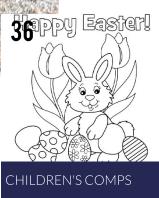


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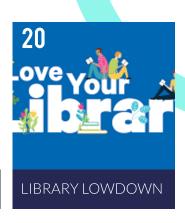


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Advertisements, new arrivals, birthdays and more



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing these people a very happy birthday.



SMOKO

Take 5 for the adults.



GUSTHE GARDEN GURU

Check out Gus the Garden Guru who will be joining us as our new celebrity columnist.



CHILDRENS COMPS

All childrens competitions will be drawn 30th April.



HARVEY HAY RUN 2020

Check out the awesome work done by this organisation.





UPCOMINGEVENTS

All events are now cancelled or postponed until further notice.

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 12th February

Wednesday 25th March

*Wednesday 29th April

*Wednesday 27th May

Wednesday 24th June

Wednesday 29th July

Wednesday 26th August

Wednesday 30th September

Wednesday 28th October

Wednesday 25th November

Thursday 17th December 2020

*Plesae note the tha dates and location for the April and May meetings has been changed. The meeting for April has been moved to Wednesday 29th and the meeting for the 27th of May will be held Gascoyne Junction.

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

What a difference a month makes! Since our last edition we have seen many different strategies implemented by all levels of government to help combat the spread of corona virus (COVID-19).

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne has implemented some safety measures to reduce the risk to our staff and community members. Our employees are coming to work during normal business hours however, the Shire Office is closed to the public. The CRC is operating at reduced hours with mail collection only available between 10am and 12 noon. If anyone needs access to the Shire Office or the CRC for Department of Human Services or Department of Transport they will need to make an appointment by calling us 99430988.

If you are displaying signs of illness or have been in contact with anyone from overseas we may refuse you entry. Please do not abuse staff, we are all trying our best to do our bit. Everyone is experiencing a little bit of inconveinance and we are working very hard to minimise the impact.

We are aware that some of our community are experiencing problems when trying to buy supplies and food stores as shops have implemented restrictions, we have raised the issue with Woolworths Carnarvon and IGA Carnarvon who have both advised that they will try and accommodate our needs. Please go to their service counter and provide proof of residence and they will do their best to accommodate your needs - you may not get everything you need or the quantities you orignally require but it is the best they can offer at this time.

PAVILIONUPGRADES

On a much more positive note The Shire was successful in obtaining a grant with Sports Australia with the new works to be completed in April and June.

The new works involve installing an insulated suspended ceiling, upgrading lighting inside and outside to LED lights and installing verandahs on the north and south side of the pavilion.

It is hoped that once these upgrades are completed the pavilion will be protected much better from the environmental elements able to be utilised year round.



HARVEY HAY RUN 2020

We were very fortunate to be contacted by the Harvey Hay Runners who wished to make a donation of hay to our drought affected pastoral properties. The hay run took place on the 20th and 21st of March. A big thank you must go to all the crew who worked very hard to make this happen. Dont forget to check out the full write up on page 40.

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Upper Gascoyne Sa! On the 17th March we welcomed new starter Sa Toomalatai as the new Manger of Finance and Corporate Services. Sa has worked in local government for just under 20 years and comes to us from the Shire of Carnarvon, She has a wealth of knowledge in many local government topics and has hit the ground running. Please join us in making her feel welcomed in our community.

EVENTS

Events that we have had planned for the coming months have had to be postponed due to measures implemented by the State and Federal Government in an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19. The Gascoyne Dash have advised that their event has now been cancelled, our CRC and Shire sponsored events such as ANZAC Day Remembrance Ceremony, movie nights for March, April and May have now all been cancelled. For ANZAC Day the shire will still be laying wreaths in recognition of all the soldiers service and sacrifice to our country.

We have an event scheduled in for 23rd May "Gazing the Gascoyne" which is being run in conjunction with the GDC, this event is to highlight and promote Astro-Tourism with the Upper Gascoyne. Hopefully we will know more about whether this event can still go ahead in the coming weeks.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Community Members

I write this correspondence to keep you informed as best as possible of actions that the Shire of Upper Gascoyne are taking in relation to COVID-19 to keep its staff and Councillors safe and provide some advice on the current situation from a State and Federal Government perspective. It is to be remembered that the advice given is changing rapidly and what is written today is not necessarily correct tomorrow.

In general, subject to daily change the main points are:

- · Travel between regions is restricted unless authorised;
- · Self-isolation for interstate travel;
- · Closure of Gun Shops
- · No more than 2 people to gather, does not include household members
- · No more than 5 people at a wedding
- · No more than 10 people at a funeral
- · Playgrounds, outside gyms and skate parks closed
- · Keep 1.5 metres away from others
- · Avoid physical greetings such as handshakes, hugs and kisses
- · Use tap and pay instead of cash, if possible
- · Stay at home unless for shopping medical, exercise, work and study
- · No organised parties or house parties
- · Closure of libraries, pubs
- · Restaurants can only sell take away meals

COVID-19 has quite obviously created an unprecedented, in our lifetime, Health Emergency with potentially deadly consequences if we don't do what is being asked of us. In addition there is an 'Economic Emergency' that is running alongside COVID-19. Local Government have been requested by the Minister for Local Government, Hon David Templeman, to pull out all the stops to carry out capital works in order to assist with keeping the economy ticking over. For the Shire of Upper Gascoyne it means that our Construction and Maintenance works will continue and the reinstatement works associated with the Flood damage will continue.

