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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**

This is a relatively short month for me what with Easter and taking holiday's to go overseas for a wedding. I would like to thank Jarrod and Sa for taking the reins whilst I have been away.

We have remained busy despite my absences with a number of administrative and project related tasks being undertaken.

Paul Kearney is now in town and has commenced with doing insurance related works associated with the Storm that decimated the town site; these include fencing at the Pub, Paul is also starting work on the CEO Shed. I am advised by our insurers that they would have a proposal to us regarding the repairs / removal of Mick's home.

I have had Stephen Vigilante undertake a site visit for the design / drawings for the Gascoyne River Walkway project. Once we get a design that Council is happy with we have a structural engineer to prepare the detailed plans and provide a Schedule of probable costs. We will use this information to seek grants for the construction of such.

Carnarvon-Mullewa Upgrade has commenced with THEM, Greenfields and the Shire undertaking a pre-start meeting with on the ground works scheduled to start after the Easter Break.

I am still struggling with Shire properties and land ownership. We have just been informed that the house Ainsley resides in is situated on land that the Shire does not own. Apparently we only ever had a lease that expired in 2004. I will work with our consultant Town Planner to attempt to get this resolved but it will take time as with all things related to land.

The recent rains have been welcomed however, there has been significant damage to our road infrastructure in the northern areas of our Shire. Greenfields are undertaking an inspection and taking photographs so that we can make a claim under DRFAWA.

Work is still happening with our Hatch Street Land Development, we have now got the Department of Lands ILUA Template, this has been forwarded to our solicitor to progress with the Yinggarda PBC. I am advised that the PBC have now got another solicitor so some of the work will need to start at the beginning.

#### **Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report**

Today is the day of the Solar Eclipse and the Shire has just finished hosting a community BBQ for the viewing. Our event was attended by 40-50 people, a combination of local residents and visitors to our town.

Everyone enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and were gifted a pair of customised solar eclipse glasses for the 'show'. At 11.26am Ainsley delivered a speech welcoming all to the viewing party in preparation of the solar spectacular. Watching the transition that took place as we saw the moon cover up 92% of the sun was absolutely amazing! Joining us for this momentous occasion was the Member for Durack, the Hon. Melissa Price and Senator Linda Reynolds from the WA Liberal Party. Star-struck staff were fortunate enough to get a photo with the MP and the Senator celebrating this huge milestone for the Gascoyne

region.







On the corporate front, staff are gearing up for our interim audit that is scheduled for the first week of May, William Buck will send two of their auditors out to the Junction for an onsite visit that will last for three days. In addition, staff are also preparing for another round of budget deliberations as we begin work on our draft budget for the 2023/24 year.



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

#### Author – Ainsley Hardie, Tourism & Community Development Officer Community-

March began with another GP Clinic with 10 local residents attending both from town and stations. A second meeting of the Gascoyne Town Team was also held with further steps taken to create and establish a community group to assist with delivering community events across the Upper Gascoyne.

We were notified that the judging for the National Tidy Towns Award we will need to be conducted again at the end of April due to the lead judge falling ill and being unable to complete the final three town visits. A new judging panel has been appointed and a video submission is being prepared with a zoom call on April 28.

# COUNCIL NEWS

Gascoyne Junction has submitted projects for consideration in all nine categories and will automatically be considered for the overall title. A 20 minute presentation will also be given during the conference on the Friday showcasing Gascoyne Junction's application with a focus on the Two Rivers Memorial Park and the Gascoyne Junction Water Sustainability Project.

Both of these projects were also submitted for consideration for the National Local Government Awards in the Productivity through Infrastructure and Cohesive Community categories. At the beginning of April, Billie hosted nine local children for a 'Crafternoon' of Easter fun at the CRC where they used food colouring to decorate and dye eggs. A colouring in competition was also held. There was lots of laughter and chatter around the table. A successful afternoon.



#### **Tourism**

Tourists are on the move, and despite road closures we are welcoming a steady stream of visitors to the area. The Solar Eclipse is the focus of many who are spending time in the Upper Gascoyne enroute with many planning to come back and spend time here after the event. It is pleasing to see. We are looking forward to a great season.

*Marketing*:March has continued to be a busy month with lots of promotional activities underway.

- Follow Up Highlight Reel on Caravan and Camping WA TV Program Channel 7
- EDM Australia's Golden Outback: Junction Pub and Tourist Park featured in Outback Pub edition.
- Sunday Times: Kingsford Smith Mail Run Easter Sunday
- Seniors Newspaper April: Under Gascoyne Skies Festival
- TV Commercial Launched Southern Market Channel 7
- Perth Caravan and Camping Show

The Perth Caravan and Camping Show was a success. 36.326 patrons attended the event over the five days. At the Visit Upper Gascoyne stand we spoke with 1740 people over the 5 days and distributed 2400 Visit Upper Gascoyne Wander Outback brochures. 6.6% of attendees left with a brochure, and we spoke just under 5% of all attendees. Our stand was also in prime location so many more eyes will have taken in our display over the 5 days.

