

GASSY GOSSIP

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Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Friday 9th February

Wednesday 23rd March

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Wednesday 22nd June

Wednesday 27th July

Wednesday 24th August

Wednesday 21st September

Wednesday 26th October

Wednesday 23rd November

Thursday 15th 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

CEO Report

The month has come and gone in the blink of an eye. I attended Perth for my PET Scan on the 30th of June only to be told the machine had broken down so I beat a hasty retreat back to Gascoyne Junction. I next attended on the 7th of June and returned home late that night. My results were provided on the 8th and once again I have had a clear scan with no evidence of disease, so march on.

Staff and myself have been working diligently to deliver the 22/23 Budget which incorporates some of the Councillors suggestions; relatively significant increases in the day to day operational costs (insurance, fuel, tyres, plant and equipment, etc.) have been included to account for the inflationary pressures we currently find ourselves in.

We have had a dearth of political visitations with Minister Alannah McTiernan; Sabina Winton, Dr David Honey and Neil Thomson all paying a visit to our part of the world. As most would be aware we also received the news that our local member, Vincent Catania, has resigned. It is fitting that we put it on the record that Vince was a great supporter of our part of the world and made a significant contribution to the Shire. We wish Vince and his family all the very best in his future endeavours.

Movement is once again happening with the Two Rivers Memorial Park with the garden kerbs being installed and rock cladding of the limestone wall surrounding the aircraft. There is talk about the remaining bitumen being completed whilst Downer are in the area doing the Shires work and once completed the kerbing contractor will do his thing.

Don, Jarrod and myself will be attending the WALGA Zone Meeting and the Regional Road Group Meeting to be held in Shark Bay on the 24th of June 2022.

We have received confirmation that the Dalgety Brook Floodway Project has received funding under the HVSPF for approximately \$1.6 million.

Carpet for the Council Chambers has been ordered with Barry Even coming out to the Junction on the 17th of June to measure up. I am continuing to work with our cabinet / furniture makers for the design of our new Council Chamber Desk and Side Board. I have taken on board suggestions by staff and Councillors to work on a design that is both unique and functional. I will be able to do a brief presentation at this Council Meeting.

I have been in discussions with DFES about the length of time being taken to reimburse expenditure on AGRN 951 and getting an AGRN for the April Event which looks like coming in north of \$8 million.

I am still trying to organise a meeting with both Stephen Dawson (Emergency Services) and John Carey (Local Government / Housing) as there are various issues pertinent to our space that need to be addressed, it appears that we may be able to see Minister Dawson at the Carnarvon Long Table Lunch.

Corporate Services Update

This month has been super busy with staff preparing for the End of Financial Year (EOFY), continuing to work on the 22/23 draft budget and our getting ready for our Interim Audit with William Buck.

Initially the interim audit was meant to take place onsite, however due to a member of the audit team being identified as a COVID close contact the day before the audit, the onsite visit had to be conducted offsite (remotely) at the last minute. Despite this hurdle, the interim audit still went ahead in early June and staff are currently in the process of finalising this with the auditors.

As mentioned above, we have also been occupied with work on the 22/23 draft budget – the Management team held a budget review meeting on the 9th of June which saw some more changes and updates being applied. The latest copy will be workshopped with Council and Travis Bate our Principal Accountant from RSM. The draft budget includes a range of significant projects that staff hope to deliver in the next financial year.

The 30th of June is fast approaching which means that the corporate team will be kept on their toes with implementing all of the usual EOFY procedures. We hope that this process will be a smooth transition into the new year and without any hassle or system glitches.



Community Resource Centre Update

Author – Ainley Hardie, Tourism & Community Development Officer The CRC has been a busier space throughout May with more visitors arriving each week to explore our region. They walk through the doors gushing about what a beautiful and unexpected oasis this is, how beautiful the town looks and the roads are amazing. Our colleagues do a great job at making our job easy. We have started our free walking tours with administration staff joining the TCDO for the first tour just in case they need to fill in. We have conducted two to date, but with the route on our new town maps many are taking the tour themselves.

It was a pleasure to represent the Shire at the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Workshop in Carnarvon. I returned to the team with piles of handouts, and a further smaller workshop for Shire staff was held before the first round of community feedback was required. If you have not already made yourself familiar with this new Act I would be happy to forward through the worksheets from the workshop.

The Medical Clinic is getting closer with the medical room looking like a clinic room. We are just waiting on a bed, and for the staff to be dropped into the schedule. The clinic will be free with all visits chargeable to Medicare.



After delays due to weather earlier in the year I attended the first two days of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation with a focus on drought resilience in communities with fellow leaders from across the Gascoyne Murchison. I look forward to continuing to work with this group and to create a program that will assist our community to facilitate change.

Billie and I attended the 2022 Agents of Change CRC Conference which was professionally rewarding seeing how other CRCs support their communities. The theme of the conference was based on creating CRCs that can support digital literacy in our communities. We spoke with the Minister, representatives from NBN and the new Chair of Digital Strategy in the WA Government about the challenges of offering digital opportunities with the inconsistencies of our current services and the limitations. With more and more of our everyday life having to be accessed online our challenge is to provide a Digital Hub at the Gascoyne Junction CRC to ensure that our community has their needs met. The Shire had two events come to the region in May. The first was the Carnarvon Horseman's Club Gascoyne Junction Gymkhana. Held in Hackers Hectare the event was well attended with locals joining the cheer squad on the same.

The same weekend Creality (formerly Gascoyne in May) returned to Gascoyne Junction before heading to Mt Augustus and Burringurrah the following weekend. The Shire provided the pavilion as a venue for the event. Due to road closures due to rain on the Thursday and Friday the program in the Junction was modified. The Friday night event was held at the Junction Pub and Tourist Park and was enjoyed by locals, visitors and performers that had the night off creating a great atmosphere. The rain had impacted on setting up and so the crew set up at the Pavilion throughout the day on Saturday with music and performers, and a fire breathing dragon. A smaller crowd was in attendance on Saturday. Creality have asked us to book them in for the same weekend in 2023.

Both groups have been asked to complete a feedback form on the event that can be used when making decisions for potential funding of future events.

Tourism Update

In the tourism space we have new signage ordered and on their way for the town entrance signs and orientating tourists in Gascoyne Junction. Our next project are our orientation to Shire signage. In collaboration with the Shire of Carnarvon we jointly launched the Festival of the Solar Eclipse which will be a series of events across both Shires. We have begun our AstroTourism WA accreditation process and will be hosting the team in late August to identify key sites in the Upper Gascoyne.