From an organisational point of view we are undertaking the following actions:

1. Administration Building / Shire Office / Depot

At present the Shire Office door is locked, we ask all to stay away unless it is absolutely imperative or work related. If you need to come into the office you will need to call on 99430988 and pre- arrange an appointment. Obviously we would ask you to sanitise your hands and keep a 1.5 metre distance from staff, preferably we would rather meet outside the office.

2. CRC

In general terms the CRC is locked to the general public. We understand that mail needs to be picked up so have made the CRC open from 10-12 on Tuesday and Thursday's of each week. Upon entry to the building please sanitise your hands, keep as far away from the office counter as possible and don't remain in the building any longer than is required. For those required to access the Human Services computers for things such as Centrelink please phone Robyn to make an appointment.

3. Public Toilets

We have closed the Public Toilet in the Pavilion; however the Scott Street Public Toilets remain open, these are being cleaned daily.

4. Pavilion

The Pavilion is closed to the public until further notice.

5. Playgrounds / Outdoor Exercise Equipment / Gymnasium

All public playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, gymnasiums are closed to the public.

6. Council Meetings

We are investigating and determining the most appropriate method of undertaking our normal monthly meeting, this maybe a mixture of face to face or electronic meetings.

It is a time of great uncertainty and anxiety that effects every single person in our community, including Shire Staff and Elected Members. We are comforted in some small way that our natural isolation and the measures put in by ourselves and the various governments provide a level of protection; however, we must be vigilant and make sure we each do our bit and that maybe just ensuring we practice good personal hygiene practices.

Don Hammarquist

Shire President

Protect yourself



and sneezes with a tissue or use your inner elbow



wash hands often with soap or hand sanitiser



from work or school
if you are sick
avoid contact with others

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID—19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS		COVID-19	COLD	FLU
		Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
Fever		Common	Rare	Common
Cough		Common	Common	Common
Sore Throat		Sometimes	Common	Common
Shortness of Breath		Sometimes	No	No
Fatigue		Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains		Sometimes	No	Common
Headaches	*	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose		Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea		Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
Sneezing		No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit **health.gov.au**





CHANGES TO OPERATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

23/03/2020

For the safety of our employees and community the Shire will be implementing the following to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 disease effective immediately:

CRC & SHIRE BUILDING WILL BE LOCKED NO ADMISSION WITHOUT PRIOR APPOINTMENT

IT IS OUR RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE IF YOU DISPLAY ANY SIGNS OF ILLNESS

CRC - By appointment only

MAIL - Available for collection Tuesdays & Thursday 10am-12pm HUMAN SERVICES (Centrelink) - By apointment only, please call 99430988 to book your time.

SHIRE OFFICE - Closed to the public

If you need to visit our office please contact us prior to arrange an appointment 99430988.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE THAT TRAVELLERS ADHERE TO THE NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL BAN

THERE ARE NO SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOOD, WATER OR IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN OUR REGION



Newsletter

20/03/2020

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PRINCIPAL SCHMITZ'S SCOOP



Hello everyone and welcome to Term 1 of the 2020 school year. My name is Melanie Schmitz and I am filling in as Principal of Gascoyne Junction. The school community has made me feel very welcome and I look forward to meeting more of you as the term progresses.

A new decade has begun with many unexpected occurrences. Hope drives communities forward and despite the devastating bushfires, cyclones and the health alert we currently face our school community is still feeling strong. It is because of such circumstances that we look to each other for support and encouragement as these difficult times are navigated. Working together promotes great happenings.

CORONAVIRUS

The Department of Education is working together with WA Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international health crisis to take the necessary precautions for students and staff. No one at the school has been travelling internationally. This notice is to advise of the processes underway for your information. Updates relating to COVID - 19 are coming in daily This information is current as of the time of the newsletter but is subject to change.

Q: Who can/cannot attend school?

Students or staff cannot attend school and need to self-quarantine if they have:

- a) Returned from overseas must guarantine for 14 days
- b) been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.
- c) Awaiting results of a COVID-19 test

The above also applies to all parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites.

Q. Should students or staff attend school if they live in the same household as people in self-isolation?

Yes they can attend school, unless they show symptoms or have travelled overseas.

Q. How are schools helping prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Staff and students have been requested to:

wash hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty;

- wash hands with soap and water and use alcohol based hand rub (ABHR), before and after eating or prior to food preparation;
- wash hands with soap and water after going to the toilet;
- avoid using handkerchiefs;
- cough and sneeze with a tissue or bent elbow, dispose of used tissues immediately, and use ABHR or soap and water;
- avoid touching eyes, mouth and nose;
- wash hands with soap and water or ABHR when caring for the sick;
- if unwell, avoid contact with others;
- make sure workplaces are clean and hygienic, surfaces (e.g. desks and tables) and objects (e.g. telephones, keyboards) need to be wiped with disinfectant regularly; and
- wash hands or use ABHR after handling animals or animal waste.

Q. Will additional activities be cancelled?

All organised, non-essential mass gatherings attended by more than 100 people for indoor events and more than 500 people for outdoors events must be cancelled from Wednesday 18 March 2020.

Q. Is the government considering closing WA schools as pre-emptive measure to prevent coronavirus spread?

Schools will not be closed as a pre-emptive measure relating to coronavirus. We will continue to seek the advice of the Chief Health Officer to ensure schools have the latest information to keep students and staff safe.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is quickly approaching with our Year 5 online practice exam scheduled for March 23^{rd} at 9:00am. I will be sitting with the students while they complete the session. The official testing will occur in Term 2 Between May 12^{th} and May 22^{nd} . Initial parent information forms have gone home already and we will continue to update you as new information becomes available.

