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DATES Monthly: 5 Feb / 11 Mar / 8 Apr / 6 May

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TIME Doors open at 7pm for prompt 7:30pm start



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Connolly Residents' Association Inc

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First of all may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and happy 2024. I hope that you all had an enjoyable festive season and are ready for the new year.

The Connolly Residents' Association's AGM is being held on 5th February at 7:30pm in the Community Centre and I extend a warm welcome to everyone to attend. This presents a great opportunity to meet with like-minded residents who are passionate about this great suburb we live in. Whether you just observe proceedings, have ideas or concerns that you would like to voice, the meeting provides an ideal platform. Councillors Nige Jones and Daniel Kingston generally come along and are more than willing to discuss matters pertinent to the City of Joondalup.

The CRA committee worked very hard to build great community spirit through the various events that we staged in 2023 and remain committed to engaging with the community in 2024. Support for our events is always greatly appreciated but we were especially delighted with

the response to our first ever **"Christmas Party"** for Connolly families. See the feature inside to see how much fun and enjoyment was had by those who attended.

The **Christmas lights competition** was also received positively and the recipient of a \$200 voucher courtesy of HKY is featured later in this issue. Thank you to all those who entered, better luck next year.

Joondalup Resort is, once again, hosting the **City of Joondalup Valentine's Concert** on Thursday 8th February. Tickets for what promises to be an evening of great music celebrating 25 years of the City are on sale through their website. This is always a wonderful occasion and one not to be missed.



Adrian Elam
Chairman

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Pallets

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Sand or soil

Note: Branches over 150mm in diameter must be cut into 300mm lengths.

More info: joondalup.wa.gov.au/kb/resident/green-waste-verge-collection



CRA MEMBERS THANK YOU PARTY

On December 4, the Connolly Residents Association members gathered for the annual end-of-year thank you party.

It was a great night with several highlights and presentations. Kevin Rafferty and Rosemary Landwehr from St Vincent De Paul (Vinnies) dropped in to accept the boxes of nonperishable food kindly donated by CRA members.

They expressed their sincere thanks and spoke of the hardship many families face over Christmas. Retired councillor Tom McLean and retiring Connolly Primary School Principal David Womersley were recognised for their work on behalf of the Connolly community. Both were awarded a small gift to show the CRA's appreciation for their efforts and support.

One of Connolly's longest-standing CRA members, Brian Richardson, was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Residents Association. It was a fitting recognition for the outstanding work and tireless hours Brian has committed to Connolly over many decades. His contribution has certainly helped make Connolly the great suburb we all enjoy today.

A big thank you also went to the current committee members (pictured bottom). All the events throughout 2023 wouldn't have been possible without their dedication to our suburb and the residents.



– Adrian Elam



CHRISTMAS IN CONNOLLY

What would December be without our very own Christmas Party?! In December, the CRA held its first Family Christmas Party. With over 100 people in attendance and our pre-booking sold out, we are confident to say we found a perfect event to strengthen our sense of community.

The party was held at Connolly Primary School, with the undercover area decorated for the occasion. Tinsels, balloons and our very own Santa's grotto transformed the room for the delight of children and adults alike.

To entertain the younger ones, we had two face painters – our own young Connolly resident **Eliana Chester** made her professional debut, joined by expert in the field Emily from **All About That Face WA**. Karen from **The Fairy Pop**

Fun Foods was busy serving snow cones, popcorn, fairy floss and other treats to keep those smiles on the children's faces!

The Shuggs, our lovely local band delighted us with live music, games and were on cue to introduce our special visitor from the North Pole, the one and only Santa!

Santa took place in his grotto and with the help of his elves and generous local business **Connolly Plumbing, Gas & Drainage**, he delivered presents for every child in the room.

Dancing, smiling and laughing were seen and heard and we are all very proud of this fantastic event.

– Maureen Butterworth



HKY Christmas Lights Competition Winner

Declan & Peyton entered 1 Prairie Dunes, Connolly on behalf of their nonna, Alba Vanderburg. They were over the moon when they heard that they had won, and Nonna has promised them some nice treats during the school holidays! The picture shows Adrian presenting Alba, Peyton and Declan with their \$200 prize and some of the decorations that formed part of Alba's light display.

