Card will be automatically provided to eligible former part-pensioners in October.



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Long Table Dinner Menu

Mains

Asado Grilled

Beef Ribs

Chorizo

Skirt Steak

Chimichirri

Sides

Argentinian Tomato Salad

Roasted Potatoes with Hucaína

Bean Salad

Roasted Corn, Chilli Butter

Dessert

Cassava Donuts, Rum Syrup

(*Hucaína = Yellow chilli and Cheese Sauce)

Tickets \$20.00 per adult.
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1st and 2nd April	Tutored Workshop
8th April – 23rd April	School Holidays and Easter
22nd and 23rd April	Dongara Autumn Craft Round Up
5th and 6th May	Untutored Craft Weekend
10th – 12th June	Music Festival
17th and 18th June	Tutored Workshop – Sandi Kelliher
1st July – 16th July	School Holidays
29th and 30th July	Go Big AccuQuilt Workshop
23rd and 24th Sept	Outback Wives Quilt Weekend
23rd Sept – 8th Oct	School Holidays/Landor Races
14th and 15th Oct	Mosaic Craft Weekend
25th and 26th Nov	Christmas Craft and AGM

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2nd to 4th June 2018	Junction Craft Group Reunion
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Changes to child health services

WA Health provides important, free child health services that support Western Australian families to raise happy, healthy children. Child health nurses offer assessments, screening, immunisation advice, and support to all families of babies and young children.

From July, we are making changes to the statewide child health services to make them even more flexible and helpful for children and families.

From July 2017, the Purple Book health checks are ...



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es for Purple Book health checks are changing to better fit with important ages and stages of children's growth and learning before they go to school.

If a child has a Purple Book that doesn't yet include information about the new health check schedule then their child health nurse will provide some new pages at their next appointment. The Purple Book will then be up to date with information to match the new schedule.

Child health services are becoming more flexible ...

Changes are being made so that child health services are more flexible and can provide families with extra support at times when it's needed. This includes providing extra appointments for families needing additional support, and offering group sessions and drop in sessions.

How will families know about the changes?

The changes to child health services are being communicated to families in a number of ways. This includes through text message, information at child health clinics, media and newspaper channels, and information on the internet at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/childhealth.