SCHOOL BELLS AND TIMETABLE

There will be a shift in the way our daily schedule runs starting Monday March 23^{rd} so listen out for the new bell times.

Start of school day: 8:30am Recess: 10:00am - 10:20 am Lunch: 12:00pm - 12:30 pm End of School Day: 2:30 pm

SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON

Our students will be hosting an open afternoon April 9^{th} from 1:30 - 2:30. Students are looking forward to showcasing the work that they have been doing this term as well as teaching our community about some of the technology we have had the opportunity to enjoy this term.

TERM CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1 Calendar					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	March 23	March 24 School Psych visit	March 25	March 26 Mrs Schmitz out PD	March 27 Mrs Schmitz out PD
9	March 30 Mrs Schmitz out PD	March 31 Mrs Schmitz out PD	April 1	April 2	April 3
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Students return April 29 th 2020					

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ш	19 th March	Stephen Michael Foundation visit - cancelled	
ш	24 th March	School Psych - Sam Wells	
П	26 th March - 31 st March	Mrs Schmitz away on PD - Cancelled	
	9 th April	Last Day of Term	
Ш		Robin McKean Technologies presentation - cancelled	
Ц		Open Afternoon 1:30pm - 2:30pm	
Ш	10 th April	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL	
	29 th April	Term 2 - First day back for students	

ROOM 2 REVIEW

Students have made a great start to the year. Everybody is in full swing, trying their best and showing lots of resilience dealing with the changes of administration this year.

FITNESS

We start most days with a 20 min fitness activity, with the aim of maintaining a heart rate above 15 beats for 5 seconds. Our students maintain between 16-19 beats which is great for their hearts. At the same time, activities are chosen to develop flexibility, agility, strength, coordination and cooperation.



LITERACY

The way in which the students are carrying out their literacy routines is a credit to them. They regularly demonstrate a conscious approach and work hard to maintain high standards. In most spelling, comprehension and dictation work, scores are over 90%. Well done team!



NUMERACY

Our focus has been to refresh our understanding of whole numbers. We are reading, writing, ordering and partitioning (breaking up) large numbers and applying our understandings to the process of multiplication. As always, the speed and accuracy of our mental calculations is a little rusty at the start of the year. Our goal by the end of term is to be proficient with the 2, 3, and 4 times tables.



SCHOOL VISITORS

On Tuesday 4th February the students had a visit from Veronique and John from the Water Corporation. The students learnt about appreciating fresh water, where it comes from and how we can save it as a valuable resource. They also looked at the uses of water, the water cycle and how it's pumped from the ground.



Marc and Craig from Marcsman Technology came to the School on Thursday 13^{th} and 14^{th} Feb to update our Ipads and Virtual Reality machine whilst also fixing other IT issues we had. The children had a lot of fun trying out some new VR games.



SWIM CAMP

Students spent week 6 in Carnarvon with Mr Pete, Miss Jodie, and Miss Kenny. They attended swimming lessons every day and had many extracurricular visits to many services around town and returned full of smiles and stories. A big thanks to everyone who helped out

and made the week possible!













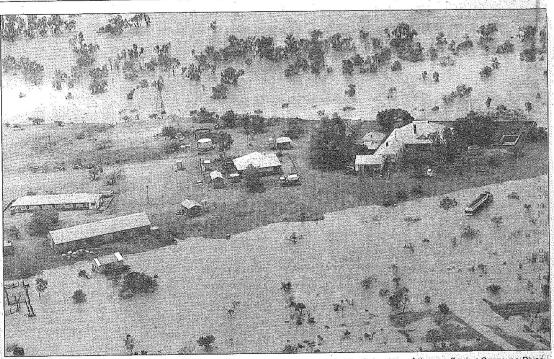




BLASTFROM **THE PAST**

THIS SEGMENT OF THE GOSSIP EXPLORES PAST ARTICLES ON NEWS AND EVENTS. THIS ARTICLE WAS ORIGINALLY **PUBLISHEDINTHE WEST AUSTRALIANIN** MARCH2000

STATE AWASH



High and dry: Jimba Jimba station, 5km west of Gascoyne Junction, is surrounded by the waters of the overflowing Gascoyne River Station owners in the region fear big losses of stock and equipment from the floods caused by cyclone Steve. PICTURES: TREVOR COLLENS

'I saw sheep carcasses in trees and floating in the water.'

6.00 evening JULY SMTWTFS

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Rising waters wipe out stock

Full damage will not be known until floods recede

Reports by George Boylen

STATION owners north of Carnaryon are recling from the effect of rain from cyclone Steve that has wiped out stock and destroyed fencing.

Water is still rising in some places and at Midalya station, 210km north of Carnarvon, dead sheep are hanging from trees and water tanks are bobbing around in the swirling river.

Doug Hearman, station manager, said he had been unable to count his stock losses but expected sheep deaths to exceed 2000.

Ruined fencing would cost thousands of dollars to replace.

"I flew over the flooded Minilya River yesterday and saw sheep carcasses in trees and floating in the water," he said.

About one-third of his 16,000

Five kilometres of new fencing completed recently had been among more than 50km of fencing destroyed.

Floodwaters rose on Wednes-day night and Mr Hearman and station workers worked feverishly to save buildings and equipment.

The water destroyed the Aboriginal centre and staff accommodation and rose to three-quarters of the height of the machinery shed walls.

