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| FOOD SENSATIONS COOKING CLASS <small>CRC</small> <small>15 MARCH</small> | UPPER GASCOYNE SOCIAL TENNIS COMP <small>PAVILION</small> <small>17 MARCH</small> | FOOD SENSATIONS COOKING CLASS <small>CRC</small> <small>19 MARCH</small> | HARMONY WEEK MOVIE NIGHT POT LUCK DINNER <small>PAVILION</small> <small>8 MARCH</small> |
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UPCOMING EVENTS
Find out what exciting events are coming up next in our Community Calendar.

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 8th February
Wednesday 22nd March
Wednesday 26th April
Wednesday 24th May
Wednesday 28th June
Wednesday 26th July
Wednesday 23rd August
Wednesday 20th September
Wednesday 25th October
Wednesday 22nd November
Thursday 14th 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

Due to the council meeting being held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023, this issue of the Gassy Gossip does not include the council report. Watch this space for the next update.





COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023

Shire of Upper Gascoyne Notice of Ordinary Council Meetings 2023

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Administration Regulations 12 (1), it is hereby notified that as from January 2023 to December 2023, Ordinary Council meetings of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne will be held as follows:

| 4 th Wednesday of Each Month* | |
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| February* | Wednesday 8 th |
| March | Wednesday 22 nd |
| April | Wednesday 26 th |
| May | Wednesday 24 th |
| June | Wednesday 28 th |
| July | Wednesday 26 th |
| August | Wednesday 23 rd |
| September* | Wednesday 20 th |
| October | Wednesday 25 th |
| November | Wednesday 22 nd |
| December* | Thursday 14 th |
| *Exception being February (brought forward due to long break between meetings) September (brought forward due to School Holidays) and December (moved to last day of school). | |

This is your traditional 4th Wednesday, model for your consideration. The September meeting date falls in the same week as a public holiday and September School Holidays so there is a higher chance that councillors and staff may capitalise on the 4 day work week which may result in absences for the meeting.

September 27th meeting falls the same week as the Queen's Birthday PH and clashes with the September School Holidays 23rd September – 8th October 2023.

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

Rate payers and residents are welcome to attend the Council Meetings and participate in the Public Question Time session which is held at the beginning of each Council Meeting.



| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Position Title | Plant Operator / All Rounder x 2 |
| Cash Component | \$100,000 - \$110,000 (dependant on experience and qualifications) |
| Division | Works and Services |
| Reports to | Manager of Works |

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is home to the magnificent Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus – “The World’s Biggest Rock!” and we have **TWO** new roles to fill our Works and Services team at Gascoyne Junction. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is a family friendly employer and are proud to be WA’s winner of the 2022 Tidiest Towns Awards.

We are currently seeking 2 x suitably qualified candidates to fill the roles of “Plant Operator/ All Rounder”. The ideal candidates will be a self-driven, highly motivated individual who enjoys working in a team environment, and able to operate rollers, loaders, graders and road trains and perform manual labour as required. Good quality housing will be provided to the successful candidate, a residential role is preferred but not essential.

The successful applicant will be need to demonstrate;

Essential Criteria:

- Previous experience in road construction or earthworks.
- Able to work and live remotely.
- Mechanically minded – able to maintain equipment.
- Experience in working with and/or in culturally diverse communities.
- Excellent communication, time management and conflict resolution skills both written and verbal.
- Understanding and experience in implementation of Occupational Health and Safety Regulations and Principles.
- National Police Clearance (less than 6 months old).
- Hold a current “MC” and or “HR” class motor drivers licence.
- Able to take direction and work unsupervised.
- Ability to perform manual duties as required.

Desirable Criteria:

- Prior Experience in Local Government.
- Forklift High Risk License
- Experience in Basic Worksite Management & traffic Control
- First Aid Certificate.

Total Salary Package:

- Cash Component – annual salary range \$100k and \$110k depending on qualifications and experience
- Cash Component – 10.5% Super Guarantee
- Access to participate in Council Salary Sacrifice Super Scheme as per policy (5%)
- 5 weeks Annual Leave
- Housing to the approx. value of \$7,800 p/a
- Utilities (electricity, water and gas) to the approx. value of \$2,500 p/a
- Uniform Allowance \$500 p/a as per Council Policy
- Relocation expenses as per Council Policy

Gascoyne Junction is located approx. 1200kms from Perth sitting approximately 170km east of Carnarvon with a residential population of 46 people. The town consists of a combined primary-secondary school, tourist park and tavern. Please visit our webpage for more information.

If this role sounds like you, please apply by sending your resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to cso@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au If you have any queries relating to this role please contact the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on (08) 9943 0988. Applications close 12:00pm on Monday 20th March 2023.

The canvassing of Shire Staff and/or Elected Members will disqualify potential applicants from this process.

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Public Notice given under Section 6.20 Local Government Act 1995

It was resolved by an Absolute Majority at the Ordinary Meeting of Council 8th February 2023 that the Shire of Upper Gascoyne intends to borrow the sum of \$600,000 from the WA Treasury Corporation, to be repaid over a period of 10 years, for the purpose of constructing new residential dwellings.

One month's public notice of this approval is given, as required by the Local Government Act 1995.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer
1st March 2023

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

Notice of Audit Committee Meeting

It is hereby notified that an Audit Committee Meeting will be held by the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on Wednesday, 22nd March 2023 commencing at 9.30am.