<p>SWITZERLAND – LIVE SIMULCAST 7:30pm Friday September 1</p>	<p>Rated PG: Adult Themes and Simulated smoking When using words for weapons, how far do you go before it cuts too deep? The late Patricia Highsmith penned some of the most exhilarating suspense novels of all time, some becoming major cinematic adaptations including; The Price of Salt recently released as the film Carol, The Talented Mr Ripley and Strangers on a Train. Now the acerbic author herself is centre stage in this edge-of-your-seat thriller by acclaimed Australian playwright Joanna Murray. Played by acclaimed Perth actor, Jenny Davis, Patricia Highsmith lives a reclusive life in the Swiss Alps surrounded by her collection of books and antique weapons. The unlikeable genius facing the end of her life has withdrawn completely from the world, finding solace in her seclusion, her cats and cigarettes. Until one day a young man, Edward Ridgeway, intrudes into her place of refuge. He's yet another irritating delegate from her publisher demanding a contract for one final instalment. Specifically another psychological thriller featuring her beloved muse and most infamous literary creation, Tom Ripley. Join the Simulcast on Friday 1st September at 7.30pm on Westlink Satellite TV and get lured you into a booby-trapped plot, a tense and furious battle of wills and words.</p>
<p>SWITZERLAND - SIMULCAST- Promotion & Information</p>	<p>Black Swan's current Artistic Director Clare Watson speaks with much loved WA actor, writer and director Jenny Davis who will portray the internationally acclaimed, best-selling author of suspense novels Patricia Highsmith in Black Swan's production Switzerland by Joanna Murray-Smith, which will be broadcast live to regional WA on Westlink Satellite TV on Friday 1st September at 7.30pm. Jenny is a stalwart of the WA Performing Arts community been awarded an OAM earlier this year and is currently WA Senior of the Year for her contribution to the arts and culture in our state. She was also inducted in the WA Woman Hall of Fame in 2017 and has appeared in several live broadcasts for the company. Aug 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28 & 29 - 10:30am, 4pm & 9pm; Aug 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30 - 10:30am, 4pm, 7:30pm & 9pm; Aug 3, 10, 17 & 24 - 10:30am, 12pm, 4pm & 9pm; Aug 6, 13, 20 & 27 - 10:30am, 1:30pm, 4pm & 9pm</p>
<p>Age Friendly WA Seminar 2017-Age Friendly Communities</p>	<p>This is opportunity to hear from state, national and international leaders in ageing and age-friendly communities. The focus of this year's event will be economic participation, functional ability, diversity and research. See the web site at: https://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/News/Pages/Age-friendly-WA-Workshop-2017-.aspx Aug 1, 2, 4 & 5 - 11am, 1:30pm & 9:30pm; Aug 3 - 1:30pm & 9:30pm; Aug 6 - 11am, 2:30pm & 9:30pm</p>
<p>Cover to Cover</p>	<p>Presented by writingWA, Meri speaks with Paul Hardisty who joins us to discuss his thriller 'Reconciliation for the Dead'. This shocking and intelligent thriller deals with topical international issues and is the third in the series featuring Claymore Straker, a vigilante justice seeker. Aug 23 & 26 - 8pm; Aug 24 - 12:30pm; Aug 25 - 4:30pm; Aug 27 - 2pm Our encore Episode is with Sara Foster about her compelling thriller 'The Hidden Hours' Aug 2, 5, 16 & 19 - 8pm; Aug 3 & 17 - 12:30pm; Aug 4 & 18 - 4:30pm; Aug 6 & 20 - 2pm</p>
<p>Destination WA</p>	<p>Episode 12 - World's largest Art gallery, A tour of Perth's hidden music history, The Rottnest Lifestyle, Skydiving Rottnest, John Burgess' top Perth haunts, Karratha: Accommodation for any budget, Tourism tips on the Mackerel Islands Aug 9 and 12 - 8pm; Aug 10 - 12:30pm; Aug 11 - 4:30pm; Aug 13 - 2pm Episode 13 - Visit The Principality of Hutt River, Wandering Wok Tours visits and discovers the delights of Asian food in Perth, take a look at the historical buildings around Guildford, Carmen looks at the beautiful town of Dongara - Port Denison and all it has to offer and a trip to Kalbarri would not be complete without a visit to the world famous Rainbow Jungle. Aug 30 - 8pm</p>