In April we begin a focused social media campaign using content obtained through the Caravan and Camping WA visit. The campaign is designed to further identify and understand our market segments before the launch of the TV Campaign and to grow our audience reach through both facebook – Visit Upper Gascoyne and Instagram @shireofuppergascoyne

# COUNCIL NEWS

I attended meeting with GDC and DBCA in regards to the ongoing project of the state government funding for Mt Augustus National Park. I also attended a meeting with the Midwest, Pilbara and Gascoyne Development Commission who have joint funding to undertake a project to establish a model for visitor data collection across the three regions. This is exciting with an outcome due in November. I will continue to attend and provide input into this project which is very exciting for creating a strong database of data for seeking funding moving forward. April sees the launch of our Visit Upper Gascoyne tourism data collection project in conjunction with tourism stakeholders across the Shire.

New Enterprise: Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys commences tours this month in the Upper Gascoyne and has been hosting industry stakeholders in the Upper Gascoyne showcasing the Kennedy Ranges. Helicopter flights over the Ranges are also imminent and will be trialled in school holidays and long weekends from Gascoyne Junction. Winnemia Campground will run a test over the Solar Eclipse event hosting guests and working as an overflow site if required over this peak period. The Junction Pub and Tourist Park will also be hosting the Gascoyne Dash and Gascoyne in May events utilising existing accommodation and an overflow space on the Old Junction Pub site. Gascoyne Junction is a finalist in the 2023 Tiny Tourism Town Awards. Entering Gascoyne Junction this year was as a benchmark to see the progress we have made over the past two years. To become a finalist our submission needed to receive a score of 75% or above from the panellists to move to this final phase. We have been judged on Customer Reviews of tourism stakeholders in Gascoyne Junction and a Submission based on:

- an introduction to our town and demonstrating the commitment to growing tourism and identifying our target market clearly
- an editorial of high quality with thought, style and theme directed to a target market with a theme that reflects the brand and values of the town (attached)
- a video that is creative and interesting to evoke an emotional response that reflects the brand and values of the town with narrative and imagery connected.
- an Itinerary encouraging visitors to spend two days and one night in Gascoyne Junction (see attached) consistent with the target market and reflecting the brand and values that have been identified in the submission (attached)

My measure of success with this submission was to have completed the submission and process and to receive feedback. To see us receive over 75% and be considered a finalist is already a victory in my eyes and makes the process a resounding success.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the tourism industry in our area.





#### **Manager of Works and Services Report**

March/April has been another busy month for all of the works department. The town crew continue to keep the place looking great and have been busy preparing for the Solar Eclipse events and influx of tourists. Construction has begun on the CEO residence's shed and will be completed in the next few weeks along with the repairs associated with the storm damage in February. ABBL Contractors will begin replacing the airstrip fence next week which had been set back due to delays in procuring materials. In general, we have managed to recover well from the storm damage and the town looks great. I would like to thank the office staff for their professionalism in dealing with all of the phone calls and inquiries regarding the road conditions. Once again we have suffered severe damage to parts of our road network from heavy rain and river flows just before the Easter and School Holidays and the addition of the Solar Eclipse. Our three grader drivers continue to do an amazing job in reopening roads as quickly as possible. Currently Thomas and Dameon are working in the east and up towards Mt Augustus while Ian has covered across from Gifford Creek to the Mount and down Cobra Dairy Creek. We will work towards opening up the Mt Clere and Pingandy region in the coming weeks and once they are accessible. I would also like to thank Hastings for their assistance in reopening the top end of Ullawarra and Edmund Gifford Creeks roads with their graders and trucks.

Figure 1 Flooding on Mt Clere



The rainfall associated with the weather event at the start of April has significantly impacted our north eastern district enough to instigate another flood damage claim. Greenfields were quick to respond at our request and have completed a damage pickup on all roads that were accessible at the time. They will return to capture all remaining roads once conditions dry out. At this stage we are estimating a \$3.5M to \$4M claim. I will begin the process of initiating a claim with DFES/DRFAWA with the assistance of Greenfields.

Figure 2 Damaged floodway Landor Meekatharra Road



Prior to the rain event the works crew were extremely busy repairing blowouts on both Pimbee and Ullawarra roads. The blowouts were caused by a combination of dry conditions and increased heavy vehicle activity. The main areas were located within 35kms north and south of Gascoyne Junction. These repairs were considerably costly as we required up to four water carts to get on top of the damage. This has had serious impacts to our road maintenance budget to a point where we will need to consider reallocating funds within the budget to continue offering a level of service for the remainder of the financial year.

The Mt Sandiman project has slowly progressed due to the delays caused by the weather event also. Blasting was successful on 7th April and Tim Caunt has completed lowering the crest with his dozer. Once we have reinstated our road network from the rain damage we will return to complete the pavement and cement stabilising. I anticipate to complete this project by the end of May.

Figure 3 Blasted crest at Mt Sandiman



THEM Earthmoving have mobilised to site to begin the C'von Mullewa Road upgrades. They will concentrate on the section between Daurie and Congo Creeks before moving onto the Pells section. We are anticipating to complete approximately 16km of new bitumen. This will take us to 64kms of upgraded road to seal along our strategic route to Meekatharra since 2017.

Hastings have begun maintenance grading works from Gascoyne Junction on the Ullawarra road. They will perform a grade and roll all the way to the Cobra Dairy Creek intersection as part of the commitment to the Road Use Agreement which stipulates their contribution of two full maintenance grades of Ullawarra road each year. This will also free our crew up to concentrate on other areas of the Shire.

