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New Ideas

Do you have any new ideas for The Dryblower?

We are looking for ideas, old photos, stories or poems. If you have any of the above or would like to have a regular article published in the Dryblower, please let us know. Fill in the suggestion form below and drop it in to the Cue CRC or email your ideas to us at info@cuecrc.net.au. We will take all ideas into consideration.

Suggestion Form

Name: _____

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SUGGESTION:

Cue CRC Report

Hello Cue,

Before moving onto the activities and events we have planned for 2024, I'm going to take a moment to reflect on the past 6 months of 2023 at the Cue CRC, during which we welcomed more than 2300 visitors through our doors.

The Cue CRC tries to have a diverse array of activities for our participants. In the last 6 months we have had weekly craft group meeting, Cricut Craft Workshops, Sunday Markets, Digital Skills workshops, a small Halloween event for the kids and a musical performance at the Murchison Club Hotel. We have monthly visits from Department of Transport (DOT) and quarterly visits from Regional Alliance West (RAW).

The Cue CRC's commitment to providing resources, such as guest computers and conference rooms for hire, has been well-utilised by numerous visitors seeking these convenient facilities.

December saw us doing our annual Christmas Sale and we were quite happy with the results, having an annual sale makes room for new stock in our retail section. We've already ordered lots of new stock for the new year.

Looking ahead into the next year, we aspire to introduce regular entertainment options, including regular musical performances, movie nights and games nights. While we plan to continue our usual activities, we're eager to innovate and welcome suggestions from the community. If you have any creative ideas, we encourage you to share them with us via email.

In terms of upcoming events, we're pleased to announce that the Department of Transport will be visiting on January 22nd. While no specific activities have been organized for January due to the usual heat during this period, we remain open to any spontaneous opportunities that may arise.

As we navigate into the new year, the Cue CRC remains dedicated to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community space, and we look forward to the continued support and engagement of our valued visitors.

On the following page is a list of activities that we are thinking of doing in 2024.

Julie Humphreys
Manager



ACTIVITIES 2024

Here is a list of potential activities/events that the Cue CRC is hoping to accomplish in 2024.

- * sip & paint
- * mosaic art
- * cricut craft
- * silhouette machine craft (similar to cricut craft)
- * sublimation
- * tye-dyeing
- * healthy cooking workshop
- * morning tea
- * craft group
- * soap making
- * candle making
- * book club
- * markets
- * movie nights
- * games nights
- * walking group
- * Biggest Morning Tea
- * art exhibition
- * winter - soup of the day

If anyone has anything else they would like us to do, please either give us a call or email us.

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JANUARY 26

AUSTRALIA DAY



Come celebrate our great town with
entertainment by Geoff Udy.
Food and refreshments provided by the
Shire of Cue at 6.00pm
The night concluding with fireworks
If you require any further information
please call the Shire of Cue 9963 8600.



TOWN OVAL

**START
FROM**

5.00PM



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Shire of
cue
Queen of the Murchison

A close-up photograph of a male plumber with a beard, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, focused on adjusting a modern chrome kitchen faucet. He is leaning over a stainless steel sink. The background shows a white countertop and a window with a view of greenery.

FREE Plumbing Service

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Terms & Conditions apply. Offer available until 31st May 2024



CHC News

A couple of recent trips to distant stations by invitation resulted in some great additions to the CHC displays. Some of these will be highlighted in the coming months but in the meantime please pop in to have a look at the many new items on display.

In October a milk can (or churn) was donated by Brian. It was used in the 1920s and holds 10 imperial gallons which is equivalent to 45 litres. The handles and top band were missing and no lid could be found despite searching high and low. Thank you to Phil who spent a few hours coopering a new band and forming the handles which have all been welded on. The dimensions of the CHC milk can are 61cm tall, 33cm wide and the lid opening is 23cm.

BEFORE



AFTER



Milk cans come in a variety of shapes and sizes so if anyone has a different kind they would be happy to display it would be most welcome. A milk can lid (9"/23cm) would also be very much appreciated.