<p>Don't risk firearms falling into the wrong hands.-Information session on The National Firearms Amnesty</p>	<p>Australia's National Firearms Amnesty is now on and runs until 30 September 2017. The aim of the amnesty is to improve public safety by reducing the number of unregistered firearms and firearm-related articles in our community. This informal information session will answer questions about how the amnesty works and how you can take advantage of this opportunity to hand in firearms - no questions asked.</p> <p>Aug 1, 3 & 4 - 10am, 1pm, 6pm, 8:30pm & 11pm; Aug 2 & 5 - 10am, 1pm, 6pm & 11pm; Aug 6 - 10am, 6pm, 8:30pm & 11pm; Aug 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28 & 29 - 10am, 1pm, 6pm, 8:30pm & 9:30pm; Aug 9, 12, 23 & 26 - 10am, 1pm & 9:30pm; Aug 10 & 24 - 1pm, 6pm, 8:30pm & 9:30pm; Aug 13, 20 & 27 - 10am, 6pm, 8:30pm & 9:30pm; Aug 16, 19 & 30 - 10am, 1pm, 6pm & 9:30pm</p>
<p>Inside Curtin-Ep 2</p>	<p>Presented by Curtin students and staff, Inside Curtin shows what it's like to be a student at WA's largest university, as we explore a variety of exciting student projects and industry experiences. In this episode hear from students studying a diverse range of courses at the Curtin Kalgoorlie Campus, located in the heart of Kalgoorlie's mining industry. Learn about the career opportunities, and what it's like to live and study in the historic Goldfields town. Find out about the recent Curtin Entrepreneurship graduates launching their new international business, and the Exercise, Sport and Rehabilitation Science graduate working with the Fremantle Docks.</p> <p>Aug 9, 12, 23 & 26 - 6pm; Aug 10 & 24 - 10am; Aug 11 & 25 - 2:30pm; Aug 13 & 27 - 12pm</p>
<p>Our State on a Plate</p>	<p>WA is home to some of the world's most unique and finest produce. This program takes a journey across the state visiting the various regions discovering amazing food, from the primary producer to restaurants and then into the kitchen sharing recipes with the states leading chefs and cooks, there is inspiration at every turn.</p> <p>Episode 3 - Your Local Farmers Markets - Eamon Ruben Bagel - Mandoon Estate - Incontro Review - Kimberley Food Bowl - A taste of Broome - Seashells Resort Offer - Bush Foods - Super Foods: Garlic</p> <p>Aug 2 & 5 - 7pm; Aug 3 - 11:30am; Aug 4 - 3:30pm; Aug 6 - 1pm</p> <p>Episode 4 - Aristos Fish Cooking - Russell Blaikie Cooking - Kids in the Kitchen - Newton Orchards - Live Lighter Tips #2 - Albany Distillery</p> <p>Aug 9 & 12 - 7pm; Aug 10 - 11:30am; Aug 11 - 3:30pm; Aug 13 - 1pm</p> <p>Episode 5 - Making Brioche - Damara Sheep (Recipe) - Cooking with Herb Faust (Lemongrass Skewered Chicken Recipe) - Abacus Fisheries – Blue Swimmer Crab - Crickets at El Publico - Introduction to Dean Clairs</p> <p>Aug 16 & 19 - 7pm; Aug 17 - 11:30am; Aug 18 - 3:30pm; Aug 20 - 1pm</p> <p>Episode 6 - Co-op dining & Smoked Red Fin Perch Recipe - Recipes with Mundella Greek Yoghurt – Hotplate - Chaceon Deep Sea Crabs - Superfoods: Brain Foods - Lucky Chan's – Chia</p> <p>Aug 23 & 26 - 7pm; Aug 24 - 11:30am; Aug 25 - 3:30pm; Aug 27 - 1pm</p> <p>Episode 7 - Burnt Barrel - Biscotti (Recipe) - Tomato Crostada (Recipe) - Animal Welfare: Barn Laid vs Free Range - Squid Fishing - Scott Wine Tips - Superfoods: Root Vegetables</p> <p>Aug 30 - 7pm</p>
<p>Sweet & Sour 2017</p>	<p>Hosted by Gary Mitchell and a panel of weekly special guests, Sweet & Sour is a community orientated talk show in which people write in and share their situation with the panel who offer suggestions to help solve them. (Rated "M")</p> <p>Aug 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30 - 8:30pm</p>
<p>Woodworking Master Class</p>	<p>Hosted by Steve Hay, we kick off a series of new projects including building a simple stool, a two part session on making joints on a bandsaw and later in the month, the first of a two part series on making a shooting board.</p> <p>Simple Stool - Aug 2 & 5 - 6:30pm; Aug 3 - 11am; Aug 4 - 3pm; Aug 6 - 12:30pm</p> <p>Making Joints on the Bandsaw Part 1 & 2 - Aug 9, 12, 16 & 19 - 6:30pm; Aug 10 & 17 - 11am; Aug 11 & 18 - 3pm; Aug 13 & 20 - 12:30pm</p> <p>Shooting Board Part 1 - Aug 16 & 19 - 6:30pm; Aug 17 - 11am; Aug 18 - 3pm; Aug 20 - 12:30pm</p>

