

# Gassy Gossip



**Back to the  
Junction  
Party**

**Gascoyne Junction Pavilion**

**Sat 20th April 2019**

See Inside for More Details

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Dear Readers

Welcome to another New Year, I trust that everyone had a joyous and safe festive period. From a personal perspective I left Gascoyne Junction in early December to have an operation to remove any Melanoma at the primary site on my face and to remove all the lymph nodes in my neck. The operation went well but it was a bit bigger than I thought, I spent four hours on the table and a night in intensive **care. After a couple of week's recovery I commenced 6 weeks of radio therapy. Initially this was pretty** easy but weeks 3 through to 6 were challenging to say the least. I am now slowly recovering from this treatment and have now commenced a further 12 months of Immunotherapy; which will require me to fly to Perth once a fortnight. I have arranged to fly down on a Friday and return on the Saturday so the disruption to the Shire will be minimal.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my Staff, Councillors and community for their support, at times like this support is very important. Whilst I was away Jarrod Walker was appointed as the Acting CEO and he has done a great job; Peter Stocker filled for Jarrod and all other staff stepped up to the plate to assist. It is very pleasing to see that we can cover for each other internally making our Shire that much more robust.

I am now back at work and have hit the ground running, I am still working through some of the legacy issues but these are relatively minor.

Progress is happening with Ullawarra Road with contractors now onsite and they have commenced remedial works. The Shire staff have also mobilised to Ullawarra Road and we will also commence with remediation works. It is anticipated that we will receive further contribution from Hastings in the near future so that we can continue with the remedial works.

The contractors for our WANDRRA works are now all back on site and have commenced works, the three contractors have completed approximately 50% of the works.

It was pleasing to see that the Bitumen works and the work on Pimbee Road have been completed, these are never ending jobs but if we keep chipping away we are able to maintain our assets in a reasonable condition.

Dave Higgs and Nat have been busy around town, the Shade Structure that compliments the Arts and **Craft's accommodation, work room and gymnasium has been finished. Dave is currently getting the** footing for the new War Memorial laid so we can erect the new War Memorial.

Various lawns and parks have had a hard time due to issues with getting water from our river bore and a host of reticulation failures. Dave and Nat have worked through these issues and it now appears that we able to get enough water on the ground and the lawns and plants are now recovering.

Now that I am back I look forward to 2019 with a great deal of optimism and that as a Shire we continue to deliver the best possible outcomes for our community. It promises to be another interesting and busy year but I would not have it any other way.

As always if anyone wants to see me or talk with me please come into the office or come around to my home at any time.

Warmest Regards

John McCleary, JP  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## **COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2019**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Mt Augustus)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

All Audit Committee meetings commence at 8.00am. Council meetings commence at 8.30am. All meetings will be held at the Shire Council Chamber, 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction, with the exception of the May meeting being held at Mt Augustus.



## **MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION**

### **Mr Donald Raymond HAMMARQUIST, WA**

For service to local government, and to the community of the Upper Gascoyne.

#### **Shire of Upper Gascoyne**

- President, since 2017.
- Deputy President, 2015-2017.
- Councillor, since 1990.

#### **Gascoyne Development Commission**

- Ministerial Representative, 2014.
- Local Government Representative, 2010.

#### **Eastern Gascoyne Race Club**

- President, 3 years.
- Vice President, 2 years.
- Secretary, 11 years.
- Committee Member, 30+ years.

#### **Geralton Turf Club**

- Committee Member, 6 years.
- President, 2 years.

#### **Eastern Gascoyne Gymkhana Club**

- President, 3 years.
- Secretary, 3 years.
- Board Member, Gascoyne Tourism Board, current.

#### **Awards and recognition includes:**

- Long and Loyal Service Award, Western Australia Local Government Association, 2016.



## MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

**Mr Lachlan Murray McTAGGART**, Gingin WA 6503

For service to local government, and to the community of Upper Gascoyne.

### **Shire of Upper Gascoyne**

- President, 2015-2017.
- Deputy President, 1990-2015.
- Councillor, 1978-2017.

### **Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA**

- Vice President, since 2016.
- Chair, Pastoral Committee, since 2016.
- Vice Chairman, Upper Gascoyne District Committee, 1979-1984.
- Committee Member, Upper Gascoyne Land Conservation District, 2005-2008.

- Life Member and former Secretary, Gascoyne Junction Race Club.
- Past President, Local Emergency Management Committee.

- Appointed Justice of the Peace, 1982.

- Shire Representative, Main Roads Western Australia, 1980s-2017.

### **Awards and recognition includes:**

- Freeman of the Shire, Shire of Upper Gascoyne, 2008.

**Major General Vikram MADAN (Retd)**, Northgate SA 5085

For service to multicultural affairs.

### **South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission**

- Member, 2010-2018.

### **Indian Australian Association of South Australia**

- President, 2009-2011.
- Vice-President, 2008.
- Ambassador, Multicultural Aged Care, 2014.
- Member, International Humanitarian Law Committee, South Australia, 2008-2014.
- Member, Passenger Transport Standards Committee, since 2008.
- Ambassador, Oz Asia Festival, 2010.