Milk cans were used to transport milk and cream to factories to be processed into butter and cheese. Depending on the distance from the farmer to the factory they may have been transported by cart, dray or later in a car, truck and rail.

It was the transport by rail that brought about the conical shape of milk cans. The wide base provided greater stability and when the cans were empty, the conical shape made it easy to stack them two or three high.

Dairy farming was prominent in Cue in the 1930s - 70s with Vickery Dairy, Dairy Wells and Coodardy Station having their own herds. Vickery Dairy was the first to supply Cue. Dairy Wells, the second dairy in Cue was established by Harold and Bidy Parker in the late 1930s. They stayed until 1958 when the dairy closed.

The milk produced at Coodardy Station was used to feed their large workforce and gave excess to locals. It was scalded and the cream removed before transport. The cream was often used to make scones. See the traditional cream scone recipe on page 28.

By Sandra Box

**CUE HERITAGE
CENTRE**

You're Joking

Funny jokes to make you laugh!

I submitted 10 puns to a joke-writing competition to see if any of them made the finals. Sadly, no pun in ten did.

The only thing flat earthers have to fear...
...is sphere itself.

Did you hear the story about the claustrophobic astronaut?
He just needed some space.

Where does the sheep go to get a haircut?
The baa baa shop.

What do you call a man who can't stand?
Neil



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**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**

From the CEO

Happy New Year from all of us at the Shire of Cue. I hope you had an enjoyable festive season.

The Shire of Cue was closed for a couple of weeks over the Christmas and New Year period, and I thank the staff that worked over the break to keep the town services running.

We held some great events in December 2023. Firstly, we held the Thank a Volunteer function on Tuesday 5 December. Emmet M8 entertained the approximately 48 volunteers with an array of fabulous music and the Murchison Club Hotel provided an assortment of meats and great salads. Cr Neil Montgomery was the BBQ King, assisted by Cr Julie Humphreys and Cr Ian Dennis officiated at the ceremony. A big thank you to everyone involved.



On Saturday 9 December 2023 we held our annual Town Christmas Party. It started off at 3.30pm with Bouncy Castles and Water Slide in the park for the Children and then progressed to the Shire Hall at 5.30pm where over 100 attendees enjoyed the rest of the festivities. The Cue Primary School held their end of year presentations and with the help of Pastor Geoff Van Schie sang some Christmas carols to the audience. Everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner and then Santa Claus arrived in the Cue Volunteer Fire Truck and giving out lots of presents kindly donated by Westgold Resources. We wish to thank everyone for coming and making it a night to remember. Also, a big thank you to the Staff who made the event a brilliant success.



Thank you for all the entries in the Christmas Light Competition. An outstanding amount of work had gone into the displays and it's a real credit to all the houses involved. It was a tough decision for the Councillors, but they have picked the 2023 winners as follows:

1st Prize \$400.00 - Kelli Young
2nd Prize \$300.00 – Jim Jones & Leonie Fitzpatrick
3rd Prize \$200.00 – Savannah McIntosh
Encouragement Prize \$100.00 – Lee Braithwaite

Australia Day 2024 celebrations are planned to be bigger and better this year, building on the success of our previous years. Held at the Town Oval, we will have activities commencing at 4.30pm on the oval. Presentation of the awards will commence at 6.00pm followed by dinner. The evening will finish with a spectacular display of fireworks. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Shire working in conjunction with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services will be undertaking fire break works around Cue town site. Owners and occupiers of land are reminded of their obligations to clear and maintain fire breaks over the summer months. The summer months are also a time of storms and cyclones. Residents are also reminded to clean up and remove any unwanted or loose items from their property that could cause damage in a storm. Larger items can be collected by contacting the Manager of Works and Services to make arrangements.