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Chenille Honeymyrtle on limestone ridge, Pine Valley Pass Reserve, Connolly (Don Poynton)



Domino Cuckoo Bee on Chenille Honeymyrtle (Andrew Shaw)

TIC(K) FOR TEC

In November, the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, agreed to nationally list the Honeymyrtle shrubland on limestone ridges of the Swan Coastal Plain Bioregion as a threatened ecological community (TEC) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

This rare ecological community occurs in relatively small areas, with fewer than 100 known patches, totalling 200 ha in area. It is a unique assemblage of plants, animals and other organisms associated with a warm temperate shrubland dominated by *Melaleuca huegelii* (chenille honeymyrtle), *Melaleuca systema* (coastal honeymyrtle), and/or *Banksia sessilis* (parrot bush). It only occurs on limestone ridgetops and ridge slopes scattered north and south of Perth.

In Connolly, Pine Valley Pass Reserve, is a prime example of Honeymyrtle shrubland on a limestone ridge as it contains all the listed diagnostic species.

The TEC has been listed as 'Critically Endangered'. Through this listing, all the plants and animals that make up this unique ecological community have been identified for protection as a Matter of National Environmental Significance (MNES). The ecological community will now be considered during development approval processes to avoid or mitigate significant impacts and become a potential target for national funding for research, threat abatement and recovery.

– Don Poynton



Brian receives recognition for 3+ decades of commitment to Connolly

“At the members thank you party, I was awarded this Honor, and unlike me as I did not see it coming, I was lost for words.

So, I would like to say a few now as a **thank you to all the Connolly Residents and current Committee that make this the best suburb in Western Australia to live in.**

It is not by accident that Connolly is great – over the last 33 years it has taken a lot of hard work by residents to get to this point and keep it there. There are not many of us old timers around now and what makes me very happy is to see the younger members of the suburb putting their hands up to join the Management committee and witness their devotion and hard work bringing new skills and ideas to see us through to the future.

Thank you, the last 33 years have not been in vain.”

– *Brian Richardson*



Did you know we have a Little Free Library in our beautiful suburb?

Located on the footpath of Fairway Park, just off Cherry Hills Crescent, you can take or leave your books for all our neighbours to read.

The Connolly Residents Association is offering to fund another Library for the west side of Connolly. If you have space and would be happy to house the library on your property front, please email info@connollywa.org.au.



PICK UP A NATURE PASSPORT

The City of Joondalup Nature Passport activity booklet highlights nature playgrounds, green open spaces, wetlands and other nature-rich locations in the City of Joondalup.

The Nature Passport is a fantastic tool to get active in your local area, support family time outdoors, promote social connection and inspire lifelong behaviours and attitudes towards natural areas.

Nature Passports are available at all City of Joondalup Libraries and the Customer Service Centre (Boas Ave, Joondalup).

Enjoy your adventures!

Do you have

Community News
to share?

Do you have a feel-good story to share about yourself or someone you know from our local community? We would love to hear from you. You can also send through any Connolly photos to potentially be used as the cover image.

Please email info@connollywa.org.au for your chance to be featured in the next edition of the Connolly Links! Thank you.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Have you ever watched the TV program 'Who do you think you are?' and wondered who you might be? On a recent (and very boring) flight to the UK, I ended up binge watching a whole series of this genealogy program, and I have to say it sparked my interest.

As a funeral celebrant, it is my privilege to take a unique glimpse into a stranger's life and tell the story of who they were. But I only scratch the surface of their ancestry, and I am forever fascinated as to what shaped them to become the people they were.

Of course, in this online world, so much of our past is easily accessible at the touch of a keyboard, (and a generous subscription cost), but you also have to want to dig a little deeper, to find out not only who your ancestors were but what and who made them that way.

Sadly, I have to report I'm not related to Royalty unlike a certain Josh Widdicombe was in the recent TV series (google him, and he has a suspicious resemblance to his ancestor Henry VIII!), but there are many things we can discover if we just dive into this vast treasure trove of history. Like my great great grandmother Alice Marples,

who in 1896 was sent to Wakefield Prison for 28 days for the use of obscene language in a public place! I can only imagine she was provoked!

Or to find out that my great uncle and my great aunt shared the same surname **before** they were married!

Many modern records are still sealed for personal protection, but the older the archives the more fascinating the differences are between their lives at the time and our lives now. And you don't have to be a family-tree expert, Joondalup library hold sessions twice a week with free access to online tools, as well as having a purpose-built Local History area on the lower ground floor.

So, who do you think you are? And are you really willing to find out?