The new CCTV cameras have been installed at five of our road closure gate locations, two at the Mount and three in Gascoyne Junction. The cameras have been employed purely to deter people from driving on closed roads and to assist in prosecuting offenders that do ignore road closures. Images of offenders can be provided to the Police who can then issue infringements along with fines from the shire itself. The cameras can also be used to monitor heavy vehicle movements and assist police in emergencies, criminal offences.



#### **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 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Each Month* |                             |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|
| February*                                | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>   |  |  |
| March                                    | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |  |  |
| April                                    | Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |
| May                                      | Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>  |  |  |
| June                                     | Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |
| July                                     | Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |
| August                                   | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  |  |  |
| September*                               | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |
| October                                  | Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |
| November                                 | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |  |  |
| December*                                | Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>   |  |  |
| *Exception being February (              | brought forward due to long |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>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).

Ordinary Council Meetings commence at 10:00am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, except for the May meeting – this will be held at the Mount Augustus Tourist Park.

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

John McCleary JP Chief Executive Officer





## Shire of Upper Gascoyne Construction of Shared Path Funded under the WA Bicycle Network Grant

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne has been successful in securing a WA Bicycle Network Grant for construction of the Hatch Street Shared Path.

The 129m long, 2m wide concrete shared path will extend the current path along Scott Street between Gregory Street and Hatch Street, improving connectivity between Hatch Street and the Community Resource Centre and Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School. This \$44,000 project will be jointly funded by the Shire and Department of Transport. Construction on the shared path will commence in late-April 2023 and will be completed in May 2023.

The Shire will continue to keep the community updated on progress of the project as the construction work is carried out. For enquires regarding this progress or more information on the project, please contact the Shire office on the details below.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer

## Shire of Upper Gascoyne Public Notice



#### Notice of Intention to Impose Differential Rates for 2023/2024

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 the Shire of Upper Gascoyne hereby gives notice of its intention to impose differential rates and differential minimum rates on all rateable unimproved valued (U.V) properties within its boundaries during the 2023/24 financial year. The differential rates are imposed on the basis of predominant land use as detailed below-

| LAND USE       | RATE IN \$    | MINIMUM |
|----------------|---------------|---------|
| G.R.V. General | 10.5000 cents | \$500   |
| U.V. Mining    | 29.8000 cents | \$950   |
| U.V. Rural     | 9.0000 cents  | \$900   |

A statement of Objects and Reasons for each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected at or obtained from, the Shire of Upper Gascoyne Administration Centre, 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm.

An electronic copy can also be sourced online via our website. Further queries can be directed to the undersigned by telephoning (08) 9943 0988 or by email to:

financemanager@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

Submissions regarding the proposed differential rate and minimums can be made in writing and submitted by email or post to the above details or by fax to (08) 9943 0507. Submissions must be received by 4.30pm on Thursday 25th May 2023.

John McCleary Chief Executive Officer 01/05/2023







#### FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

## No Greenfield Report for April 2023

## Gascoyne Junction Craft Group 2023 Calendar



| 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> February   | Untutored /Busy Bee     |
|--|-------------------------|
|  |                         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> March  | Untutored               |
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| 7th April - 23rd A   | pril School Holidays    |
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| 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> May  | Untutored               |
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| 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> June   | Tutored - TBA           |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> August   | Untutored               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  | Tutored - TBA           |
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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> September - 8th   | October School Holidays |
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| 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> October  | Creative Workshop       |
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| 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> 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

#### **BLASTFROM THE PAST**





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The pathways project is providing the base for tourism development and regional communities have opportunities to benefit if they can provide the services, facilities and tourism products necessary to encourage tourists to spend locally and stay in the region longer.

Three Outback Pathways have been finalised.

The Kingsford Smith Mail Run: starts in Carnarvon and travels to Gascoyne Junction, Mt Augustus and ends in Meekatharra.

The Wool Wagon Pathway: starts in both Geraldton and Yalgoo, meets at Pindar and heads north to Murchison Settlement, Gascoyne Junction passing the Kennedy Ranges and ends at Exmouth.

The Miners Pathway: starts in Wubin, travels north to Paynes Find, then Yalgoo and forms a figure of eight loop linking Mt Magnet, Sandstone, Leinster, Wiluna, Meekatharra, Cue and ends at Paynes Find.

The outback region has been complimented in the 2003 Mid West Holiday Planner with 12 pages promoting outback adventure and 4 pages on the developing Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways Project.

The Steering Committee and working groups have chosen thirty nine locations, thirteen sites per pathway.

The selection and number of locations are not set in 'concrete' though funds, with in-kind support from local communities, are only sufficient to cover the 39 locations identified.







#### **Tender opportunity**

WRITERS and designers have an opportunity to tender for providing interpretive ideas for the Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways project.

A tender has been advertised through the Department of Housing and Works for the development of directional and interpretative signage along each of the pathways.

The work involved in the tender includes; research into the 39 sites, writing and designing 39 interpretative signs, writing and designing a promotional outback pathways brochure and developing a design concept for the travellers kit.

A 'draft' promotional brochure has

been prepared and is available to the successful tenderer.

Further signage development is also part of the tender.

The Steering Committee hope to have the successful team on board by June and estimate the work to be completed in a further three months.

There is an ongoing opportunity for further interpretative site development based on the level of interest from local communities and the resources they can commit or secure to support construction of additional interpretative signage.