This meeting will be held in the Shire Council Chambers at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

Ratepayers and Residents are welcome to attend the meeting.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

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

Gascoyne Junction Craft Group 2023 Calendar



| | | |
|--|--|---------------------|
| 25 th and 26 th February | | Untutored /Busy Bee |
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| 25 th and 26 th March | | Untutored |
| 7 th April - 23 rd April School Holidays | | |
| 6 th and 7 th May | | Untutored |
| | | |
| 10 th and 11 th June | | Tutored - TBA |
| 1 st July - 16 th July School Holidays | | |
| 5 th and 6 th August | | Untutored |
| | | |
| 2 nd and 3 rd September | | Tutored - TBA |
| 23 rd September - 8 th October School Holidays | | |
| 28 th and 29 th October | | Creative Workshop |
| | | |
| 25 th and 26 th November | | Christmas Craft |

For any queries, please contact the President/ Secretary Alys McKeough 08 9943 0924
Or Treasurer Chris Kearney 0428 841 818
E: junctioncraft@gmail.com

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

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

Gascoyne Junction lines up for Telecentre

Residents and tourists of Gascoyne Junction may soon have a multi-purpose information technology centre at their fingertips if initiatives of the Upper Gascoyne Telecentre Steering Committee are successful.

What is a Telecentre?

A Telecentre is a community-owned and managed resource that provides:

- Information technology including computers, satellite linkage, Internet, email and office support equipment.
- Educational opportunities including TAFE, universities and adult education and general interest programs.
- Enterprise opportunities for business such as desk top publishing, payroll for small business, provision of professional rooms, job boards, book or newsletter production and more.

Telecentres provide many opportunities and services that are taken for granted in urban Australia but have been slow to diffuse to the regions. They have become established as an important service centre and driving force in community development and their popularity has surged in the past three years.

During the initial public meeting held in early September it was recognized that support for a Telecentre in this area is high. The Upper Gascoyne Telecentre Steering Committee are currently conducting a community survey to solidify this level of support. The survey was designed to identify the likely patronage of the Telecentre, and will be used to develop a business plan. Once the business plan is finalised, an application will be submitted to the Department of Information and Technology's Telecentre Support Unit for funding, to cover the cost of the equipment and will assist in employing a Co-ordinator for the facility.

The Commission has been assisting the Upper Gascoyne community with their request. Robert Panasiewicz, the new GDC liaison officer for the area, will continue facilitating in the application process. For further information please call Robert Panasiewicz on 9941 1803 (email rpanasiewicz@gdc.wa.gov.au), or John Newton at the Shire of Upper Gascoyne on 9943 0988.



Telecentre equipment (Photo by WA Telecentre Exmouth Inc)



Typical telecentre (Photo by WA Telecentre Exmouth Inc)

This article was originally published in Gascoyne Works in September 2001.

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, contact the CRC now with your answers to the questions below!

You could be our next local celebrity...

Full name:

Nickname:

Place of birth:

Favourite food?

Favourite animal?

Footy team:

Where did you grow up?

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?

What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne?





We have received a huge new range of books for the start of 2023!

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Audio Books, DVD's, Picture Books, Jnr Fiction, the list keeps going.

Pop into the Community Resource Centre to what stock we have on offer, can't make it in? We can always pop in on the mail truck at your request to members of the library.

Not a member? Fill out the membership form and email it to crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or bring it in and see our friendly staff.

PLEASE TICK THE MEMBERSHIP YOU REQUIRE:
 MYSELF ONLY ☐ MYSELF AND PARTNER ☐ MYSELF AND CHILDREN ☐ CHILDREN ONLY ☐

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss SURNAME _____
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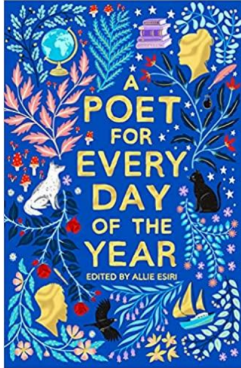
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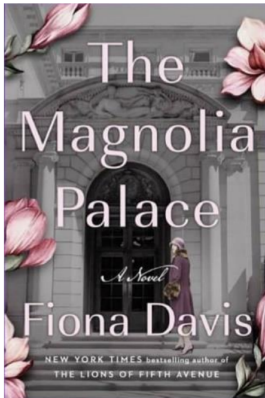
BOOKS OF THE MONTH



A POET FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR – ALLIE ESIRI

A Poet for Every Day of the Year, is the perfect introduction to 366 of the world's greatest ever verse writers.

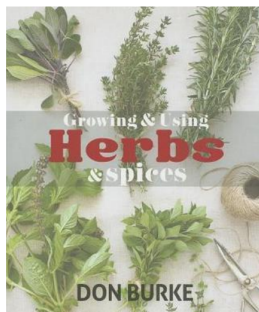
Perfect for reading aloud and sharing with all the family, it is bursting at the seams with familiar favourites and exciting new discoveries. Each of the 366 poems features a small introduction that gives a sense of who the writer was, and not just the greatness of their work. Some offer insightful biographical details or key historical context, while others may provide quirky, humorous anecdotes.