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Stakeholder Brief

nbn Sky Muster capacity increase announcement

Overview

- This brief outlines the changes nbn is making to the capacity of the Sky Muster™ satellite service.
- Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, Minister for Regional Development, Regional Communications, Local Government and Territories and nbn will be both making media announcements on Tuesday 27 June at 10.30am to publicly confirm the increase in wholesale data capacity for the Sky Muster™ satellite service.
- **Key Messages – Sky Muster™ capacity increase**
- nbn will deliver better value broadband to more than 240,000 homes and businesses in regional and rural Australia through new wholesale plans on the Sky Muster™ satellite service.
- From October 2017, nbn will be doubling the maximum monthly wholesale data limits and increasing average peak downloads plans by up to 50 per cent on the Sky Muster™ platform. As a result, the majority of consumers and businesses on the service are expected to receive larger peak and off-peak plans from their retailer at a similar cost to what they are paying today.
- These new changes will see wholesale allowable peak plans on the Sky Muster™ service go to 150 GB (from 75GB) and total monthly plans go to 300GB (from 150GB).
- Since the launch of the service in April 2016, nbn technicians have been working to improve the satellite network's overall performance as well as extensively testing the total capacity it can provide. This period allowed nbn to monitor and research the delivery of the service in real-world conditions and identify efficiencies which have resulted in an increase to total capacity (180Gpbs) available on the service.
- nbn has spent the past six months fixing operational issues on Sky Muster™ satellite and has listened to feedback from the community and rural industry groups and is grateful for the patience of all those who have had a less than positive experience in our first year of operating the Sky Muster™ service.
- nbn will continue to optimise the pricing model and data plans on the Sky Muster™ service with further business and education services expected to be available in the next 12-18 months.



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Bushfire Mitigation Summit Summary

Context

The Bushfire Mitigation Summit, an election commitment made by the Premier, the Hon. Mark McGowan MLA, in the lead up to the State election, was held on Friday 23 June in Mandurah. The purpose of the Summit was to guide future strategies to mitigate bushfires in Western Australia.

The Summit provided a forum to hear stakeholders' views on a range of bushfire management issues including the delivery of rural fire management.

The Summit was independently facilitated and provided an opportunity to have a wide range of stakeholders sit down together, discuss lessons learnt from previous bushfires, and develop ideas on a way forward towards achievable outcomes on bushfire mitigation.

A wide range of ideas and issues were discussed, nevertheless the common theme was a desire to work together to reach the best possible outcomes to protect communities from bushfires.

Approach

The Bushfire Mitigation Summit was by invitation only with more than 60 people representing volunteer associations, government agencies, landowners, local government, pastoralists, commercial enterprises and advocacy groups.

Three workshops addressed prescribed burning, bushfire management and bushfire mitigation. The key issues raised at each workshop are detailed below.

Discussion themes

Workshop 1 - Prescribed Burning

There was significant support for prescribed burning and it was recognised that further improvements can be made. Some of these suggested improvements are outlined below.

Effective use of human resources

Human resources could be used more effectively to manage fuel loads. This could include more involvement of volunteers, indigenous communities, non-**frontline State Government agencies and even 'neighbourhood watch' type** groups. Accredited training would be important when introducing new individuals and groups to undertake prescribed burning. Improved collaboration, particularly between paid and volunteer staff, was suggested as another way to improve the effectiveness of prescribed burning. It was suggested that mobilisation and flexibility of resources could be improved so that if unable to prescribe burn in one area resources could be used in an area where it can be undertaken. To facilitate this, permits and applications could be made simpler.

Improving knowledge

Improving knowledge around prescribed burning is another way to make improvements. One suggestion was that there should be a better understanding of the impacts of prescribed burning, such as improved smoke weather modelling. This would be of assistance to grape growers who are particularly affected by smoke. Other proposals were establishing a centre of excellence in fuel reduction; improved spatial land use information; further use of bushfire science and historical data; analysing and evaluating outcomes of previous burns; and expanding the Bushfire Risk **Management Planning program to better understand the State's risk profile.**

Funding

There were discussions around the need for additional and more stable funding sources to ensure sufficient prescribed burning takes place. Two proposals were to review use of the Emergency Services Levy to channel more money into prescribed burning and undertake cost-benefit analyses to better understand the benefits of prescribed burning.

Prescribed burning targets

There was significant support for prescribed burning targets. However, these targets currently only apply to the former Department of Parks and Wildlife and there is a potential that these could be extended to other agencies. There was concern that some assets, such as plantations, vineyards and other industries, are undervalued in determining priorities. It was suggested that targets and priorities could be developed through the Bushfire Risk Management Planning process.

Other forms of mitigation

It was recognised that there are other forms of mitigation than prescribed burning. For example, there was some support for mechanical fuel load reduction.

Workshop 2 - Bushfire Management

Current and future bushfire management was discussed with general discussion regarding an increased effort in preventative mitigation over response-based activities. There was strong support for the Bushfire Risk Management Planning process though it was suggested that it needs secure funding and more effective resourcing. Other aspects of bushfire management discussed are outlined below.