Collaborations have also commenced with the GDC in participating in a project that will aim at improving data collection in the region with the aim of identifying key infrastructure projects. After our visit to Meekatharra Shire ongoing discussions have continued looking at ways that we can continue to work together including joining together for professional development opportunities and setting up an agenda to create a working group with neighbouring shires and our tourism counterparts.

Australian Regional Tourism have launched The Agritourism Project and an introductory workshop was attended on May 10. The project is to work with local governments and prospective tourism operators to grow in this emerging sector. Further consultations will be occurring throughout the year with a full day session at their conference to be held in Ballarat this year. This information has been shared with our current stakeholders and interested new business in the region.

Manager of Works and Services Report

June as usual has been all about setting next financial year's budget. The team have been extremely busy squaring away 2021-22 works and finances at the same time planning for 2022-23. We are confident that we will bring a productive and sensible budget before Council this month.

The town crew have enjoyed the cooler weather which slows the lawns and gardens down so they can focus on spraying verges, fogging mosquitoes and the towns overall appearance. It is nice to have so many people commenting on how good the town looks and it is a credit to the town crew.

The oval reticulation upgrades have been started with the main lines to the oval replaced, controller and pump installed. The oval surfaced has been cored and fertilised. The contractor will return in August to replace the remaining PVC lines and sprinklers and install garden beds along the main street fencing. The tourist stop is slowly taking shape. The bulk of the landscaping is complete, the grano workers are completing footpaths while the stone masons complete the rock pitching and facing the block wall. GBSC are still arranging for the carpark surface to be completed. The turf will arrive in August. New town signage has been ordered and will be installed once the tourist stop is complete.

THEM earthmoving have almost completed 6km of improvements to a sealed standard on the Carnarvon Mullewa road. Our original estimate of 8kms will not be achieved due to the extent of road works and culverts required in that section. Sealing is planned to commence on the 20th June. The additional 6km of seal will add to a further 18km of seal completed by the shire in the last year between Gascoyne Junction and Meekatharra. We have had some great news regarding the successful application to the Building Better Regions/ HSVPP funding body to construct a new concrete low level crossing on the Dalgety Brook on the Dalgety Glenburgh road. HSVPP have awarded the shire \$1.6M to construct the floodway and we hope to begin construction next year. This has been the culmination of some great work and effort by our team and is another opportunity to continue sealing from Gascoyne Junction to Meekatharra.

It has been another year of chasing our tails with regards to grading roads. We have spent the bulk of our time repairing washouts and damaged caused by people driving on closed roads. The rain has been a welcome relief but is a shame people still aren't getting the message or simply don't care. I am in the process of pricing remote cameras so we can start handing evidence to the Police to prosecute offenders.

We have replaced the Landor/Dalgety boundary grid as it was past its useful life. QEM completed the works last week at the same time as installing rock protection on the new sealed section on Landor Meekatharra road.



Our works crew have all but completed our construction program for the year. We have once again expended all of our funding commitments including an additional \$600,000 worth of projects in the final six months of the financial year. This included \$300,000 of resheeting and reforming on the Landor Mt Augustus road and \$300,000 of new seal on the Landor Meekatharra road. This is in addition to the 13km of new seal on Carnarvon Mullewa road, reconstructing 5km to a sealed standard on Landor Meekatharra road and expending \$1M worth of road maintenance. I would like to thank my team for their efforts and for the amazing work they do.

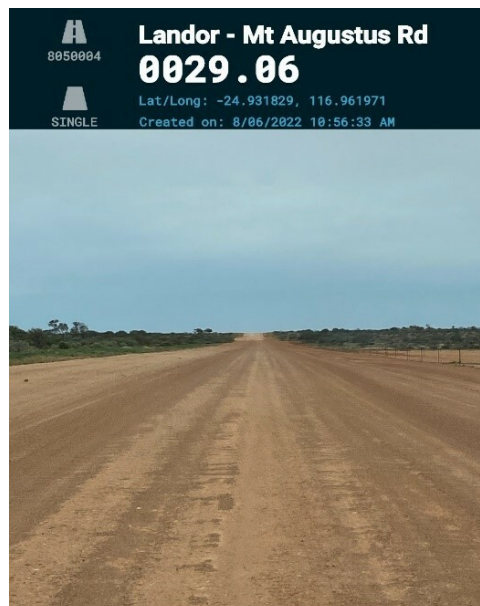


Figure 1: Landor Mt Augustus resheeting

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Request for Tender

RFT 01 22-23

Provision of Accounting and Financial Services



The Shire is seeking to engage the services of a consulting accountant(s) / business to provide professional support in the Shire's Accounting and Financial Services. The Shire utilises the IT Vision Synergyssoft information system.

A copy of the scope of works can be obtained by contacting Sa Toomalatai (Manager, Finance & Corporate Services) by email at financemanager@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or by phone on (08) 9943 0988.

Tenders can be lodged electronically via tenders@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or via fax (08) 9943 0507 or post – 4 Scott Street Gascoyne Junction WA 6705 clearly marked tender RFT 01 22-23

The deadline for tenders to be submitted is 4.30 pm Friday 29th July 2022.

Canvassing of Elected Members will disqualify.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

For enquiries please call the Shire office on (08) 9943 0988

COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – CARNARVON MULLEWA RD UPGRADE PROJECT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – June 2022

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	20 Apr 2022
		Forecast Completion Date:	June / July 2022
Works this period (June 2022)		Works next period (July)	
<p>Carnarvon Mullewa Rd</p> <p>Funding for this project is grant-funded to the value of \$2.5M to cover the costs of project management, engineering design, survey, geotechnical testing, earthworks, drainage and bitumen spray seal.</p> <p>The earthworks commenced from the current extent of the existing bitumen pavement at SLK74.5. Construction activities include survey set-out, minor clearing, foundation preparation of subgrade, cut-to-fill, gravel borrow-to-fill, compaction, and trimming.</p> <p>Progress</p> <p>The gravel basecourse works were progressed up to approx. SLK80.30 in readiness for bitumen seal scheduled before the end of June.</p> <p>Culvert Installation</p> <p>Procurement is complete for all culverts required. The remaining items are planned to be on site in the next three weeks.</p> <p>Four culvert structures have been installed to date. The remaining three culverts are scheduled for installation during the next visit of the culvert crew from the Earthworks contractor in July 2022.</p> <p>Stabilisation of Floodways</p> <p>The required gravel fill at the floodway between SLK78.65 - 78.86 has been laid and compacted. Floodway stabilisation contractor mobilised to site on 14th June and has now completed the stabilisation works between SLK78.65-78.86.</p>		<p>With the limited budget available for road construction, stabilisation of the second floodway and the remainder of the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd upgrade works east of Slk 80.3 may be completed in future when funding is secured.</p> <p>The remaining works comprise:</p> <p>Culvert Installation</p> <p>Complete installation of RCBC culverts as shown in IFC drawings. Survey pegs are in place, and earthworks are progressing.</p> <p>Stabilisation of Floodways</p> <p>The floodway between SLK82.12-82.25 is planned for completion in future upgrade works.</p> <p>Gravel Pavement</p> <p>Continue and complete the remaining gravel pavement works comprising carting of gravel material, laying, conditioning, compacting and trimming.</p> <p>Bitumen Works</p> <p>Downer will complete the bitumen spray seal work up to SLK80.3. The contractor plans to mobilise to the site on 23 June to commence spray seal works on completed sections of the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd.</p>	