## A U S T R A L I A D A Y H O N O U R S 2 0 1 9

The Councillors, Shire Staff and Community of Upper Gascoyne would like to congratulate Don Hammarquist and Locky McTaggart for being recognized for their service to the Shire of Upper Gascoyne by being

honoured with the Order of Australia Medal.

# Back to the Junction Party



**\$25.00 per head  
Children \$10.00**

**Saturday 20th April 2019 6.00 PM**

**Gascoyne Junction Pavilion**

**Finger Food Provided/Bar Facilities**

**Live Music**

**BYO Swags, Camping Gear etc.**

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## Remember – No Jab means No Pay

31 January 2019

As the new school year begins, Federal Member for Durack and Minister for the Environment Melissa Price reminds families in the Durack electorate to make sure their children's vaccinations are up to date – whether they are school age or younger.

Parents should ensure their children are fully vaccinated so they are protected against infectious diseases. Not fully vaccinating means that families will lose part of their fortnightly Family Tax Benefit payment.

Family Tax Benefit Part A payments are reduced by approximately \$28 a fortnight for each child who does not meet the immunisation requirements, under the current *No Jab, No Pay* policy.

Since the policy started on 1 July 2018, on average, more than 500 children a day who did not meet immunisation requirements, have taken action to meet these requirements.

Minister Price said the change to *No Jab, No Pay* provides a constant reminder for parents to keep their children's immunisation up to date.

**"Immunisation is the safest way to protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases," she said.**

**"Parents who don't immunise their children put them at risk – as well as the children of other people."**

Almost 250,000 children and their families have taken action to ensure they meet the immunisation requirements since the Government introduced the *No Jab, No Pay* policy in 2016.

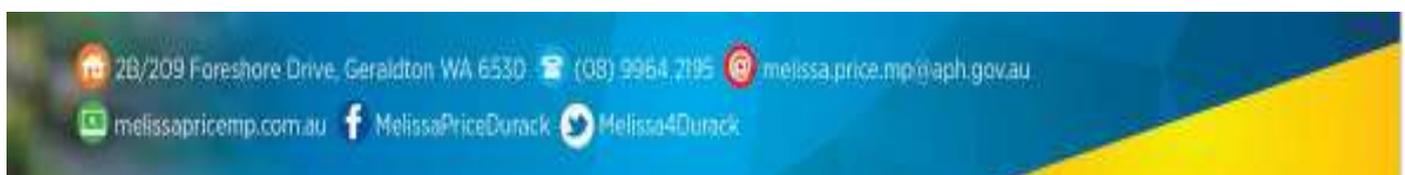
The Government provided more than \$14 million in the 2017-18 Budget for free catch-up vaccinations for children, young adults and newly-arrived refugees.

It also provided \$5.5 million over three years to encourage Australian parents and carers to vaccinate their children.

Exemptions still apply for children who have medical contraindications or natural immunity and have been assessed by a general practitioner.

ENDS

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## Record funding and better outcomes for Durack students

31 January 2109

As the 2019 school year is about to begin in Western Australia, Federal Member for Durack and Minister for the Environment Melissa Price said students in Durack would benefit from a record \$31.9 billion in Federal Government funding for schools in WA and an agreed national commitment to improve student outcomes.

Minister Price said every state and territory had signed on to the Coalition Government's National School Reform Agreement which will unlock record funding for schools in Durack.

"The Federal Government will provide a record \$31.9 billion in recurrent funding to schools in WA from 2018 to 2029," she said.

"Our record funding will flow to state schools, Catholic schools and Independent schools in our community and the Coalition Government can pay for this record school funding because we are keeping the economy strong.

"Just as importantly, we are ensuring this record funding is matched with record reform to improve how we educate our kids, with more support for teachers and a focus on students learning the core basics of literacy and numeracy.

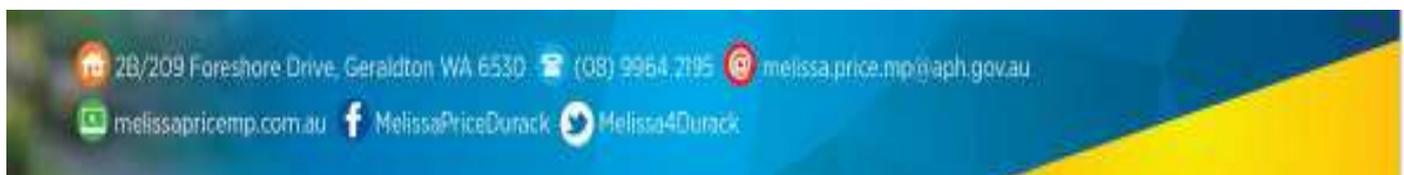
"The agreement signed with the WA Government sets out the concrete actions we will undertake to improve student outcomes and better support teachers in the Durack electorate," said Minister Price.

One of the key initiatives will be the creation of a single student identifier that will follow a student through their school education, and even across state borders, allowing the collation and analysis of comprehensive data to understand how every student is learning and where they need help.

