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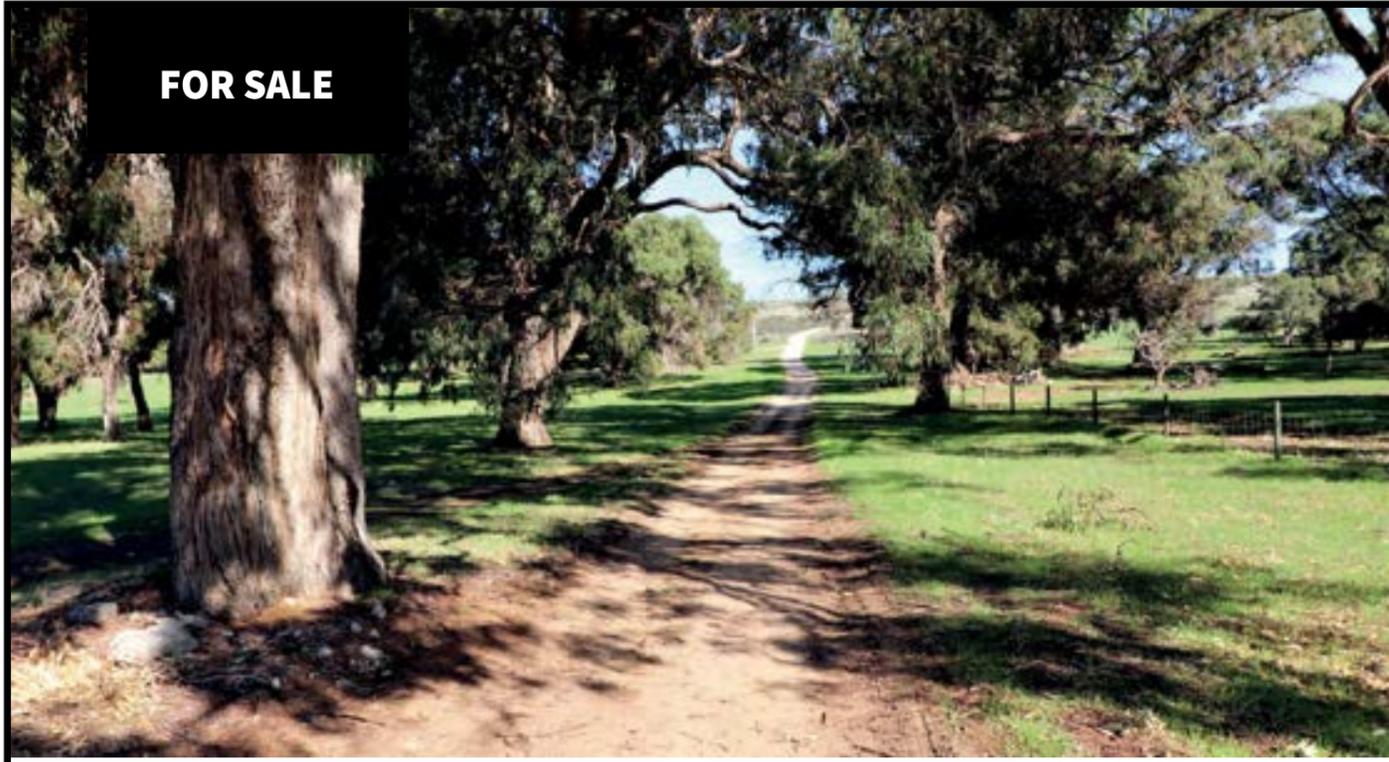
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Editor's Note

Many thanks to our first virtual donation point donor. Not an easy task due to not having a depot in Gingin but please know we appreciate every cent and will use it to put back into the community. Let's hope we can make recycling/donating easier in the very near future.

In case you have not been made aware this October 9th is Gingin's 150th celebrations. There is a fabulous group of community members working with the Shire on what will be happening, displayed, played etc on the day. Lots of meetings and volunteered time being put into what will be a ripper of a day in more ways than one.

The Easter Hunt in the park is on again this Easter Sunday and this year we have the Gingin Lions Club providing a train ride at the first station followed by an array

of activities, even some fishing. Be sure to register your children or grandchildren to ensure their reward at the end of the course.

The annual CRC Art Display and Rock `N Arts in the Park event is on again this March 27th. It will be so nice to have the community getting together again in the park with music and food. Wheatbelt band Refractory Road will be playing and if they don't blow your Covid cobwebs out there's no hope for you. We look forward to seeing you all rocking and having a good time again this year.

