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Editor's Note

Things are changing daily due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but following all regulations we were still able to hold our art exhibition and competition on 21st March. In fact, we had a record 65 entries and the standard of artwork was astounding. This year we were able to sponsor three categories thanks to Image Resources. The prizes and judges commendation are noted inside this edition.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our Volunteers who coordinate this art exhibit. There is the collection of the display boards days before, days of sorting the display, the judging day and then the 2 days for public display and people's choice voting. Leading all of these efforts was our Jane Ryan, assisted by her husband Lyndsay, for collection and set up of the boards, then by Di Miller for display of the artwork and then a few other floating volunteers throughout the process. Thanks hardly seems enough for Jane but is all we can do to show our overwhelming appreciation. Jane is definitely as keeper!

All other CRC events and courses have now been cancelled of course. This includes Easter in the Park, British Car Day and all of our in-house courses and information sessions. The CRC remains open at this stage and we hope to remain open in order to support our community (safely) during this stressful time. Please be mindful of the extra steps necessary when you visit the CRC.

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the flood of worldwide information, but we think we should concentrate on WA information as that is what is relevant to us and limit time spent listening and thinking of COVID-19. Music is a wonderful escape and there are plenty of free online music aps - so get your groove on. If you can, Google what to do in isolation - there are funny and interesting suggestions. Make sure you spend some time out in the fresh air exercising as well.

Most importantly stay safe and well so we can all look back on this as a character building experience.

Carrie Edwards
Manager

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Information on income support payments for people already getting a payment



You don't need to do anything

If you already get a Centrelink payment, you don't need to contact us to get additional payments. This includes the two lump sum \$750 Economic Support Payments to support households and the \$550 additional Coronavirus Supplement. This will happen as part of your usual payment. You can't nominate a particular day to get your payment.

Economic Support Payments

FIRST LUMP SUM PAYMENT

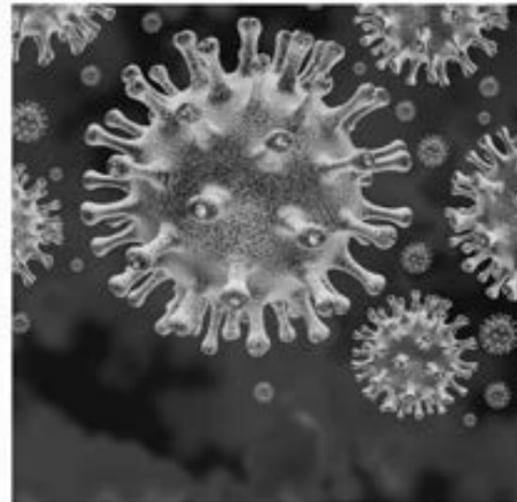
We'll pay you \$750 from 31 March 2020 if you're getting an eligible payment on any day between 12 March to 13 April 2020.

To be eligible for the first payment, you must be residing in Australia and getting one of the following payments, or hold one of the following concession cards, at any time from 12 March 2020 to 13 April 2020:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Wife Pension
- Widow B Pension
- ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)
- Austudy
- Bereavement Allowance
- Newstart Allowance
- JobSeeker Payment
- Youth Allowance
- Partner Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Special Benefit
- Widow Allowance
- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Family Tax Benefit Part B
- Double Orphan Pension
- Carer Allowance

- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holders
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders
- Veteran Service Pension
- Veteran Income Support Supplement
- Veteran Compensation payments, including lump sum payments
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- Veteran Payment
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- DVA Education Scheme recipients
- Disability Pensioners at the temporary special rate
- DVA Income support pensioners at \$0 rate
- Veteran Gold Card holders
- Farm Household Allowance

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SECOND LUMP SUM PAYMENT

We'll pay the second \$750 Economic Support Payment from 13 July 2020.

If you're not eligible for the Coronavirus Supplement, you may get a second \$750 Economic Support Payment. To be eligible for the second payment, you must be residing in Australia and on 10 July 2020 you're getting one of the payments or holding one of the concession cards that were eligible for the first payment.

Eligibility for the second payment is the same as the first. However, if you're getting an income support payment and the Coronavirus Supplement, you won't be eligible for the second Economic Support Payment (see Coronavirus Supplement eligible income support payments below).

Coronavirus Supplement

From 27 April 2020, you'll be paid a temporary fortnightly \$550 Coronavirus Supplement if you're already getting an eligible payment.

You'll automatically get the \$550 supplement each fortnight on top of your normal payment rate if you're getting one of these payments:

- JobSeeker Payment
- Youth Allowance
- Parenting Payment
- Farm Household Allowance
- Special Benefit
- AUSTUDY
- ABSTUDY (living allowance)

COVID-19 CRISIS CENTRELINK HELP

You will need:

- myGov Account
- Customer Reference Number (CRN)
- Link services to myGov
- Photo ID and other forms of ID

Remember: Please try to have your Photo ID and other forms of ID on you when calling Centrelink. If you have never received a Customer Reference Number or have forgotten, you can do this by ringing 132 850. Centrelink are open Monday to Friday, 8am – 8pm and weekends, 9am – 9pm (both local time).

MYGOV

- Go to www.mygov.au
- Click on Create Account
- Follow the 5 step process – email address, password, three questions etc.

CRN

- Ring 132 850 to obtain a CRN. While on the phone, the Service Officer can:
 - Add a new customer and issue a Customer Reference Number,
 - Issue a myGov linking code so that the customer can lodge an online claim,
 - Apply interim identity coding to allow the customer's claim to be lodged.
 - Code an intent to claim to provide the customer with 14 days to complete their claim.

LINK

- Link the services you want to myGov yourself or by a linking code from a Service Officer.

Gingin District Community Resource Centre is a Centrelink Access Point ONLY but staff (not including the Trainee) are able to certify documents needed for Centrelink.

Intent to Claim – My Gov update

There is a new and faster way for customers impacted by Coronavirus, to claim Centrelink payments via their mygov accounts. When customers should log into their mygov account they will see a new **“Register intention to claim”** button. Customers should click on this button. Services Australia will contact the customer to progress their claim.



"I spy with my little eye"...



Security tape around the beautiful gum trees in the park opposite the shopping complex in Brockman Street, in preparation of the removal of one. The reason it needs to be removed is that during the previous strong winds, one tree became very unstable and dangerous to the public. Initially there were 6 trees planted along the old school fence by soldiers who safely returned from World War One. On the one being removed, there was a plaque commemorating Ralph Hill.

Workers in the vicinity of the Gingin Brook at the northern end of Roe Street undertake fire risk mitigation by the removal of dead trees and flammable material. A fence is being constructed along the Reserve west of the Three Bridges to protect the banks of the brook being damaged by stock.

The Shire of Gingin is inviting submissions from the public in relation to the proposed removal of the Lily Pond from Granville Park, Gingin. The pond is a man-made structure and is considered a safety hazard to the public in addition to having several other long standing issues. A comprehensive history of these issues can be found below.

Written submissions will be received up until 4pm on Friday, 10 April 2020.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and clearly marked "Submission – Proposed Removal of the Granville Park Lily Pond". Submissions may be emailed to mail@gingin.wa.gov.au or posted to the Shire of Gingin, PO Box 510, Gingin WA 6503. For any further information regarding this notice please contact the Shire's Operations Department on (08) 9575 5100.

Attention all Learner/potential Learner drivers

Gingin Community Library is announcing a partnership with Aussie-Driver.com, a company dedicated to driver safety and education, to offer free learner's practice tests to library members.

If you are currently on your Learner plates and require a few test runs on the computer before the real thing, come on in to the Gingin Community Library and take advantage of our FREE new online practice tests.



Online Driver Education program contains the following state-specific information:

- 3 car practice tests
- 1 Exam Simulator
- 3 online driver's manuals (2016)
- FAQ section with 100+ questions related to getting your driver licence.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact your local Community Resource Centre or Library on: 9575 1253, or come on in so that we can assist you!

Your WA Pension Free Travel is going digital

From January 2020, Transwa will maintain digital Pensioner Free Travel entitlements for registered WA concession cardholders. Centrelink and the Department of Transport Affairs (DTA) will no longer send you WA-Free Trip Booklets with your new concession card.

Register now with Transwa

Please complete the registration form on the back of this leaflet and return to Transwa with a copy of both sides of your pensioner concession or DVA Gold card.

Mail the form and card copies to the address below (no stamp required)

Transwa
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Locked Bag 5,
PERTH WA 6849

Alternatively, scan and email the documents to: concessions@transwa.wa.gov.au or visit transwa.wa.gov.au/Pensioner-Free-Travel to complete your registration online.

Register now to ensure you are ready for your 2020 WA Pensioner Free Travel

What am I entitled to under the WA Pensioner Free Travel scheme?

- All WA pensioner concession cardholders are entitled to one return or two single trips on Transwa services each calendar year.
- DVA Gold Health cardholders have additional free travel entitlements. Visit the Transwa website to find out more.
- WA residents living above the 26th parallel should contact the Department of Transport for details of their travel entitlement. Visit transport.wa.gov.au/transport/pensioner-free-trip-scheme.asp

How do I book my free travel?