Dog owners are reminded of their obligations to keep their dogs contained within the boundaries of their property or on a leash while walking. Please be considerate of others as it can be quite confronting to be approached by an unknown dog while out walking. The Shire Ranger visits the area frequently and will take action against unrestrained dogs in public places. This may result in a financial penalty to the owner. The only authorised area within the townsite where dogs are permitted to be exercised off-leash is the town oval. It is your responsibility to control and look after your pets.

Mosquito fogging operations are being undertaken when weather conditions allow. Residents are asked to check their properties and remove any potential mosquito breeding areas, by emptying containers holding water, ensuring gutters are not holding water and checking yards for areas that hold water.

There are still a number of Shire roads waiting for repair works to commence. Road users are asked to take care when travelling, particularly at flood crossings. Please drive to the road conditions and observe any traffic directions. Road Condition Reports are available on the Shire of Cue's website, the Public Notice board and on our Facebook page.

Upcoming events:

- Friday 26 January 2024 – Australia Day

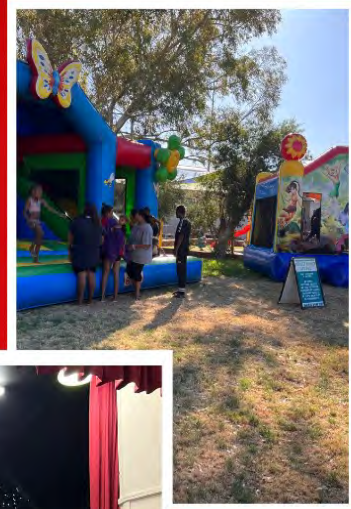
Richard Towell
Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Cue

Electors Meeting – 5.30pm Monday 12 February 2023

Next Ordinary Council meeting – 6.00pm Tuesday 20 February 2024

Christmas

MOMENT 2023



Wonderful afternoon celebrating the Community Christmas Party. It was good to see all the children with smiles on their faces. We would like to say a big thank you to the Cue Primary School, Midwest Bounce and Fun and WestGold for their contributions.

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Council News

Welcome 'Dryblower' Readers to the start of the 2024 Year. It is hoped that this will be a positive and productive year for all.

This is the first opportunity I have had since becoming President of the Shire of Cue to contribute to the 'Dryblower' and hope this will be one of many contributions during the busy year ahead.

The October 2023 Elections saw four Councillors coming up for re-election and then having to face the electors of Cue. Long time Councillor and President of the previous Council, Mr Ross Pigdon decided not to seek re-election. During his time on Council Ross served the Community of Cue with distinction. He was first elected in 1999 and served for 6 years as Deputy President after which time he took a sabbatical and resigned from Council. Ross re-nominated for Council in 2015 and served a further 8 years as President. Serving on Council is a commitment which often goes unnoticed by the public in general. Council thanks Ross for his dedication to the role and sincere thanks also must go to Ross's wife Pixie, for without the support of a partner on the home front the job of Councillor and President is made just that little bit more difficult. Thanks Pix!

Ross oversaw considerable activity during his time as President working closely with former CEO Mr. Rob Madson and current Ceo Mr. Richard Towell. Projects included the restoration of the old Post Office up at the very attractive and unique Government Buildings, in which the Cue Community Resource Centre (CRC) now calls home, the Railway Station refurbishment, the West Australian Bank (and former Bank of New South Wales) upgrade, and the Water Corporation's upgrade of the Cue water supply. Water Corporation has committed further \$5M to replace the existing water pipelines to the town. Ross has been a longtime advocate for improving the Cue water supply and it was fitting to see this project completed during his Presidency. The refurbishment of the Cue Masonic Lodge was always of keen interest to Ross, and it was important to see the Shire repurchase the building from the National Trust in 2023. Plans are underway to bring life back into one of the most unique buildings in WA. We thank Glenn Boyes, Deputy CEO for his tireless efforts and successful outcome. Ross also represented Cue on the Murchison Regional Vermin Council ('MRVC') which successfully completed the vermin cell fence with financial assistance from the Federal Government, State Government and the 5 Regional Local Governments involved in the 'MRVC'. Over time, some 1,007kms have been completed with the cell enclosing fifty-two pastoral stations. The purpose of the cell was to eradicate wild dogs over time with a view to enabling pastoralists to return to small livestock production. Whether that opportunity presents itself in the future is a question of time. We live in hope!