– Jo Crofts

Genie Exchange

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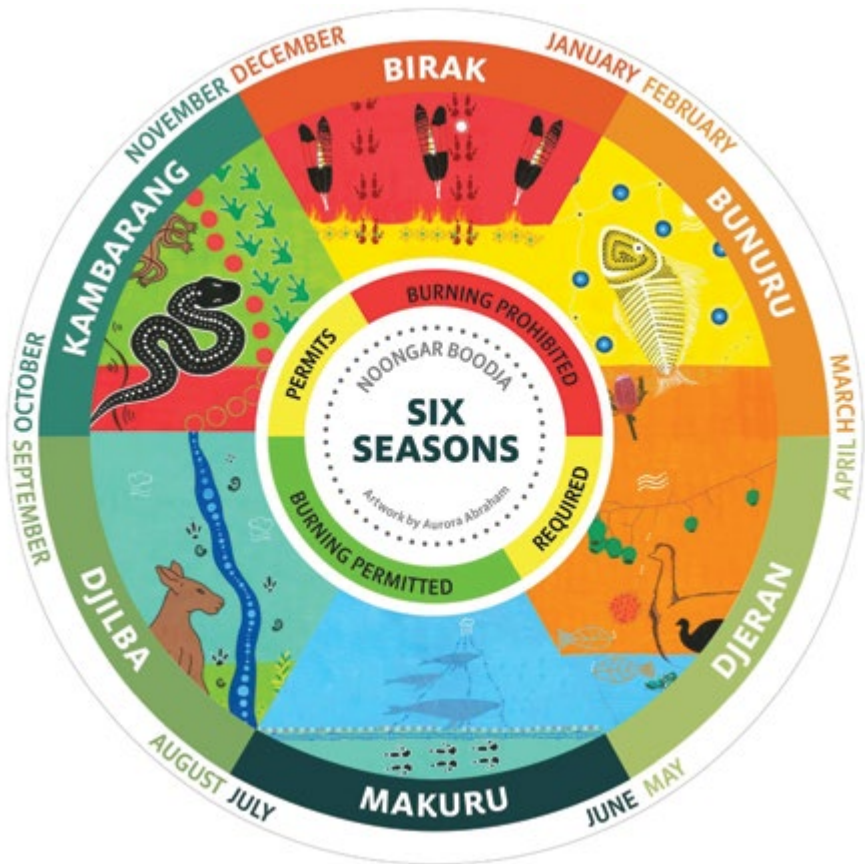
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BUNURU (FEBRUARY – MARCH)

Bunuru is the hottest time of the year with little to no rain. Hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons if you're close to the coast.

Therefore, traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers and estuaries. Because of this, freshwater foods and seafood made up major parts of the diet during this time of year.

Bunuru is also a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums. Another striking flower that is hard to go past is the female Zamia (*Macrozamia riedlei*). Being much larger than that of its male counterpart, the huge cones emerge from the centre of the plant with masses of a cotton wool like substance.

As the hot, dry weather continues the seed upon the cones change from green to bright red, indicating they're ripening and becoming more attractive to animals, particularly the emu, that will eat the toxic fleshy outer.



Blue Fairy Wrens



Simon from Rewild



Carnaby Cockatoo



Boobook Owl



CARNABY RESERVE SUMMER 23-24

In November, the CoJ in conjunction with Rewild and NRM hosted an afternoon of appreciation for our local birds with the option to assemble pre-prepared nesting boxes.

Six were painted on completion, four small and two large, one of which the Friends Group of Carnaby Reserve was fortunate to acquire.

We will decide together with Sophie and Paul from the Natural Areas team where to place it in the Reserve.

The photographs show Simon from Rewild explaining how to assemble the nesting box, the group of ladies I joined and the finished painted box.

The other four photographs show some of the birds we regularly see... feeding, nesting and roosting. Male and female Blue Fairy Wren. Boobook Owl and Carnaby cockatoo in our native Christmas tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*).

I would like to acknowledge the many hours of weeding and watering carried out by the Friends group again this year. Thanks go to Robyn, Jacquie, Anne, Kaye and Don without whom the Reserve wouldn't look and be as healthy as it is. Thanks too, the local residents for their encouragement and compliments when we are working!

Please contact Ann on 0412 774 108 or Robyn on 0431 862 091 for enquiries or for information about volunteering.