Once registered, bookings on Transwa services can be made online, by visiting a Transwa Booking Centre, or one of our accredited booking agents, or by calling Transwa on 1300 662 205. Registration and booking in advance of your intended travel date is required.

Where can I get more information?

More information is available from Transwa and the Department of Transport.

Transwa 1300 662 205 concessions@transwa.wa.gov.au	Department of Transport 1300 660 147 travelsubs@transport.wa.gov.au
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WA SINGER/SONGWRITER KELEA RELEASES BUSHFIRE RELIEF CHARITY SINGLE, ARE YOU OK?

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: West Australian singer/songwriter, Kelea (aka Kelly Gardner) has tuned into the nation's collective consciousness with her new single, Are You Ok?, a fundraising release for firefighting services.

"I find the process of songwriting very emotional and this one was particularly difficult," Kelea says of the song's creation. "I live in a little country town called Gingin. At Christmas time, we were singing carols in the park to locals and evacuees from the WA coast where the fires were burning. It was an emotional time for all of us."

"I only know one truth. Helping each other. Whether it's local communities or world communities, by helping each other and putting our heads together I know we can solve problems. We can save ourselves. We can save this planet. From the ground up."



Recorded by Matt Gio & Dan Carroll from Rada Studios, Are You Ok? was mastered by William Bowden (King Willy Sound), with Deb Cahill of Southern Cross Graphics providing artwork design for the release, both donating their time for the cause. The release follows on from 2019's Dear Sir/Madam single, which featured on WAM's Demos From The Wheatbelt compilation album.

Kelea plans to release an EP in spring, a blend of songs written over the last five years, "from when I lived on the coast plus recent material. I am all about evolving and growing so let's see what emerges."

In the meantime Are You Ok? is here to be shared, and Kelea is keen to share it.

"I would like people to tell me how they feel," she says of her hopes for the song. "I want them to share their stories with me. A song can mean many things to many people. It's what they get out of it - that is what is important."

"Most of all, I want to acknowledge and thank our firefighters - locally, nationally and internationally - who put their lives on the line for us. This song is dedicated to them. And I also want to thank all our local firefighters, organisations and community who helped me make this video possible."

Are You Ok? is available on Youtube and all major music platforms.
Music Video link here: <https://youtu.be/rsGfOKM7-fY>

Community Resource Centre Isolation Calls

Whilst we are able to remain open Gingin CRC staff & Volunteers would like to support the aged and vulnerable members of our community during the period of isolation with regular phone contact. The CRC will create a register of contacts and schedule regular calls to keep in touch with our community members while they are unable to come to us.

If you would like to be called or have a family member that would benefit from this contact service please email crc@gingin.net or call us on 9575 1253 to register the person. We would be delighted to call them and have a good old chat.

Gingin Bowls News

Moore District Bowling League 2020 Pennant Winning Team - Gingin.

The Gingin girls played solid throughout the season and all played well on the final day defeating Lancelin White in the Grand Final of the play offs.

L – R Back Row Skippers Julie Watson, Kathy Gobbart, middle Kerry Fewster, Noeleen Keeffe front Robyn Cooper, Vicky McLean, Joan Wilkes, Carolyn Brodie-Hall



Gingin Bowling Club Ladies 2020 Championship Pairs.

Winners: Kerry Fewster and Carolyn Brodie-Hall

2020 Moore District Bowling League Fours

were played at Gingin on Sunday 15th March with six teams competing on the day.

Winners: Brett Mathieson, Andrew Worthington, John Fewster and Wayne Butler.



Club members have been very active over the past month attending workshops on "Meet



the Funders" held at Lancelin, a Bowls WA conference info session and working on submitting applications for funding to put in one new sand filled bowling green. A sand filled green is expected to have a longer life span than our current carpeted greens that have been badly deteriorating.

Five of our Gingin ladies took part in the Northern Zone Inter League Round Robin Fours competition recently held at Dalwallinu with three of our Gingin players being selected to play in the Inter Zone Round Robyn in Emu Point in early April.

Unfortunately as from Tuesday 17th March 2020 all State & Club events have been cancelled due to Bowls WA directive to protect members / players from the current Corona-Virus pandemic.

NOTICE:

**Gingin Bowling Club
Annual General Meeting
Friday 17th April at 6pm
To be held at the
Gingin Bowling Club Rooms
Followed by a light meal and the
club's windup for
2019- 2020 season.
We may have to cancel it if the
current Covid -19 spread continues.**

Attention Readers

Please note that the article in the March edition of the Buzz, titled "Gingin Football Club" was supplied and written by Lana Collard.

Cygnnet, Tasmania A Dementia Community

04 April 2014

The late Gordon Nutt's experiences living in Cygnnet.

After Gordon's diagnosis in 2007 I decided we needed to move from our fairly isolated 45 acre property and I thought the suburbs of Hobart might prove just as isolated given our new circumstances. I felt a town like Cygnnet might provide the life Gordon now needed and I couldn't have been more right! When we arrived in Cygnnet, Gordon was still extremely physically fit and the town provided a safe environment for him to perform what had become his favourite pastime...to "walk, walk, walk". Cygnnet actually proved to be far more than just safe. The entire town accepted and embraced Gordon, from the youngest to the oldest residents. Over the years I've heard it said that Gordon was a gift to Cygnnet, that Cygnnet 'grew up' around Gordon and that he changed Cygnnet, bringing acceptance and understanding... just a few of the special comments people have made. All Cygnnetites looked out for and protected Gordon. His speech has reduced to a few phrases, the most 'famous' being "this, that and the other", but also "can't complain", "okey dokey", "marvellous", "bugger me" and another one probably best not to repeat here... but those here from Cygnnet will know what I mean! These phrases are now in the Cygnnet lexicon and can often be heard in the main street!

Particularly fond and appreciated memories, in no particular order, are...

- The young lad who created a Facebook page for Gordon. The page eventually had over 100 members (followers or whatever they're called!) mainly local kids saying things like "he's a legend", "I love this guy", "he's my best friend:", "he's my hero", etc.
- The teacher at St James who, when Gordon disrupted the class by pressing his nose against the window causing all the students to call out and wave, brought Gordon into the classroom for the duration of the lesson.
- The Cygnnet woman who, when splitting up

with her husband, found solace in Gordon. She would take him by the hand and walk through the community garden; he would take her by the hand and walk through Burton's Reserve, throw his arms open and cry "marvellous". The unique support he provided helped her through her most trying time.

- The shopkeepers on Cygnnet's main street who welcomed Gordon's many daily visits in which he often straightened and tidied up their counters and shelves. And the food sellers who constantly sent him home with anything from pockets full of chocolates to armfuls of food, enough for our evening meal.

- Wog and wonderful members of Cygnnet Golf Club who welcomed Gordon into their midst every Sunday morning. Even with his increasing disability he continue to win games. And I'll never forget the morning his 3 team partners arrived, one with "THIS", the second with "THAT", THE THIRD "the other" printed on their t-shirts. I'll also never forget the standing ovation he received when he arrived at the Xmas dinner...the only member to receive one.

- Members of both ukulele groups, CHUM and HUG, who embraced Gordon right through his long decline. Playing the ukulele was a huge part of Gordon's life right to the end. The last song at the last CHUM meet before he died we all stood and played You Are My Sunshine especially for Gordon. After his verbal ability deserted him he could still sing the words to the chorus for some time, it was planned to do only "Gordon songs" at the next meet but was not to be.

- The many individuals from both Cygnnet and Hobart, too numerous to mention but you know who you are, who gave up their time to 'entertain' Gordon over the past few years playing golf, doing arts & crafts, including him in football coaching, or simply walking with him amongst other activities.

I could go on but I think you get my drift. My personal thanks go to family and the people of Tasmania in general, and Cygnet in particular, who so enriched our journey. Their love and support have been a constant comfort and I will be forever grateful.

It has been a true privilege to care for my lovely man through his final journey. The strength of character he exhibited through his decline, slow at first and rapid in the final week, stands testament to the wonderful man he was. A man small in stature but larger than life. An extremely generous man who imparted happiness to everyone he met. A man who will remain in our hearts forever.

Thank you Gordon xx

Written by Ginger Nutt.

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Source: www.dementia.org.au/about-us/news-media-and-publications/news/cygnet-tasmania-a-dementia-friendly-community

Thoughts from a Buzz Reader - DO YOU THINK THESE MEASURES WOULD WORK ?

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues could the following arrangements be useful to everyone?

1. Convert some of the grounded Qantas and Virgin planes to cargo carriers by removing some seats and using them to transport essential perishable goods from the Eastern States to Western Australia and vice versa. There are a number of spin off benefits.
This action would enable the airlines to re-employ some of the staff already stood down, including engineers, mechanics, baggage handlers, re-fuellers, pilots, air traffic controllers etc. These transformed planes would complete the journey across Australia in 3 or 4 hours instead of the 3 or 4 days taken to deliver the same cargo by road. It would involve less interaction between people – i.e. fewer truck drivers having to stop at road houses along the Nullabor to refuel and purchase food etc on their 3 or 4 day journey. Those trucks that would normally carry perishables would then have capacity to transport larger items that

2. would not be possible in the “cargo planes”. Similarly, much the same arrangements could be implemented using the existing interstate rail network. The Indian Pacific and Ghan could be converted to cargo trains as well, utilising the tracks and re-employment of stood down staff. Truck drivers would still be required to transport the goods from the supplier to the train depot and vice versa but use a lot less fuel, therefore easing the strain on their bottom line.