Carrie Edwards
Manager

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MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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The New Boss

Hi I'm the new Sergeant at the Gingin Police station, my name is Dave Harnett, I have been a Police Officer for over 23 years with the majority of my career as a Detective. During this time I have worked in number of areas including General Duties, Homicide Squad, Financial Crime (Fraud) Squad, Internal Affairs Unit and suburban Detectives offices dealing with a number of serious offences including serious and sexual assault, child abuse, burglary, stolen vehicles, high value stealing and drugs. The most satisfying part of my job is helping genuine victims through what is sometimes the worst situation in their life and putting law breakers before the court. In the late 90's as a young Constable, I came through Gingin on a traffic patrol and thought to myself 'I would love to work here one day'..... well its only taken me 20 years to do it and now I'm running the station.

Prior to Gingin I was the Officer in Charge of Dwellingup Police Station for just over two years. During my tenure there I became involved in a number of Community engagement initiatives, including a makeover of the Dwellingup Police Station garden. Many of the locals there did not want me to leave by the end.

Although traffic work and giving out the dreaded infringement will always be a part of what we do, I believe another important part of policing is being involved in the community, being approachable and willing to stop and have a yarn.

Outside of work I enjoy relaxing and spending time with my family with a BBQ and a quiet beer. I also enjoy woodworking, fishing, camping and swimming when I have the time. I look forward to being a part of and protecting the Gingin Police District community.



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

This month has been a busy one for Gingin Police.

The new Sergeant has revitalised the station and has emphasised that he wants Gingin Police Officers to be part of the Community and to engage with Community groups as well as individuals.

We have started to attend and talk to locals at The Men's Shed, CWA, Council, St John Ambulance and Community volunteers such as members from the local volunteer fire brigade.

We also held a 'Coffee with a Cop' at Cu@ PARK (will be happening again) which was a huge success and gave members of the Community the opportunity to tell us directly what they did and DID NOT like about Gingin Police.

We will be starting Rural Watch program again very soon, as well as a number of other programs. This was requested by a number of primary producers.

We are asking everyone who is interested in becoming part of Rural Watch to leave your details at the Gingin Police station and the new coordinator will be in touch.

This program will be tailored to our area and will be made with input from farmers and will not be an 'off the shelf' program.

The new coordinator will be Senior Constable Adam Robertson (call him Robbo).

To keep updated on what YOUR police are doing please keep an eye on us on Twitter and Facebook. We will be posting more so you can see what we have been up to both in the community and our law enforcement efforts.

If you have any questions or wish me to write about any topic please call me at the Gingin Station on 95755600 or e-mail gingin.police.station@police.wa.gov.au

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Filming Begins on WA's First Space Documentary

Western Australia's first space science documentary has been filming across the Wheatbelt, Mid West and Murchison. Funded by The University of Western Australia, Curtin University and the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR), the documentary will be a unique insight into how the State is fast becoming the astronomy and stargazing capital of the world.

The new documentary, Star Tracks, will bring the most modern of space science endeavours together with WA's most ancient knowledge of the dark night sky. It focuses on the world's mega space science project, the Square Kilometre Array, whilst travelling the State to feature the characters and places where high-tech science melds with ancient Aboriginal Astronomy.

The creator behind Star Tracks, Donna Vanzetti, Director of Beam Me Up Media envisages a regular television series that will put WA on the world stage when it comes to WA's space science assets and world-class Astrotourism sites.

"Star Tracks is an opportunity to showcase Western Australia as the world's 'Astro Hotspot'. With our pristine dark night skies, the Square Kilometre Array, our ancient Aboriginal astronomy heritage, and many other cutting-edge space science projects, WA has many wonderful stories to tell," she said.

The SKA project, half of which will be built in WA's Murchison region, has already attracted over 200 radio astronomy professionals to the State and will be the largest and most capable radio telescope ever constructed. During its 50+ year lifetime, it will expand our knowledge of the universe ten-fold and drive technological advancement across the globe.

ICRAR's Executive Director Professor Peter Quinn—who leads the West Australian science team said WA is an ideal location to build a project such as the SKA radio telescope.

"The radio quiet environment is critical to the science and the State is at the cutting edge of this technology," he said.

"It's a terrific opportunity to showcase the science and our world-leading researchers with a documentary such as Star Tracks. It will appeal to the person on the street and will no doubt inspire the next generation to study and work in WA's fast-growing Space Industry."

Filming at both the University of WA and Curtin University has introduced WA's top space science heroes and their mind-bending work and more recently, the production team travelled to the remote Murchison Radio Observatory, the site for the Square Kilometre Array. The site is usually off-limits to the general public due to the radio quietness required for radio astronomy, however the team

were given special permission and captured the enormity of the project, the beauty of the desert landscape and the challenges the science team face working in this harsh environment.

Other filming locations include the Pinnacles Desert, Cervantes and Moora featuring iconic WA landscapes, Aboriginal astronomy and the stunning Milky Way easily seen from these locations.

Local WA Astrophotographer, Michael Goh, has been travelling far and wide to capture WA's beautiful night sky through amazing time-lapse sequences as part of the documentary.