A 50,000-litre concrete water tank was upended and two other tanks were floating in the river.

In a hangar, fuel drums floated

around the station's aircraft. The Hearman family have owned Midalya station since 1868. Mr Hearman said the floodwaters had been higher than any other flood since records were first kept in 1911.

At Minilya station, 140km north of Carnarvon, cattle have been stranded and water has damaged pumps, bores and solar

Ben Edmunds said the full extent of the damage would not

Pol Edmunds at Mandora station, halfway between Port Hedland and Broome, said stock was safe despite the heavy rain.

If the rain continued, it was likely helicopters would be used to shift cattle to higher ground.

Station owners in the Murchison and Pilbara have been unable to use ground vehicles or fixedwing planes to get an accurate assessment of livestock, fence and plant damage.

Jano Foulkes-Taylor at Tardie station, 80km from Yalgoo, said the rain had done little damage but the possibility of more falls was a worry.

Shearing would start in less than three weeks and more rain could kill lambs.

In the Kimberley, Steve was a

In the Kimberley, Steve was a mixed blessing with some station owners struggling with stock losses and damaged fencing but others were enjoying a good wet

Bill Henwood at Fossil Downs, 30km from Fitzroy Crossing, said it was one of the best wet seasons

in years.

He did not expect problems



G'DAY TO...

SA

Full name: Mativa Toomalatai

Nickname: Sa

Place of birth: American Samoa

Favourite food? Ice-cream!

Favourite animal? My dog George

Footy team: West Coast Eagles

Where did you grow up? Carnarvon

Why did you move to Gascoyne Junction? Lifestyle change:)

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? 2 weeks

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The scenery is beautiful, the people are lovely and the overall vibe is very relaxed!

What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne? A food festival!!! (I love to eat!)



Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all people aged 6 months and over.

Influenza vaccines are provided free through the National Immunisation Program to the following groups due to their increased risk of complications from influenza:

pregnant women

(at any stage of pregnancy)

people aged 65 years

and ove

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people

aged 6 months and over

people aged 6 months to less than 5 years

people aged 6 months & over with medical conditions

putting them at increased risk of severe influenza & complications, including:

- cardiac disease
- · chronic respiratory conditions
- · chronic neurological conditions
- · immunocompromising conditions
- · diabetes and other metabolic disorders
- renal disease
- haematological disorders
- children aged 6 months to 10 years on long term aspirin therapy.

FREE FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT THE CRC FOR ELIGIBLE PEOPLE IN
ARPIL PLEASE CALL 99430988 TO
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

\$20 FOR EVERYONE ELSE





National **Immunisation** Program

A joint Australian, State and Territory Government initiative



GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2020

8th and 9th Feb Untutored workshop -Outback wives

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7th and 8th March Jelly Roll rugs

4th – 5th April Dongara Autumn Caft Roun Tp Plad Trip

10th Apr – 27th Apr School Holidays and Eas

23rd and 24th May Basket eaving (TBC)

20th and 21st June sin keshop (IBC)

4th July - 19th July School Holicays

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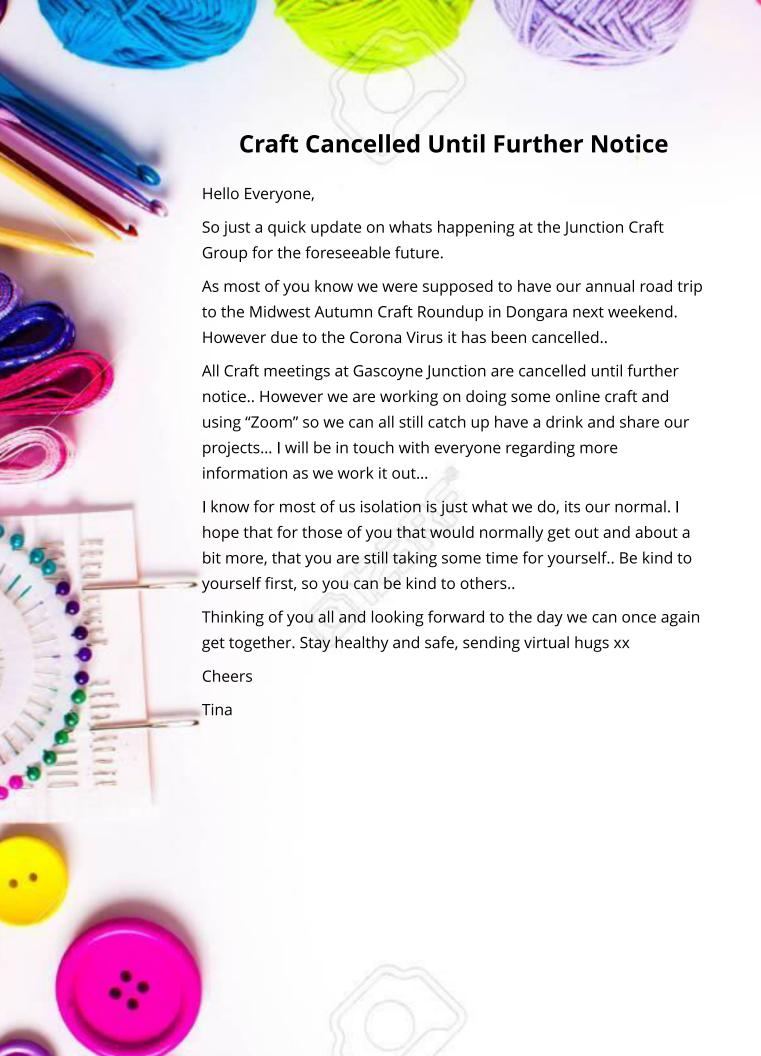
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26th School Holidays

31st t & 1st Nov Mosaic Workshop

28th and 29th Nov Christmas Craft Workshop

For any queries please contact the Secretary
Tina Matthews
junctioncraft@gmail.com
9943 0531



LIBRARY

CHECK OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR CRC LIBRARY

Did you know that the State Library has on loan to the CRC many new release books and DVD that you are able to borrow?