– Ann Clarke





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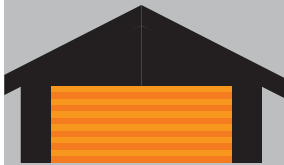
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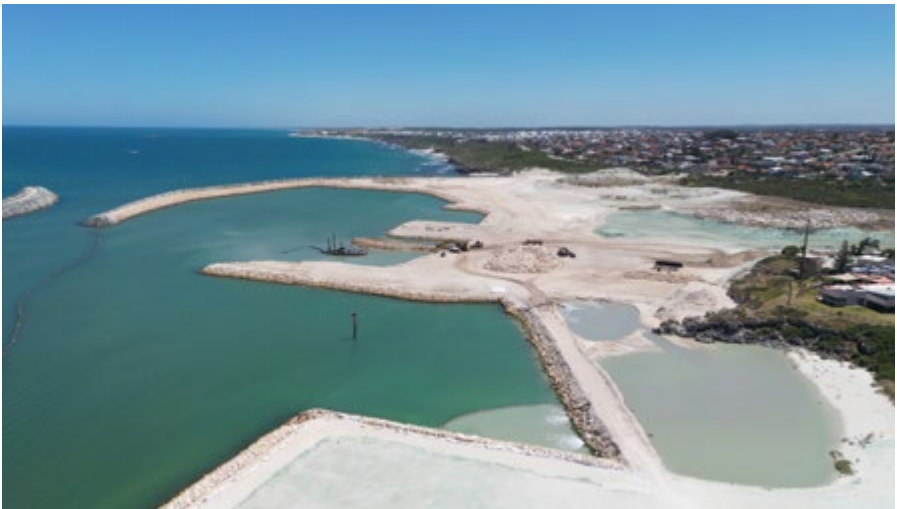
Have you joined the local Facebook group: *Community Gifting Ocean Reef/Connolly, WA?*

It's a hyper-local group that supports the act of sharing and giving, all while forming better relationships with our neighbours. You can post items that you are wanting to pass on, and also gather some free treasures in return! Simply search for the group on Facebook and request to join.

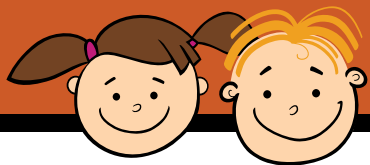
OCEAN REEF MARINA PROGRESS



December 2022



December 2023



Cloud Dough!



This Cloud Dough recipe is a fun twist on our traditional playdough recipe.

MATERIALS

1/2 cup lotion regular lotion
or baby lotion

1 cup cornflour

Food colouring

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add 1/2 cup of lotion to a bowl. Add 1-2 drops of the food coloring (if using concentrated gel, if using regular food coloring you'll need more drops to color) and mix.
2. Mix the lotion and food coloring until combined.
3. Add 1 cup of cornstarch and mix.
4. Mix until combined.
5. Then take out the dough and place on some wax paper. Knead with your hands (you may want gloves here so your hands don't stain). Keep kneading until it forms a dough-like consistency (this may take 5-10 minutes). It will feel really sticky at first, just keep kneading. If after kneading for the full length of time it is still too sticky, add another tablespoon of cornstarch. If it's too crumbly, add a tiny amount of lotion in at a time and knead it in until it becomes the right consistency.