Progress Status as of 15 June 2022	
	% Completed
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd Upgrade Overall Progress	88%
Clearing	100%
Subgrade & Drainage	97%
Pavement	73%
Discussion Items	
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report
Camp	<p>The contractor camp remains in place at the southern end of Ullawarra Rd.</p> <p>The earthworks contractor is delivering the project on a rolling roster with some crew remaining during the RnR break progressing site works.</p>



2022/06/14

Carnarvon Mullewa Rd – Floodway stabilisation works.



2022/06/14

Carnarvon Mullewa Rd – Floodway Stabilisation works

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN951
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – May 2022 (PACKAGE 1)

Contractor	QEM Group	Package Start Date:	17 Nov 2021
		Forecast Completion Date:	June / July 2022
Works this period (May 2022)		Works next period (June 2022)	
<p>Dalgety Downs Landor Rd</p> <p>Commence works on Dalgety Downs Landor Rd working east towards Landor Meekatharra Rd. Works have comprised reinstatement of shoulders and drains, medium and heavy grade, removal of silt and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement, re-sheeting of gravel pavement, and scour repairs.</p> <p>Works on Dalgety Downs Landor were temporarily paused to complete defect repairs on Erong Road due to the sequencing of the repair works.</p> <p>Upon completing defect repair works on Erong Rd, construction activities have resumed on the remaining section of Dalgety Downs Landor Rd, which continues to the Landor Meekatharra Rd Intersection.</p> <p>Erong Rd</p> <p>Commenced and completed flood damage rectification works on Erong Rd from the southern end at the Murchison Shire boundary working north towards Dalgety Downs Landor Rd Intersection. Works have comprised the reinstatement of road formation (subgrade), medium and heavy grading works, and silt removal.</p>		<p>Landor Meekatharra Rd</p> <p>Commence works on this road working from the Meekatharra boundary north towards Landor homestead. Works comprise drain and road shoulder reinstatement, silt removal and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement, heavy grade of gravel pavement, and re-sheeting of gravel pavement.</p> <p>Landor Mt Augustus Rd</p> <p>Continue works on this road, working from Burringurrah south towards Landor homestead. Works include heavy grade to pavement gravel, reinstatement of road shoulder, pavement gravel re-sheet, silt removal and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement.</p> <p>Waldburg Rd</p> <p>Continue works on this road, working from the Waldburg Homestead south towards Landor Mt Clere Rd. Works include heavy grade to gravel pavement, shoulder reinstatement, drain silt and debris removal, re-sheeting of pavement gravel and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement.</p> <p>Meekatharra Mt Clere Rd</p> <p>Commence works on this road working from the Meekatharra boundary towards Mt Clere homestead. Works include heavy grading of scours on the pavement.</p> <p>Landor Mt Clere Rd</p> <p>Commence works on this road from Mt Clere homestead working west. Works include minor and medium silt/debris removal from subgrade and pavement, reform subgrade, heavy grading to the pavement, silt removal and reinstatement of unsealed floodway pavement</p>	

Status of Roads		
	This Month	Last Period
Overall Package	76% (19th May)	64%
Bingegaroo Road	100%	100%
Cobra Mt Augustus Road	100%	100%
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	91%	3%
Dooley Downs Road	100%	100%
Edmund Gifford Creek Road	100%	0%
Erong Road	100%	0%
Eudamullah Road	100%	100%
Landor Meekatharra Road	Construction has not commenced yet	
Landor Mt Augustus Road	39%	39%
Landor Mt Clere Road	Construction has not commenced yet	
Lyndon Minnie Creek Road	100%	100%
Lyons River Road	100%	100%
Mangaroon Road	100%	100%
Meekatharra Mt Clere Road	Construction has not commenced yet	
Minnie Creek Road	100%	100%
Mt Augustus Road	100%	100%
Mt Augustus Woodlands Road	100%	100%
Pingandy Road	100%	100%
Potts Road	100%	100%
Ullawarra Road	98%	98%
Waldburg Road	16%	16%

Wanna Road		100%	100%
Discussion Items			
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report		
Camp	<p>Contractor Camp is still maintained at Landor Station, providing accommodation, mess facilities and workshop facilities for the QEM crew.</p> <p>The contractor is now implementing a 3/1 continuous roster until the end of the project.</p>		



Dalgety Downs Landor Rd



Dalgety Downs Landor Rd

**SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN908 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT
 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – May 2022 (PACKAGE 2)**

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Package Start Date:	8 Nov 2020
		Forecast Completion Date:	June 2022
Works this period (May 2022)		Works next period (June 2022)	
<p>Cobra Dairy Creek Rd</p> <p>Defect repair works resumed temporarily with a limited crew on 13 – 14 May following a localised rain event. The crew progressed site works on Cobra Dairy Creek south of Mooloo Downs Access Rd working south towards the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd intersection. Due to the less than ideal working surface conditions, it was necessary to slow the work temporarily on the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd upgrade.</p> <p>Defect repair works comprise removal of silt, reforming and reshaping drain lines, re-sheet and reinstate gravel pavement, remove silt, and reinstate unsealed floodway pavement gravel, road shoulder reinstatement, medium and heavy grade to the road pavement surface.</p>		<p>The contractor plans to resume and complete the remaining defect repair works on Pimbee and Cobra Dairy Creek Rd in June 2022 to bring this project package to a close.</p> <p>Cobra Dairy Creek Rd</p> <p>Complete remaining works on this road working from north to south. Works will comprise removal of silt, reforming, and reshaping drain lines, resheet and reinstate gravel pavement, remove silt, and reinstate unsealed floodway pavement gravel, road shoulder reinstatement, medium and heavy grade to road pavement surface and scour repairs.</p> <p>Pimbee Rd</p> <p>Complete remaining works on this road comprising defects on the road's northern end. Works will include drain silt and debris removal, pavement gravel re-sheeting, medium and heavy grading of pavement gravel, reconstruction of drains and culvert end</p>	

Status of Roads		
	This Month	Last Period
Overall Package	98% (20th May)	98%
Carey Downs Road	100%	100%
Carnarvon Mullewa Road	100%	100%
Cobra Dairy Creek Road	97%	97%
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Road	100%	100%
Dalgety Downs Landor Road	100%	100%
Erong Road	100%	100%
Eudamullah Road	100%	100%
Gilroyd Road	100%	100%
Gregory Street	Transferred to AGRN951 scope	
Hatch Street	100%	100%
Killili Road	100%	100%
Lyons River Road	100%	100%
Minnie Creek Road	100%	100%
Mooloo Downs Access Road	100%	100%
Newton Drive	100%	100%
Pimbee Road	87%	87%
Riverside Drive	100%	100%
Rubbish Tip Road	100%	100%
Scott Street	100%	100%
Ullawarra Road	100%	100%
Viveash Way	100%	100%

Weedarrah Road	100%	100%
Discussion Items		
Water / Materials	Refer attached resources report	
Camp	Camp remains in place at the southern end of Ullawarra Rd.	