A lot of Council work is undertaken behind the scenes but always with a view to conducting the wishes of the community in line with the Strategic Community Plan, and budget permitting of course. For these reasons we owe Ross a debt of gratitude for his undying efforts during his time when serving on Council for the community of Cue.

The Council election centred on four vacancies and as luck would have it, we saw four nominations therefore, Councillors were elected unopposed. Council and the Administration welcomed Cue Primary School Headmaster, Mr Neil Montgomery as a first time Councillor with the Shire of Cue. Neil's knowledge of local issues and his connection to the school children and their families will provide Council with a further insight into the needs of the Community.

The Council is active in many areas of Local Government with each Councillor undertaking various roles and responsibilities on Committees ranging from Main Roads WA, Local Emergency Management, Bush Fire Advisory, Murchison Regional Vermin Council duties, Mid-West and Wheatbelt Development Assessment Panel and representation on the Murchison Country Zone of the Western Australian Local Government Association ('WALGA'). I thank Councillors for nominating for these important Community roles.

I encourage all ratepayers, residents, and the community of Cue to get behind and support your Councillors. They have taken the opportunity to represent you, so your input is valued. Take the time to communicate and learn what is happening within the Shire. Make the time to attend Council meetings and be a part of question time at these meetings. By doing this Council and the Administration will better understand the needs of the Community.

Council continues to support the 'CRC' and it is pleasing to see the progress that has been made over the last few years. Thanks must go to Julie, Sandra, Naydene, Katrina, and Renata for their efforts in promoting the CRC and the town of Cue with its rich mining and agricultural history. A visit to the retail shop will surprise you with what is available to purchase. The range of products available is extensive and very affordable. While in the shop take time to read the history of Cue and its surrounding towns of Big Bell, Day Dawn, Tuckanarra, Cuddingwarra and other nearby townsites.

Council has also supported the development of the Cue Heritage Centre at the rear of the CRC. Former Cue CRC employee, Jenni Dennis and Sandra Box have done a magnificent job in bringing 'old time life' to the many visitors who enter the building. The Centre is well stocked and is well worth the time to explore the people, characters and times that have gone before us.

January 2024 will see the CRC erect a well-planned 7m x 7m gazebo at the rear of the CRC building. I am certain that the gazebo will be a major asset to the Shire with financial support from Council enabling the CRC to plan and complete this project. Thanks must go to CRC Chairperson Catherine Willett and CRC Manager (and Shire Cr) Julie Humphreys for their work in bringing this project to fruition. I am certain that visitors and locals will enjoy simply relaxing in the gazebo while having a coffee. Then of course, there will be many official functions coming up for which the gazebo will be put to good use.

Council is also very mindful the role our mining companies play and the significant footprint they collectively have within the Shire. Council focuses on promoting responsible development, and engagement with and from our mining businesses is crucial in that process. Westgold Resources Ltd, Evolution Mining Ltd and Gardner Mining Pty Ltd are to be recognised for the generous support they have provided to the Community from time to time. It is always pleasing to see these companies and others play their role in promoting good corporate citizenship.

Since the October Council elections, I have been approached by several media outlets to do interviews about Cue and what has been happening within the Shire. I take every opportunity to promote our town and what it has to offer. What did attract both metropolitan and regional media was Cue winning the 'Best Tap Water Competition' in WA and for this, thanks must go to Steve Greaves, John Darcy, and the team at Water Corporation for their significant investment in a new and advanced water treatment plant in the town. Winning the State competition enabled Cue to represent WA at the national level which was held in Victoria. Tasmania took off first prize and they now represent Australia in the international competition.