If you would like to use this service please contact us 9943 0988 or crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au





Due to the current climate and restrictions put in place by all three levels of government in an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19 we are very disappointed to advise that we are currently unable to offer the services of our libray until further notice.

We have found a way to help keep you reading until our normal services resume. An organisation called

"The Project STORIES FOR EVERYONE"

Offers services in the fields of Education and Culture, namely short stories, texts and images, through regular <u>FREE EMAILS</u> (newsletters).

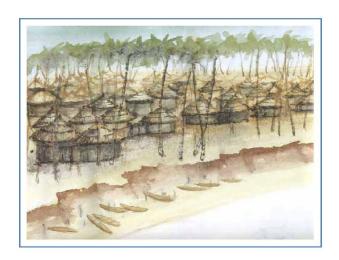
The only personal data you need to provide is your email address and in exchange you will receive free short stories delivered straight to your inbox.

The Project STORIES FOR EVERYONE consists in the sending of two weekly texts, by email and free of charge, especially aimed at children, adolescents and all those that take pleasure in reading.

To enjoy this free service please email stories4a@talestogrow.com and put the following text in the subject line:

"Yes, I am interested in the Project STORIES FOR EVERYONE."

The following short story is called "Sosu's Call"and we hope hope you enjoy it.



Sosu's Call

Somewhere on a narrow strip of land between the sea and the lagoon, there is a small village. They say it was a bigger village. But with every crash of surf on the shore, the sea claims a sliver of the village. The lagoon stretches as far as the eye can see and it swells up whenever it pleases. But being the kind mother that the people believe it is, it drains out with just as much surprise.

That is why the people of the village are often heard to say, 'The Sea will only stop when the Lagoon agrees to marry him'. Yet the people would not leave their village. The courtship between the sea and the lagoon is good for them, they say. The sea provides good fishing, while the lagoon supplies other delicacies. The soil too produces excellent vegetables for the market.

Sosu lives in the village with his parents, one sister, a younger brother, a dog and scores of chicken. Their house, like most other houses in the village, is only a stone-throw from the sea.

Most of the things he knows about the village are from the days when he was small enough to be carried around on his mother's back. That is a long time ago, when everyone fondly wished him to stand up on his legs and walk. But that did not happen.

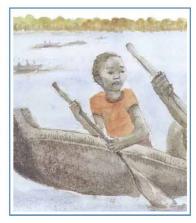
So for many years, he only saw the world from inside the house. He saw the tall coconut palms waving their fronds in the breeze, high above the roofs. He saw the sky that seemed to end nowhere, the birds that floated free, the sun and the clouds.

In the mornings he sat by the door as everybody went away. Ma and Da were the first to

go. Fafa and Bubu followed shortly as they went to school, with Fusa their dog, running after them.

The dog was always back puffing and its eyes shining with the satisfaction of having been outside! It was this more than anything else that made him envious. What good is a boy without a pair of good, strong legs?

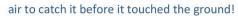
Everyone cared for him. Da particularly did everything possible to make him feel like a normal boy. He taught him to repair broken fishing nets. Then he took him in his small canoe to paddle and fish in the lagoon. But one day while fishing with Da in the lagoon, two stern looking men drew up alongside and said, 'We don't think it is wise to bring that boy of yours out here. It is unlucky enough to have the likes of him in the village. We doubt if the lagoon Spirit is pleased to have him sitting here as well! We think you must keep him in your compound'.

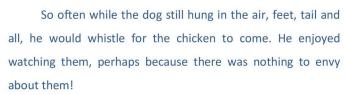


Then there was that awful night. The moon was a shiny pearl in the sky and everything was awash with its light! Even the tumbling sea had a silvery crest to its waves. So when the drums boomed and echoed, the message was clear: Come out to play! Come out! Come out to play!

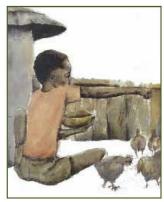
Without thinking, Sosu had dragged himself out of the compound. But while going towards the drumming in the moonlight, a girl appeared from nowhere and screamed so loudly that like flies to rotten fish, people came scurrying to the scene! Apparently, she had taken him to be a creepy spirit!

This made him feel so miserable that even Fusa tried hard to cheer him up. Whenever he was by himself and quiet, the dog would insist that they play a game. Except even that did not help. All he did was throw a corncob as far as he could. The dog then ran and leapt into the





One thing he liked to do was get lunch ready for Fafa and Bubu, when they came home from school. It meant Mama having to set everything up for him. Often while they ate, they



told him every new thing they had learnt at school. That is how he too learnt to read and write, nearly as well as they did.

In the evenings though when everybody was home, it was a different matter. It seemed then, that those with good legs should do everything. He could then very well be a new born baby or even, a spirit that had to be served by others!

But one day, all of that changed. Well, nearly. It was a Monday, so everyone was away as usual. The men were out fishing, the women were hard at work on their gardens and the children were at school in the neighbouring village.