We are all in this together and need to think outside the square while we are confined inside “our square”.



For consideration from a community member

“Currently the whole community, in fact the entire country is on high alert about the Covid 19 pandemic and we are being urged to be meticulous with our hand washing and personal hygiene.

It is therefore both distressing and disappointing to come across soiled/used disposable nappies and soiled wet wipes that have been dumped in a very public place within our town site and directly opposite a rubbish bin.

Such moronic behaviour should be called out at the best of times.

We have had disposable nappies for nearly 50 years and there is no excuse in not knowing the correct way of disposal. Flies, diarrhoea and vomiting - or worse, a bout of gastroenteritis is all this town needs to compound the existing anxiety.

Regretfully it is not the first time this scenario has presented itself in this same area - but it is the first time a reader has gone to the trouble of sending a photo to highlight the situation.”



GINGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTHCARE

The Gingin District High School Youth CARE (Chaplain) Committee would like to thank and acknowledge our sponsors for the 2019 year. We would not be able to provide a full time Chaplain at the school if it wasn't for the generous donations of these organisations, businesses and individuals.

- Gingin District High School
- Gingin Anglican Church
- Gingin Shire Council
- Gingin Christian Fellowship
- Chittering Shire Council
- Gingin Uniting Church
- The Treasure Trove
- Gingin Bendigo Bank
- Gingin P&C Assn
- Gingin IGA
- Gingin Chittering Lions Club
- Koorunga CWA
- Bindoon CWA
- Lancelin CWA

All the members of the \$100 Club (Businesses, families and individuals) who pledge an annual amount to support the Chaplain presence at the school.

Your support is invaluable, thank you!

The Chaplain is a valued position at our school and also within the community and is only made possible via the generosity of local organisations, businesses, churches and community people. If you are interested in supporting this vital position (with a donation or perhaps you would like to be a part of the committee) please contact Sharon Martin: 0428 557 057

Sharon Martin Chairperson: Gingin District High School Youth CARE council)

The Gingin Football Club 1908 – 2020 “The Eagles”

There can be absolutely no doubt that the Gingin Football Club has been a major contributor to the Social History of the Shire of Gingin over the last one hundred and twelve years.

The Club not only has provided a sporting outlet for hundreds of boys, young men - and not so young men, but it has been a central point for the district's social gatherings - the Balls, the dinners, and the fund raisers – player auctions, sheep shearing, hay baling, fancy dress nights are but a few of the social activities and events

the players and their families have been involved in over the years.

It has also created a pathway for many to enter a professional role in football - be it at WAFL or AFL level as players, coaches, umpires or administrators.

In 2014 Gingin Football Club introduced the playing of an annual charity match between the Gingin “Masters team”, calling themselves the LIMPS (Legends Imitating Mens Past),

'ART' IN THE PARK

We're all currently living in an 'unsure' world, but on **Friday, 20 March** and **Saturday, 21 March** the Gingin CRC were able to continue with their planned Art Exhibition and brought some 'serenity' for those who attended.

Our visitor numbers may have been down from previous years, but that didn't stop the record number of 65 entries by 32 Artists - culminating in an extremely high calibre of exhibits. Photography; Sculpture; Mosaic; Collage, Lego; Alpaca Fleece; Felt; Watercolour; Oils; Acrylic; Pencil and Mixed Media made for an eclectic display.

Feedback from last year's exhibition was taken on board and with that, the major sponsor Image Resources was more than happy to provide prize money of \$550.00 for each of the 3 new categories - Painting; Sculpture and Mixed Media. The Gingin Arts Centre was once again keen to sponsor \$250.00 for the People's Choice Award, of which we are extremely grateful as this has always been a crowd pleaser.

For those who did attend this year's exhibition, it was pleasing to chat and hear comments from visitors (local and further afield) that the exhibition layout in the Granville Centre main hall was very well done and made for a peaceful and serene environment.

On Saturday, the 'music' arts was celebrated, with Kelea (aka. Kelly Gardner) joining the exhibition for the day, spreading her energy and love of music with the release of her single "Are You OK?" We also welcomed the Gingin Singers who joined us in the morning, bringing live entertainment (acapella style) which was enthusiastic and enjoyable. Kelly couldn't help herself and jumped in for some fun and many of you may have seen the video on social media.

Val Shaw was once again keen to Judge the exhibition and was equally impressed with the entries received. Always a difficult decision to choose winning entries, but written feedback to the winners, highly commended and commended artists was appreciated by all. In Val's own words, the artwork displayed '*made her heart sing!*'

Image Resources

Overall Winner - Painting Category

Anna Newbey - Splash of Spring

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Overall Winner - Sculpture Category

Robert Brodie-Hall - Eddie the Eagle

Image Resources

Overall Winner - Mixed Media Category

Courtney Trundle - A Better Future

Highly Commended - Painting Category

Robyn Cooper - Roses Are Red

Highly Commended - Sculpture Category

Dianne Miller - Quan

Highly Commended - Mixed Media Category

Annette Houghton - Happiness

Commendations:-

Susan Biggins - Andy Warhol Centred

Susan Biggins - Worlds End

Geraldine Gustavino - Anna

Geraldine Gustavino - That's How You Dance

Jessica Puglia - Outnumbered

Daniel De Rocker - Solitude

Vicky Alchin - Mothers Love

Jud House - When Blossom Falls

Pam Myers - Running Free

Bradley Kay - Wren

Bradley Kay - Elephant

Jane Ryan - Springing Up

Heidi Butler - Cat on the Block

Alison McVee - Baby Blue

Tamara Asmutaitis - Autumn Bouquet

Gingin Arts Centre

People's Choice Award Winner

Robert Brodie-Hall - Eddie the Eagle

People's Choice Award Equal Runner-Up

Vicky Alchin - Mothers Love

Jane Ryan - Springing Up

An art exhibition doesn't miraculously appear overnight! Hard work and dedication from volunteers over many weeks made the event the success it was. **THANK YOU** to our CRC Volunteer Jane Ryan for the weeks of planning and organising, and also CRC Volunteer Di Miller, who worked tirelessly with Jane to carefully and skilfully hang the exhibition. Additional volunteering efforts of Lindsay Ryan, Francine McCarthy and Mike Miller for their support and time. The Gingin Arts Centre for the loan of easels and cloths and Treasure Trove @ Gingin for the loan of the mannequin and accessories for the Andy Warhol 'Pop Art' inspired entrance display. Finally, without the continuing support of Chittering Arts Society who once again generously donated the use of their art display stands and equipment, our exhibition would not have been the success it was.

Judges Overall Reflection

It is always difficult to judge paintings when assessing both traditional and more avant-garde artworks. Traditional works tend to be more 'technically skilled', with focus on skills and photo realism, whilst those with a more contemporary approach tend to be more experimental, take risks and move away from the expected. The margin between the Artwork Awarded, and the Highly Commended work was minimal as technically, both artworks revealed a very good understanding of composition, colour, medium and technique. Congratulations to all who entered this category - some really good work!

As with painting the diversity in sculptural form and all the alternative materials available makes this an exciting area for creative exploration. Once again, the choice was difficult as all the work was so different, each with its own unique charm. All entrants are to be commended.

Working with mixed media is a very exciting and rewarding journey, the possibilities are endless. It is a journey of exploration, selecting different media, experimenting and

building relationships between the media you have chosen. Anything and everything is a possibility - it just takes the courage to stray from the norm! There was some very pleasing work on display, and everyone needs to be congratulated.

In many art exhibitions there are winners, but I believe there are certainly no losers. Each and every artist that has exhibited in this exhibition has achieved this, and it has been a delight to come to Gingin and view all of your beautiful work. I would like to have given you all an award, but you will be rewarded if you continue to be positive, work hard and never give up the special gift of being creative. Thank you, you 'made my heart sing'!

Many thanks to Jane for all her support and Carrie for her help. Congratulations to the 'hanging committee' who did a wonderful job!

Val Shaw

BA Fine Arts Honours - Dip. Textile/Applied Arts
Artist, Sculptor, Educator, Researcher, Curator,
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Principal Update

Like me, you are perhaps dumbfounded by how quickly our term is progressing.

Throughout this newsletter you will be able to share in just how much there has been to celebrate and the progress and achievements of our incredible students both within and beyond the classroom. Our students deserve nothing but the best and our focus will continue to be around ensuring that students are at the centre of every decision we make. Every student, every classroom and every day.

It has been delightful to meet many of you within the community, with overwhelming support of presence in cheering on our students at our wonderful swimming carnival where many of you took the time to give me important feedback. I thank each of you for your ongoing support and in working together with us as a school to ensure that our kids always come first.

Congratulations to the winning green faction and to all the champions, runner-up champions and the record breakers.

Over the term the school together with the school council and with local shire support have been exploring the opportunity to join 89% of public schools in the state to become an Independent Public School (IPS). This will allow for the school to have greater independence for decisions in school which directly reflect the needs of our students. We encourage all families and community members to share in our journey.