"When it comes to educating the next generation of Australians, the Federal Government believes local schools should not only receive the funding they need, but that they deliver better outcomes for all students to get the education they need to succeed," Minister Price said.

ENDS

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# How to check in on someone

Helping others and providing support can make a difference for someone who is having problems and going through a tough time. If you think someone you care about isn't going so well, try the following tips on how to support them and continue to check in on them.



## Talk

For most people, just asking if they are okay and listening can make a difference.

By simply being there for someone, they can feel less alone and more supported to open up and talk about how they are really feeling.

Asking open ended questions that require a response is a good way to start the conversation.

### FOR EXAMPLE:

- How are you going? What's been happening in your life lately?
- You don't seem quite yourself lately, is something bothering you?
- You seem upset or worried, what's going on? Can I help with something?
- I've noticed you're not going out much lately, anything going on?



## Listen

Just being there for someone and offering a listening ear can make a difference.

1. Show them that you care and are here to listen to them.
2. Have patience, let others talk and don't judge.
3. Be reflective by repeating what they have said.
4. Keep calm and accept that they may disagree with you.



## Provide support

If the person you're concerned about is in a life threatening situation, or is at risk of harm to themselves or others, call 000.

Getting help early can make a difference. A good place to start is:

- Talk to your GP or someone you trust.
- Call a support line.
- Contact a support service.
- Try the Think Mental Health check-up tool.

They may also need your support while they look for professional help.



## Do an activity together

Activities create conversation. Find an opportunity during everyday life activities to start the conversation and ask them how they are really feeling. Try doing activities together such as:



GOING FOR A WALK



GOING TO AN EVENT TOGETHER



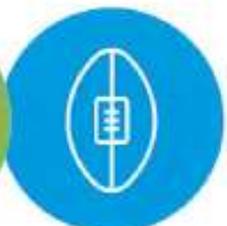
GOING FOR A COFFEE OR A MEAL



KICKING THE FOOTY, PLAYING A GAME, SURFING ETC



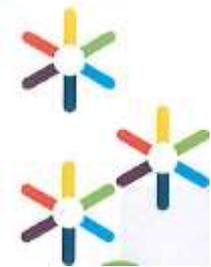
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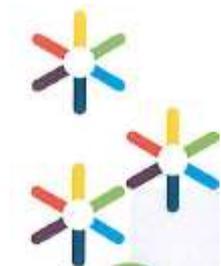
ANYTHING THAT ENCOURAGES OR PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A CHAT

  
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## My Healthy Midwest



As you are aware WACHS Midwest has a network of public services and nursing posts located across the Midwest. Our core business is the provision of quality, accessible health services to people from large regional centres to those in small remote communities. Facebook is a great way for WACHS Midwest to promote achievements, initiatives, events and information health messages to our community and stakeholders. This is a regional page and will cover all health services across the Midwest region inclusive of Gascoyne, Midwest Murchison and Geraldton districts.

My healthy Midwest will be used as a communications tool to deliver important messages to the broader community and utilise the reach of social media to deliver these messages directly to the people that access and use our services. We would appreciate your support in sharing this important initiative and encourage you to invite your friends, family and online communities to like and follow My Healthy Midwest to stay up to date with health happenings.

We will be continuously looking for stories and initiatives to feature, if you have a story or idea you would like to see on My Healthy Midwest page that aligns with our organisational goals please contact Michele Young on 9956 8695 or [Michele.Young@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Michele.Young@health.wa.gov.au).

Please take the time to visit our page and see what has been posted to date. Search Facebook for My Healthy Midwest or follow the link

<https://www.facebook.com/myhealthymidwest>.





## CARBON FARMING POSSIBILITIES

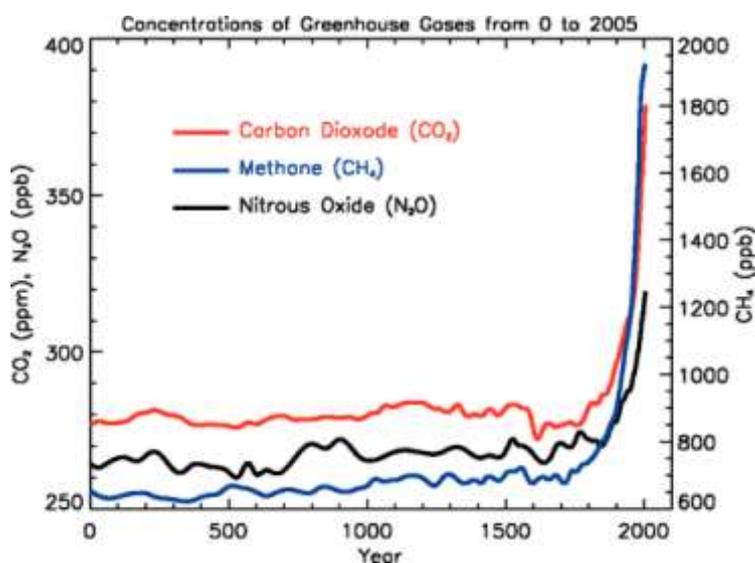
Australia began carbon farming in 2011 under the Rudd Governments' Carbon Farming Initiative, which then, under the Abbott Government, morphed into the Emissions Reduction Fund. This has proved to be of great benefit for NSW and QLD pastoralists especially, who have had a windfall approaching \$2 Billion since then. Due to WA legislation, and past State Government policy, WA pastoralists have been locked out of most carbon farming.