Building capacity and capability

Building bushfire management capacity within WA was seen as positive. A unified approach to training to improve consistency of capability across agencies and volunteers was proposed. Creating and capturing learnings through a centre of excellence in WA would also build capability for future events. Further, capacity could also be increased by making private sector resources available to manage bushfires. An all-agency register of available assets and resources was seen as beneficial.

Fire ground experience

Better recognition and utilisation of local knowledge and those with specific bushfire experience was highlighted as a way to use past experiences and learnings. Those with local bushfire knowledge could also be used in incident management teams and participate in the delivery of training.

Improving fire ground communications was seen as important. Issues discussed were ways to further improve communications between State government agencies, as well as between agencies and local governments. Suggestions included a unified approach to training, joint exercising and short-term secondments. Less use of cell phones was seen as a way to improve fire ground communications.

Bushfire management improvement

Suggestions to improve bushfire management included transparency in the Emergency Services Levy process; addressing culture issues within the services; greater recognition of volunteers and their efforts; collaborative and competency-based training; review of fatigue management; and using a risk-based approach on the ground.

Rural Fire Service

Workshop participants were asked to comment on how a Rural Fire Service could operate. There was acknowledgment that it is difficult to debate the merits of a Rural Fire Service until a preferred model is defined. The opinions and options reflected by stakeholders can be categorised by the following:

- **A Rural Fire Service operating within DFES, as the hazard management agency for fire;**
- **A Rural Fire Service operating within DFES with total autonomy, including budget (e.g. a Deputy Commissioner of Rural Fire Services that reports to the Commissioner);**
- **A dedicated Rural Fire Service established in a cost-effective way which operates independent of a career fire service; and**
- **Explore all options to transfer the management of all bushfire brigades under one umbrella – DFES or other.**

Workshop 3 - Bushfire Mitigation

While bushfire mitigation was supported, it was recognised that there are number of funding/ resourcing issues and other barriers preventing it from being a higher priority. These points and other key issues raised during the workshop are outlined below.

Mitigation resourcing

Reportable and transparent allocation of funding for the development of mitigation strategies was seen as a requirement. One suggestion was to increase and secure the funding for the Bushfire Risk Management Planning program and expand the program to include more local governments. Current grants-based funding was seen as unsustainable and a longer-term funding program is needed which allows for longer-term strategic plans and goals. It was proposed that investing in mitigation up front would save money over the long-term. It was also thought that the review of the Emergency Services Levy may give an opportunity to redirect grants towards mitigation activities.

It was felt that mitigation activities require a greater flexibility of resources such that they can be moved around the State where and when required.

Site-specific risk

There is a need that landowners understand their site specific bushfire risk. This could be achieved through targeted community education and awareness programs focused on bushfire risk and mitigation. Improved enforcement by **State and local government was seen as important. Increasing local governments' and landowners' understanding of** bushfire prone mapping would also provide benefit as would greater clarity of who owns the risk and how to manage it effectively.

Potential barriers

Barriers to ensuring mitigation is a higher priority were discussed and include the cost of undertaking mitigation activities; conflicting State and Commonwealth legislation; conflicts between local government strategic plans, community aspirations and bushfire mitigation; cultural issues within agencies; and the disparity between biodiversity and the need for bushfire risk management. Binding the crown so that State government agencies undertake their responsibilities was also proposed.

Future actions

It was suggested that a further Bushfire Mitigation Summit be held in approximately 12 months' time.

Members of the public and interested organisations are encouraged to present a submission addressing the terms of reference. Submissions opened Monday 12 June 2017 and close Sunday 9 July 2017.

The State Government will consider the public submissions along with the matters raised at the Summit in guiding future strategies on bushfire mitigation in Western Australia.

Old Enough To Know Better

LONGSHOT

Landor Races




We are proud to have been chosen to perform at the 2017 Landor Races being held over the weekend of 30th September to 3rd October.



The Landor Races are the Eastern Gascoyne Race Club's traditional bush race meeting; held annually in the third term school holidays at the racecourse near Landor Station. The meeting has a colourful history and truly outback flavour. In 1921 at a combined mustering camp, which was the custom in those days, a number of stockmen from stations in the area were having a day off. These men were resting and doing their washing when they started to argue about who had the fastest horse. Following discussions with interested parties from the surrounding stations, the EGRC was formed and the Landor tradition was born.