"WA's night sky is one of the darkest on the planet and it's one of the best locations to see the Milky Way. We have low populations in regional WA and low levels of light pollution. WA's regions are a magnet for astrophotography," said Mr Goh.

More filming is planned with the program set to be completed in coming months.



Easter Hunt 2021

**EASTER SUNDAY 4TH APRIL
FROM 10AM | STARTING AT THE SOUND
SHELL IN GRANVILLE PARK**

**COME DOWN AND JOIN
IN THE EASTER FUN!**

**Easter activities, train rides
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**MUST REGISTER TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT
BY 26TH MARCH 2021**

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FREE EVENT

It was really good starting up Messy Church again, this time with the theme "The Wonders of God". We had several new children also, who really enjoyed the various activities. There was painting of Poppies, seed pictures representing the various plants in the world, making delicious gingerbread, some wonderful telescopes, and a lovely Sunrise Collage.

This time we also had a "Quiet corner" with cushions and mats under a shady tree. We were happily able to sit round the trees for our

worship time. We even sang Louis Armstrong's great song "Its a wonderful world". After this, it was good to be able once again to have a shared dinner together.

Our next Messy Church will be on Wednesday 24 March from 3.30 pm to 5.45 pm when the theme will be "Easter". Afternoon tea and evening meal is provided without charge. For more information please contact Marian (9575 1357) or Sharon (9655 7057).

Gingin Bowling Club

The Ladies and Men's Pennant teams are currently in top position in the Moore District Bowling League competition. The Ladies finals will be played on Tuesday the 9th March in Gingin.

Gingin will be represented by eight players at the Men' Country Week commencing this Friday.

Congratulations to Tom Cabassi on winning the Moore Districts Single Championships.

Last Friday evening a Social night was held and sponsored by one of the districts local business "Kuyan Apiaries". Fourteen teams of four

enjoyed a relaxing but rather competitive social game of lawn bowls. With lots of banter. The winning team of the night were the Irish Boys, who generously decided to share their winnings with everyone. Second place was Robert-Brodie-Halls team and third place went to the Marley Transport team. The first four bowlers to have touchers (bowl hitting the kitty) of the evening received lottery scratchies.

Plans are in place to hold the next social evening on Friday 12th March. So get your teams together for another fun night. More information will put out on social media and flyers.



Winning Team - Irish L-R Peter, Graham, Patrick, Murray and Paul & John Fewster



AVAILABLE SERVICES

Gingin Medical Centre has a new doctor. Dr Oladapo Alegbe (Dr Dapo) officially commenced on 1 December and has opened the books up to all including those who reside outside of the Shire of Gingin.

Dr Dapo brings a great deal of experience to the practice and he offers a number of services including:

- **Skin checks & skin cancer surgeries**
- **Chronic disease management**
- **Mental health care**
- **Child health**
- **Women's health**
- **Men's health**
- **Worker's compensation**
- **Iron infusion**
- **Implanon insertion/removal**
- **Geriatric skin care**
- **Simple surgeries**



Dr Dapo has had vast exposure to country service delivery over the past 15 years. He hails from Nigeria and has been working in Australia predominantly in Queensland and Western Australia since 2010. Just recently Dr Dapo has been based in Northam as a contractor and at the Northam Hospital. Dr Dapo is also a WA GP Education & Training (WAGPET) supervisor and he has recently been supervising three registrars and other medical doctors on an independent assessment pathway. Further to this, Dr Dapo is also an examiner for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Dr Dapo is a very experienced and professional General Practitioner who brings his wealth of knowledge and country experience to Gingin. The Gingin Medical Centre is very fortunate to have secured his services for the next five years. Council and staff look forward to working with him in future and hope that the community support Dr Dapo and greatly benefit from his skills and service.

To make an appointment you can either download the Hotdoc App onto your smart phone and book through it or book online via www.hotdoc.com.au or contact the Medical Centre via the below details.

Term 1, Week 4 - February 2021

GDHS - P&C Newsletter



A message from our newly appointed President

My name is Jenna Treloar and I will be the 2021 Gingin District High School P&C President. I am excited and perhaps a bit nervous to take on the task but after some consideration, I felt joining now was a tangible way to get involved in the environment where my own kids will spend so much of their time. We all play a significant role in guiding our little people into adulthood and I hope to make an impact in the school experience that will shape the foundations of our children's future. However small or large our contribution, it matters and it makes a difference.

For those I am yet to meet, I have children in Pre-Primary and Year 2. I live and sometimes help out on the family farm my husband grew up on in Bambun. Currently by day and sometimes night, I co-own and manage a small local transport business and I am studying a CertIV qualification.