There is a lot of interest in what is the future for the administration office building at the Great Fingall Mine. Whilst the building needs some serious maintenance, it is nonetheless a building of historical importance for both the mining sector and the town of Cue. To move such a building from the precipice of the Great Fingall Mine and relocate it in the townsite is beyond the financial means of the Shire. Council is always mindful of preserving our historic buildings and we welcome any opportunity to discuss an economical way forward with all levels of Government and the mining sector who, for many years have been the beneficiary of the wealth gold mining delivers. Council understands mining is capital intensive, but the rewards are there for those who accept the challenge.

On a sad note, the 2024 year did not get off to a good start as we now learn of the sudden and unexpected passing of Rodney Dongara. On behalf of all Councillors, I offer our sincere condolences to Dianne and the family for their sad loss. Rodney was a quiet and reserved person who was well liked and respected by all those who encountered him. His beaming smile will be missed around town.

Well, that is about it from me, and I hope the 2024 year brings you the best of luck and happiness.



Shire President
Cr Les Price



REST IN
Peace



Rodney Dongara

The Cue CRC wish to send our condolences to
Rodney's family & friends.



2024 New Year Stargazing!

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

2024 will bring a 'cosmic treasure trove' of stunning astro events throughout the year. We can look forward to more amazing meteor showers, a special line-up of planets, Super Moons and more!

To bring in the new year, January has two lovely conjunctions to look for, starting with brilliant Venus sitting only 5 degrees from the thin slither of the Moon. The time is 45mins before dawn on the 9th, looking to the east. This is followed by a stunning meeting of the half moon and Jupiter in the evening sky on the 18th.

For constellations, Orion the Hunter is a famous summer constellation and is up in the early evening to see now. First thing in the evening, look directly to the east. The brightest star you'll see is Sirius. Directly to the left of Sirius is what is often referred to as the "Saucepan". The "Saucepan" is part of the Orion constellation. There are three bright stars in a fairly straight line that make up the base of the saucepan and a handle sticks out at the top right.

Orion has been known since ancient times. In Greek mythology, Orion is a hunter. His image is upside down in the southern hemisphere! The three bright stars of the base are Orion's belt, and the handle is his sword.

And how about looking at some galaxies! The Large and Small Magellanic Clouds (sometimes abbreviated to LMC and SMC!) are galaxies outside of our own Milky Way Galaxy and form a stunning spectacle. From Earth, they look like two faint clouds in the southern night sky. We are super lucky here downunder as they are only seen from the Southern Hemisphere.

The best time to see the Magellanic Clouds is when there's no moonlight. Look to the south from 8.00pm, between 10–15th January.

Pop these dates into your cosmic diary and have a star-filled New Year!

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

Centre for
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Invitation to User Research Sessions with Centre for Inclusive Design & Australian Digital Health Agency for Community Members

Centre for Inclusive Design (CfID) is working with the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) to research improving access to pathology reports through the online platform, My Health Record, available via myGov. We are looking to hear feedback from the community regarding this.

The government is changing how information is shared to My Health Records, allowing people faster access to their health records without the previous 7-day delay. ADHA has engaged CfID to ensure that this change doesn't negatively affect people who will likely be impacted the most.

We are currently looking for people in **regional/remote/rural areas** who would like to provide feedback on the above in an online 2-hour workshop with lived experiences of being **65 years and older and/or who speak English as a second language**.

Workshops will be conducted both online (via Zoom) between the 3rd of November – 23rd of November 2023. Each workshop will have no more than 6 to 8 participants, with 2 facilitators from the CfID research team, and will be 2 hours long. As a thank you from us, participants will receive a \$100 Visa gift card (option for digital or physical).

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gabriela Martin at ux@cfid.org.au



Happy New Year from Westgold Resources

Each year, Westgold invests in community projects through partnerships, sponsorships, and donations that improve the livelihoods or lifestyles of local community members.