In terms of the build update, this continues to unfold as planning and arrangements are organised, at this stage we are looking to be

ready to move into our new building by the start of the new year. In the meantime, the school will be undergoing some refurbishment of carpet, paint and split air conditioning systems so that our students are able to learn in a more comfortable environment.

I look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming semester and it continues to be an absolute pleasure to watch our kids shine. If you haven't already, please follow us on Facebook for ongoing updates.



Student Council 2020



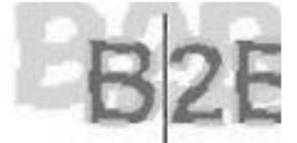
Room 13 Swimming Buddies!

Earlier in the year, some students in Room 13 were lucky enough to be asked to be a swimming buddy for a student in Room 1. This required the room 13 students to help them out before and after their lesson. They got to know their buddy quite well and looked forward to the chance to help out their younger friends.

Miss Miller and the Room 1 students paid a visit to Room 13 last week. They each gave their Swimming Buddy a letter and a small gift to say thank you. There were lots of hugs all round and it brought huge smiles to the faces of the Room 13 students!



SPECIALISED SPORT- YR 10 TRIATHLON



BRAND 2 BRAND - COMMUNITY LITTER DRIVE

In accordance with State Government, Health Department and Shire of Gingin instructions, the Gingin CRC has been forced to cancel its annual B2B Community Litter Drive.

Having said that – there is no reason why community minded citizens cannot still collect litter! In fact, collecting litter from road verges would be a great way to increase your exercise, get you out of the house for an hour and help make our town look like someone still cares.

For all those who may be going “stir crazy” watching day time television, why not head down to the CRC and pick up a couple of KABC orange litter bags and go for a walk! You can pick up litter from along your own road verge, along someone else's road verge, around the public places in town (Recreation Centre for example), anywhere actually! All you need to remember is to stay away from the bitumen road surface, use strong protective gloves, wear a hat and sunscreen and enjoy the weather!

There has been no date set for this activity – just go when it suits you! Any litter you collect, please place in your bin for the weekly collection. The Shire, nor the CRC will go around to collect these KABC bags.

There will be no sausage sizzle or ice creams – only self-satisfaction that you have done a good deed to help Gingin look cleaner and have used your exercise hour productively!

THE TREASURE TROVE @ GINGIN IS CLOSED , both the shop and for donations, with immediate effect.

The committee is very sorry to have to do this but feel that in the current circumstances it is the only responsible course of action. We will let you know when we are up and running again.

Take care, keep well.

and the Rockingham Rams "Masters" Team. Funds raised at this event are then donated to a nominated person, family or place in need of some moral and financial support. Money from the 2020 match is being donated to the Kangaroo Island Western Districts "Saints" Football and Netball Club. Everything was destroyed in the recent and devastating fires – they lost their much loved Club rooms as well as all their photos, trophies and club records. The Gingin Football Club wanted to let them know they were thinking of them and help rebuild in any way possible. As a similar country club they know how hard it is to build and maintain good facilities. Not to mention the importance a "footy club" is to the community as a meeting place for young and old.

Doubtless the Gingin Football Club has also played "match maker", with many couples meeting through their association with the Club down the years.

The last month's edition of the Buzz published an article written by Lana Collard on the History of the Gingin Football Club. Lana has a long association with the Club through three generations – her father Earl Murray, her husband Ian (Sam) and her son Michael all played for the Club. Lana was part of the "army of women" who provided the food on football days and has been an avid collector of all things "Eagles."

At the Community Resource Centre and the Bendigo Bank there are currently a displays of Gingin Football Club Memorabilia and we thank all those who have contributed to the loan of the items.

Several people have also written accounts of their memories of the Club and we intend to place them within the displays, or publish in later editions of the Buzz.

Lynley Fewster has generously put together the following information about the Gingin Football Club as it is at the beginning of 2020 season. In speaking to Lynley she believes the Club today is very focussed on family involvement, player behaviour and well being, good football and good sportsmanship for all to enjoy, and providing an environment for the continuation of a proud and vibrant Club.

Lynley is likewise well qualified to give us as an account of the Gingin Club. As a seventeen year old "WAG" she was allocated the task of dusting off and setting out the cups, saucers

and spoons for the afternoon teas on football days. Also the enormous amount of homemade food of all types brought in by the families of the home team – sausage rolls, sandwiches, cakes and biscuits - had to be plated up in readiness for purchase throughout the afternoon in the old "tin shed" club rooms.

Lynley is a long standing club member, and over the years she has been a Committee member, Officer Bearer (Secretary and Treasurer many times over), and wife to a playing, coaching and finally umpiring husband Wayne, and mother to son Andrew.

Andrew commenced playing for the senior League as a skinny sixteen year old, with the nickname of "Sticks", and has very ably carried on the Fewster football tradition, recently captaining the League side for three years and leading them to a fantastic and exciting Grand final win in 2018. That year the Club also won the Reserves Grand Final.

Listening to Lynley's account of her post football match wash days is a social history lesson in itself of times past.

In the early days her wash would include 50 woollen football jumpers, runners and trainers outfits, umpires shirts, and the goal umpires white trench coats - as for several years, she did the entire club's wash for the cost of the washing powder. The family lived in a little stone house that Wayne's grandfather, Nelson Fewster, had built. The laundry and bathroom were both outdoors and the laundry had a concrete floor and no doors.

Lynley had her grandmother's old twin tub for a washing machine and could only wash four of the heavy, sodden, muddy football jumpers at a time – as well as having to do dozens of cloth nappies for her babies.

Sometimes the woollen jumpers took two washes to get them clean, and sometimes they took a week to dry on the Hills Hoist line in the middle of winter. No dryers in those days to help things along.

Surely such an effort deserves a "Best Team Player Trophy" !!

Sporting clubs of all persuasions are struggling for members and players these days, and it is up to the local community to ensure that this wonderful local sporting club continues to flourish as it has done for the last one hundred and twelve years.

We hope the current displays brings back good

Sorry,

The Gingin & Lancelin Libraries
HAVE BEEN CLOSED INDEFINITELY
from 23 March 2020

This direction has come from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. This measure is being put in place to combat the spread of COVID-19 and the Shire of Gingin thanks the public in advance for their understanding.

A Drop Box is available at both libraries so you can still return your books and also drop off you entries for the 'Easter Colouring Competition' which closes on 3 April. There are also opportunities to access library resources online if you have a library card so for further information please visit: www.gingin.wa.gov.au/community/libraries/eresources.aspx

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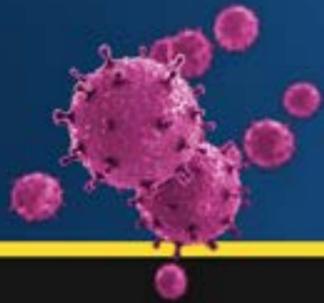
Thanks for a great season!

THE GINGIN AQUATIC CENTRE HAS CLOSED AS OF 26 MARCH 2020

As per the direction of the Prime Minister and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), the Gingin Aquatic Centre closed its doors on 25 March 2020. This concludes the 2019/20 swimming season. The Centre has enjoyed a fantastic season with plenty of activities including swimming lessons, a Virtual Swim to Rottnest and more.

Whilst it may have been cut a little short, Fran and her team are looking forward to seeing you all again for the 2020/21 swimming season.

GINGIN AQUATIC CENTRE
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COVID-19 PRECAUTION TIPS

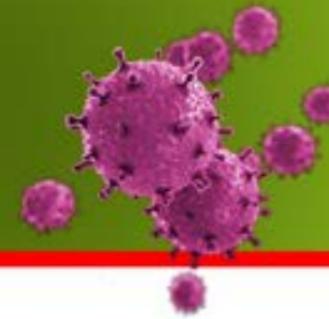
Help to lower your risk and to prevent the spread of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) by following these few simple tips from the Gingin Medical Centre.

- 1 Don't panic, just be sensible
- 2 If you or your children are unwell then please stay home
- 3 Practice good hand hygiene. Regularly wash your hands with soap & water or use hand sanitiser
- 4 Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes
- 5 Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects & surfaces
- 6 Practice correct cough etiquette by covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow
- 7 Stay healthy by boosting your immunity. Get enough sleep, eat fruit & veg often & exercising daily
- 8 Avoid or at least minimise alcohol intake and smoking
- 9 Ensure that your chronic medications & scripts are up to date
- 10 Consider having the flu vaccine this season to lower the risk of contracting influenza
- 11 If you are a patient at risk, avoid large group gatherings
- 12 If you plan to travel interstate or overseas, please consider carefully

Further information is available from the Coronavirus Health Information Line (1800 020 080) or by visiting the WA Department of Health's website - https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus



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COVID-19 GINGIN MEDICAL CENTRE

The Gingin Medical Centre is taking the situation regarding the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) very seriously. It would like the community to be aware of the following:

▶ If you have any cold or flu like symptoms **DO NOT** present yourself at the Medical Centre

One positive patient or staff member will mean that the Medical Centre will be forced to close down for a period and self-isolate for up to 2 weeks. During this closure period the Centre will not be able to service any patients who may have other medical needs. Symptoms include sore throat, headache, runny nose, coughing, shortness of breath, tiredness or fever. Please stay home, remain in self-isolation and ring the Centre on (08) 9575 2300.