Things have started to move in WA though. Back on 18 April 2018, the State Government released a media statement *'Unlocking carbon potential for pastoralists'* that announced their rangeland carbon pilot program. The statement said in part: *'The State will back a number of pilot sequestration offset projects by pastoralists, which focus on grazing strategies that increase regeneration of native vegetation and in the process extract carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.'* You can find more information on the pilot program here: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/carbon-farming/carbon-farming-potential-pastoralists>

For those who ask the question; 'What is carbon farming?' Plants use carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to grow, so at its most basic level, carbon farming is growing more vegetation and then managing it so that the woody growth, or plant residue, stays in the local environment.

Carbon farming can also mean managing soil, vegetation, water and animals to increase vegetative growth and carbon storage. An example of a specific management system that can be adapted to achieve greater carbon storage (otherwise known as 'sequestration') is cell grazing. Carbon Link is currently operating across the country, with livestock producers, using cell grazing for carbon farming. The company is reporting that some producers will be able to make more from carbon than from their livestock in the near future. You can find more information from Carbon Link here: <http://carbonlink.com.au/>

Whether you believe in climate change or not, carbon farming represents a, potentially, very good business deal for the use of pastoral land, especially degraded rangeland. Several WA stations have taken up the opportunity to be involved and so far, in two auctions, 35 WA stations have won contracts from the Federal Government's Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) worth around \$60 Million.

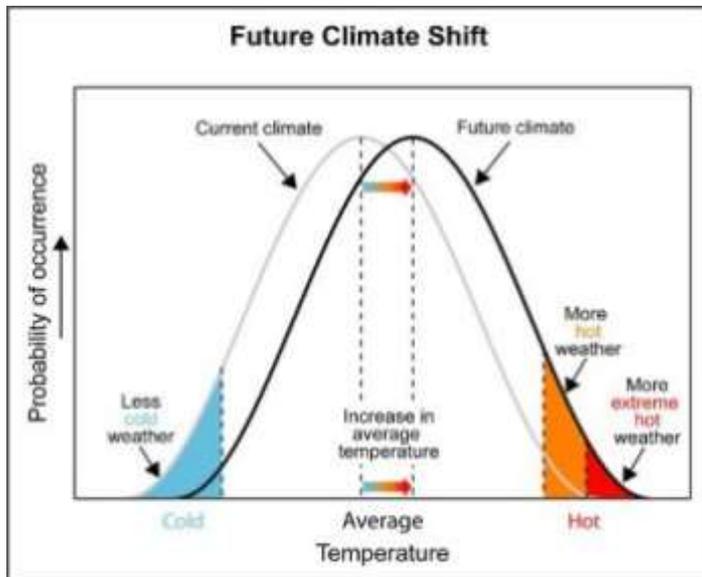


All the Greenhouse Gases are going up! Depending on your point of view, this chart may help explain why carbon farming is needed, or not.

In a recently released Reputex report on the potential of carbon farming in WA, see it here: <https://www.reputex.com/research-insights/cost-and-availability-of-offsetting-Ing-emissions-in-western-australia/>, the case study of Bulga Downs is very instructive in what can be gained.

Bulga Downs is a 780,000 hectare pastoral lease around 340 kilometres north of Kalgoorlie. 100,000 hectares of the lease is going to be used for the carbon project, which once commenced, is expected to generate an annual income of between \$1.1 and \$1.9 million.

The case study goes on to discuss the additional potential of new carbon farming methods that can capture and account more sequestered carbon, and how the price of carbon is expected to increase into the future. For those who can engage in rangeland carbon farming, the future seems very, very good.



*What we have to look forward to. The increase in average is small, but the increase in hot and extreme hot weather is large. This will have a proportional effect on cattle production.*

But, there is a large number of pastoralists who are cut out of carbon farming due to the length of their leases. In order to meet the *'range of eligibility criteria and relevant State and Commonwealth legislative requirements'* (see the above referenced media statement), from the commencement of a carbon project, a lessee needs a minimum of 25 years to run on their pastoral lease.

With the first WA rangeland carbon farming projects commencing from July 2019, currently 107 stations are ineligible due to short lease length, and as time goes on, more and more pastoral leases will be cut out of a potentially useful business activity.

To add to this restriction, WA pastoralists have no option of undertaking a 100 year carbon project which gives you 20% more income. From the Federal Governments web site: <http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/ERF/Choosing-a-project-type/Opportunities-for-the-land-sector/Permanence-obligations> *'If you choose the 25 year option, there will be a 20 per cent reduction in the number of ACCUs issued for your project.'*

There are policy solutions to the issue of lease length and 100 year project length, let's hope that Government can sort out the issues and support the rangeland carbon farming industry that's bringing new income and employment to the rangelands.

This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State Natural Resource Management Program.