In 2023, we focused on local employment, education, youth development, and community events that bring people together.

A highlight has been our sponsorship of breakfast programs at Cue and Meekatharra schools. The program catered to students from kindergarten to year 12 and has supported an increase in attendance at both schools.

Westgold also continued to fund the Pool for School program in Meekatharra and supported youth activities such as the Cue Youth Centre and the Murchison Marlu Junior Football League. For the footy, our support ensures children across the region have access to competitive sport in a safe and fun environment that promotes an active lifestyle.

Support for community events included NAIDOC Week, Meekatharra Outback Festival, Easter events in Cue and Meekatharra, and Christmas celebrations.

We are also a major supporter of Teach Learn Grow, which made two visits to the region's schools, and are a proud major sponsor of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

In addition to providing funding and investment, in FY23 Westgold completed the construction of a bypass haulage road connecting the Cue-Wondinong and Miners Pass Roads, allowing road trains to bypass the Cue townsite. It is anticipated this bypass haulage road will reduce the number of vehicles travelling through the townsite, thus improving safety for pedestrians and other motorists.

In 2024, we will continue to develop positive relationships across the region, working closely with community organisations to deliver jobs and better social outcomes. A career awareness program for schools and a traineeship program are just some of the new initiatives being developed.

Peter Foster MLC

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Auraria: Part 1

A fictitious story of a small gold mining town in the Western Australian outback.

Tucked away in the arid outback of Western Australia there was a small town called Auraria. This forgotten outpost held a secret within the red earth, a secret waiting patiently to be uncovered by those who dared to venture into the sun scorched town in the heart of the Western Australian outback.

In the late 19th century news of a gold rush in this small Western Australian outpost spread like wildfire throughout the world, reaching countless fortune seekers from every corner of the globe. Auraria echoed with the hopes and dreams and determination of the prospector's pickaxes striking against rock.

Prospectors, lured by the promise of unimaginable wealth, embarked on arduous journeys to this arid land. They rode on horseback, traversed on foot, and even braved the harsh terrain on the backs of camels. Their destination: Auraria, a place that whispered of golden dreams beneath the searing sun.

As prospectors began to arrive, the town of Auraria began to expand with numerous crude dwellings being erected. Tents rising from the red dusty earth, forming a community of pioneers with dreams as vast as the desert that surrounded the town. The unrelenting sun cast long shadows over the hopeful faces that gathered in the remote outpost.

Among the seekers was a man named Jack O'Reilly. Armed with nothing but a rusty pickaxe and a spirit unbroken by the harshness of the outback, he set out in search of the elusive treasure hidden beneath the red soil. His calloused hands, weathered by the relentless sun and unforgiving earth, bore witness to the countless hours he spent chipping away at the ground.

Little did Jack know that his destiny and that of Auraria were about to collide in a crescendo of dreams and discovery.

Look for the next part of the story in the February Dryblower.

“Be yourself,
everyone else
is taken.”



Traditional Cream Scones

INGREDIENTS

2 cups SR flour, sifted

1 tablespoon baking powder

1/3 cup cold butter cut into small pieces

1/4 cup white sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup heavy cream

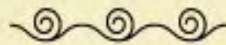
1 tbs cream for brushing the tops

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200C. Line a large baking tray with baking paper or a silicone baking mat. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl whisk together flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Cut in the butter using a pastry blender or your fingers. Alternatively, you can pulse the ingredients in a food processor. Mix until mixture resembles breadcrumbs and there are uneven pieces of butter throughout.
3. Add most of the cup of thickened cream leaving a bit for adding if needed. Add vanilla extract and stir with a spatula or fork until dough begins to form. If dough is too crumbly add more cream as needed - up to 1 cup in total. Don't overmix.
4. Transfer dough to a floured surface and knead gently, about 5-6 times, until a ball forms.
5. Pat dough into a 20x15cm rectangle about 2cm thick. Using a 6.5 cm biscuit cutter, cut out 6 rounds. Press the leftover dough into another 2cm thick piece and repeat the process to get 2-3 more rounds.
6. Place scones on prepared baking tray. Brush the tops with cream and sprinkle with sugar if desired. Bake for 15-18 minutes until golden brown. Transfer baking tray to a wire rack and allow to cool for 10 minutes. While scones are still hot, sprinkle again with sugar for extra crunchiness if desired.