Landor Social Committee
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the theme
for the 2017 Kids Party

This graphic features a black background with colorful musical notes and a treble clef floating around a row of seven silhouettes of people dancing in various colors (green, yellow, orange, pink, purple, blue, and cyan). The title 'DISCO FEVER' is written in large, multi-colored, outlined letters at the bottom.

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- 7 Hamish McTaggart
- 13 Darcy McKeough
- 15 Danny Smith
- 16 Jennifer Raymond
- 24 Jarrod Walker
- 29 Warren & Courtney Kelly
- 30 Beth Burnett

August

- 1 Alys McKeough
- 6 Mick Cragan
- 11 Michael Emin
- 18 Spags Burnett
- 18 Harry McKeough
- 20 Jodie Gibson
- 25 Theona Mitchell - Smith
- 26 Zander Capewell

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

It's a Girl!!



Congratulations to Linda & Matt of Mount Phillip Station on the birth of their beautiful baby girl.

Katelyn Emily!

Born: 15 April 2017

Weight: 3kg



One Pot Wonders



Braised chicken in barolo with green olives

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60ml) olive oil
- 1.8kg free-range chicken (preferably organic), jointed into 8 pieces
- 1/2 cup (75g) plain flour, seasoned
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 pale stalks of celery (from the inner heart), chopped
- 2 tbs finely chopped rosemary
- 1 tbs roughly chopped sage
- 400ml Barolo or other full-bodied red wine
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 cup (125ml) chicken stock or water
- 1/2 cup large green olives, pitted
- 1/2 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley, plus extra to serve
- Soft polenta, to serve



Method

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Dust the chicken pieces in seasoned flour, shaking off excess. Cook half the chicken for 2-3 minutes or until browned all over. Repeat with another tablespoon oil and remaining chicken. Remove and set aside.

Heat the remaining oil in the same pan over low heat. Cook the garlic, onion, celery, rosemary and sage for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until just softened. Return chicken to pan and stir well to coat. Add wine, increase heat to medium-high, then simmer for 2-3 minutes. Add tomato, stock and olives, season with salt and pepper, then bring to the boil. Cover and simmer gently over low heat for 50-55 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chicken is tender and cooked through. Stir through the parsley.

Garnish with extra parsley and serve with soft polenta.



Dessert



Steamed golden syrup
pudding

Ingredients

- 1 orange, rind finely grated, juiced
- 3 tablespoons golden syrup
- 175g self-raising flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 175g unsalted butter, softened
- 175g caster or brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- Chilled cream to serve, optional Sauce
- 1 orange, zested, juiced
- 1 tablespoon caster sugar
- 3 tablespoons golden syrup
- 20ml (1 tablespoon) orange liqueur, optional

Method

Grease a 1.2-litre basin. Combine half the zest with golden syrup and place in basin. Place flour, baking powder, butter, sugar, eggs and remaining zest in a food processor. Process to combine (it should be a dropping consistency, if not add a little orange juice). Spoon into basin, level the top, then cover with baking paper pleated in the middle. Secure with string and cover with foil. Place in a pan with water halfway up sides. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat to low and steam, covered, for 2 hours (check water level, top up when necessary). Set aside for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, to make sauce, place orange zest and juice, sugar and golden syrup in a saucepan. Bring to the boil then reduce heat to low and simmer for 1-2 minutes. The liqueur can be added at this stage.

Turn out pudding and pour sauce over top. Serve with cream.