The tender brief can be accessed on: www.dhw.wa.gov.au



## 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.

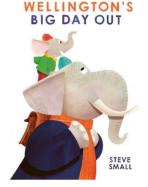
Pop into the Community Resource Centre to what stock we have on offer, can't make it in? We can always pop in on the mail truck at your request to members of the library.

Not a member? Fill out the membership form and email it to <a href="mailto:crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au">crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au</a> or bring it in and see our friendly staff.

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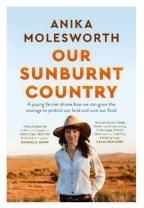
#### **BOOKS OF THE MONTH**





#### WELLINGTON'S BIG DAY OUT – STEVE SMALL

When Wellington is given a new jacket exactly like Dad's for his birthday, at first he's delighted. But his delight turns to disappointment when he tries it on and it's far too big. And what if, Wellington thinks, — even worse! — it's not that the jacket is too big, but that he's too small? Well, Wellington's dad has a plan, and on an exciting day out that takes in a ride on the bus, a super-size strawberry sundae, a toot on a tuba and a visit to his grandad, Wellington learns that he's growing up exactly as fast as he should be — and just like his dad.

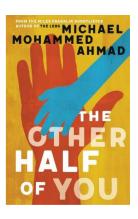


#### **OUR SUNBURNT COUNTRY - ANIKA MOLESWORTH**

Anika Molesworth fell in love with her family's farm, a sheep station near Broken Hill, at an early age. She formed a bond with the land as though it were a member of her family. When the Millennium Drought hit, though, bringing with it heatwaves and duststorms, the future she'd always imagined for herself began to seem impossible.

As she learned more about the causes of - and the solutions to - the extreme weather that was killing her land and her livelihood, Anika became fired up and determined to speak out. Talking to farmers and food producers all around the world, she soon realised that there was a way forward that could be both practical and sustainable - if only we can build up the courage to take it.

Beautifully written and full of hope, Our Sunburnt Country shows that there is a way to protect our land, our food and our future, and it is within our grasp.



#### THE OTHER HALF OF YOU - MICHAEL MOHAMMED AHMAD

'I only ever asked you for one thing,' my father said, a quiver in his voice. 'Just this one thing.' It was as though I had smashed the Ten Commandments. 'Oh father,' I cried in Arabic, grovelling at his ankles while my mother and siblings looked on. 'The one thing you ask of me - is everything.'

Bani Adam has known all his life what was expected of him. To marry the right kind of girl. But Bani wanted more than this - he wanted to make his own choices. Being the first in his Australian Muslim family to go to university, he could see a different way.

Years later, Bani will write his story to his son, Kahlil. Telling him of the choices that were made on his behalf and those that he made for himself. Of the mistakes he made and the lessons he learned.

In this moving and timely novel, Michael Mohammed Ahmad balances the complexities of modern love with the demands of family, tradition and faith.

The Other Half of You is the powerful, insightful and unforgettable new novel.





#### Newsletter



#### PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.



Greetings and welcome back to term two. A copy of our term planner can be found in the newsletter for you to stick on the fridge and you will see pictures from our end-of-term basketball game and the students' swim camp and excursions.



Our sports season will begin early this term when we start training for the cross-country event. The School of The Air athletics carnival, and the winter carnival will also be taking place in Carnarvon. Once the dates are confirmed, families will be notified.

Semester One reports will be sent home at the end of this term. I look forward to working with the students and families again. It looks like we are in for another busy one.

Kind regards Jackie Miller, Principal

#### **FOODS** LOW (per 100g) HIGH (per 100g) Total fat 3.1g - 19.9g ≤ 3g ≥ 20g Saturated fat 1.6g - 4.9g≤ 1.5g ≥5g Sugars 5.1g - 14.9g ≤ 5g ≥ 15g Sodium ≤ 120 mg 121mg - 599mg ≥ 600 mg

#### **Student Councillor Report**







On the last day of term, our student leaders invited community members to join us for a game of Golden Child basketball to help raise funds for a new bicycle for our school.



#### \$120 was raised



Thank you to everyone who attended for their support. We will post a photo of the new bike when it arrives at our school.

From Milo and Janice 🔀







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Near the end of term one the students stayed in Carnarvon for four days to attend annual swimming lessons and undertake some local excursions each afternoon.

- We visited the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct to see the heritage cottage and museum. We heard some very interesting local history from John McCloy and Joan Seth (who also lived in the heritage house with her family as a young girl). John told us that our students were wonderful during their visit.
- We visited the sweet banana factory and learnt all about the packing process for bananas.
- Renee Turner arranged a scavenger hunt for our students where they had to follow a map to find and read the labels for local flora and fauna all of which were written in local language.
- We spent an afternoon at the Carnarvon Library and did some wonderful art and craft.
- As you can see below, Miss Heejeong was also finally recognised as a star.



