TOGETHER WE SUCCEED

## Newsletter

4/02/2019

### PRINCIPAL'S POST

Welcome back Parents, Carers and Community members,

I am excited about the opportunities this year brings! 2019 begins the first stage of a new three year strategic plan cycle. That means the previous plan has to be analysed and reported upon.

Parent feedback and input for this planning cycle began last year. This data was collated and included.

Staff analysed data from the previous plan during the school development days last week.

Together this information will forge the heart of the new directions for our unique school. The plan will be presented at the council meeting for perusal and validation.

We welcome back our staff members Ms Toni Lewis and Mr Peter Polakiewicz, Mrs Blanche Walker, Ms Jodie Gibson, Ms Leisha Norling, Mr Darren Barker and Ms Karen Coffin. All are organised and ready for action.

As Kindergarten and Pre-primary enrolments are higher this year than the last two years, it is necessary to incorporate an early childhood class into our operations (I knew it was going to be a great year)!!

First term will begin with two classes, K-3 and 4-10. Come census day, 15<sup>th</sup> February, we will know who will teach those classes for the year. Until then for Term 1, Ms Toni Lewis will teach in Room 1 and Mr Peter Polakiewicz in Room 2. The classes will be fluid to cater for students individual needs more effectively.

Staff relinquished two days of holiday time to upskill ready for students return. They completed a two day professional learning course run by the Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation. Talk for Writing will be a focus at the school this year.

Please feel free to join us to observe how your child learns through this programme. It is interesting and fun!

Keep a look out for the new look Junction school as staff begin to step out in style!

I am looking forward to a great year.

Regards,

Chris Polakiewicz

Principal

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR 2019 WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH

This meeting is open to the public and will involve discussion about the roles and responsibilities of council members and the opportunity to reflect on the 2018 achievements.

All welcome.

4:30pm Monday in the school library

#### Great News for Public Schools!

All Government schools have a school review process.

We are excited to advise that our review is scheduled for Term 2, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The review provides feedback to principals and staff to help improve school performance.



Students of Gascoyne Junction School Week1 2019  
Janice, Santanah, Sahnelah, Chase, Dustin, Tate, Levi, Bridle  
Duke, Charlie, Warren, Juanita, Abigail. Absent: Damian

## Term 1 Calendar of Events 2019

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
28 Jan Australia Day	29 Jan School Administrator and Support Staff Return to work	30 Jan	31 Jan Teaching staff return	01 Feb Teaching staff return
04 Feb Students Return Newsletter	05 Feb	06 Feb Staff & Finance Meeting	07 Feb WACHS Visit	08 Feb
11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb  Census
18 Feb On entry assessment begins this week for PP Mara ICT	19 Feb Tania Muller SEND →	20 Feb	21 Feb Parent Information Night (see teacher correspondence)	22 Feb Jessica Sophia Consolidated Health
25 Feb	26 Feb Staff & Finance Meeting	27 Feb PL EA Induction	28 Feb	01 Mar PL Toni  Newsletter
04 Mar LABOUR DAY	05 Mar  OLNA secondary students →	06 Mar	07 Mar	08 Mar
11 Mar	12 Mar Chris out	13 Mar Staff Meeting	14 Mar School Council Meeting	15 Mar End of on entry assessment for PP students
18 Mar  Peter out →	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar Assembly  Newsletter →
25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar Staff Meeting	28 Mar  Chris Out →	29 Mar
01 Apr ←	02 Apr SWIMMING	03 Apr LESSONS	04 Apr CARNARVON	05 Apr TBC →
08 Apr	09 Apr	10 Apr Staff Meeting	11 Apr	12 Apr Last day of Term  Colour Run
15 Apr School Holidays Commence →	16 Apr	17 Apr	18 Apr	19 Apr GOOD FRIDAY →

# WEAR RED DAY!



Staff and Students at the Gascoyne Junction School wore something red on the 14<sup>th</sup> February to raise awareness for heart disease. Students worked on activities associated with heart health.



# GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2019

9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Untutored Workshop /AGM
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Untutored Workshop
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Dongara Autumn Craft Round Up Road Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> Apr – 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School Holidays and Easter
25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Lead light Workshop
22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sandi – Patchwork and Quilting workshop
6 <sup>th</sup> July – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Holidays
27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Janet – Ruler and Template workshop
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Untutored Craft Weekend
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Holidays
19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mosaic Workshop
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov and 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Craft Workshop

For any queries please contact the Secretary

Tina Matthews

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## **Remote School Attendance Strategy helping kids get back to school in Durack**

Schools across Australia have returned for another year with around 14,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students supported to attend school through the Coalition Government's successful Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS), including across 10 locations in the Durack electorate.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion, said RSAS has achieved a lot in the last five years since it was established by the Coalition Government in 2014, getting more children to attend school, creating almost 500 remote jobs and bringing a new focus to school attendance.

"The Coalition Government made school attendance a key priority when it was elected in 2013 and RSAS has increased attendance rates in 84 communities in remote parts of the country," Minister Scullion said.

"Over the next three years, we will work with communities to support more Indigenous children to attend school including through a stronger focus on case management with families and communities and an increase in local decision making."