Smoko Corner




10 questions about Food and Drink

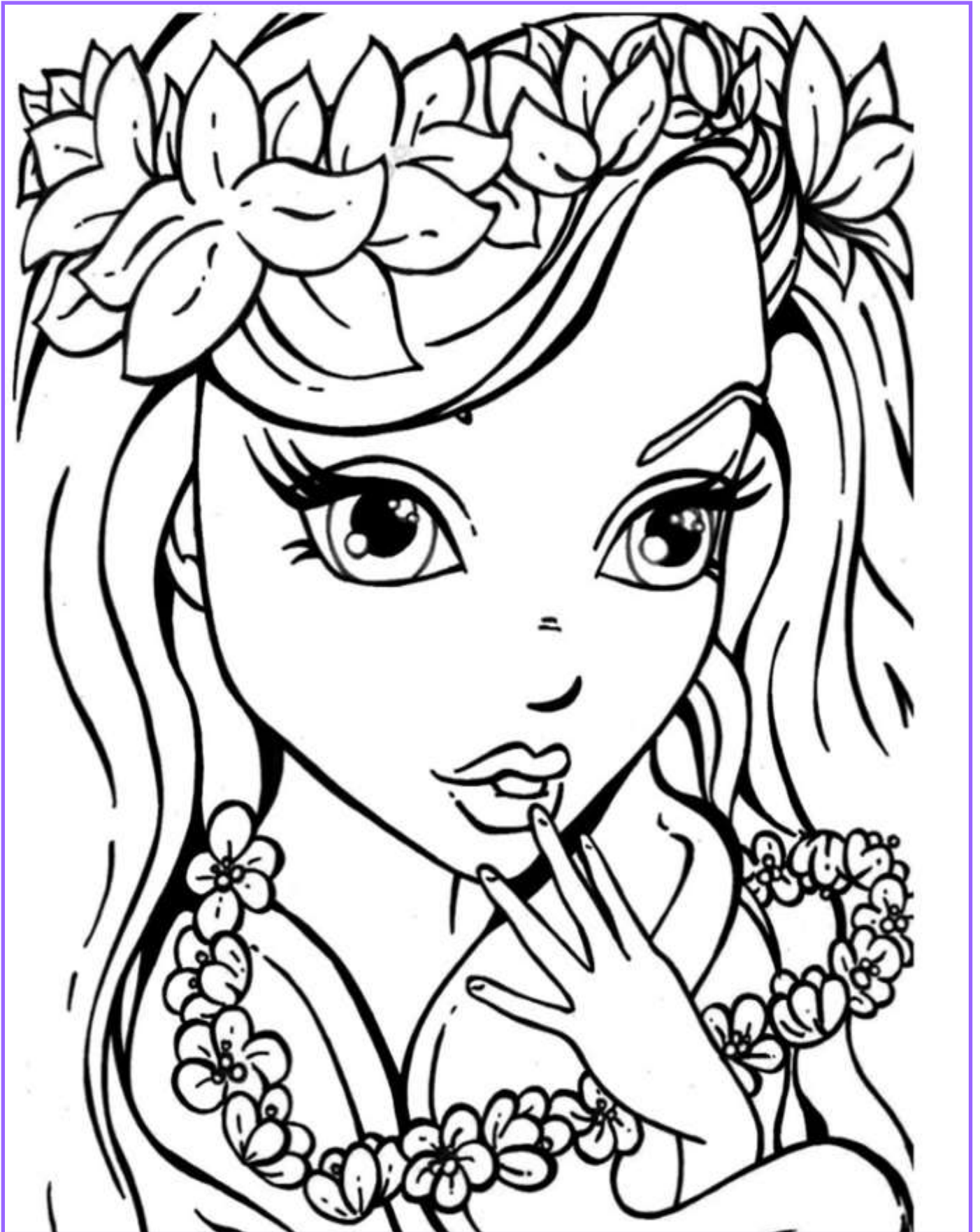
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2. What is sushi traditionally wrapped in?
3. May Queen, Wisley Crab, Foxwhelps and Lane's Prince Albert are all species of what?
4. What is allspice alternatively known as?
5. What colour is Absynthe?
6. What flavour is Cointreau?
7. If you were to cut a hare into pieces, marinate it in wine and juniper berries then stew this slowly in a sealed container, what would this recipe be called?
8. Fried tarantulas, eggs boiled just before they're due to hatch, live octopus, and puffin hearts eaten raw when still-warm are all traditional foods true or false?
9. How many crocus flowers does it take to make a pound of saffron?
10. Costing around \$2,600 per pound and made only to order by Knipschildt, what is the name of this chocolate truffle?