| WK | MON  | TUE                   | WED  | THU                              | FRI  | SAT            | SUN                                     |
|----|--|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|----------------|---|
| 1  | APRIL 24   | 25                    | 26   | 27                               | 28   | 29             | 30                                      |
|    | SCHOOL<br>DEVELOPMENT DAY  | ANZAC DAY             | Students return to<br>school               | Carmen out Teachewll             | <b>→</b>   |                |   |
| 2  | MAY 1  | 2                     | 3  | 4                                | 5  | 6              | 7                                       |
| 3  | 8  | CTP<br>9              | 10   | 11                               | 12   | 13             | 14                                      |
| J  | , and the second | СТР                   | .0   | "                                | 12   | 10             | Mother's<br>Day                         |
| 4  | 15   | 16<br>CTP             | 17   | 18                               | 19  NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY                   | 20             | 21                                      |
| 5  | 22   | 23<br>CTP             | 24   | 25                               | 26  NATIONAL SORRY DAY                                   | 27             | 28                                      |
| 6  | 29   | 30<br>CTP             | 31  Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at CRC | JUNE 1                           | 2  | 3              | 4                                       |
| 7  | 5<br>WA DAY  | 6                     | 7  | 8                                | 9  | 10             | 11                                      |
| 8  | WORLD ENVIRONEMNT DAY  12  | 13                    | 14   | 15                               | 16   | 17             | 18                                      |
| ·  | 12   | 10                    | ,,   | Carmen out Teachewll             | <b>—</b>   | .,             |   |
| 9  | 19   | 20                    | 21   | 22<br>Cross Country<br>Carnarvon | 23   | 24             | 25                                      |
| 10 | 26   | 27                    | 28   | 29                               | 30   | JULY 1         | 2                                       |
|    |  |                       |  |                                  | Last Day of Term  Community vs school touch rugby match. |                | NAIDOC<br>WEEK                          |
|    | 3  | 4                     | 5  | 6                                | 7  | 8              | 9                                       |
|    | School Holidays  | School Holidays       | School Holidays                            | School Holidays                  | School Holidays  | NAIDOC         | NAIDOC                                  |
|    | NAIDOC WEEK  | NAIDOC WEEK           | NAIDOC WEEK                                | NAIDOC WEEK                      | NAIDOC WEEK  | NAIDOC<br>WEEK | NAIDOC<br>WEEK                          |
|    | 10<br>School Holidays  | 11<br>School Holidays | 12<br>School Holidays                      | 13<br>School Holidays            | 14<br>School Holidays                                    | 15             | 16<br>LAST DAY<br>OF SCHOOL<br>HOLIDAYS |



#### **Easy Bake Bean Cottage Pie**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 brown onion, finely chopped

2 garlic cloves, crushed

500g beef mince

555g can baked beans in tomato sauce

1 cup frozen peas, corn and carrot

2 tbsp worcestershire sauce

1 tbsp tomato sauce

2/3 cup grated cheese

1/2 x 1kg bag potato gems

fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, to serve

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Step 1

Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan-forced. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until onion softens. Add garlic. Cook for 30 seconds. Add mince. Cook, breaking up with a wooden spoon, for 8 minutes or until browned. Add baked beans, vegetables and sauces. Stir to combine. Bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat.

#### Step 2

Spoon mixture into an 8-cup-capacity baking dish. Sprinkle with half the cheese. Top with potato gems. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden. Sprinkle with parsley leaves and serve.





#### **MAY**

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

#### **JUNE**

- 19 Heejong Hwang
- 19 Cherie Walker
- 20 Sean Walker

#### **JULY**

- 4 Blanche Walker
- 7 Hamish McTaggart
- 13 Darcy McKeough
- 14 Carl Julian
- 17 Dameon Whitby
- 24 Jarrod Walker
- 30 Beth Burnett













#### **Easter Activities**

Wednesday 5th April we had the Gascoyne Junction town kids over to the Community Resource Centre for Easter Craft Activities. The kids wasted no time getting started on decorating their eggs with crayons before dipping them in food colouring to create a range of different patterns. A colouring in competition was also held for a little extra fun with Andre being our winner!





#### **Gascoyne Junction GP Clinic**



MEDICAL CLINIC Our next GP Clinic will be on Wednesday May 3. The following clinic in June will be held on June 7th. You can make an appointment for these FREE clinics by contacting the Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre on 9943 0988. These can be directed to the Shire Admin Office during normal business hours. If you have been putting off a check up, or need a new referral this is the perfect spot to get it done.

#### **Award Season**

Gascoyne Junction and the Shire of Upper Gascoyne is heading into Awards Season. We are currently finalists in the National Local Government Awards for our Two Rivers Memorial Park & Water Sustainability Projects. Gascoyne Junction is representing Western Australia at the National Tidy Towns Awards on May 19. Gascoyne Junction is also a finalised in the WA Tourism Awards as the Top Tiny Tourism Town in Western Australia. All of these nominations are possible due to not only the work of the Councillors and Shire Staff but our entire community is reflected so congratulations on the nominations one and all.



#### **Gold 'i' Visitor Centre**

The Gascoyne Junction Community Resource and Visitor Information Centre is now officially accredited by the Visitor Centre Association of WA. Our centre has meets benchmarks and standards set by the industry to deliver quality visitor information to those visiting our area.



#### Shared Path Project Update 🞏



The Hatch Street shared path installation commenced on Monday the 24th of April, and is expected to be completed by Tuesday the 2nd of May. This includes 128 metres of shared cycle path, with an access ramp at each end. Paul Kearney and Ivan Bilcich were the contractors chosen to complete the work, and have done an amazing job.

This path will remove the risk of pedestrians and cyclists needing to use the road with traffic, and allow the local children to ride safely on a dedicated path. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne will endeavour to keep installing paths around town, to remove cyclists from roads where possible, and promote a safe cycling town.