THE MAGNOLIA PALACE – FIONA DAVIS

Eight months since losing her mother in the Spanish flu outbreak of 1919, twenty-one-year-old Lillian Carter's life has completely fallen apart. For the past six years, under the moniker Angelica, Lillian was one of the most sought-after artists' models in New York City. But with her mother gone, a grieving Lillian is rudderless and desperate, the work has dried up and a looming scandal has left her entirely without a safe haven. So when she stumbles upon an employment opportunity at the Frick mansion Lillian jumps at the chance. But the longer she works as a private secretary to the imperious and demanding Helen Frick, the daughter and heiress of industrialist and art patron Henry Clay Frick, the more deeply her life gets intertwined with that of the family, pulling her into a tangled web of romantic trysts, stolen jewels, and family drama that runs so deep, the stakes just may be life or death.

Nearly fifty years later, English model Veronica Weber has her own chance to make her career and earn the money she needs to support her family back home within the walls of the former Frick residence, now converted into one of New York City's most impressive museums. But when she is dismissed from the Vogue shoot taking place at the Frick Collection, she chances upon a series of hidden messages in the museum that could finally reveal the truth behind a decades-old murder in the infamous Frick family.



HERBS & SPICES – DON BURKE

Is a wonderful collection of herbs, and a few spices, that can be grown in your own garden. Herbs are plants that produce leaves that we can use in food and drink flavouring, or in medicines or perfumes. Spices are similar products made from non-leafy plant parts like bark, fruit, seeds, roots and even pollen- like saffron, the world's most expensive spice. Usually they are sold dried out. Most spices simply can't be grown easily at home. Herbs are by far the best and easiest of all edible plants to grow. They are also the most useful edible plant group. But which herbs and spices should you grow?



Newsletter

27/02/2023

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



We send out a big welcome to Corey Bailey who is a new Year 4 student at our school. Lovely to have you and your family with us this year Corey.

We are undertaking online NAPLAN assessments for students in Years 3, 5 and 9 in a few weeks' time instead of term two as in previous years. These students have been completing some practice NAPLAN assessments to get them used to the type of questions they will be answering and to help them feel more confident when it's time to take part in the 'real' NAPLAN assessments. Information for parents was sent home earlier this term.

Swimming lessons will take place in week 9 this term in Carnarvon, starting on Tuesday 28th March and finishing on Friday 31st March. Details and permission slips will be sent home this week so please keep an eye out in your child's bag for notes.

*Warm regards
Jackie Miller, Principal*

Jay O'Brien from Cricket WA recently worked with our students to teach them a range of cricket batting and bowling skills.



STUDENT COUNCILLOR NEWS

Jannayah has stepped down as a school leader this year, we would like to thank her for her leadership and involvement in fundraising last year.

We are delighted to introduce the newly elected student councillors of 2023, Janice Coffin, and Milo Bellotti. We look forward to seeing them step into leadership roles and hearing their ideas for the school.

Keep an eye out for the councillor reports from Janice and Milo in this year's newsletters for updates on school activities.



ABORIGINAL ART WINDOW DESIGNS



Milo painted a bungarra.



Jannayah painted the land on the left. Juanita painted a sitting area.



Miss Wilson painted a waterhole on the left and Jannayah painted a meeting place on the right.



Jannayah painted an emu in the sky on the left and on the right, she painted a kangaroo in the pouch.



Eli painted a water snake on the left. Andre painted a turtle on the right.



On the left, Jannayah painted the story of the land. Harley painted the snake and trees.

COMING EVENTS

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| 6/3/23 | LABOUR DAY Public Holiday |
| 8/3/23 | School Psych visit |
| 8/3/23 | Keep Australia Beautiful WA visit |
| 13/3/23-14/3/23 | Protective Behaviours |
| 15/3/23-27/3/23 | NAPLAN |
| 21/3/23 | Harmony Day |
| 21/3/23 | Tennis Roadshow (after school) |
| 23/3/23 | Jackie out – Desert Coast Meeting Carnarvon |
| 27/3/23 | School Psych visit |
| 28/3/22-31/3/22 | Swimming Lessons Carnarvon |
| 3/4/23-4/4/23 | Sporting Schools gymnastics TBC |
| 6/4/23 | Anzac Day Ceremony TBC |
| 6/4/23 | LAST DAY OF TERM |
| 7/4/23 | GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |

COOK'S CORNER

Moussaka Soup

INGREDIENTS

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| 2 lamb shanks | 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil |
| 1 brown onion, finely chopped | 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced |
| 1 dried bay leaf | 2 tbsp tomato paste |
| 1/2 tsp ground allspice | 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon |
| 400g can diced tomatoes | 2 cups Chicken Stock |
| 400g can chickpeas, drained, rinsed | 1 tsp dried oregano |
| 2 eggplants, partially peeled, cut into 1.5cm pieces | |
| Plain low-fat Greek-style yoghurt, to serve | |
| Shredded fresh mint leaves, to serve | |
| Chargrilled Lebanese bread, to serve | |

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Season lamb with salt and pepper. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large saucepan over high heat. Add lamb. Cook, turning, for 8 minutes or until browned all over. Transfer to a plate.

Step 2

Reduce heat to medium. Add onion, garlic and bay leaf. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until softened. Add tomato paste and spices. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add tomatoes, stock, chickpeas, oregano and 2 cups water. Bring to the boil. Cover. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook for 1 hour 40 minutes or until lamb is very tender.

Step 3

Meanwhile, heat 1 1/2 tablespoons remaining oil in a large frying pan over high heat. Add half the eggplant. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes or until golden. Transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining oil and eggplant.