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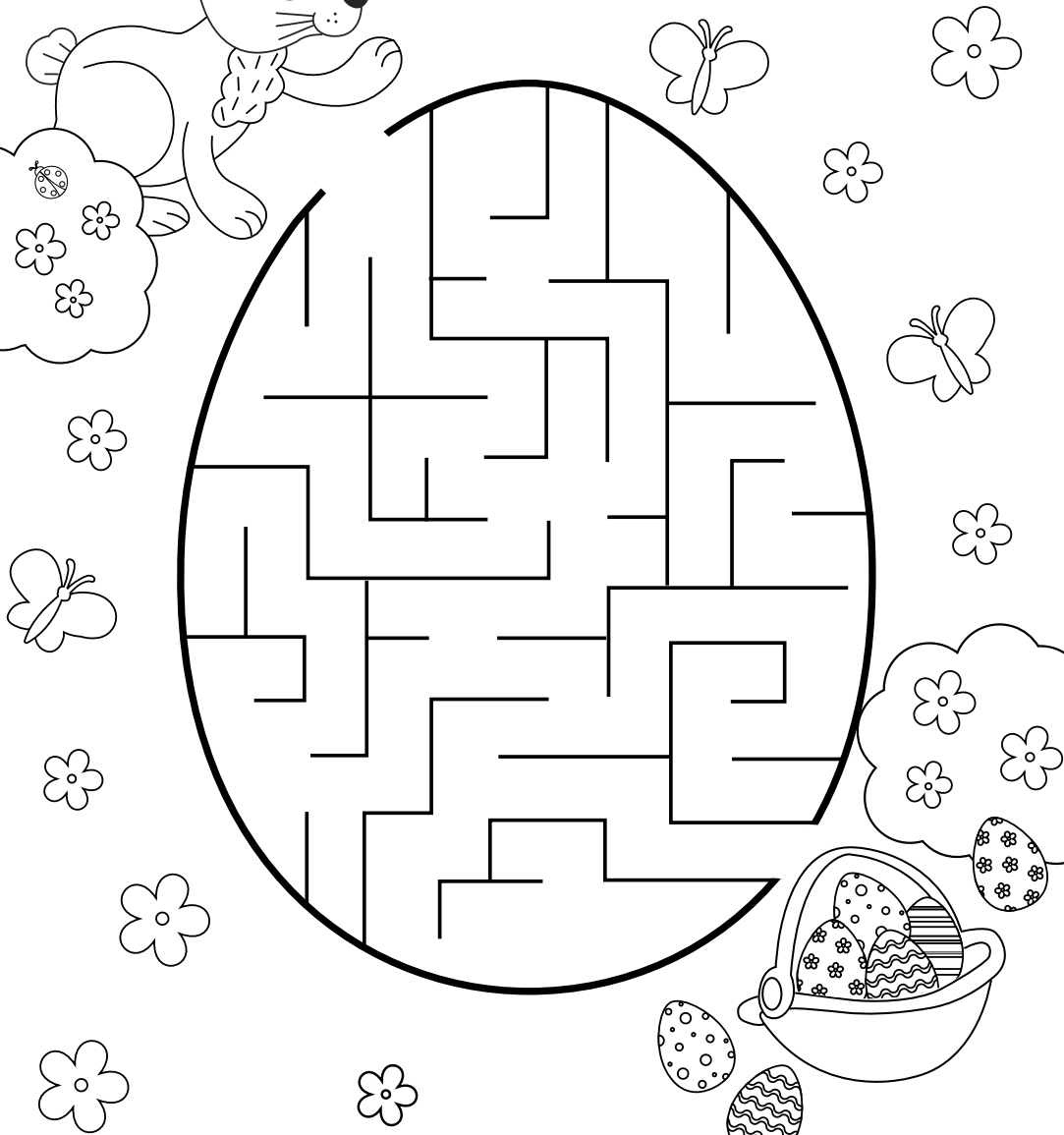
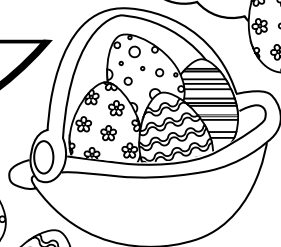
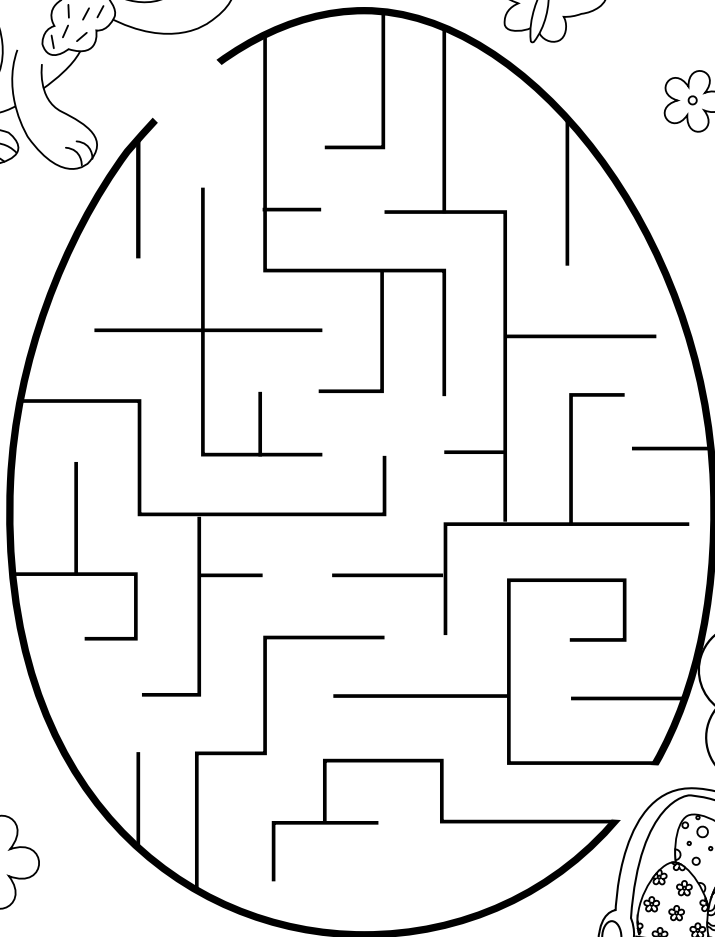
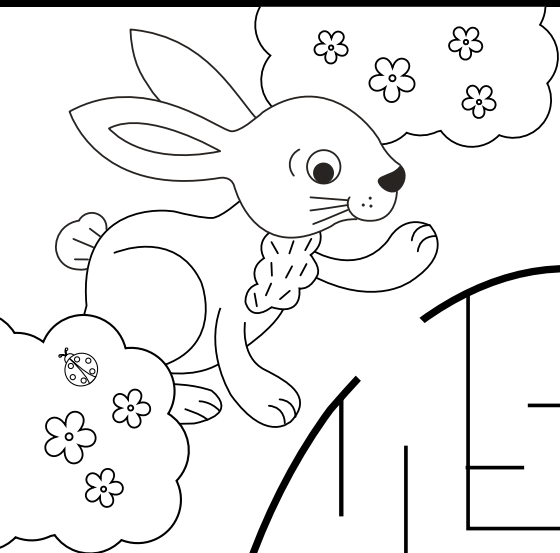
If your dough is too crumbly or sticky: If the dough is too crumbly, you need to add more lotion. If you find it gets too sticky when you add more lotion then you are adding too much lotion. Add a little bit at a time and knead it in. You will need to knead it for quite some time in order to get it to the right consistency. If it's still too crumbly, then add a tiny bit more lotion. If it's still too sticky, then add a tiny bit more cornstarch.