These scones are delicious either warm or at room temperature. Scones are best eaten the same day they are made but can be frozen for up to 1 month. If you want to serve them warm, reheat in the oven before serving.



Watermelon & Feta Salad

INGREDIENTS

6 cups of watermelon — cubed
1/2 red onion — chopped
1/2 cup feta cheese—crumbled
1/3 cup mint leaves — chopped


DIRECTIONS


Combine all ingredients into a large salad bowl. Stir until well combined.

NOTES

I love watermelon salad...it is so easy to make, with just a few ingredients. When I make it at home I don't include the mint leaves (I'm not a fan of the minty taste) and I prefer spring onion to red onion. It all comes down to personal choice. I also cut the spring onion with scissors and buy a pre-crumbled feta. I hope you enjoy this simple recipe.

- Julie Humphreys -

 PREP TIME : 10 MINS

 COOK TIME : 0 MINS



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January 2024

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Tuesday 23rd*

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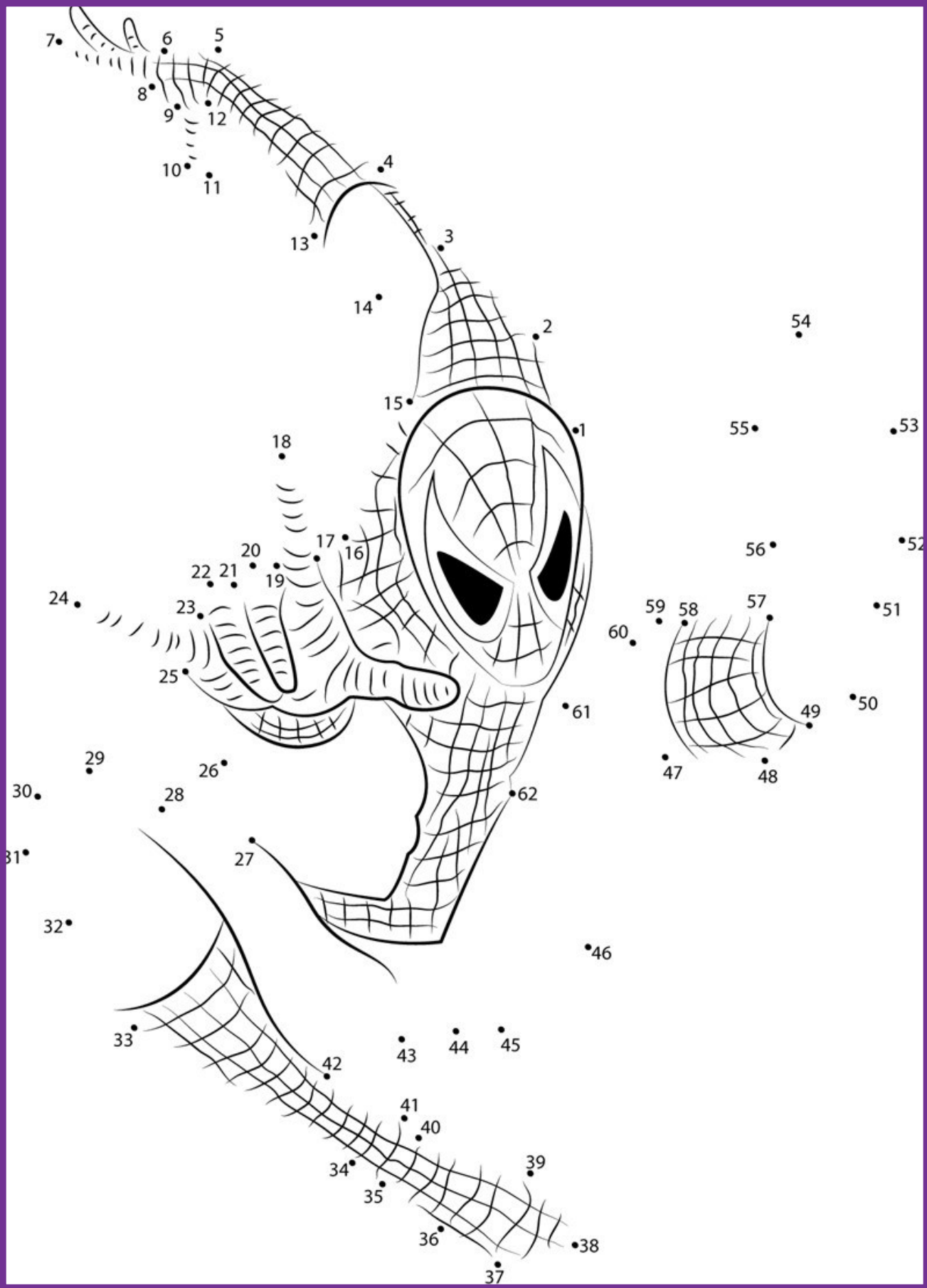
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KIDS PAGES