Step 4

Using tongs, transfer lamb to a board. Using 2 forks, shred meat. Discard bones. Remove and discard bay leaf. Return shredded lamb to pan with eggplant. Simmer, covered, for 20 minutes. Divide soup among serving bowls. Dollop with yoghurt and sprinkle with mint. Serve with chargrilled Lebanese bread.





MARCH

APRIL

2 Karen Coffin
6 Genevieve Robinson
9 Thomas Fletcher
16 Andre Omotosho
20 Georgie Hammarquist
23 David Hammarquist
30 Diane Kempton

3 Mitchell Hoseason-Smith
8 Bridie Walker
11 Riley McKeough
15 Katelyn Wright

MAY



3 Dylan Hoseason-Smith
9 Pronto
18 Betty Fletcher
21 Cynthia Wright
27 Barney McTaggart



Gascoyne Junction Town Team

Thank you to all of the community members who attended our Expression Of Interest meeting to form a working group for holding community events in the Upper Gascoyne. Those attending unanimously voted to move forward with the creation of the group to be known as the Gascoyne Junction Town Team. Town Teams is an organisation that is was created to help communities form working groups to provide activities and events in their community providing structure and support. The Gascoyne Junction Town Team will run independently of the Shire. The group will at the March meeting identify events that they believe are important to the community that fall outside of the core events the Shire provide each year.

Shire staff members who participate in the Gascoyne Junction Town Team do so as residents and without their Shire hat on. The group will identify events or activities that will compliment the existing events calendar for the Shire, and bring these to life. The group will set boundaries on the size of events and how many to hold based around the time and capacity that the group has.

The group is open to all interested community members so if you would like to find out more come along to the next meeting on Thursday March 9 at 5pm.

The Town Team Charter

What is the Town Team Charter?

The charter is a shared story of what Town Teams are and how they are expected to act. It's a summary of the 'Town Team Way'. The movement is bigger than all of us!

The Vision

This is a positive movement of action focussed on creating connected, resilient communities and better places.

Town Teams are proactive, non-profit organisations that include businesses, landowners, residents and others working collaboratively with their local government (or equivalent) to improve their local place or area. The Town Team approach is innovative, creative and fun!

The Guiding Principles

1. Positive

Town Teams are positive influences in their community and lead by example. They foster a can-do culture and build beneficial relationships wherever possible.

2. Proactive

Town Teams are action-focussed and take some responsibility for improving their community and place. They help deliver actions, events or projects. They don't wait for governments or "somebody else" to do "something".

3. Apolitical and Independent

This approach is beyond politics. Town Teams do not advocate for or align with political parties or candidates. They are independent from governments, but work closely and constructively with them. They work for the benefit of their communities, not for individual or factional advancement.

4. Inclusive

Town Teams are open and inclusive to all, including people who live, work, run a business, own property or visit their area. They celebrate diversity.

5. Resilient and Sustainable

Town Teams help to create resilient, connected and sustainable places for current and future generations. This includes environmental, social, economic and governance components of resilience and sustainability. They also help create healthy and vibrant 'places for people'.

6. Integrity, Honesty and Respect

Town Teams and their members operate with integrity, honesty and respect at all times.

"The imagination, the sweat, the enthusiasm, and the efforts of its people are the greatest resource that any place has".

Marcus Westbury

A Town Team is

A Town Team is not

About improving a place or area

About promoting a group or interest

Positive and proactive

Negative and reactionary

Action-focussed

Just about talking and advocacy

Apolitical

Politically aligned

Inclusive and open to all

Just for particular people or groups

By the community, for the community

Controlled by a local government

Required to align with the Charter

Operating without principles

Creative, innovative and fun!

Overly formal, stuffy or hierarchical

Gascoyne Junction



2023 MEDICAL CLINIC DATES

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 11 JAN* | 01 FEB | 02 MAR |
| 05 APR | 03 MAY | 07 JUN |
| 05 JUL | 02 AUG | 06 SEP |
| 04 OCT | 01 NOV | 06 DEC |



Gascoyne Junction now has a regular monthly GP Clinic on the first Wednesday of the month at the Medical Room at the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre. *Except January Clinic to be held 2nd Wednesday.



- GP Clinics will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.
- First Appointment is at 10am with the last at 2.15pm



- Appointments will be 30 minutes long but longer consultations can be requested
- Appointments will be bulk billed
- Appointment can be made by calling the CRC on 08 9943 0988

This medical service is being supported by the WA Country Health Service Midwest



5 Scott Street Gascoyne Junction | 08 9943 0988
www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au



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AUSTRALIAN
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

Gascoyne Junction
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2023 NATIONAL FINALIST

Keep
Australia
Beautiful™



Judges Visit: March 8
Award Ceremony: May 19

GASSIFIEDS

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

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - \$42.00

A5 - \$26.00

A6 - \$21.00

Business Card Size - \$8.50

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

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

Free advertising for community groups and not for profit organisations.