#### **ANZAC DAY 2023**

ANZAC Day 2023 returned to the Gascoyne Junction War Memorial. 95 residents and visitors attended the service which commenced with a march from the CRC down Gregory Street to the War Memorial lead by the West Australian 10th Lighthorse Organisation Greenough Station and supported by members of the Carnarvon Horseman's Club. We thank both organisations for their support on the day. The march also included the students and staff from the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School, dignitaries, servicemen and community members. It was a sight to see. The service was led by Cr Jim Caunt with a poem read by Cr Ray Hoseason-Smith. A wreath was laid on behalf of the community by Cr Hamish McTaggart. Thank you to Shane Aylmore for the Service Address and to the Hon Mem Beard for attending. Guests were invited to the Junction Pub and Tourist Park at the conclusion of the service for refreshments. Thank you to all who attended to give thanks to those who have served and continue to serve in the ANZAC spirit.





The Upper Gascoyne has had a range of events celebrating how special it is to be Under Gascoyne Skies. Starting with the eclipse and ending with the Gascoyne Dash, resident's and visitors alike have participating in a variety of activities. Thank you for your support



The much anticipated Solar Eclipse arrived on April 20. Residents and visitors gathered on the lawns of the Two Rivers Memorial Park to share the experience together. Donning Under Gascoyne Skies Viewing Glasses and getting comfortable in deck chairs, we watched the moon pass between earth and the sun, and the colours around us dull. A soundtrack of celestial songs played in the background and a free sausage sizzle was enjoyed. Thanks to our special surprise guests: Melissa Price MP, Sen Linda Reynolds and friends from the Burringurrah Police Station.









Saturday April 22 was a happening night in the Junction. The Mucky Duck Band were in town and again visitors and locals joined to learn some dance steps and hit the dance floor. For those who forgot their dancing shoes, it was great to see people catching up with bush songs playing in the background over dinner at the Junction Pub and Tourist Park, our fantastic hosts for the evening. The team from the Astrotourism WA were also in town and set up their telescopes at the back of the Tourist Park. Avid astrophotographers pulled out their tripods and cameras to learn from visiting Astrophotographer Roger Groom. This was part of the Eclipse Discovery Tour that visited 27 towns across four regions of WA in the week before and after the Eclipse. How lucky were we to be one of these? More stargazing will be happening on June 23 so mark the calendar now.



# SSIP





The Shire's outdoor movie screen made its first appearance at the Two Rivers Memorial Park for Cinema Under the Stars as part of the Under Gascoyne Skies Festival. The movie ET was shown to local families and visitors. After a wind free day, the wind did try to damper our efforts but a huge effort from the Shire events team ensured the show went on. This Cinema Under the Stars event is the first of many we hope to offer in the cooler months to enjoy the Two Rivers Memorial Park.









The Coral Coast Helicopters Kickstarters Gascoyne Dash has been run and won for another year. Congratulations to all who participated. As we go to press the provisional results are still in. Congratulations to locals Blanche Walker who is currently 10th in the Quad Bike Category. Sam Carter and Cameron Tubby competed in the Bike category. Sam is provisionally placed 27th and Cameron is provisionally placed 49th. Full results in the next edition of the Gassy Gossip.

Johnny David Music was on hand to keep the GasDash crowd and visitors entertained on Saturday night at the Gascoyne Junction Pub and Tourist Park. With outstanding vocals he entertained the crowd with Take Me Home Country Road, epic rock ballads from Queen and Meatloaf along with classic crowd pleasers that had people on the dance floor and a crowd begging for more. Another fantastic night of live music at the Junction.



## Busy Bee dates

29 & 30 April

20 & 21 May

3 & 4 June

1 & 2 July

12 & 13 August

If you are able to help out at our busy bee's please give Hamish a call 0401282562

## GASSIFIEDS

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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.

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#### **Country Stargazing**

#### with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA **It's Milky Way Season!**

One of the most incredible objects to see in the night sky is the stunning band of the Milky Way as it makes a starry arc across the night sky.

Astrophotographers often refer to this time of the year, from mid-autumn to mid spring, as the "Milky Way Season"! That's because, during this time of year, we look towards the centre or core of our Milky Way Galaxy. It's dense with stars and stretches across the dark night sky in country WA. Astrophotographers love it!

The Milky Way is best seen when there's no moonlight and you're away from bright city lights. What you're looking for is a band of cloudy or dusty looking light that stretches from the south east to the south west. It looks like a cloud, but it's actually billions of stars that make up the Milky Way Galaxy, our home in the Universe.

It is worth noting that many people around the world never see the Milky Way, as they live in areas or cities with heavy light pollution. But out in country WA, under a moonless sky, the view is quite simply spectacular and memorable.

**When to look:** After sunset on moonless nights, 6:30pm, between 12th May – 23rd May. It will also be visible right through to the end of October.

Which direction to look: South.

Another beautiful cosmic view to enjoy will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May when we have the Venus and Moon show! The Evening Star, Venus, will be glowing brilliantly with the lovely thin slither of the Moon sitting directly below, providing a special duet in the sky.

When to look: End of Twilight on the 23rd of May.

Which direction to look: North west.

After a busy day it is very calming to gaze upon the starry night sky. Make the time to go out and look up at natures astronomical wonders. It is a window out to the incredible and mysterious cosmos beyond.

For more stargazing news and information visit the Astrotourism WA website at <a href="https://astrotourismwa.com.au/">https://astrotourismwa.com.au/</a>.