Everything looked all right. But suddenly, Fusa became restless and began to whimper and bark. The chicken too stopped scratching, jumped onto their perch in the rafters and remained still, except their muted clucks and cackles.

Then a sudden darkness fell like a blanket across the sky! The usual lazy yawn of the sea turned into an angry howl. The coconut leaves flapped and rustled as their tops bent and swayed desperately in the wind. And now the surfs boomed and thundered as they crashed heavily against the sands!

As if that was not frightening enough, there was a loud bang! And with it, the old wooden gate shot across the yard like a massive kite! It only stopped after spinning and smashing into a wall, well away from everything!

Luckily, nobody was hurt and Sosu took a deep breath with relief. But his heart jumped, when a churning tide of water spilled halfway into the yard! The sea was already at the village!

Something had to be done. And fast. But what could he do? The only other people in the village at this time were those who were too old and frail to do anything. There were many like that in the village. Often, they were left with very young children. They could all be trapped and drowned if the sea continued to rise.

He tried to shout, but he could hardly hear his own voice! He stopped for a moment to think. There must be something useful that even he could do. But what was it? Perhaps Fusa was aware of what was going on in his mind. It has stopped the whimpering and barking in the meantime. Now it looked relaxed and there was a knowing and reassuring look in its eyes.

That was the moment Sosu got his idea. 'The drums!', he said to himself, or perhaps to the dog, loudly. It meant getting out and trying to reach the drum shed behind the chief's house. With the swirls of frothy water everywhere, that could be dangerous even for a person with good legs!

But now, he could only think of the many young children, the sick and the very old people and of the animals that were all in serious danger. The look in Fusa's eyes did not only say flat it knew where to find the drums. It also said, 'Don't be afraid. We will be all right!'

So with the dog leading the way, Sosu got out of the compound and on into the storm! The water reached to the heels of the dog and the screaming wind blew and tore at anything in its way.

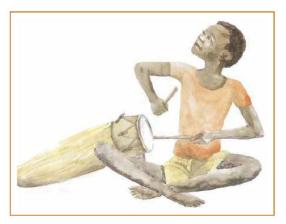
But the dog would take several cautious steps ahead, stop, turn to look assuringly at its friend and wag its tail to say, 'Come on. It's safe. Trust me. We can do it!'

And so even today, Sosu does not know where the strength came from to strengthen his weak limbs, or the courage that drove him on! Somehow, he dragged himself along, leaning into the howling wind and sloshing through churning water! Nothing happened to them and they reached the drum shed dripping wet, but safe. The shed was built on a raised platform, so it was dry inside and Fusa looked really pleased. But now as the dog stood and wagged its tail, Sosu was faced with a different problem. He had never played a real drum before and did not know how to make it talk. Again, Fusa made the first move.

As if to say 'There is no time', the dog stood up to its full height on its hind legs and scratched at a medium-size drum with its paws.

When the top of the drum tilted towards Sosu, he had to stop it from falling on top of him. After that, he took the two sticks in his hands. He struck the top of the drum with one stick, then the other. He played it slowly at first. But suddenly, the storm, the pounding waves of water, the young children, the sick, the old, the animals, the crashing fences and snapping trees, all came rushing to him like moving pictures!

So he struck the drum harder and faster until he heard it above the shrieks and howls of the wind:



belem-belen-belem! bembem-bembem-bembem!
belem-bembem-belem-belem-belem! belem-belem! belem-belem! belem-belem!

The drum was heard by those at the farthest end of the lagoon and by those working in the fields. They were aware of the storm, so they said, 'The drumming is coming from our village. This is unusual. There must be trouble there. Let's go!'

It was heard by the people in the neighbouring village. They too said, 'That drumming is from the village on the sandbar. They are in trouble. Let's go!'

So through the rain and storm, they all came rushing to the village.

And what a shock awaited them! Waves as high as roofs were pounding the village! Some compounds were so flooded that it took a number of strong men to reach them.

They worked hard, moving from compound to compound, as they searched for those who were trapped.

They said, 'We were just in time, thanks to the drummer!'

'But who was the drummer?' somebody asked.

Suddenly, one of the men said loudly. 'The boy who can't walk!'

'Oh, and his dog!' another added.

'But there was nobody at their house except the chicken in the rafters. The boy and his dog must be somewhere. Let's look for them'.

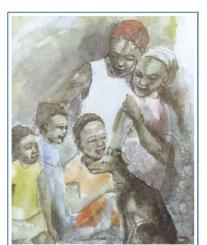
The anxious men soon found them, thanks to Fusa's sharp ears and short, excited barks!

'Here they are!', the men said excitedly, 'The brave drummer and his friend! Well done!

Well done!'

He was soon riding on strong shoulders, with Fusa leaping into the air to reach him!

That was the beginning. Everybody heard about him. The newspapers and people from the Radio and TV came all the way to the village, just to see him and talk to him! And of



course, they took many pictures of himself, his friend Fusa and his family!

He remembers being asked many questions, including why he did something so risky and silly. And when asked about what he would like the most, he remembers saying something about being able to walk and going to school! In the weeks that followed, the broken houses and fences were all rebuilt and mended. Best of all, the once dusty, bumpy street of the village was scraped to make it even and smooth and it was extended right to the front gate of Sosu's house.

Then there was the big day at the village square! There was much singing, drumming

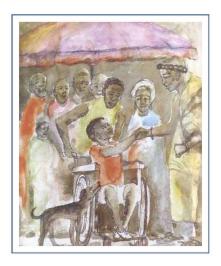
and dancing. But suddenly it stopped and the chief stood up and spoke.