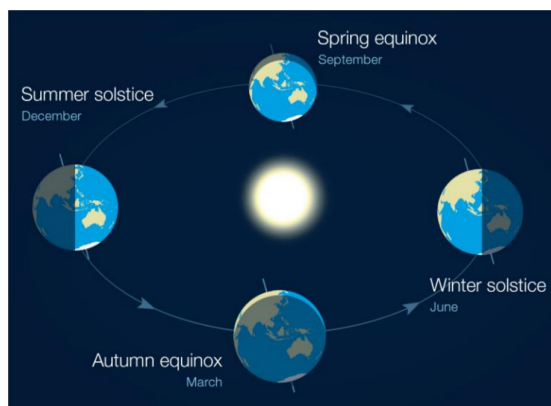
Country Stargazing – The Equinox & Star Clusters

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

The equinox marks the transition from summer to autumn in the southern hemisphere and has almost the same number of hours of daylight as darkness!

Equinoxes happen twice a year and on the dates of the equinox, the Sun is exactly above the Earth's equator, causing the equal length of night and day. The equinox marks several astronomical phenomena too! During the equinox, the Sun will rise directly in the east and set due west. The Sun will also appear exactly halfway between its northern most and southern most location in the sky. The exact time of the equinox occurs when the sun is directly above the Earth's equator, for 2023 this will occur at 5:24am for West Australians.

The Autumnal equinox for the southern hemisphere will occur on the 21st of March.



For some fun stargazing, the quarter Moon makes a close approach to Mars from March 26, and on the 28th will be just below the red planet. For those with telescopes or high-powered binoculars, the Shoe-Buckle Star cluster can be seen above Mars, and the January Salt-and-Pepper Star Cluster can be seen below the Moon.

When & Where to look: 7pm to 9.30pm, 28th of March in the western sky.

Something Interesting: Star clusters are lovely astronomical objects to view, often distinguishable with special shapes and patterns. The Shoe-Buckle Cluster is an open cluster located in the constellation Gemini. The cluster is approximately 2,800 light-years away from Earth and contains approximately 200 stars.

For more stargazing tips visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.

If you're a budding "astro-enthusiast", check out...

Stargazers Club WA's telescope classes & astronomy events for beginners at:
www.stargazersclubwa.com.au.

Or visit Donna Vanzetti's YouTube Channel, Star Tracks Space Adventures.



ST PATRICKS DAY



FRIDAY MARCH 17

JOIN US FROM 5PM FOR HAPPY HOUR

AND FROM 6PM - 8PM

AN SPECIAL IRISH INSPIRED MENU

AND OF COURSE

CHASE THE ACE TO BE DRAWN AT 8:30PM



UNDER Gascoyne SKIES FESTIVAL APRIL 20TH 30TH 2023

Starting with the Solar Eclipse 2023 Event on April 20 and finishing with the iconic desert race the GasDash, join us for 11 days of fun Under Gascoyne Skies. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is an Astrotourism WA Dark Sky Destination, with minimal light pollution there are a multitude of places to sit back and enjoy the night sky whilst taking a wander outback.

FESTIVAL EVENTS

- APRIL 20:** 10:30am to 12:30am:
Solar Eclipse Community Viewing Party
Gascoyne Junction Amphitheatre
3.00pm:
Town Walking Tour
- APRIL 21** 3:00pm:
Town Walking Tour
- APRIL 22:** 5pm til 9pm
Family Bush Dance & Dark Sky Viewing
Gascoyne Junction Amphitheatre
- APRIL 23:** 6.00pm:
Cinema Under the Stars
Gascoyne Junction Amphitheatre
- APRIL 24:** 3.00pm:
Town Walking Tour

- APRIL 25:** 10.30am:
ANZAC Day March and Service
With Greenough Lighthouse Section
Gascoyne Junction War Memorial
- APRIL 26:** 3.00pm:
Town Walking Tour
- APRIL 27:** 3.00pm:
Town Walking Tour
- APRIL 28:** 3.00pm:
Town Walking Tour
- APRIL 29:** From 6.00pm til Late
Under Gascoyne Skies Live Music at
Junction Pub and Tourist Park
- APRIL 29-30:** Coral Coast Helicopters
Kickstarters GasDash



www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/tourism/under-gascoyne-skies-festival.aspx



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**FREE
EVENT**

UNDER
Gascoyne
SKIES
FESTIVAL
APRIL 20TH - 30TH, 2023

**THURSDAY
APRIL 20**

**SOLAR ECLIPSE
VIEWING PARTY**

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET AND
SHARE THE EVENT WITH FAMILY
& FRIENDS. ECLIPSE TIME 11.27AM**

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING GLASSES AVAILABLE \$2



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VISIT
Upper Gascoyne
**WANDER
OUTBACK**



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UNDER
Gascoyne
SKIES
FESTIVAL
APRIL 20TH-30TH, 2023

TICKETS ON
SALE MARCH 1ST

SATURDAY
APRIL 22

**FAMILY BUSH DANCE
& DARK SKY VIEWING**

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION 5PM-9PM

**FAMILY
BUSH DANCE
WITH THE
MUCKYDUCK
BUSH BAND**



6PM-6.30PM:

**LEARN ABOUT STARGAZING
WITH ASTROTOURISM WA**



7PM-9PM:

**DARK SKY VIEWING WITH
PERTH OBSERVATORY TEAM**



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**SUNDAY
APRIL 23**

**CINEMA UNDER
The STARS**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**GASCOYNE JUNCTION
AMPHITHEATRE 6PM-8PM**

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS,
BLANKETS & MOVIE SNACKS.**



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LEST WE FORGET
**ANZAC
DAY**