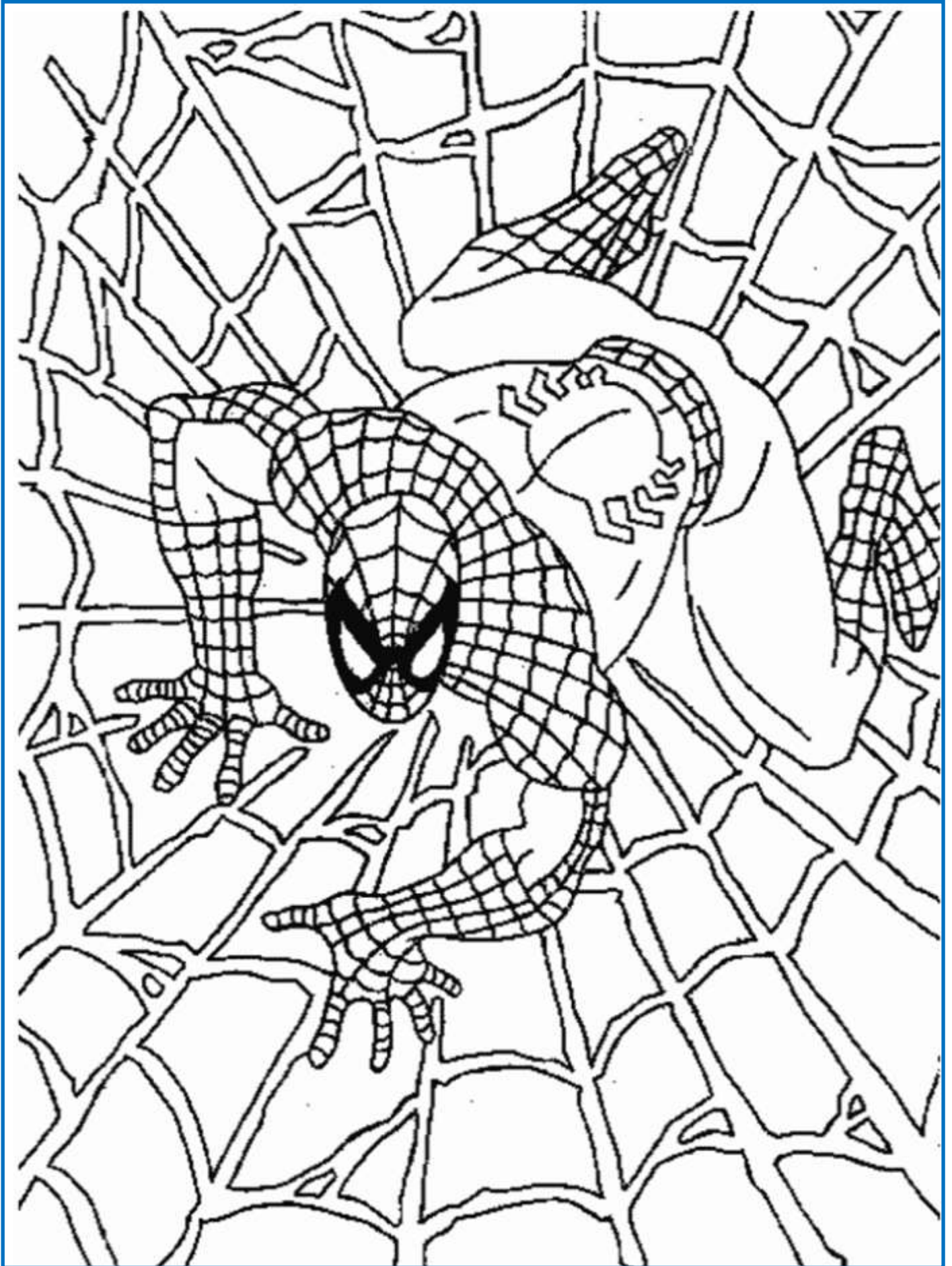
1. Wine, 2. Edible seaweed, 3. Apples 4. Pimento 5. Green 6. Orange 7. Jugged hare 8. True 9. up to 75,000 flowers, which is enough to fill an entire football field. 10. Chocopologie.

Brain Teasers

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Cool Picture for Girls to colour.



Spiderman Picture for Boys to Colour.

JULY 2017



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Upcoming Events

August

September

2nd

Quiz Night

Gascoyne Junction Pavilion

19th

Mt Augustus - Long Table Dinner

26th & 27th

Junction Races

30th

Council Meeting

27th

Council Meeting