Federal Member for Durack and Minister for the Environment Melissa Price said the RSAS is making a real difference in Durack, where local teams support communities at Carnarvon, Newman, Meekatharra, Roebourne, Wiluna, Balgo, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Kalumburu, to find what works best for them to improve attendance and education outcomes.

"Every community in Australia is different. Each has different cultures, strengths, aspirations and needs, as well as different services and infrastructure," Minister Price said.

"Through the RSAS, we employ local people as school attendance officers and supervisors to help families take a lead role in their children's education and deliver local solutions to support students to attend or return to school.

"I am pleased to share that the Coalition Government will invest more than \$11.3 million in Durack, extending RSAS through to December, 2021," she said.

The Strategy does not replace state and territory government responsibility for education attendance and performance and will continue to work with schools, communities, families and students, to further improve school attendance and ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have access to a quality education.

The investment in Durack is part of the Government's \$78.4 million commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families living in 84 remote communities across Australia.

The Strategy does not replace state and territory government responsibility for education attendance and performance and will continue to work with schools, communities, families and students, to further improve school attendance and ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have access to a quality education.

Minister Scullion said Labor did not take action on addressing remote school attendance when they were in Government and have not committed to supporting RSAS and the local jobs it provides.

"This means that the jobs for 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school attendance officers are at risk ahead of the upcoming Federal election.

"The Coalition Government believes that every child, no matter where they live, deserves an education as the foundation to a successful life. We will do everything we can to ensuring families and communities are sending their children to school," Minister Scullion said.



Gascoyne Junction Remote School Students



Department of  
Transport

## DoT Remote Services will be visiting Gascoyne Junction



When: Tuesday 12th March 11am to 1pm

Where: Gascoyne Junction CRC Office

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**WED 20 MARCH 2019 @ 8PM**

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# Gassified



## February

- 3 Robyn Perry
- 5 Sahniah Chong Wee
- 6 Sophie Wright
- 17 Dart Kempton
- 24 Lachlan Wright
- 24 Anna Ullrich
- 28 Cooper Capewell

## March

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

## WANTED

### Aluminium Cans

Dear Community members please take your aluminium cans to the wool bales at the Junction Pub. So they can be sent to Carnarvon and sold for scrap where the money is then donated back to community groups such as the Gascoyne Junction School and School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctor.

Thank you  
John Wheelock  
Carnarvon



Margaret & Colin Rowe would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the community of the Upper Gascoyne. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time here and made so many friends. We would like to thank everyone here for making us feel so welcome from when we first arrived back in the mid 2014. We wish you all the best, and will always treasure our memories of Upper Gascoyne.



Got a Birthday coming up? Contact the Gassy Gossip by email at [crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au)

# Main Course



A smoky seafood paella recipe

## Ingredients

- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 80g chorizo, sliced
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely sliced
- 2 Romano peppers, chopped
- 1 tbsp. smoked sweet paprika
- 1 tbsp. tomato purée
- 250g Waitrose Bomba Paella Rice
- 800ml chicken stock
- 180g pack raw Waitrose Extra Large King Prawns
- 2 x 200g packs Waitrose Scottish Mussels
- 25g pack flat leaf parsley, leaves roughly chopped

## Method

Heat the oil in a large frying pan or paella pan and cook the chorizo for 3 minutes then stir in the onion and cook for a few minutes more. Add the garlic and peppers and cook for 2 minutes.

Stir in the paprika and tomato purée and cook for 1 minute then add the rice and toss well. Pour in the stock, bring to a simmer, cover and cook for 10 minutes then add the prawns and mussels and cook for a further 5 minutes until the prawns have turned pink.

By now the rice should be nearly cooked through and absorbed almost all of the liquid. Turn off



# Dessert

## SALTED CARAMEL CHEESECAKE SANDWICHES



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 X 200G PACKETS SUGARED LATTICE BISCUITS+
- 750G CREAM CHEESE, SOFTENED
- 1 CUP (175G) BROWN SUGAR
- 1 TABLESPOON GOLDEN SYRUP
- 1 TABLESPOON VANILLA EXTRACT
- 3 EGGS
- 1 TEASPOON SEA SALT FLAKES

### METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 150°C (300°F). Place half the lattice biscuits, sugar-side down, in the base of a 20cm x 30cm slice tin lined with non-stick baking paper and set aside. Place the cream cheese, sugar, golden syrup and vanilla in an electric mixer and beat for 4–6 minutes or until smooth and the sugar is dissolved. Add the eggs and beat to combine. Add the salt and mix to combine.
2. Spoon the mixture into the slice tin and tap to remove any bubbles. Top with remaining lattice biscuits, sugar-side up, and bake for 50 minutes or until the cheesecake is just set. Allow to cool slightly before refrigerating for 1 hour or until cold. Slice into sandwiches to serve. Serves 8–10.





# Smoko Corner

## Valentines day funnies

**AN OLDER WOMAN** runs into her friend at the mall. “You’re not going to believe this,” she said. “I found an old lamp the other day. I rubbed it and a genie popped out. He explained that genies don’t give three wishes anymore, but he did offer me a choice between one of two wishes. He could give me a better memory or turn my husband into the greatest lover ever.”