TUESDAY APRIL 25

10.45AM MARCH TO WAR MEMORIAL FROM CRC

11:00AM ANZAC SERVICE AT WAR MEMORIAL

**THE SHIRE INVITES YOU TO ENJOY LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE
AT THE JUNCTION PUB & TOURIST PARK
COIN DONATION TO LEGACY**



2023 CORAL COAST HELICOPTERS KICKSTARTERS GASCOYNE DASH

27 - 30 APRIL 2023

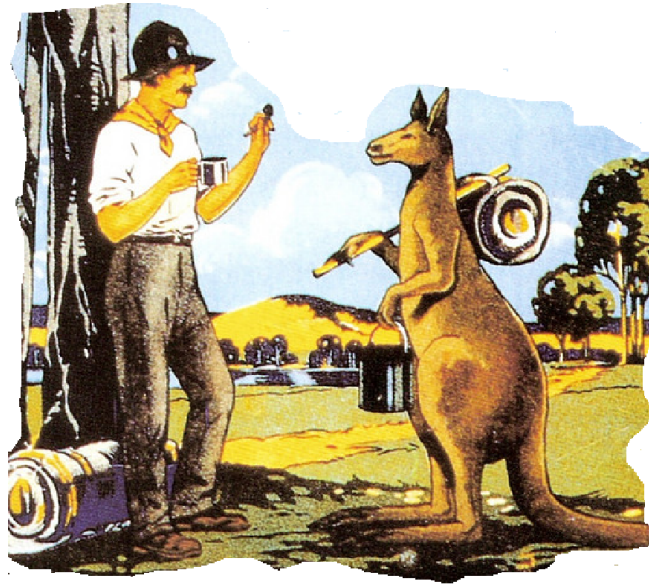
CARNARVON | GASCOYNE JUNCTION



**BIKE ENTRIES
OPEN
WEDNESDAY
1ST MARCH**



**CAR ENTRIES
OPEN
FRIDAY
10TH MARCH**



SMOKO TIME



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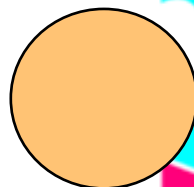
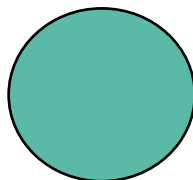
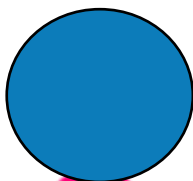
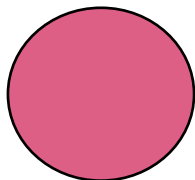
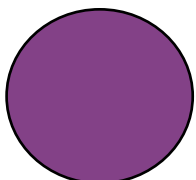
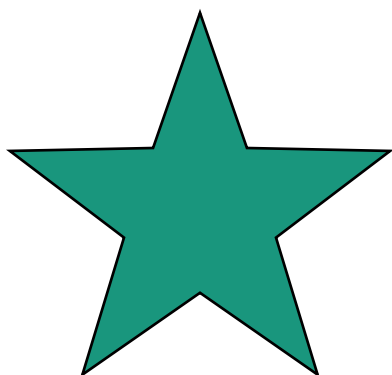
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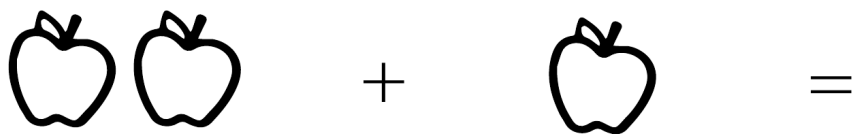
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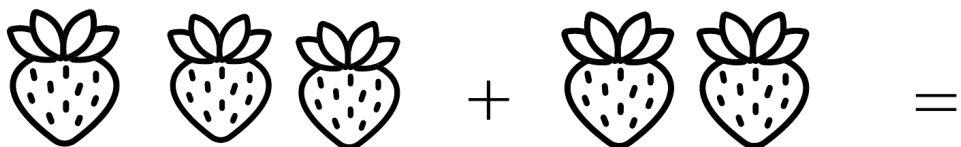


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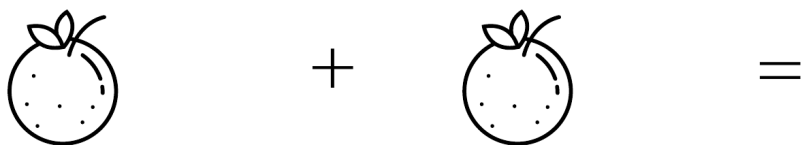


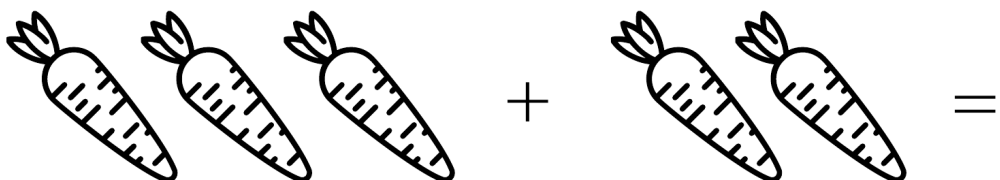
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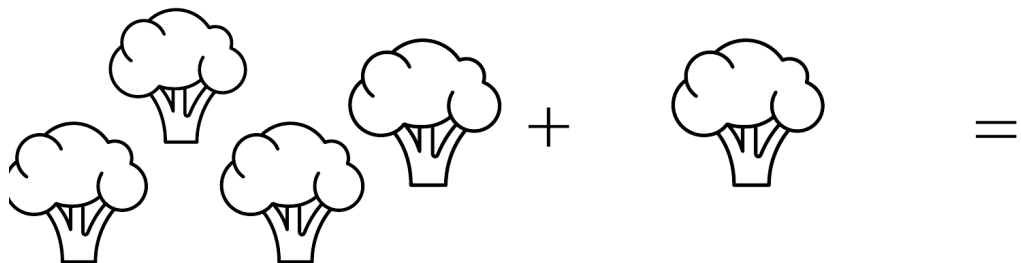