'People of this good village, we are all here and happy today because of one brave, little man— and his dog!'

Before he knew what was happening, Sosu was on shoulders again! Everything else that followed was like a dream! He was carried right across the square for the people to see and cheer.

When the strong arms finally lowered him down, it was not onto the hard, dusty ground. There was a gleaming, new wheelchair in front of him and that is where they put him!

Now, he too goes to school, pushed gladly in his wheelchair by the other children of the village. He is just one of the boys of the small village, somewhere between the sea and the lagoon!



Meshack Asare *Sosu's Call* Accra, Sub-Saharan Publishers, 2007

GUSTHE GARDENGURU



Our Vegetable Patch.

When is the best time to plant vegetables and herbs?

In WA, autumn, winter and spring are the easiest times because seasonal rain does most of the watering. Summer is a testing time for us as well as our vegetables. Set up a light shade cloth cover if contemplating growing summer vegetables.

The **onion** family including regular, red or white salad onions, spring onions, chives and garlic are ideal to plant out during the cooler



months. **Beetroot, broccoli, carrots, potatoes, spinach and cabbage** are some others who love autumn and winter months.

A serious vegetable garden was once part of every home. Usually mum did the cooking in our house, and it was a cooked meal every night with a Sunday roast the meal of the week. Food allergies were virtually unknown and childhood obesity very rarely seen.

Today and we have epidemics of Western diet disasters with galloping rates of type 2 diabetes, dementia, cancers and heart disease among others. Much of our food is highly processed with lashings of sugar, salt, preservatives, colourants, fillers and much more. The nutrient density of our food is declining, livestock in many cases are grown in close proximity industrial farms where antibiotics are used to prevent catastrophic losses.



Tomatoes are the most popular and productive home garden crop in WA.

Deep planting works very well for tomatoes as they can sprout new roots along the covered stem. Choose tall plants at the garden centre. Before planting remove most of the leaves from the stem leaving roughly 4 intact at the top of the plant. Either bury the plant deep or dig a shallow trench and lay the stem at the bottom, then backfill leaving the few green leaves above soil level.

When the plant gets growing every second

shoot along the tomato stem is a flower truss, which is where the fruit comes from. To maximize your crop remove the lateral side shoots in between as these are vegetative growths, which will otherwise go on to produce new stems. The plant is programmed to put lots of energy into growing and as a result you finish up with smaller fruits of a poorer quality.





Hot cross bun pudding with chocolate.

INGREDIENTS

8 Western Star Hot Cross Buns (Traditional recipe)

Pastry layers Ingredients

2 sheets frozen butter puff pastry, thawed

Methods

 Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan forced. Place each pastry sheet on a large oven tray lined with baking paper. Cover with baking paper and weigh down with another tray. Bake for 20 minutes or until crisp and golden. Cool on a rack.

Ingredients

11/2 cups milk

11/2 cups pure cream

60g unsalted butter, chopped

2 teaspoons vanilla bean paste

²⁄₃ cup caster sugar

1/₃ cup cornflour

6 egg yolks

50g Western Star Spreadable Original 100g 70 % cocoa dark chocolate, roughly chopped 350ml Western Star Thickened Cream, plus extra, to

2 teaspoons vanilla bean paste

1 1/2 cup milk

4 eggs

2/3 cup caster sugar

60 ml orange juice

Classic Vanilla Slice with Passionfruit Icing

Icing sugar, to dust

METHOD

Grease an 8

cup-capacity round baking dish. Split buns through the centre. Spread Western Star Spreadable on each bun half and place base of buns into prepared pan. Sprinkle chocolate over buns.

Pour cream and vanilla into a saucepan and place over a medium heat for 5 minutes or until hot. Whisk milk.

eggs, sugar and orange juice in a large bowl. Add warm cream. Pour mixture through a fine sieve over bun bases. Place bun tops over bases and set aside for 15 minutes for buns to soften in the custard mixture.

Preheat oven to 180°C. Place baking dish into a large roasting pan and pour enough boiling water to come halfway up the sides of baking dish. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until the custard is just set in the centre (there will still be a slight wobble, but this will thicken on standing). Dust with icing sugar and serve with a drizzle of the extra Thickened Cream.

Methods

- Place the milk, cream, butter, vanilla and sugar in a medium saucepan. Stir over medium heat to until sugar dissolves, then bring to just below boiling point. Remove from heat
- Whisk cornflour and yolks together in a large bowl. Gradually whisk in hot milk mixture to combine. Return to saucepan and cook on medium high heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils and thickens. Boil for 2 minutes, stirring.

Line a 22cm square cake pan with 2 long strips of baking paper, allowing 2cm overhang on all sides. Trim pastry sheets to fit snugly in pan. Place 1 sheet in the base. Pour in warm custard mixture. Top with pastry sheet and press down gently. Chill for 4 hours, or until set firm.