“Tough choice,” said her friend. “Which one did you choose?”

“That’s the thing. I can’t remember.”

“You came home early from your date,” John observed to his roommate. “What happened?”

“Well,” said the flatmate, “after dinner she invited me up to her flat. We had a couple of drinks and she put on some soft music. Then she reached over and turned out the lights.”

“So, what next?” asked John, eyebrows raised.

“I can take a hint,” said his flatmate. “I came home.”

A Cub Scout found a frog that said, “Kiss me and I will become a beautiful princess.”

The boy studied the frog, then put it in his pocket.

“Hey,” the frog croaked, “how come you didn’t kiss me?”

“I’d rather have a talking frog than a princess any day!”

Roger, who was 19 years old, was buying an expensive bracelet, to surprise his girlfriend on Valentine's Day, at a very smart jeweller's shop in Hatton Garden, London.

The jeweller inquired, 'Would you like your girlfriend's name engraved on it?'

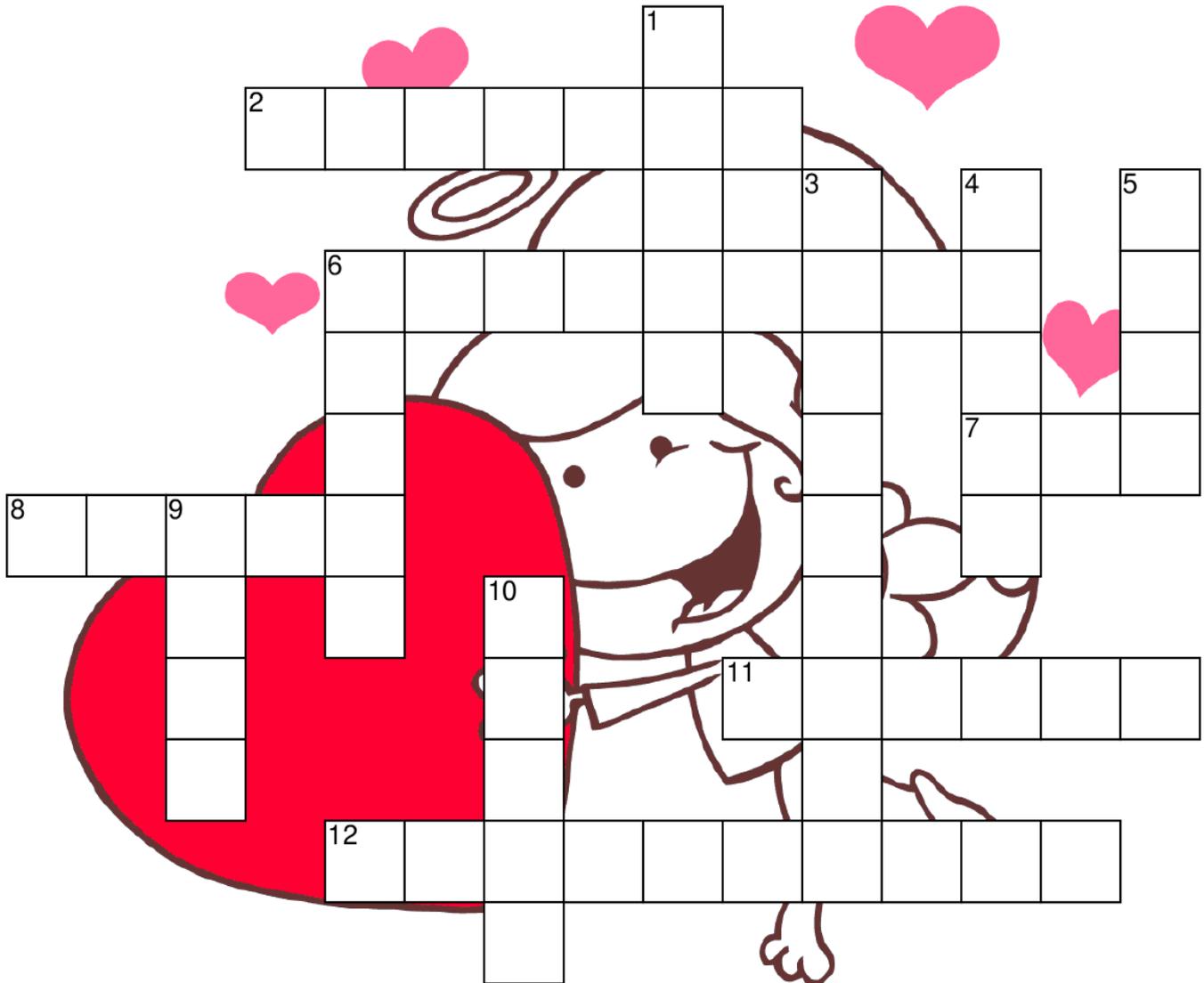
Roger thought for a moment, grinned, then answered, 'No, instead engrave "To my one and only love".'

The jeweller smiled and said, 'Yes, sir; how very romantic of you.'