Cobra Dairy Creek Rd – from previous April report



Cobra Dairy Creek Rd – from previous April report

BLAST FROM THE PAST



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

New directions for tourism

by Toby Williams

A GROUP of European Travel agents and wholesalers recently completed a familiarisation tour of The Gascoyne and the Upper Gascoyne.

The trip was organised by Ms Diane Below from Tourism WA's Munich office, in conjunction with the Gascoyne Development Commission, Coral Coast and the Golden Outback Tourist Office.

Mr Peter Taylor, Senior Project Officer of the Gascoyne Development Office rated the trip as a success.

"It went really well.

What was important was that our guests were principals of their companies, the decision makers.

Our VIP's were invited by Tourism WA as a follow up to the Tourism Exchange Conference held earlier in Perth.

We flew with Tropicair to Bidgemia, Cobra, Mt Augustus, over the Kennedy Range, to Giralia, Karinji and Cape Range and Exmouth." "The Swiss in particular were blown away by the



The group of European travel agents visiting the Gascoyne with Brian Dunn, Owen Gray, Ray Edney and Peter Taylor.

size, the solitude and the remoteness of the region." "Importantly we were able to hold workshops with Indigenous Tour operators, including Ray Edney and Maureen Dodd during the trip which highlighted the value of cultural tours and experiences for the European market." Another project concentrated on the growing niche market in self drive 4WD holiday

packages with the proposal to promote an Outback Pathway linking the icon landmarks of Mt Augustus and Karinjini National Park starting at Cobra Station and connecting to Ashburton Downs via Pingandy Road.

"Although the track is a little rough its very remote and is like the Gibb River drive.

A Great trip," added Mr Taylor.

This article was originally published in
the Northern Guardian on Wednesday
July 20, 2005.



GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP 2022 CALENDAR

5th & 6th February Untutored

19th and 20th March Untutored

9th & 10th April Junk Art

21st and 22nd May Untutored

11th & 12th June Basket weaving

30th & 31st July Mystery Quilt

13th & 14th August Untutored

3rd and 4th September Untutored

29th & 30th October Mosaic Workshop

26th & 27th November Christmas Craft

For any queries, please contact the Secretary Tina Matthews

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YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$20 UNTUTORED WEEKENDS \$10

WORKSHOPS \$50 with craft supplied materials

OUTSIDE TUTORED WORKSHOPS \$50 + materials if required

CALLING ALL LOCAL CELEBRITIES...



The CRC is on the look out for our next **SAY G'DAY** candidates to star in future editions of the Gassy Gossip.

We want to know more about our community and our community is keen to get to know you!

So if you're interested in sharing more about yourself, like your favourite food, which footy team you support and what you like to do in your spare time, then contact the CRC now!

You could be our next local celebrity...

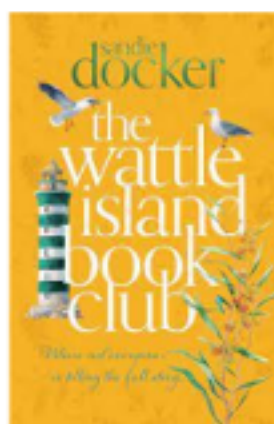


BOOKS OF THE MONTH



BUSH MAGIC

This delightful story is about the power of imagination, appreciating the natural world and spending quality time with the ones you love. Jarrah and Grandpa love spending time together exploring the bush around their home. But one miserable Sunday it's too rainy to venture outside, so instead Jarrah and Grandpa float away on a dreamlike quest where they meet magical creatures, save their stranded bush friends from a flood and have their most exciting adventure together yet.



THE WATTLE ISLAND BOOK CLUB

Is it ever too late to rewrite your own story?

COURAGE – In 1950, teenager Anne flees Wattle Island for the big city, where she learns that establishing the life she's always dreamed of isn't as easy as she thought. When a secret she's been keeping is discovered, she has no choice but to retreat home and live a quiet life. But when tragedy strikes, establishing the Wattle Island book club is the only thing that offers her solace.

PASSION – In 2018, spirited librarian Grace has been writing bucket lists since she was a child, and is ticking off as many challenges as she can now that life has handed her a hefty dose of perspective. Heading to Wattle Island on one of her adventures, she is determined to uncover a long-held mystery surrounding the town's historic book club, unlocking a buried truth that has been trapped between the dusty pages of secrecy for years.

HOPE – All too aware of how fragile life is, Anne and Grace must come together to help the residents of Wattle Island find the bravery to move beyond the trauma that tore the book club apart. Budding relationships offer new hope, along with a library project for the town's future – but it will take more than a few lively literary debates to break the silence and heal the past.

Welcome to the Wattle Island Book Club, where some chapters may end, but others are just beginning



NEW Fiction and Non-Fiction Library Books, DVD and Audio books are still arriving monthly.

Make sure to visit the CRC and see what's in stock.

Camera Magic

Emily, Claudia, Kristy and Wendy (Emily's mum) are going to the museum. The entrance is big and popular. They see old ship wrecks and whale bones. Soon they headed up to level three. They went to a window in the corner and saw the biggest submarine they had ever seen in their lives." Wow" said Kristy. Then they went to the dinosaur section. They saw a Diplodocus head (it was humongous) and a skull of a T-rex. There was even a Pterodactyl hanging from the ceiling. Then they found an old camera labelled 'camera only 50 cent'.