If you meet Medicare eligibility criteria then the Doctor will arrange a phone & video conference consultation with you. Remember that antibiotics will not be of any use as they are not effective in treating viral infections.

▶ The Medical Centre will be implementing extensive infection prevention strategies

▶ You can only be tested for the Coronavirus (Covid-19) at a COVID Clinic in Perth

The clinics are open 7 days a week from 8am-8pm. Please call the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080 to find out if you meet the eligibility criteria to attend one of these clinics beforehand. Further details on these clinics can be found via https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/COVID-clinics. Please stay in self-isolation until you have received your test results.

▶ Infection rates are expected to elevate from April 2020

Most patients will experience mild symptoms and should make a complete recovery. Patients most at risk are young children under 12 months, the elderly and those with underlying heart conditions, lung conditions, renal failure, diabetes, auto immune diseases and cancer.

Further information is available from the Coronavirus Health Information Line (1800 020 080) or by visiting the WA Department of Health's website - https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus



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Thank you to Avon Waste for sponsoring the 2019 Rates Incentive Prize Night.

Our Community News

Resident Satisfaction Survey

The Shire of Gingin's 'Resident Satisfaction Survey' closed on Tuesday, 3 March 2020.

A very big thank you is extended to everyone that took part. Your feedback is vital to the Shire of Gingin because your answers will contribute towards informing your Councillors as to the strategic direction you would like to see Council take and what you believe Council should focus on in regards to infrastructure improvements and Shire provided services.

Currently the number of surveys is still being tallied with approximately 700 surveys received thus far. This is a terrific result.

It is expected that the 5 winners for the Cash Prize of \$100 each will be drawn on Monday, 23 March 2020. The winners will be notified by the Shire.

Regarding the results of the survey, the aim will be to present them to Council at its April Council Meeting. Once received by Council, the results will then be published on the Shire's website and Facebook page.

For further information please contact Linda Fidge, Coordinator Corporate Planning, on (08) 9575 5119.



Granville Park Toilets

Between approximately the Easter long weekend and ANZAC Day, the toilet block in Granville Park will be closed for repair works to be undertaken. During this closure period, portable toilets will be set up at the rear of the toilet blocks for public use.

The Shire aims to keep disruption to the public to a bare minimum during this period. Any enquiries may be directed to Renier de Beer on (08) 9575 5149 during office hours.

Our Community News

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

The Shire of Gingin will install an electrical vehicle charging station at Wangaree Park in early April 2020. This charge point will be a 22kw fast charge station and most Electric Vehicle (EV) models who use it will be fully charged within 3-4 hours.

There are many councils in WA who have already equipped EV charging points and in 2019, the Federal Government allocated funding of \$15 million for a national EV charging network spanning across the country.

This facility will benefit both local residents and tourists to the area and is expected to be open for public use by mid-April. It will be free of charge for the first year of its trial period.

An information flyer for this station will be released shortly via the Shire's Facebook page and website. A hard copy will also be available from the Shire's Gingin and Lancelin offices, from the Gingin and Lancelin CRCs and from other venues around the Shire such as visitor centres.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The Shire of Gingin would like to assure the community that it is taking the situation with the Coronavirus very seriously.

The Shire is liaising regularly with the WA Department of Health and is implementing its response plan. With the declaration of a WA State of Emergency by the Premier on Sunday, 15 March 2020, many changes will need to be put in place such as the implementation of social distancing measures being 1.5m between individuals.

The Shire will be sure to communicate regularly with the community regarding the situation as it develops so please follow us on Facebook and via our website for the latest updates or alternatively refer to the WA Department of Health's website - https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus



March - April

Our Community News

Restricted Burning Period



With the end of the Prohibited Burning Period on 14 March, the Shire of Gingin area has now entered the Restricted Burning Period. This period will run from 15 March to 31 May 2020 although the end date may be extended if conditions remain dry and the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Fire Control Officers (FCO) judge that it remains unsafe to end the Restricted Period on the proposed date. Such an extension occurred last season and the public are asked to be patient if this does occur.

Extensions to the Restricted Burning Period are not undertaken lightly and are only undertaken when there is a genuine concern regarding current conditions as judged by the Shire's Fire Control Officers and Chief.

During the Restricted Burning Period you will need to apply for a Permit (available from Monday, 16 March 2020) from your local FCO (refer to your Firebreak Orders posted out to ratepayer's last year for your area's FCO and their contact number) **at least 1 week before you burn**. Please note that Fire Permits will only be available on a limited basis until further notice due to current conditions.

Before you apply:

- Have your address ready
- Know the size of your burn and ensure materials are dry
- Check that your firebreaks are maintained and that the burn area is trafficable
- Check your firefighting equipment and resources are in good working order
- **Have the contact numbers of 3 able bodied people who will be at the burn**
- Remove plastics, treated wood, tyres and other material (you can only burn vegetation) from the area

REMEMBER - YOUR FIRE: YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- If you conduct a controlled burn on your property you are responsible if that fire gets out of control even during non-prohibited periods of the year.
- If an FCO judges that your fire is out of control then you may be asked to extinguish it. If a Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade is required to extinguish the fire then costs may be incurred.
- If your burn escapes then you must report the incident to the Shire within 7 days including how it escaped, any losses and the equipment used to suppress the fire.

Our Community News

- **It is recommended that before you burn you have appropriate insurance to cover you, your land and your public liability.**
- We recommend you undertake weed control after burning to help maintain the reduced fuel loading.

Further enquiries may be directed to Phil Barrett, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, for the Shire of Gingin on 0408 943 576. If you have misplaced your copy of your Fire Break Orders then copies are available for downloading from the Shire of Gingin's website - www.gingin.wa.gov.au.

Melody & Movie in the Park

The Melody and Movie in the Park free community event was held in Ledge Point on Saturday, 29 February. This event was a great success with around 250 attendees turning up to listen to Love Gun (live band), enjoy face painting, pony rides and to watch Toy Story 4.

The event was jointly hosted by the Shire of Gingin in partnership with the Ledge Point Community Association and it forms part of the Shire's annual Summer Suite of Events program. The Melody & Music in the Park event was also sponsored by Lancelin Sands Earthmoving and the Sumich Group.



Save the Dates!

- **21 April** - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm, Shire Administration Centre, Gingin
- **15 May** - #shoWcAse in Pixels Competition - deadline for entries

Given a State of Emergency has been declared by the WA State Government as of 15 March in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the following upcoming events have been CANCELLED/POSTPONED:

- **22 March** - Gingin Triathlon (rescheduled to November 2020)
- **25 April** - All ANZAC Day Services (refer to the RSL of WA for details)
- Any other public events or gatherings directed to cease by the State and Federal Governments.



Shane Love MLA

Member for Moore

MEDIA RELEASE

March 19, 2020

Farm working dogs and responsible owners need consideration in puppy laws

The Nationals WA will seek to amend the Labor Government's proposed puppy farming laws to minimise impacts for farm working dogs and responsible dog owners.

Deputy Leader Shane Love said the Nationals WA were committed to stamping out intensive dog breeding.

"The Nationals WA find the practice of puppy farming to be unacceptable and we support improved welfare for all animals," Mr Love said.

"However, following consultation with the agricultural sector, the WA Local Government Association and Dogs West, it is clear the State Government has not done their due diligence with this legislation.

"Our amendments will be aimed at minimising the impacts of this Bill, if it passes, for owners of farm working dogs and responsible dog owners and breeders who are members of Dogs West."

The Nationals WA amendments will include:

- Defining farm working dogs within the legislation;
- Exempting farm working dogs from mandatory sterilisation after two years of age;
- Exempting farm working dog owners from needing to become registered breeders;
- Exempting Dogs West members from needing to become registered breeders.

"These exemptions are important in recognising the vital role that farm working dogs play in our agricultural sector, and are in line with exemptions offered by other States when introducing puppy farming legislation," Mr Love said.

"Over their lifetime, a working dog provides about \$40,000 worth of value to a farm business and important breeding stock could be restricted if farm working dogs are not exempted." Mr Love said Dogs West members should also be granted an exemption.

"Dogs West owners and breeders represent the gold standard of dog ownership in Western Australia," he said.

"They already have rigorous processes in place to ensure their membership has the highest standards of animal welfare in place, including restrictions on the number of dogs a person can own and the number of litters a dog can safely have.

"None of these animal welfare standards exist within the Labor Party's proposed legislation," he said.

"We all support stamping out the abhorrent practice of intensive dog breeding under inadequate conditions, however the proposed legislation fails to do this."



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The winning entry will be displayed in Yagan Square!

\$200 CASH PRIZE!