Find more stargazing tips and country events at 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.



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#### CHC JUNCTION GYMKHANA SATURDAY 13th MAY 2023



#### Old Polocrosse Grounds Gascoyne Junction

Registration: 9.30am – 10.00am, 10.30am Led-lines, 11.30am Juniors, 1.30pm Seniors Nomination fees: \$5 Led-line, \$10 Junior, \$15 Senior

Prizemoney: Champion Junior Rider \$50, Champion Senior Rider \$100

**BYO lunch & dinner** 

#### \*\*\* Event Programme \*\*\*

#### Led-line/First ridden events

- 1. Bending
- 2. Mug shuffle
- 3. Ball in bucket
- 4. Egg & spoon
- 5. Rise & shine
- 6. Barrel race
- 7. Walk, trot & lead

#### Junior events

- 1. Western bending
- 2. Flag race
- 3. Mug shuffle
- 4. Musical Cans
- 5. Rise & shine
- 6. Sack race
- 7. Texas keyhole
- 8. 3-legged race
- 9. Ball in Bucket
- 10. Barrel race



#### \$\$\$ Prize money for each event \$\$\$

#### Senior events

- 1. Western bending
- 2. Flag race
- 3. Mug shuffle
- 4. Musical cans
- 5. Rise & shine
- 6. Catch a killer
- 7. Texas Keyhole
- 8. Polo Hit
- 9. Ball in Bucket
- 10. Barrel race

Mother's Day raffle drawn at presentation

We would like to thank the Shire of Upper Gascoyne who have hosted this gymkhana since 2018 and Gascoyne Plumbing Solutions for the convenience of an on-site port-a-loo for the weekend.

The organisers/committee of the CHC reserve the right to cancel, alter or combine any events they may deem necessary on the day.

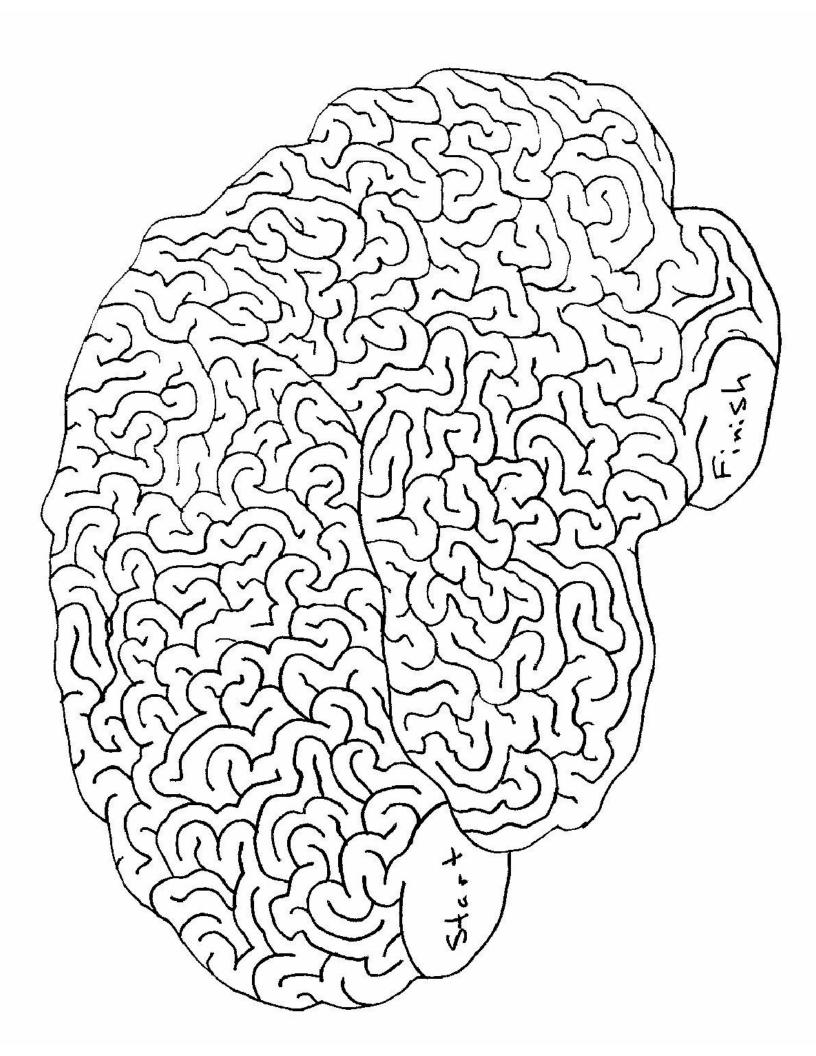
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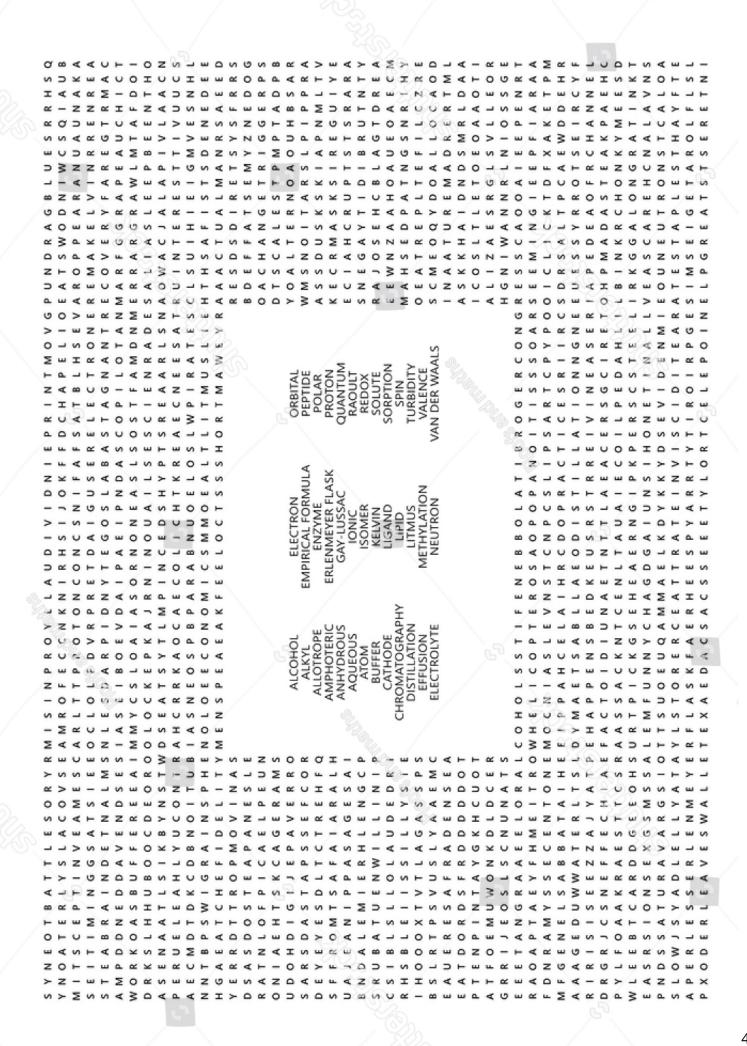
Regulation helmets and boots must be worn whenever mounted.