"Mum" said Emily "Can we buy that?" "Sure" said Wendy. She paid the man and the girls took out the camera. They switched it on to see what photos had been taken and they didn't even have time to blink before they got sucked up. Suddenly they found themselves sitting in a bush. "Where are we?" asked Claudia. They stood up and looked around. Over the trees are the heads of a Diplodocuses and they see Pterodactyl flying high in the sky. They look around and see no sign of Wendy. Then they saw something that nearly made their eyes pop out of their heads. A T-REX. Luckily it didn't see them. Soon the T-Rex left and the girls discussed that they must have been sent to the Dinosaur Age. Kristy checked her watch and it wasn't there. They sneaked to the jungle and started to see all different types of dinosaurs. They found a place they liked and started a fire. Suddenly they heard a huge ROAR!!!! "What was that?" asked Kristy. Meanwhile, the T-Rex they had spotted earlier smelled something. It smelt a bit like burning meat. And then fresh meat. It followed the smell until it peaked out of the bushes, and sure enough, there were the girls. Claudia said all of a sudden "Emily why are you breathing so loud?" "I'm not!" says Emily. "Who is it then?" said Claudia nervously. "I'm somebody you wouldn't want to know" says a deep and dark voice from the shadows of the bush. The girls shook with fear. Once again, the voice ROARED and said "I'm hungry, so I might just have you for dinner." Suddenly, the T-Rex they had spotted earlier emerged from the shadows, bearing her sharp teeth. "Arrrrrrrh" shouted the girls. The girls jumped up and ran for the river. Suddenly out of nowhere a Spinosaurus emerged from the plants and began to attack the T-Rex. Once the T-Rex was down, she turned to the girls and said "I better go now but it's nice to meet you". "Wait!" says Emily. "Can you at least tell us where some fresh water is?" "Yes" said the Spinosaurus "That way" she said pointing west. The girls walked west until they found a running river of fresh water. They all had wet chins when Kristy said "We should be finding a place to sleep the night". "How about we stay here so when we are thirsty we are right next to a river". "Good idea" said Claudia. Meanwhile back at the museum, Wendy was running to Kristy's house. Kristy had a father who loves science. When Wendy got to Kristy's house she ran to Kristy's father's lab. There he was, working on his latest invention. "What is this" said Wendy. "This is my latest invention. Ready to see it?" he said excitedly. "Sure" said Wendy. Mr Thomas pulled a big yellow sheet and revealed a machine that was shaped as an egg. "What is that?" Wendy said again. "It is a time machine" replied Mr Thomas. "Listen, something serious has happened but I have no time to explain. Do you think you can make this time machine work?" Wendy said quickly. "Wow, wow, slow down. What happened to the girls" replied Mr Thomas." They got sucked up by a camera.



Newsletter

29/06/2022

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

We are almost at the end of another busy term and our students have once again put in a massive effort with their learning. Our Wakakirri dance-song performance will be videoed early next term and submitted by mid-August. and our video will be shown at one of the live Wakakirri shows at some stage next term. We will invite families to view the video performance at school once it has been finalized

We have had some changes to our staff this term. Kenny has been on maternity leave and she and Omo welcomed a baby girl as a new addition to their family. Congratulations! Kim McCleary joined our staff during Kenny's leave, and I thank her for her hard work and commitment to our students during this time. Next term we will have Heejeong join our staff as a permanent Education Assistant after transferring from Port Hedland. We are fortunate to have her extensive experience in this role as an additional asset for our school.

Our first **Values Award** winner will be announced on the last day of term, which will be the student with the most values slips collected from the three boxes that we have made available. We'll collect the slips on Wednesday this week and the winner will receive a **\$50-00 voucher** from Toyworld.

Safe and happy holidays to all students and staff.

Kind regards
Jackie Miller (Principal)

STUDENT COUNCILLOR NEWS

This term we sent out a letter from the councillors about the lapathon that was held on Monday the 27th. Please bring back your donation money as soon as possible. Next term we will be raising money for leukemia by doing a colour fun run with the children.



SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

In our mid-year reports, teachers have made a professional judgment regarding the level of achievement that the student is demonstrating relative to the achievement standard, taking into account the curriculum that has been taught and assessed to that point in time. The table below shows the descriptors of the grades for Years 3-10. The reports for Pre-Primary to Year 2 do not use letter grades.

Letter Grade	Yrs 3-10 Achievement Descriptors
A	The student demonstrates excellent achievement of what is expected for this year level.
B	The student demonstrates high achievement of what is expected for this year level.
C	The student demonstrates satisfactory achievement of what is expected for this year level.
D	The student demonstrates limited achievement of what is expected for this year level.
E	The student demonstrates very low achievement of what is expected for this year level.

Food Shopping Card

Check how much fat, sugar and salt is in your food

Remember that the amount you eat of a particular food affects how much sugars, fat, saturates and salt you will get from it. ● ● ● ●





Australia's
**BIGGEST
MORNING
TEA**

On the 22nd June, students and teachers gathered for the Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for people impacted by cancer. A bake-off competition was held as well as a delicious spread of sweet and savory treats made by some of the locals. The students participated in a colouring in competition whilst adults were given a quiz to do. We would like to thank the CRC for inviting the school and raising money for a worthy cause, it was a great morning.

INDONESIAN

The Years 2-4 student studied clothing styles from Indonesia and designed clothes suitable for a male of that country.



LEARNING JOURNEY

Our Learning Journey was originally planned for term one until COVID regulations prevented parents from coming into classrooms. This week our students welcomed parents and carers to our school to showcase their knowledge and skills. Our students always enjoy sharing their work and explaining what they have been learning. Thanks to those who were able to join us on the day.



SPORTS WEEK

CSOTA SPORTS CARNIVAL

Our Years 2, 3, 4 and 6 students recently participated in the CSOTA Sports Event, and all students put in a huge effort on the day. The photos and table below show our many successes in these events.



RUNNING RACES		NOVELTY / T-BALL THROW / LONG JUMP	
Year 5/6 Girls 440m:	1st Bridie Walker	Year 5/6 Egg & Spoon:	2nd Bridie Walker
Year 3/4 Boys 440m:	4th Milo Bellotti	Year 3/4 Egg & Spoon:	4th Harley Munns
Year 1/2 Girls 200m:	1st Juanita Omotosho 4th Scarlet Boddington	Year 1/2 Egg & Spoon:	3rd Scarlet Boddington 4th Eli Atherton
Year 1/2 Boys 200m:	1st Eli Atherton	Year 5/6 Sack Race:	3rd Bridie Walker
Year 5/6 Girls 100m:	1st Bridie Walker	Year 1/2 Sack Race:	4th Juanita Omotosho
Year 3/4 Boys 75m:	4th Milo Bellotti	Year 3/4 T-Ball Throw:	1st Milo Bellotti
Year 1/2m Girls 50m:	1st Juanita Omotosho	Year 3/4 Long Jump:	1st Milo Bellotti
Year 1/2 Boys 50m:	1st Eli Atherton	Year 5/6 T-Ball Throw:	1st Bridie Walker
		Year 5/6 Long Jump:	1st Bridie Walker

CROSS COUNTRY

Harley, Milo, and Bridie have been training all term for the Cross-Country event recently held at Carnarvon Christian College. The three students did themselves proud by completing the entire course and Bridie came third in her year 6 girls' event. The results on the day are shown in the table below.