LOGIC PUZZLE

		names					orders					dance styles				
		Bessie	Judith	Melissa	Tara	Verna	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	6th	charleston	foxtrot	hustle	lindy	samba
points	184															
	187															
	190															
	193															
	196															
dance style	charleston															
	foxtrot															
	hustle															
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	6th															

CLUES

1. The person that scored 196 points didn't perform the foxtrot.
2. The dancer who performed 4th scored 6 points lower than Tara.
3. Judith scored 196 points and didn't perform the lindy.
4. Of the person that scored 190 points & Bessie, one came 4th and the other performed the Charleston.
5. Melissa performed the samba.
6. Neither Melissa nor the dancer who scored 193 points was the dancer who came 6th.
7. Verna didn't come 2nd.
8. Melissa scored 3 points lower than the person who came 3rd.
9. The dancer who did the foxtrot scored higher than the person who came 4th.

SUDOKU

1.

		9	1			6		
		1		4	9			
8			6					
	8	4				9		
2				5				
	7			2	3			
4								1
			5				2	
7	1	3					6	9

2.

		8	3			7	4	
6				2			5	8
	3							
	2						9	5
				5				
7			4					
				6	8			9
1								
			9		5	4	6	

DECEMBER ANSWERS

LOGIC PUZZLE

wages	names	allergies	beer
\$59,000	Brayden	grass	dark lager
\$70,000	Sawyer	peanuts	bitter
\$75,000	Sadie	milk	pale lager
\$161,000	Miranda	pollen	stout
\$216,000	Fiona	dust	pale ale

SUDOKU PUZZLE

1.

6	9	7	4	8	5	3	2	1
8	1	4	2	6	3	5	9	7
5	3	2	7	9	1	8	4	6
2	7	6	3	1	4	9	8	5
1	5	3	8	2	9	6	7	4
9	4	8	6	5	7	2	1	3
7	2	9	5	4	6	1	3	8
3	8	5	1	7	2	4	6	9
4	6	1	9	3	8	7	5	2

2.

9	8	1	6	7	5	3	2	4
4	2	6	9	3	1	5	7	8
7	3	5	4	2	8	6	9	1
2	4	8	7	9	6	1	5	3
5	7	3	2	1	4	8	6	9
1	6	9	8	5	3	7	4	2
8	9	4	3	6	7	2	1	5
3	5	7	1	4	2	9	8	6
6	1	2	5	8	9	4	3	7

JANUARY

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Years Day					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		RFDS				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	DOT	RFDS			Australia Day	
28	29	30	31			



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