Repeat the recipe for each color you would like to make.

Recipe from www.thebestideasforkids.com/cloud-dough



Help Hoppy Floppy find his easter egg basket!



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OYSTERS KILPATRICK

Ingredients

1. 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2. 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
3. 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
4. 1 to 2 dashes Tabasco sauce
5. 2 slices bacon
6. 12 to 24 oysters, shucked

Decorations

Rock salt, parsley and lemon wedges

Method

In a small pot, gently heat the Worcestershire sauce, balsamic vinegar, butter, and Tabasco sauce. Stir until combined. Remove from the heat and set aside.

In a frying pan put the bacon slices, cook until crispy. Transfer to a paper towel to drain. Once cooled, dice the bacon, and set aside.

Place the oven shelf in the topmost position under the grill and set the oven to grill. On a baking sheet, using aluminium foil, create pockets for the oyster shells to sit in without toppling over.

Arrange the shucked oysters in the foil pockets. Top each oyster with a spoonful of sauce. Scatter each with diced bacon. Grill for 50 to 60 seconds, watching carefully.

Arrange on a serving platter. I like to put rock salt on the plate, then pop the oysters on top, a slice of lemon and parsley, enjoy.

– Bernadette Ilsey



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Obvious signs that humanity is regressing...






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Listings for sale across Perth fell to a record low of 3,648 at the end of December. This was 23.4% lower than November and 49.0% lower than December 2022. "It's the perfect storm," REIWA CEO Cath Hart said. "We have incredibly high demand, with houses selling in near-record times."

Perth sales market

Perth's median house price continued its upwards trend, reaching \$590,000 in December. With WA recording strong population growth and building completions still at low levels, prices were expected to increase further.

Perth rental market

Perth's median dwelling rent remained stable at \$600 per week in December. This was 15.4% higher than the same time last year. WA's growing population is fuelling demand for rentals as well as established homes.

REIWA

Connolly median sales price \$855k and median rental price \$775 per week.

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- A guide to property value assessments: what is the difference between valuation and appraisal?
- How to add value to your property: what upgrades are worth the investment?
- How to stand out in a competitive market with your rental application
- Costs involved with buying a house in Perth.
- Calculate your home loan repayments, stamp duty costs and cost of buying and selling your property.
- Buying your first home: everything you need to know

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