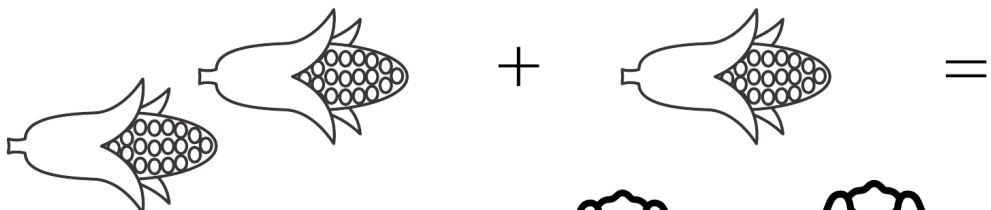


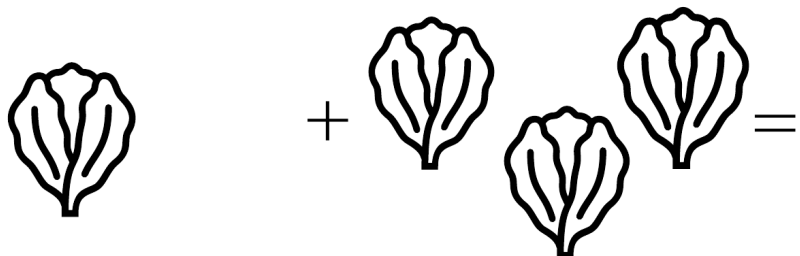


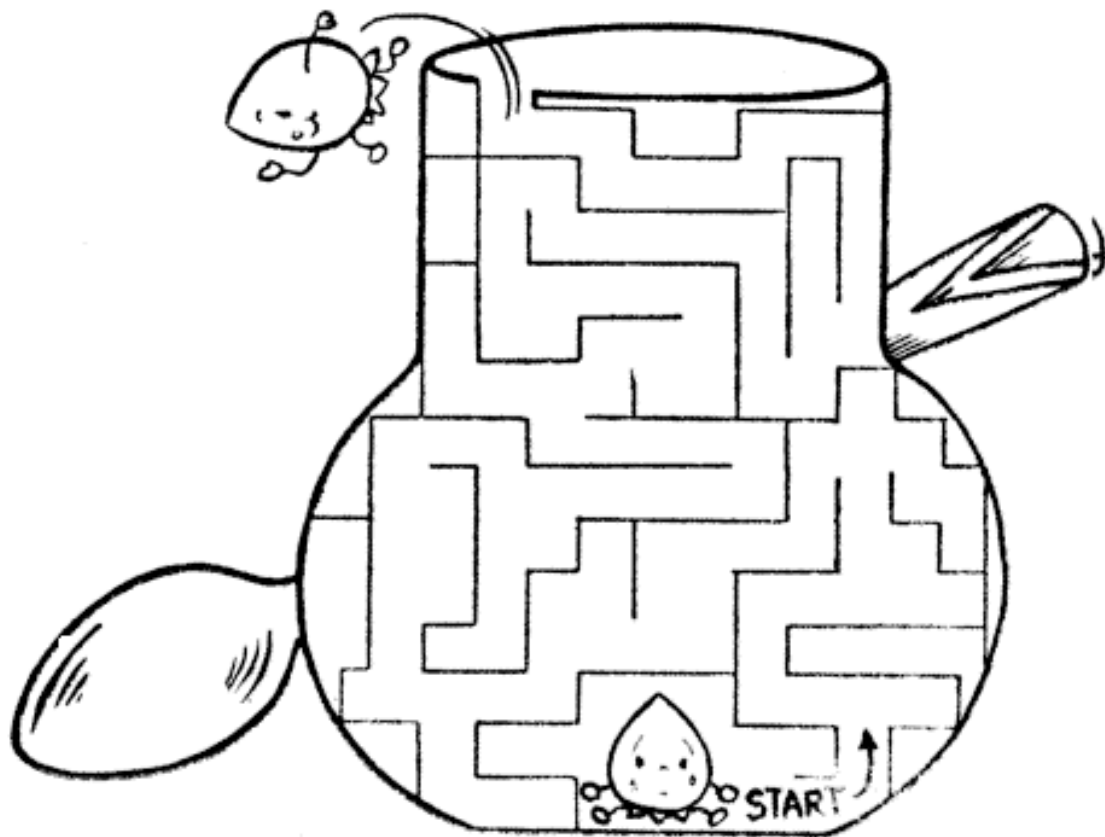




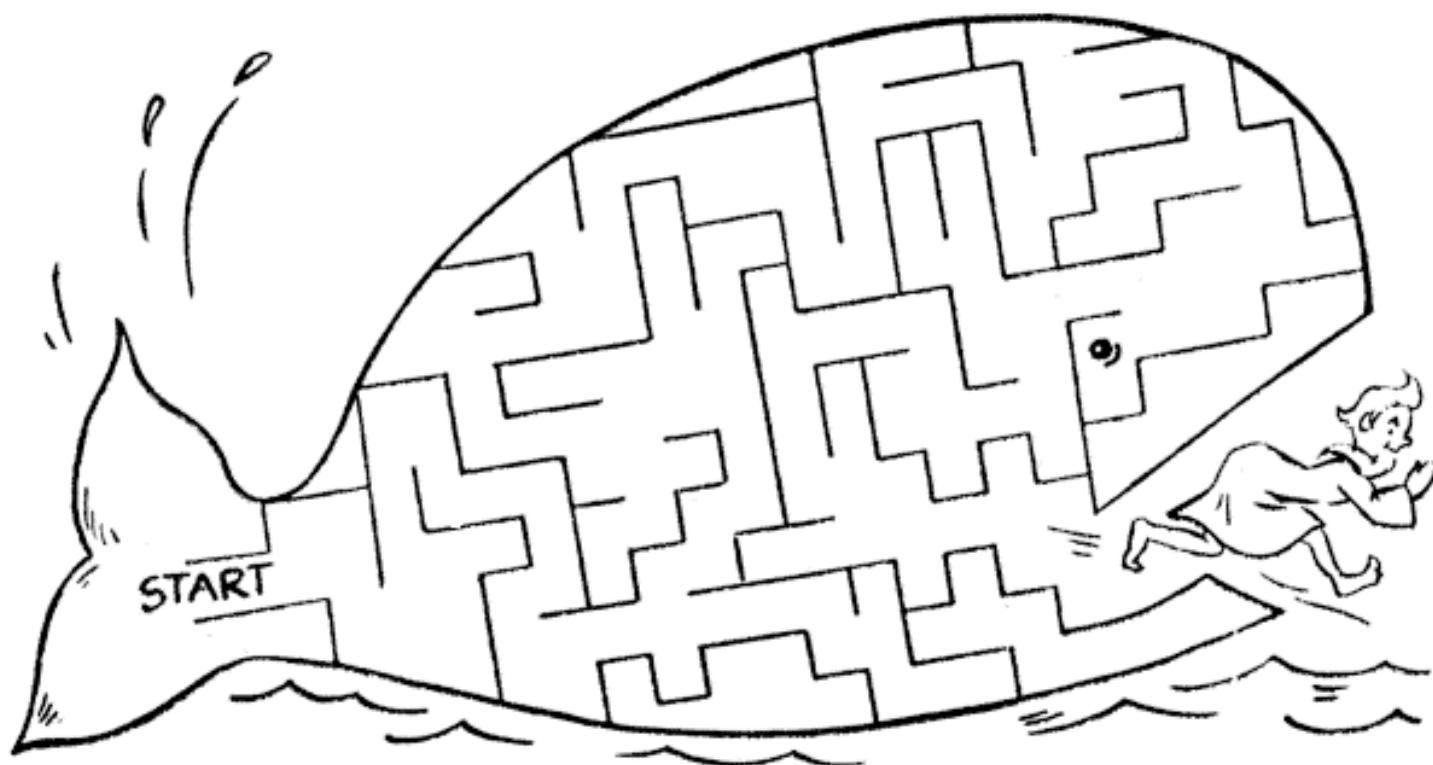








Help the strawberry out of a jam!



Jonah found his way out of the big fish. Can you?



Gascoyne Junction Town Team



2023 EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2023 5:00pm

Gascoyne Junction CRC

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended our Expressions of Interest meeting on the 2nd of February. The group decided unanimously to form the Gascoyne Junction Town Team. The group will work as a community group autonomous of the Shire to deliver activities and events outside of what the Shire deliver each year. At the March Meeting the Gascoyne Town Team will identify events that they would like to add to the Upper Gascoyne calendar, If you would like to join this group we would love to see you at the March meeting.

| A Town Team is | A Town Team is not |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| About improving a place or area | About promoting a group or interest |
| Positive and proactive | Negative and reactionary |
| Action-focussed | Just about talking and advocacy |
| Apolitical | Politically aligned |
| Inclusive and open to all | Just for particular people or groups |
| By the community, for the community | Controlled by a local government |
| Required to align with the Charter | Operating without principles |
| Creative, innovative and fun! | Overly formal, stuffy or hierarchical |



WHAT
EVENTS

DO
YOU

WANT
TO

SEE
HERE?

GJ CLINIC

GJ
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

02 MARCH

TIDY TOWNS JUDGING VISIT

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION

08 MARCH

GASCOYNE JUNCTION TOWN TEAMS

GJ COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

09 MARCH

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

JUNCTION PUB
AND TOURIST
PARK

17 MARCH

UPCOMING **2023** EVENTS



GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

25-26 MARCH

GP CLINIC

GJ
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

05 APRIL

BENNY MAYHEM

JUNCTION
PUB AND
TOURIST
PARK

14 APRIL

SOLAR ECLIPSE

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK
AMPITHEATRE

20 APRIL

FAMILY BUSHDANCE & DARK SKIES VIEWING

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
PAVILION

22 APRIL

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK
AMPITHEATRE

23 APRIL

ANZAC DAY

TWO RIVERS
MEMORIAL
PARK

WAR
MEMORIAL

25 APRIL

GASCOYNE DASH

CARNARVON
/ GASCOYNE
JUNCTION

27-30 APRIL

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