Year	Boys	Girls
Year 3	1. Liam Hall SM	Ansara Bentley-Pinkerton SM
	2. Lagan Bumbak SM	Indi Grobert SM
	3. Charlie Maden SM	Hazel McTaggart CSOTA
Year 4	1. Dennis Brocksman CCC	Diaz Dingo CCC
	2. Brendan Yates CCC	Abigail Manser CCS
	3. Kaishu Webb CCS	Gina Gaylard CCS
Year 5	1. Caleb Henry SM	Heidi Land SM
	2. Steele Kuhn CCC	Madeline Bentley-Pinkerton SM
	3. Markus Overham CCC	Bronte Luffwell CCS
Year 6	1. Jacob Dawson CCC	Jessica Durmarich SM
	2. Kai Gaylard CCS	Mia De Pledge CSOTA
	3. James Martin CCC	Bridie Walker GIRCS



WINTER CARNIVAL

Milo and Bridie took part in the Winter Carnival at Carnarvon Community College last week. Milo joined with the CCC teams to play AFL and Bridie joined with Shark Bay team to play soccer. There was a Round Robin of games during the day and both students were extremely tired after completing three consecutive days of sports (CSOTA Sports Day, Cross-Country and this Winter Carnival). Well done to you both!



SCITECH BALL RUN CHALLENGE

In week 8 and 9 this term, all the students took part in the Scitech Ball Run Challenge. They had to create their own ball run. It could be as simple or as complex as they liked. Everyone started off in small groups of 2 to create a small ball run and then join these all together at the end to make a big ball run. The students demonstrated a great deal of ingenuity and although our ball run turned out not to be as successful as well had hoped, a lot of fun was had in the failed attempts.



COMING EVENTS

30/06/22	Sporting Schools -Stephen Michael Foundation AFL
01/07/22	Values award and gem prizes
01/07/22	Last day of School
02/07/22-18/07/22	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 18/07/22	Staff return to work for student development day
Tuesday 19/07/22	Students return to school

How are you going?

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UNWELL

How are you feeling?	Self-aware & calm	Irritable or impatient	Angry or frustrated	Aggressive, out of control
What's your stress level?	Coping well	Worried or nervous	Very nervous, panicky	Really anxious, panic attacks
What's your outlook?	Positive	Overwhelmed	Feeling hopeless	Depressed or suicidal thoughts
How are you working?	Motivated & kicking goals	Putting things off, forgetting stuff	Unmotivated, not working well	Can't get anything done
How are you sleeping?	Sleeping normally	Trouble sleeping	Restless, disturbed sleep	Sleeping too much or too little
What's your energy level?	Energetic	Low energy levels	Tired	No energy & feeling unwell
What's your activity level?	Keeping active	Not doing as much as usual	Not enjoying activities	Avoiding activities
How social are you?	Feeling connected	Withdrawal from social activity	Annoyed with everyone	Avoiding people, isolated

What can you do?

Keep it up!	Ask for support, try not to judge yourself	See your GP	You must get help
	Talk to friends and family	Don't put it off, act now	Help is available
	Do something you enjoy	Contact Community Health or your EAP	Mental Health Emergency Response Line 1300 555 788

Roast Vegetable Winter Salad

INGREDIENTS

Peanut Butter Sauce

- 4 tbsp peanut butter
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 tbsp sriracha
- 1/2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp honey (or maple syrup)
- 5 tbsp water
- 1/2 tbsp sesame oil (optional but definitely recommended)

Optional Toppings

- sesame seeds
- spring onions
- crushed peanuts



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Boil the rice noodles per package instructions.
2. While the noodles are boiling, add all sauce ingredients to a blender and mix until a smooth sauce is ready.
3. Remove water and pour the peanut sauce over the cooked noodles and mix well. Serve at room temperature, if you want them hot, then cook for about a minute or two on medium flame. Add more water if needed. Transfer to serving bowls and add some sesame seeds or spring onions before serving.



JULY

- 2 Tigerlily Ryan
- 4 Blanche Walker
- 7 Hamish McTaggart
- 13 Darcy McKeough
- 17 Dameon Whitby
- 24 Jarrod Walker

AUGUST

- 1 Alys McKeough
- 18 Spags Burnett
- 18 Harry McKeough
- 20 Jodie Gibson
- 25 Theona Mitchell-Smith

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Stanley Hammarquist
- 20 Jason Windie
- 23 Frank Drayton
- 28 Matthew Hammarquist
- 29 Don Hammarquist



BOGAN BINGO

The Shire like to give a huge thank you to everyone who attended Bogan Bingo on Friday 10th June. What a fabulous night it was!

Bingo, bogans and laughs all round.

Thank you to the community for helping in the packing up of the venue and

An extra special thank you to Stuart and Zoe from Bogan Bingo for travelling up and putting on a great show for all.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Biggest Morning Tea held on 22nd June 2022.

We raised an incredible \$461.15 for Cancer Council

We look forward to doing it all again in 2023.





TIPPING

ROUND 12

Billie O'Sullivan	5
Jarrold Walker	5
David Miller	5
Shane Pridham	5
Frank Drayton	4
Jackie Miller	4
Vaughn Whitby	4
Matt Wright	4
Cherie Walker	4
Clint Hardie	4
Blanche Walker	4
Ainsley Hardie	4
Cynthia Wright	3
Sa Toomalatai	3
Scott Maxwell	3
Brad Wright	3

ROUND 13

Blanche Walker	5
Vaughn whitby	5
Billie O'Sullivan	5
Cherie Walker	5
Jarrold Walker	5
Scott Maxwell	5
David Miller	5
Shane Pridham	5
Matt Wright	5
Brad Wright	5
Clint Hardie	4
Ainsley Hardie	3
Cynthia Wright	2
Frank Drayton	2
Jackie Miller	2
Sa Toomalatai	1

ROUND 14

Billie O'Sullivan	5
Scott Maxwell	5
Cherie Walker	4
Blanche Walker	4
Ainsley Hardie	4
Cynthia Wright	3
Frank Drayton	3
Vaughn Whitby	3
Jarrold Walker	3
Shane Pridham	3
David Miller	3
Brad Wright	2
Sa Toomalatai	2
Jackie Miller	2
Clint Hardie	2

ROUND 15

Jarrold Walker	9
Clint Hardie	8
Blanche Walker	8
Scott Maxwell	7
Cherie Walker	7
Ainsley Hardie	6
Billie O'Sullivan	6
Brad Wright	6
Frank Drayton	6
Matt Wright	5
Jackie Miller	5
Vaughn Whitby	5
Shane Pridham	5
David Miller	5
Cynthia Wright	1
Sa Toomalatai	1

Upper Gascoyne Footy Tipping

2022 Footy Tipping is back! Stay tuned to see who's on top of the ladder at the beginning of each month. Currently in the lead is Cherie Walker - who will it be next

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FOOTY TIPPING
ONLINE IN 2022

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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.