2020 #showcAse IN PIXELS Competition

The Shire of Gingin invites:

Individuals (such as professional and non-professional artists) or groups/ organisations (such as school groups, art groups, etc.) living/based in the Shire of Gingin area to submit an entry for the 2020 #showcAse in Pixels Competition

The winning entry will win \$200 and will be displayed in Yagan Square
To enter and for full terms and conditions, visit www.gingin.wa.gov.au

Entries close Friday, 15 May 2020

GINGIN SHIRE **FURTHER INFORMATION**
Contact Miranda Wallace on (08) 9575 5150
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IN MOORE WITH LOVE

26 March 2020

The **Corona Virus** (COVID-19) pandemic has given rise to an unprecedented situation that is unfolding rapidly. We need everyone to take government warnings seriously. Please avoid all non-essential travel and stay home. In the words of Recfishwest, be safe, be responsible and follow Government guidelines. Go to: https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus for the latest advice and news. If you are out of work and need Jobseeker help, call 132850. If you are a small business and need assistance, call 133140 or visit: <https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

In recent weeks, The Nationals WA have worked hard, both in parliament and via direct communication to the Premier, to highlight the unique challenges this pandemic poses for small regional communities who would otherwise welcome visitors at Easter time. With limited medical services and limited supplies in supermarkets and pharmacies, our regional communities are vulnerable. In response, the government will be drafting measures to stop non-essential travel between regions within WA. The Nationals have also called on the Agriculture Minister to include agriculture in the definition of 'essential service', ensuring supplies of produce and necessary inputs and personnel. This is an important time to consider the needs of the elderly and more vulnerable in your community so please look out for others. Contact my office if you have any queries on Tel: 99 272333 or E:MooreElectorate@mp.wa.gov.au
Again, the message is very clear **#PleaseStayHome**.

It was a great honour to be elected as **Deputy Leader of The Nationals WA** on 10 March and I look forward to serving with Leader, Mia Davies and the Nationals team with a key focus of giving voice to regional people. First and foremost, we will be fighting to restore the integrity of the Royalties for Regions program.

My Nationals colleagues and I do not for one moment support **puppy farming**, but briefings with groups representing owners of livestock working dogs and representatives from DogsWest have reinforced gaping holes in Labor's *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2020* legislation. Consultation with companion and working dog interest groups has been disregarded in drafting the legislation. Realising the administrative burden, the WA Local Government Association state council has requested that the Local Government Minister withdraw the puppy farming bill or remove any reference to Local Government. This is yet another example of ratepayers footing the bill for a state government initiative. On 19 March in Parliament I proposed a number of amendments that will minimise the impact of the Bill, if it passes, on owners of farm working dogs and breeders who are members of DogsWest.

The Transport Minister has amended the opening date for **NorthLink**, the final section of Tonkin Highway to Muchea. It's now expected to open late in April 2020.



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1a Lily King Place, Gingin

- Tuesday 7th April • Please log onto www.bit.ly/Gingin7Apr
- 6pm to 8pm • for pricing and tickets.
- RSVP by 1st April

Shane Love is one of WA's most experienced and respected instructors, as seen on Nine News. Shane is a medical officer and former ambulance officer. He has specialised in the baby and toddler side of first-aid training for over 25 years and his courses have saved the lives of numerous children. He has run a medical series on ABC radio in WA and Victoria, been interviewed on Nine News and TRIO, has performed advanced first-aid courses, given over 1000 first-aid seminars & is often used as a guest speaker.

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2020
EASTER HUNT
Sunday 12th April
Start Time: 10am
Venue: Granville Park
Easter Basket with Treats
Easter Activities
Bookings by Friday, 3rd April 2020.
Email: ccc-service@gingin.net or
Call 9575 1253

Gingin District Community Resource Centre
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GINGIN RED CROSS UNIT
meets 3rd Thursday of the month at the
RED CROSS MEETING ROOM
(old Red Cross shop, behind the Police Station)

next meeting

23rd April
9.00 AM

for details please contact
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0437 780 406

Margaret
9575 2231

NEW MEMBERS MOST WELCOME

Looking for something fun to do with the kids in Gingin?
Join us for
Rhyme Time Story Time!
Every Wednesday 9.30am at the
Gingin Public Library
1A Lily King Place, Gingin
Enquiries to Gloria or Carrie: 9575 1253

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Gingin District Community Resource Centre



Information for close contacts of a confirmed case

You have been identified as having had close contact with someone diagnosed with Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Someone from your local public health unit will be in contact with you daily while you are at risk of infection to monitor you for symptoms. You must isolate yourself in your home for 14 days after last contact with the confirmed case. Please read this information carefully.

What does isolate yourself in your home mean?

People who are recommended to be isolated should not attend public places, in particular work, school, childcare or university. Only people who usually live in the household should be in the home. Do not allow visitors into the home. There is no need to wear masks in the home. Where possible, get others such as friends or family, who are not required to be isolated, to get food or other necessities for you. If you must leave the home, such as to seek medical care, wear a surgical mask if you have one.

What is a coronavirus and COVID-19?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). This new coronavirus (called SARS-COV-2) originated in Hubei Province, China. The virus causes coronavirus disease 2019, commonly known as COVID-19.

How is the infection spread?

The infection is most likely to spread from person-to-person through:

- direct close contact with a person while they are infectious or in the 24 hours before their symptoms appeared
- close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes, or
- touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) contaminated with virus-laden mucus from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

Most infections are only transmitted by people when they have symptoms. These can include fever, a cough, sore throat, tiredness and shortness of breath.

Close contacts of a person with a confirmed infection (such as people staying in the same house or sharing a closed space for a prolonged length of time) are most at risk of infection.

For how long can a person spread the infection to other people?

The length of time that a person is infectious, that is, can spread the infection to others, is not yet known. However, there has been emerging evidence of asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic infection and pre-symptomatic transmission. It is possible a person can spread the infection from before the time they first develop symptoms until up to one day after symptoms stop.

Who is most at risk of a serious illness?

Some people who are infected may not get sick at all, some will get mild symptoms from which they will recover easily, and others may become very ill, very quickly. From previous experience with other coronaviruses, the people at most risk of serious infection are:

- people with compromised immune systems (e.g. because of cancer)
- elderly people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as they have higher rates of chronic illness
- people with diagnosed chronic medical conditions
- very young children and babies*
- people in group residential settings
- people in detention facilities.

*At this stage the risk to children and babies, and the role children play in the transmission of COVID-19, is not clear. However, there has so far been a low rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases among children relative to the broader population.

What do I do if I develop symptoms?

If you develop symptoms (fever, a cough, sore throat, tiredness or shortness of breath) within 14 days of last contact with a confirmed case, you should arrange to see your doctor for urgent assessment.

You should telephone the health clinic or hospital before you arrive and tell them your travel history or that you may have been in contact with a potential case of coronavirus. You must remain isolated either in your home or a healthcare setting until public health authorities inform you it is safe for you to return to your usual activities.

How is the infection treated?

There is no specific treatment for coronaviruses. Antibiotics are not effective against viral infections. Most of the symptoms can be treated with supportive medical care.

How can we help prevent the spread of the infection?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses. You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- and if unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 meters from people).

Should I wear a face mask?

You do not need to wear a mask if you are healthy. While the use of masks can help to prevent transmission of disease from infected patients to others, masks are not currently recommended for use by healthy members of the public for the prevention of infections like coronavirus.

Where can I get more information?

For the latest advice, information and resources, go to www.health.gov.au

Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

The phone number of your state or territory public health agency is available at www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts

If you have concerns about your health, speak to your doctor.

Someone Vengeful This Way Comes

By Alan Gent

Karen got the phone call during the morning break. "He's out!" said the police sergeant on the other end of the line. "It was in the morning exercise period. Somebody noticed he was gone, and as he may be heading your way, I've contacted your local area police to keep a watch on your place in case he...Well, I don't really have to tell you..."

She put the phone down. Her hand was shaking. Surely Achmed wouldn't be stupid enough to go to her house? He must know that it was exactly where the police would expect him to go? Although the staff room had been empty, a pair of bright eyes and attentive ears had overheard the conversation as he waited to get permission to be excused from physical education – a regular occurrence for the bulky Rafe, because of his feet.

Karen had to steady herself and sit down as the memories came flooding back. In her mind's eye she saw him advancing menacingly towards her, fists clenched and ready. Gone was the charming personable young man she'd married – now replaced with this drunken monster that took so much pleasure in using his fists on a girl with whom he'd pleaded to marry. It had started off with the occasional slap or heavier bruising thump, but as the drink became more of an obsession than a past-time, the beating got more serious and she found herself lying to the hospital staff about 'falling over', 'tripping on the stairs' or any other excuse she could think of to hide the shame of being beaten by an abusive husband. He was often quite contrite when he'd sobered up the following morning, promising 'not to do it again', until it became like a broken record. Somehow, against all the advice of those who'd guessed her plight, she simply couldn't bring herself to leave him, although she'd tried once, but he'd found her and when he got her home, gave her more physical abuse – most of the time with his belt, allowing the buckle to rake against her flesh. Of course, there were only two possible outcomes of this behaviour: that he'd kill her or she'd end up in hospital for some time. The latter was achieved some years ago, she was in a coma for three months and Achmed ended up in jail for five years. When she'd recovered,

she found she could hide most of the scars by combing her hair differently and with careful application of make-up. She'd taken a teachers' training course – something she could never do while Achmed was around, since he forbade her to work or even to drive a car. She taught general 'Life Skills' to a class of 'slow' students in year 10, and found she was quite good at it. The students certainly seem to like her. She realised that one student in particular definitely had a 'crush' on her and used to stay after class to chat and ask if he could help with her books and so on. At one point, against her better judgement, she'd actually let him carry some heavy text books back to her home with her. She didn't live far from the school, so didn't have to use the little car she drove around the village. She was sensible enough not to invite the lad inside her house though. Raphael, or 'Rafe' as he was called, was very big for his age, and could easily be mistaken for somebody several years older. On parent-teacher night he saw that he'd taken after his father in this respect – his mother was quite slight. With all his strength and bulk, though, she'd never seen Rafe get into a fight at school – he was better at breaking them up, it seemed.