Do you have family recipe that you would love to share with us? Send it through to us at crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au



Cabbage Rolls

INGREDIENTS CABBAGE ROLLS

- 1 green cabbage
 SAUCE
- 2 onions, chopped
- 60ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil
- 1 x 420 g (14 3/4 oz) tin condensed tomato soup
- 400ml tomato passata (pureed tomatoes)
- 1 x 400g (14 oz) tin diced Italian tomatoes
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

FILLING

- 600g (1 lb 5 oz) minced (ground) topside beef
- 2-3 cloves garlic
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 185g (1 cup) cooked long-grain rice, about 100g (1/2 cup) uncooked
- 1 onion, grated
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

METHOD:

CABBAGE ROLLS

- Core the cabbage and place in a large saucepan of cold water so that the cabbage is fully submerged
- 2. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Remove from the stovetop and allow to cool in the water
- 3. Strain when cool, separate the leaves and cut out the thick stalks with a knife

SAUCE

To make the sauce, you will need a large saucepan. Fry the onion in the oil over low heat until soft, about 20 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and simmer for 15 minutes. Taste for seasoning. Set aside until needed

FILLING

- To make the filling, put the beef in a medium-sized bowl. On a chopping board, using the back of a knife, press the garlic with the salt to form a paste. Add to the beef, along with the rice, onion and pepper. Season generously. Add the eggs and combine
- 2. To make the parcels, lay 1/4 cup of the filling in an oblong shape in the centre of a cabbage leaf. Fold in the ends and then roll up like a parcel
- 3. Place in the sauce, seam side down. Continue with all the filling and cabbage leaves, placing the rolls snugly side by side in the sauce
- Any unused or torn leaves can be rolled up and stuffed into the gaps in the pan. Make sure all the rolls are covered with sauce
- 5. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook for 3 hours, basting from time to time. If the cabbage rolls start to dry out, add more water to cover
- 6. Place in the refrigerator when cool and reheat to serve the next day

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SMOKOTIME

Mysterious Spelling

- A. Read the clues carefully. Spell an 8-letter mystery word using this set of clues.
- 1. The second and fourth letters of the mystery word are the same.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

2. The first letter of the mystery word comes alphabetically right before the seventh letter in the mystery word.



- 3. The seventh letter of the mystery word comes alphabetically just before the sixth letter in the mystery word.
- 4. The eighth letter of the mystery word is the third vowel in the alphabet.
- 5. The second letter of the mystery word is the second letter in a word that sounds like *bear*.
- 6. The seventh letter of the mystery word is the first letter in the 11th month of the year.
- 7. The fifth letter of the mystery word is the fourth letter in the second month of the year.
- 8. The third letter of the mystery word sounds like the word for a large body of water.

Movie Mix-Up

Here are the titles of some popular movies from the 1930s-1960s. How many can you unscramble and spell? Use the year and the number of words in the film title as clues. All necessary punctuation is provided.



Example: HIT ED WHEN TOWING (1939) Answer: Gone With the Wind

2. VALUABLE T	OE (Anne Baxter, 1950)
3. FAMILY YAR	D (Audrey Hepburn, 1964)
1	4. ALAS CAN CAB (Humphrey Bogart, 1942)
a	5. HER BUN (Charlton Heston, 1959)
1	6. KEEN ZITI CAN (Joseph Cotton, 1941)
	7. NAN IS INHERITING (Gene Kelly, 1952)
. THE SKELET	ON DEW (Ray Milland, 1945)
HEN CAN C	QUIET FEAR (Katharine Hepburn, 1951)

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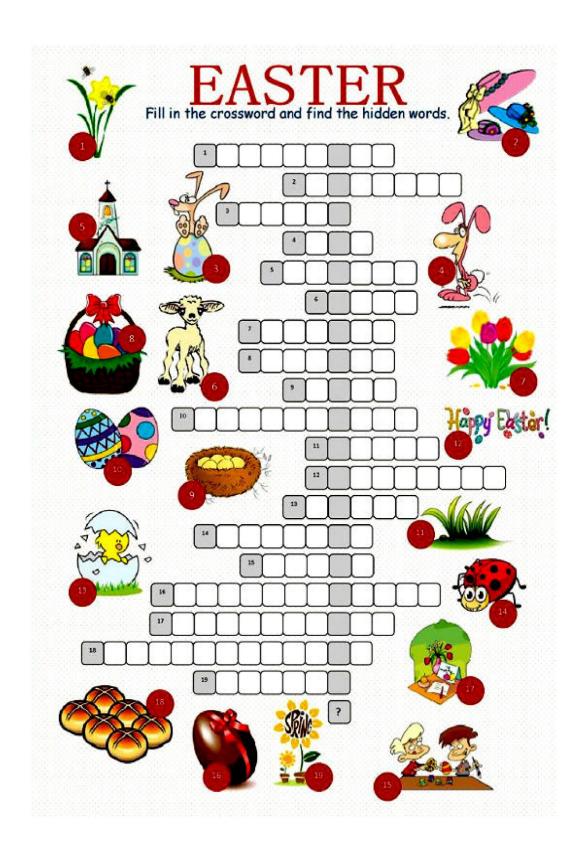
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ACROSS Kangaroo Hop 3. Picture etched into the skin with ink 4. Where you go to see animals from many lands There are many species of kangaroo 8. Masked animal you might see in your backyard throughout the grasslands of Australia, 10. Pandas eat this tall and woody grass Tasmania, and New Guinea, Some are 11. What you use to wash your hair big and some are small, but all hop to 13. What a ghost says get around. See if you can hop your way 15. Black-and-white lake bird with a mournful cry through this puzzle. All the words end in OO, just like kangaroo! 16. Caterpillar's home before it becomes a butterfly 17. Round house made from blocks of snow EXTRA FUN: We've included six DOWN animals that also have 1. A large monkey OO in their names! with a face like a dog 2. What a cow 0 Says 5. Big barnyard bird with a 0 0 long neck 6. Toy musical instrument that buzzes when you hum 0 through it 7. Sound of 0 crying 9. Bird who pops out of a clock every hour 12. Noise of a sneeze 14. A small injury

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