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

Friday July 8

Gascoyne Junction Pavilion

6:00pm Family Movie



Popcorn provided (all other snacks BYO)
Bring along a comfy chair or beanbag to get yourself comfortable to catch a movie on the big screen.

The family movie session require all children have an adult accompanying them for the duration of the movie.



SATURDAY AUGUST 6TH



GASSY GROOVERS



FREE KIDS DISCO

5:30PM @ JUNCTION PAVILION

PARTY FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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- Visiting:** Gascoyne Junction
- When:** Wednesday 20th July 2022 12noon to 2.30pm
- Where:** CRC Offices

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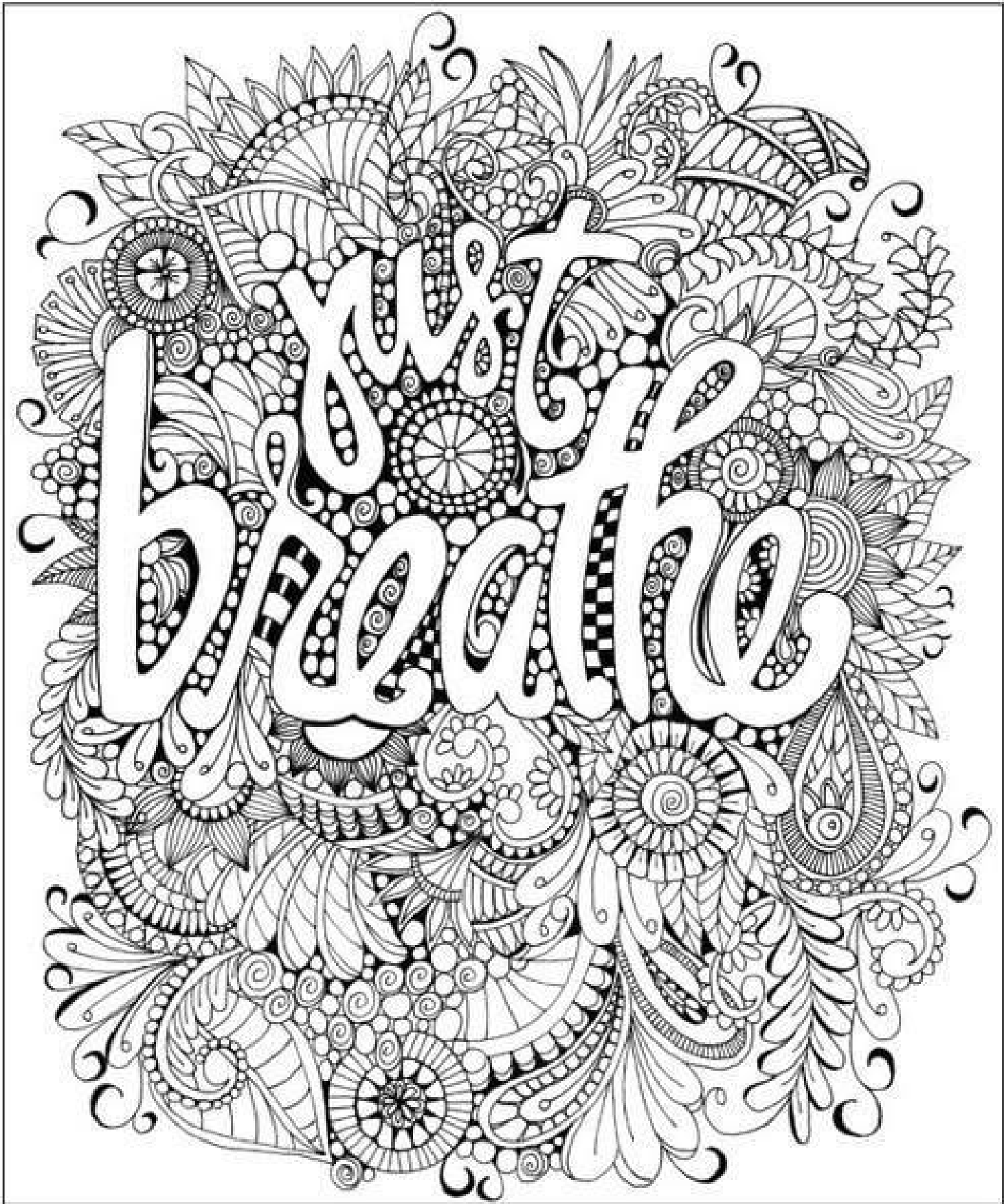
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KID'S CORNER