She probably should have made some excuse to take the rest of the day off, but it was Rafe's birthday and she knew that the other students had got together to buy him something special. For her own part, she'd made a little card for him. The birthday celebration occupied a good part of the lesson, and Karen was able to combine it with letting the students know that not all religions were allowed to celebrate birthdays, and they also spoke of those who had their birthday on February 29th, how the 'happy birthday tune' was very common in a lot of countries in the world. In general, it worked out very well.

At the end of the day, Rafe stayed back again. He said: "What's wrong Miss?" You seem a bit miserable. He said nothing about the phone call he'd overheard. "Oh, it's nothing really Rafe, I'll probably be OK tomorrow," she replied. Rafe turned away, but he had a worried look on his face.

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When she got home, she was relieved to see her little house in darkness. She carefully locked all the windows and doors and took a heavy steel skillet into her bedroom and left it by the bed. She sat in the dark downstairs and jumped with every little creak the house made. She didn't put the television on, just in case it masked the arrival of Achmed. She seemed to dose off for a while, and she was woken by a heavy knock on her front door. She crept to the hallway and asked querulously: "Who is it?"

"This is Sergeant Wilkins, Mrs Abbott. Just checking to see you're OK."

A wave of relief swept over her – Achmed could never disguise his heavy accent. "I'm fine, thanks."

"Are you all locked up?"

"Yes thanks. Will you be calling round again?"

"Yes, Mrs Abbott, in about an hour or so. Give us a call if you need us before that. I really don't think your husband will bother you."

She heard the police car gently pull away and the house was quiet again. She hoped the sergeant was right, but a feeling in the pit of her stomach said he wasn't.

She decided to have an early night, but it seemed to take an age to get to sleep. Just as she was dropping off, there was a 'thump' from the back of the house, and the tinkle of glass. She sat up in bed and froze as she heard the creak of a floorboard in the kitchen. She carefully reached down and took hold of the skillet. She tiptoed to the door and stood waiting, skillet raised above her head. Without warning the door suddenly burst open, and before she had time to do anything, he was upon her! The skillet fell uselessly to the floor. "So, you armed yourself, did you, my little minx. I think you need a lesson in manners. While he held both her wrists in his large hands, he slowly unbuckled his belt. She screamed!

He laughed at her. "Nobody can hear you, you little fool. Perhaps nobody will ever hear you again! I'll teach you to have me locked up!" He raised the belt, the lethal buckle ready to be flailed against her helpless body.

Suddenly a voice shouted from the door of her room. "I think you had better leave her alone!" Achmed turned slowly around, not relinquishing his grip on Karen's wrists. He saw a young boy standing there, hardly old

enough to worry about. He laughed cruelly. "What's a little squirt like you going to do, huh?"

Karen had never seen Rafe fight at school, and her heart sank. But in the next few seconds, as in a dream, she realised how capable this young lad was in that department. In a sudden burst that belied his size, he launched himself at Karen's antagonist and bowled him over. Then with a single blockbuster punch, laid him out cold. Neither of them spoke, looked at one another and as if in unspoken agreement, tied Achmed's hands and feet securely with scarves, towels and the belt he'd hoped to use on Karen, while he was still insensible. Rafe lowered his bulk onto Achmed. Karen still couldn't believe Rafe could have delivered such a punch. Eventually, when they'd made Achmed secure, she said: "How come you turned up just at the right time?"

"I'm sorry Miss, but I overheard your phone call – I didn't mean to. I thought I'd keep an eye on your house tonight just in case", he said a little guiltily, "and I saw this bloke creeping around, so I followed him. When I heard you scream, I thought I'd better see what was going on."

Just then there was a heavy knock on the front door. It was Sergeant Wilkins, coming to check up again, like the cavalry that would have arrived just too late. He nodded in approval when he saw the groggy figure of Achmed trussed up like a chicken, and Rafe using him like a reluctant sofa.

"I think we can take it from here, thanks, sonny", he said.



memories – and we welcome identification of the players and date of the mystery black and white photo in the Community Resource Centre display.

It is said the green and gold (and red and white) runs in the veins of many generations of Gingin families.

Post Script. The 2020 Mortlock League training sessions and Competition has been deferred until June as part of the nation wide response to contain the Covid 19 Pandemic. A further assessment of the situation will be made closer to this date.

Written by Mary Cameron.

State of Play 2020

The Gingin Football Club likes to think of itself as a “community” club that welcomes players, volunteers and all members of the community to join in the fun. At any given home game, generally on a Sunday, the Gingin Recreation Centre and surrounding sports facilities are a hive of activity from morning to night.

Over the years the Club has gone through small changes in the way things are done, some would say we have to be more accountable and professional these days, but the stories are certainly less colourful than those of the past, particularly around club culture and what players and officials got away with in the “good old days”.

Currently the Club has around 90 members, including juniors and masters. There are three teams registered with the Mortlock Football League, which is affiliated with the WA Country Football League. The two senior teams, League and Reserves, and a junior team, Nippers. About 7 years ago another group emerged within the Club, technically they are the masters players and call themselves LIMP, “Legends Imitating Mens’ Past”. These old boys came together every Thursday afternoon training alongside the senior players. A great relationship developed between them and at the end of training they would stand around an old wood heater, sharing a sausage sizzle and beer with the young ones reminiscing about the “old days” and reminding the current players how much tougher they were in days gone by.

From this group of men a Masters Charity Match between the Gingin Eagles Masters and

the Rockingham Rams Masters evolved, with the inaugural match in 2014 to raise money for Michael Gunton (his father being a member of the Rockingham Rams Masters). Michael was 21 years old and the victim of a cowardly and vicious attack, petrol was poured over his body and he was set alight. As a result he spent many weeks in a coma and many months, and even years, recovering from his burns. Over \$6,000 was raised for Michael which enabled him to buy a car to transport himself to Royal Perth Hospital for ongoing skin grafts and daily dressings for his burns. The teams play for the honour of winning the “Michael Gunton Charity Match Trophy”. It has now become an annual event and is part of the year’s fixtures. The Club has raised over \$25,000 for six special families in need of some support to help them get through a tough time, and we will be doing it all over again in 2020. It would be an understatement to say the old boys have a ball and love to play their beloved football again, albeit a little slower and wearing a football jumper a few sizes bigger than in their heyday. The Gingin and Rockingham football communities get behind the event and on this day you can’t find a carpark anywhere around the oval, which includes the Rockingham Masters Bogan Bus parked below the netball courts.

Football clubs have to be run like businesses these days, with serious fundraising having to be undertaken to enable the Club to perform as professionally and competitively as possible. It is no secret that all country clubs pay some of their players to boost numbers and to remain competitive within their leagues. This system has always benefited the “better-off” clubs, but the new rules of salary caps and a points system has allowed all Clubs to be competitive. The Gingin Football Club has been very successful in recent years winning many Grand Finals and being the recipient of the Mortlock Champion Club Award and Bendigo Bank Champion Town Award on several occasions.

Fundraising has always been a big part of the Gingin Football Club because things like facility hire, equipment, insurances and medical supplies are big budget items. Some of the more popular fundraisers over the years have been hay carts, fencing projects, cropping programs, raffles, Sportsman’s evenings with guest speakers, an annual Player Auction,

Hypnotist nights and the canteen and bar run at home games, just to name a few. The Club also relies heavily on sponsorship deals and support from local businesses and, of course, volunteers. Volunteers include committee members, umpires, coaches, trainers, runners, line markers, gate attendants, score board attendants, afternoon tea cooks, canteen helpers, barmen and so on. Without sponsors and volunteers the Club would not survive!!!

Thanks to the passion of the committee members, life members, players and supporters the club is in a very healthy position. The Gingin Football Club isn’t one of the most financial clubs, but the culture is good and it is a safe place for young people and families to gather. Every year we have a good core group of local boys playing for the Club and this increases our supporter base, as parents, grandparents and other family members come along to watch. This creates a friendly, inclusive atmosphere which includes the Netball and Hockey clubs. Our players and officials are expected to wear the club uniform, consisting of club polo and black pants, and is considered to be one of the most professional and well-presented Clubs in the league. It is worth mentioning that we do have a club song, which the players sing after every winning match. The other special club song is “Eagle Rock” by Daddy Cool. This is sung



with gusto by everyone after every winning home game, and if a player gets married it is played at his wedding with the boys dropping their pants and dancing in their jocks, it’s a tradition.