#### **SMOKO TIME**





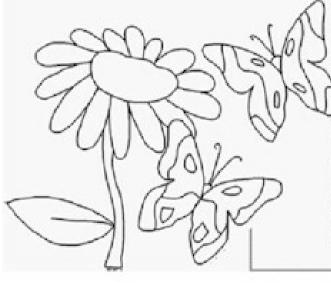






#### **Mother's Day**

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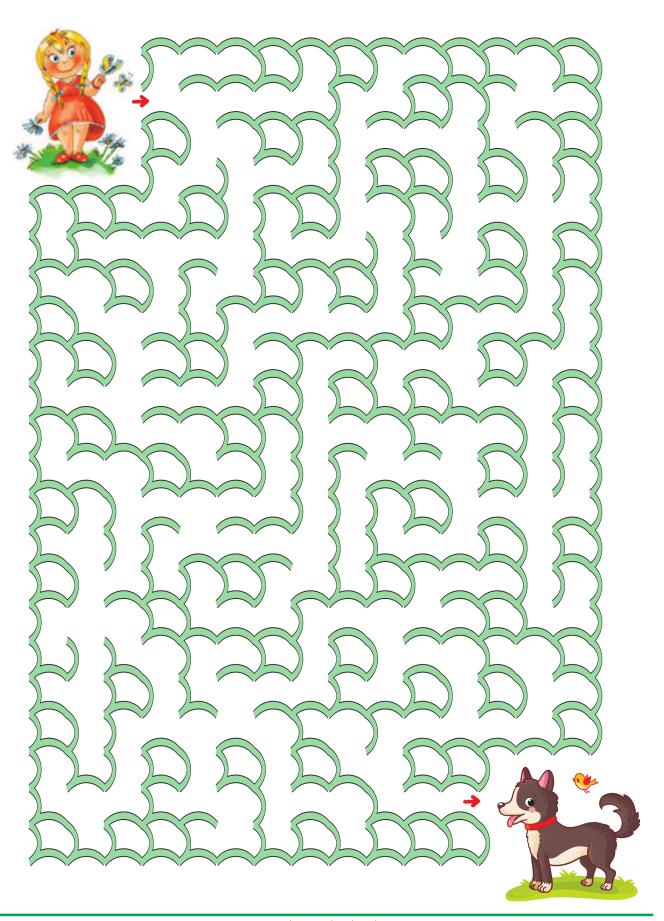


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KIND LAUGH LOVE MAY MOM

MOTHER PARENT READ SON SPECIAL

#### MAZE.



#### **GJ CLINIC**

GJ COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

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#### GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

06-07 MAY

### CREALITY GASCOYNE RIVER MUSIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION

2-13 MAY

#### CARNARVON HORSEMANS CLUB GYMKHANA

OLD POLOCROSSE GROUNDS

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#### UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS



#### RFDS CAR RALLY

GASCOYNE

03 JUNE

#### **GP CLINIC**

GASCOYNE
JUNCTION
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTRE

07 JUNE

## GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

10-11 JUNE

#### STARGAZING SUPPER UNDER THE STARS

GASCOYNE JUNCTION WATERHOLE

23 JUNE

#### BIGGEST MORNING TEA

GASCOYNE JUNCTION

28 JUNE

#### **GP CLINIC**

GJ COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

02 AUGUST

#### GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

05-06 AUGUST

#### JUNCTION RACES

JUNCTION RACE CLUB

25-27 AUGUST