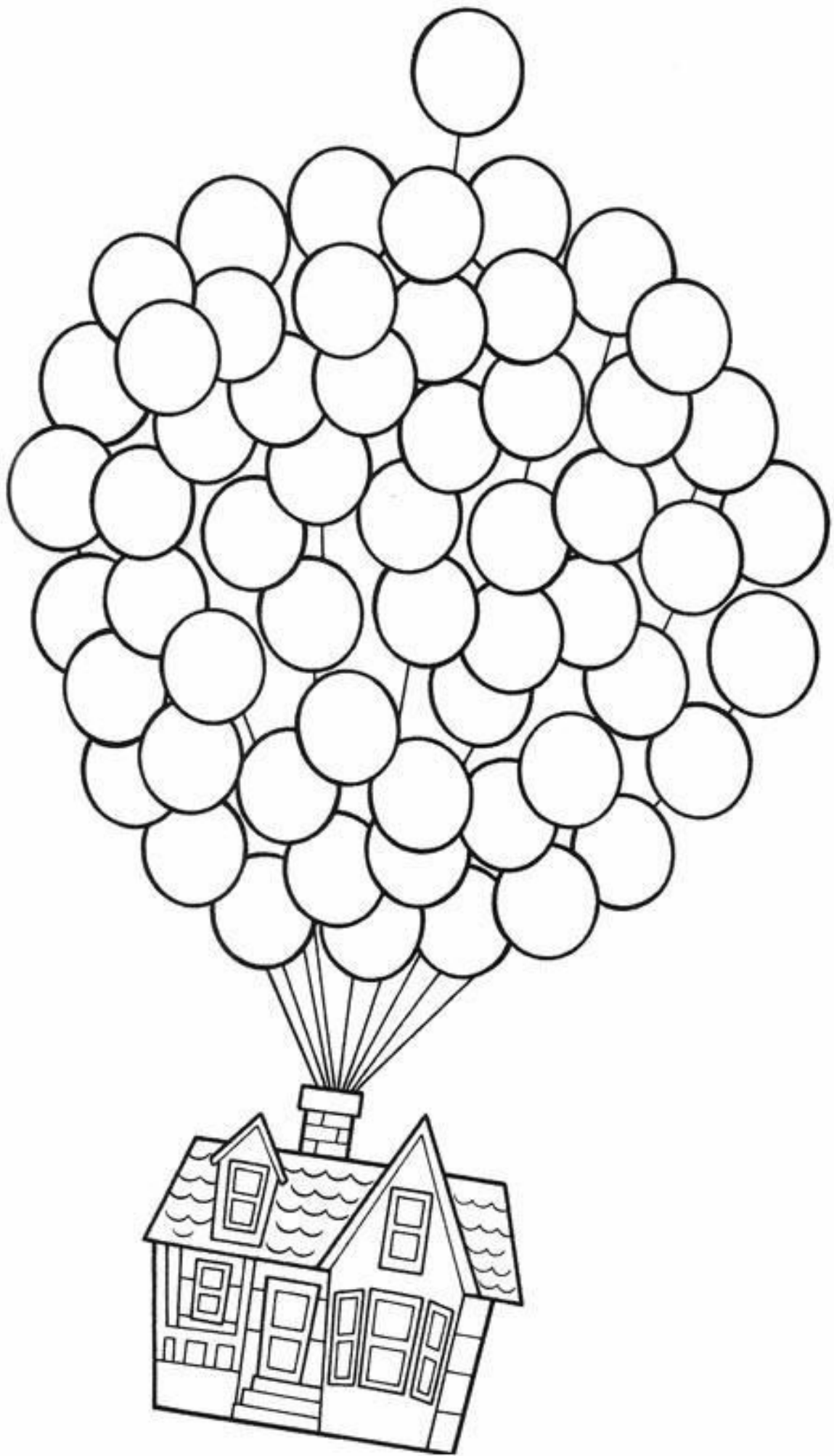
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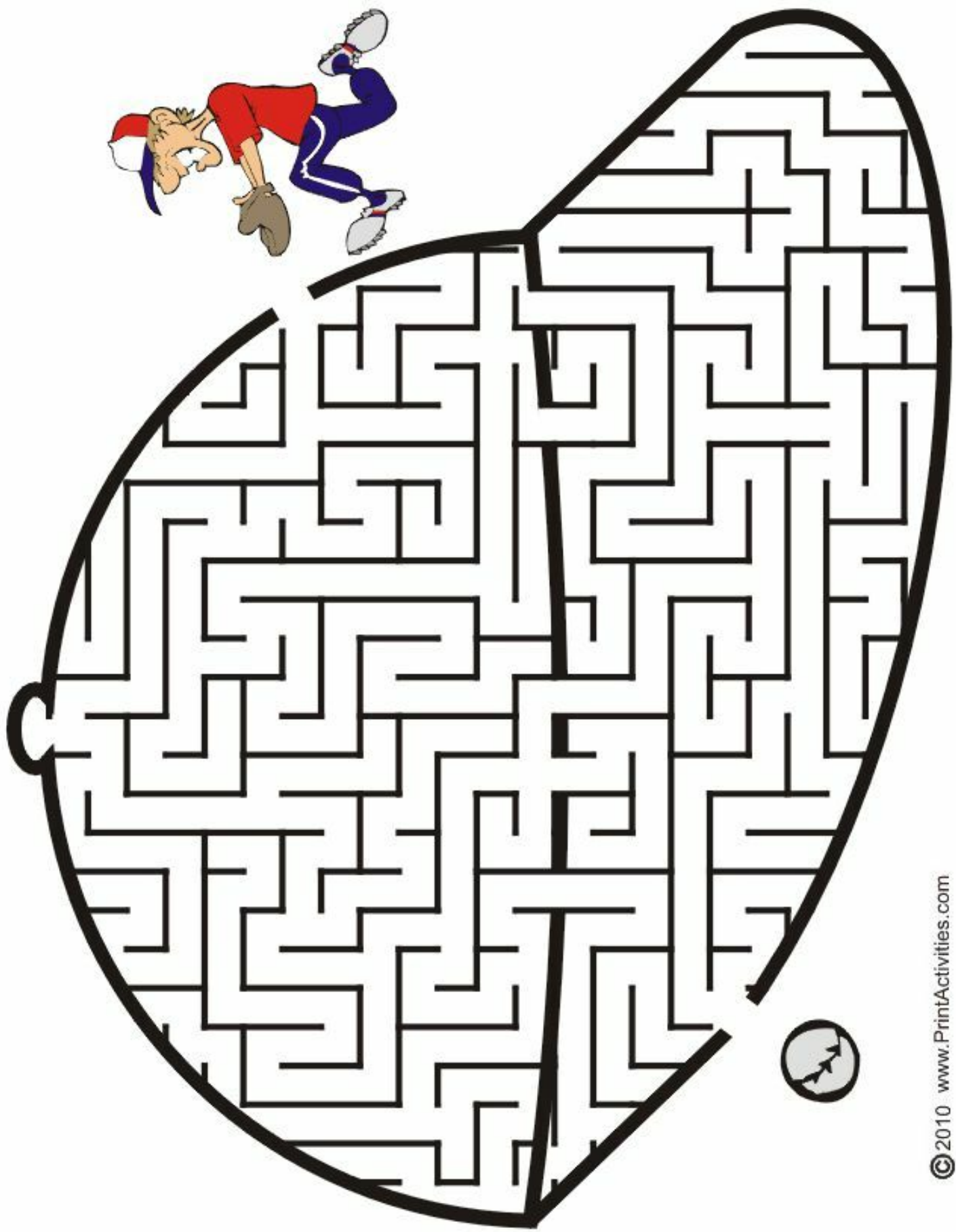
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GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
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08 JULY

**GASCOYNE
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JUNCTION

30-31 JULY

**GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
CRAFT
CLUB**

30-31 JULY

**GASSY
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**GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
CRAFT
GROUP**

PAVILION

13-14 AUGUST

**JUNCTION
RACES &
GYMKHANA**

JUNCTION
RACE COURSE

19-21 AUGUST

**BIGGEST
BBQ**

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03 SEPTEMBER

**GASCOYNE
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GROUP**

PAVILION

3-4 SEPTEMBER

**STARGAZING
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**LANDOR
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30-3 OCTOBER

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

7 OCTOBER

**CRC
10TH
BIRTHDAY**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
CRC

19 OCTOBER