At the end of each home game everyone is invited to stay for the Match Awards and to share a drink with mates. A light dinner is provided and everyone enjoys reliving the day’s highlights (and sometimes low lights). Sometimes music is played after dinner and it’s not unusual for the little kids to dance with their grandparents while others singing along to a popular tune. Everyone helps clean up at the end of the long and busy day, washing dishes, cleaning toilets, mopping and vacuuming floors and putting away tables and chairs.

This is just another day in the life of a passionate “Gingin Eagle”. As it has been said our blood runs green and gold!!!!

Written by
Lynley Fewster



Fugitive Pieces

By Anne Michaels

This beautifully written book of love and loss leaves the reader forever touched. If you think you are a little weary of Holocaust stories, do not be put off, because this wonderfully poetic novel provides us with insights we have probably not experienced before. Initially the narrative may be a little confusing as it is presented in short excerpts of memory that do not necessarily appear to be connected. However, as we read on we find the meaning of Jakob's story; we learn to love Athos and come to understand Ben.

The story is presented in two parts. Initially we hear the first-person account of Jakob Beer who is a seven-year old Jewish child in Poland. He was concealed behind a wall when the Germans came and killed his parents and took his sister Bella away. He hides in the nearby forests and bogs where he is discovered by a Greek Archaeologist Athos who is excavating the ancient Polish city of Biskupin. Athos decides to smuggle him back to Greece where he lives in hiding until the end of the war. This part of the narrative is told through Jakob remembering back to what he had experienced, all the time desperately wondering what had happened to his precious sister Bella.

While he is in Greece he learns Greek and English which helps him forget all of the trauma of his early life. Eventually he and Athos migrate to Canada where he becomes a poet. He marries Alex but ends up divorcing her because he has been unable to forget Bella. He later meets Michaela, a younger woman, who is able to help him make sense of his past. They eventually go back to Greece and settle in the house that had belonged to the family of Athos.

The second part of the story is told by Ben, of Jewish descent, born in Canada to Holocaust survivors. Ben is a young academic who becomes preoccupied with Ben's poetry. Jakob is already dead when Ben begins his story. As Ben searches through his parent's past, in an effort to find out more about their lives, he by chance comes across the notebooks that Jakob has left behind. As he reads the notebooks he uncovers Ben's story.

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Emeritus Professor Judith Rivalland



MARCH 2020

A small group of members attended the Gingin Railway Station Markets on Sunday 1st March unfortunately the numbers of buyers were quite low so our profits were just below \$100. However, Bob Melville's talk was enjoyed by everyone who attended. He is a much respected and knowledgeable rosarian.

Many thanks to Gloria, Carolyn, Marg M and Crystal for working all day and thanks to those who donated plants.

Our March meeting held at the Golf Club on Friday 6th was a success. Our guests from the Solitaire African Violet Group, Jaqui and Eric, gave an informative talk on growing and propagating the plants and their passion was evident. They also had a variety of plants to purchase.

Our 'sculpture' was not surprisingly a 'hot'

topic when Elenor arrived with it decorated in chilli splendour!! It has now moved on to wan so let's see what she can do with it when it comes back in June.

Our two free entry tickets to the Perth Garden Festival were won by Francine McCarthy and Kerry Fewster (they will have to save them up now).

Sadly our group has gone into recess for now but we hope that we will all keep safe, support each other and when this crisis passes we can all once again share our gardens and enjoy fellowship together.

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COVID-19 and The Police

These are certainly unprecedented times we are living in with the current state of emergency arising from the Novel Coronavirus that is sure to put many members of the community on edge and cause significant stress, especially in vulnerable groups within our community.

Rest assured, the Gingin Police remain committed to serving you, regardless of what situations may occur during this trying period. We encourage everyone who may require Police assistance during the stage two – social distancing period to consider how we are able to help.

If it is a life threatening emergency, call 000. If you require police attendance, call 131 444. WA Police has now implemented a precautionary screening process for Police Facilities, so if you are asked a series of questions prior to being permitted entry into the Police Station, please don't take offence as everyone is being asked the same questions.

The coming weeks and months will certainly hold challenges for everyone in the community, however contingencies will be implemented to ensure that no members of our community will go without, so there is no need for alarm. Please keep up-to-date with current broadcasts being released by State and Federal Governments in relation to any further restrictions that will be implemented in the future. Information can be found at www.health.gov.au or www.australia.gov.au.

If you have any questions regarding this topic or have any issues that you would like discussed in future editions, please feel free to contact:

First Class Constable Jamie Crosby at the Gingin Police Station on 9575 5600 or gingin.police.station@police.wa.gov.au



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Call for Public Submissions regarding the Removal of the Granville Park Lily Pond
The Shire of Gingin is inviting submissions from the public in relation to the proposed removal of the Lily Pond from Granville Park, Gingin.
The pond is a manmade structure and is considered a safety hazard to the public in addition to having several other long standing issues. A comprehensive history of these issues can be found in the Public Notices section of the Shire's website - www.gingin.wa.gov.au.
Written submissions will be received up until 4pm on Friday, 10 April 2020. Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and clearly marked "Submission - Proposed Removal of the Granville Park Lily Pond". Submissions may be emailed to mail@gingin.wa.gov.au or posted to the Shire of Gingin, PO Box 510, Gingin WA 6503.
For any further information regarding this notice please contact the Shire's Operations Department on (08) 9575 5100.
Aaron Cook
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Tips for staying mentally healthy during the coronavirus pandemic



Access good quality information
 Misinformation can create anxiety. Credible sources of information in relation to the coronavirus include the **Commonwealth Department of Health** and your State and Territory health department websites.



Prioritise sleep and exercise
 Getting enough sleep and prioritising exercise is extremely helpful for stress reduction and overall mood. Exercise also helps us to keep our mind focused on the present moment.



Focus on the positive things in your life
 It is easy to get caught in a catastrophic way of thinking during tough times. Remind yourself of what parts of your life feel safe, make you laugh or bring you joy.



Remember how you have coped in other difficult situations
 We may find ourselves thinking that because things are the way they are now, they will always remain that way. This is not the case. Remember a time you have overcome a challenging situation in the past.



Limit your intake of social media
 While we need to stay informed about the coronavirus, too much information can be overwhelming and anxiety provoking. Limit your media consumption if it is unhelpful or distressing.

Gingin Railway Station

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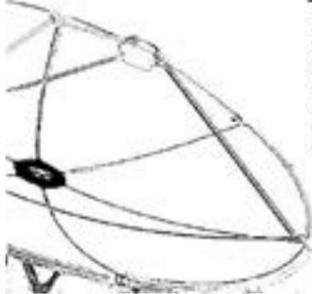


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and present their entitlement card when collecting their ticket or boarding the service. Full time students (Aust. Residents) aged 16 years and older may be entitled to a reduction in fares on presentation of their Transperth SmartRider Student Card available from schools, colleges and universities.

Concession cards need to be carried at all times and presented on request.

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If you need to have documents certified please call and make an appointment with a Justice of the Peace as listed in the local directory, or an automated telephone service is also available (1300 657 788) which provides information to locate a JP. Alternatively visit the website: <https://courts.justice.wa.gov.au/>.

Shane Love MLA

Member for Moore

MEDIA RELEASE

10 March 2020

THE NATIONALS WA ELECT SHANE LOVE AS NEW DEPUTY LEADER

Restoring the integrity of a Royalty for Regions program ravaged by the Labor Government will be a key focus for Member for Moore Shane Love following his election to deputy leadership of The Nationals WA.

Mr Love was elected to the position during a meeting of the Parliamentary National Party this morning.

Leader of The Nationals Mia Davies congratulated Mr Love, who will play a pivotal role in the party's preparations for next year's State election. Mr Love has served two terms as the Member for Moore and was recently The Nationals' whip. He attended high school in Albany and completed a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Western Australia. Between 2004-2013 Mr Love was Shire President of Dandaragan, capping 12 years as a local government councillor.

"No one knows more about how much regional West Australians are hurting under Labor than Shane and he will be an asset to our fight to get a fairer deal for small businesses, workers and families across the State," Ms Davies said.

"As Deputy Leader and Member for Moore Mr Love will be a strong voice for all regional West Australians."

Mr Love thanked his Nationals colleagues for their vote of confidence and vowed to support Ms Davies in the campaign to get a fairer deal for the regions at next year's election.

"I've been in Parliament since 2013 and I saw how under the Nationals' stewardship Royalties for Regions projects transformed regional communities across the State," he said.

"Under Labor, the program has been ripped apart with \$1.6 billion cost-shifted to pay for Water Corporation and TAFE subsidies, school buses and other essential regional services so they have the money to pay for their pet Perth projects."

Ms Davies also recognised Member for Mining and Pastoral Jacqui Boydell for her service as Deputy Leader over the past three years.

"Jacqui has been an outspoken advocate for regional WA, working hard as an MP and behind the scenes with The Nationals WA for 15 years to ensure regional families and local issues are on the agenda in State Parliament," Ms Davies said. "She has been a warrior both on the frontline as an MP, and behind the scenes in our organisation.

"I have been proud to have her standing by me as my Deputy Leader and she is to be congratulated for her service to regional WA."



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