Roger retorted with a glint in his eye, 'Not exactly romantic, but very practical. This way, if we break up, I can use it again.'

# Valentine's Day Crossword Puzzle

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## Across

2. They smell beautiful and we love to give them out on Valentine's Day.
6. This type of candy is brown and yummy.
7. The color of Valentine's Day.
8. He flies and shoots arrows.
11. We use this to tie around boxes.
12. We call someone special this name on Valentine's.

## Down

1. Cupid uses this to shoot with a bow.
3. Will you be my \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Valentine's Day shape.
5. We hand this out to friends and family on Valentine's.
6. It tastes sweet and we love to receive it.
9. Another color for Valentine's Day.
10. These flowers are red and have petals and thorns.



Animal Fun Word Search



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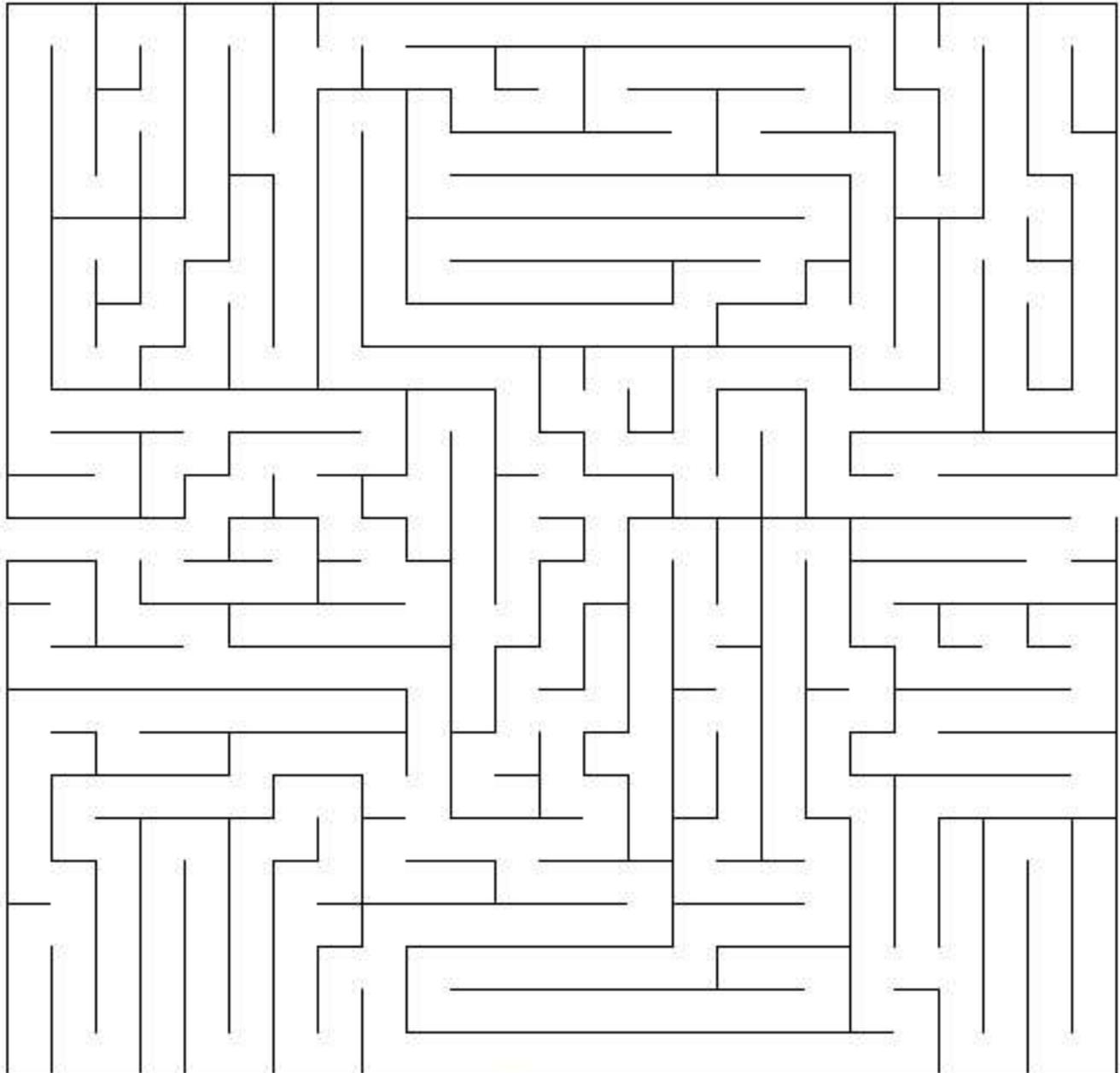


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# Cars Puzzle Cruise 2



# FEBRUARY 2019



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Untutored Craft Workshop/ AGM</i>	10 <i>Craft Workshop</i>
11	12	13 <i>Council Meeting</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			
<b>NOTES:</b>						

## Upcoming Events

### March

9th & 10th

*Untutored Craft  
Workshop*

20th

*Council Meeting*

### April

*Back to the Junction  
Party*

24th

*Council Meeting*

27th