I had early ambitions of becoming a teacher and completed an undergraduate degree in English Literature and History before moving into the not-for-profit sector where I think I found my passion for community driven initiatives. I've been part of both the Gingin Community Resource Centre Management Committee and have been an Executive Member of the Gingin Outdoor Activity Space (GOAS) Working Group since 2018.

I have got plenty to learn in the coming year, but with some amazing support around me I am confident I can help lead the P&C Association with a positive and proactive approach.

Some of my key objectives are:

- Developing a teachers wishlist to help guide our fundraising efforts.
- Creating a space where Parents and Community members can voice concerns in a constructive way.
- Supporting the school in creating a positive and involved learning environment.

I look forward to the year ahead and I hope to see you around!

Jenna Treloar
P&C President

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Fundraising Updates

2021 is going to be an exciting year! We have new committee members keen to explore and put forward ideas for fundraising and can't wait to share these with you once finalised.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has had a very busy start to the year. We continue to take cash and card payments. Orders can be made via Quickcliq or in person on Thursday morning between 8:30am - 9:00am. The Uniform Shop will also stock a small amount of faction coloured polos this year and continue to have school and library bags available.

Canteen Corner

A new term, means a new specials menu! Pizza, mac & cheese and a dim sim box are joining some old favorite's. All these items are available via cash or Quickcliq until 9am on Mon, Wed & Fri. Volunteers are always more than welcome at the Canteen! Contact Sheena and she will add you to the roster and repay you with a cuppa, some lunch and some friendly conversation! Sheena - 0416 058 016



We are on the look out for our next Vice President. Meet other parents, share ideas, join our team and support our school. If you are interested please come along to our next meeting.

Upcoming Dates

Week 7 - 16th March 2021
General Meeting held in PAC room at 6.30pm

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Moore

✓ Moore Health Initiative

✓ Mid West rescue helicopter

✓ Moore Tourism Initiative

✓ Moore power

✓ Jurien Bay Marina

✓ Moora education precinct

VOTE **1** SHANE LOVE *in Moore*



THE NATIONALS *for Regional WA*

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VOTE - 1
PARMINDER SINGH
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR AGRICULTURAL REGION

*Hi, I'm Parminder Singh,
Your local WA - Legislative Council (Upper - house)
Independent candidate for Agricultural Region.*

I am a small business owner and Shire Councilor in Kojonup WA, and I am contesting the upcoming WA State Elections as an Independent - Legislative Council (Upper - House) Candidate for Agricultural Region.

I have owned & managed businesses in Kojonup, Mt Barker, Nyabing, Cranbrook, Tambellup. I am deeply connected with the people in my community and understand their true needs.

INDEPENDENT – AGRICULTURAL REGION (UPPER HOUSE)

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- **CONCENTRATED ASSET MANAGEMENT OF REGIONAL HERITAGE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES:** Protecting our precious history and creating more tourism icons in Regional WA.

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VALE

In loving memory of the following residents or former residents of Gingin who have passed away recently.

Isabella Slater ** David Rashbrook **

Therese Harley ** Jill Love **

Eric Regan** Carol Borwick.

Sincere sympathy is extended to their families for their loss.

Shane Love MLA

Deputy Leader; Member for Moore

MEDIA RELEASE

A stronger voice and more support for regional St John volunteers

Establishing an independent advocacy group for St John Ambulance volunteers, delivering more community paramedics to the regions, and ensuring small sub-centres have access to the latest vehicles and equipment will be key priorities for The Nationals WA if elected in March.

The \$40 million commitment was announced by Leader Mia Davies and health spokesperson Martin Aldridge in Moora today.

Ms Davies praised the role of St John Ambulance staff and volunteers across regional WA.

“St John Ambulance is responsible for more than 11,000 volunteers in WA, servicing the largest health jurisdiction in the world, and last year alone they answered 43,000 call outs in regional WA,” Ms Davies said.

“Regional paramedics and volunteers play a vital role keeping our communities safe and responding to emergency incidents, however, the workload can be onerous, and the situations volunteers encounter can be challenging, leading to volunteer burnout.

“St John Ambulance provides an invaluable service to regional WA and it’s the role of Government to continue to support this iconic organization so they can continue to answer the call when needed,” Moore MP Shane Love MLA said.

If elected, The Nationals WA will commit \$29 million to deploy an additional 18 community paramedics across regional WA to areas of need, and a \$10 million fund would ensure some of the State’s smallest sub-centres remain sustainable and well equipped.

“We’ve seen how effective community paramedics are and volunteers tell us they appreciate that extra support on the ground. Our commitment will boost the total number of community paramedics across regional WA to 45 ensuring they can continue supporting our volunteer sub-centres.”

An additional \$1 million will be used to create WA’s first volunteer association to advocate for and protect the interests of more than 11,000 ambulance volunteers across the State.

Health spokesperson Martin Aldridge said giving volunteers a voice would assist creating better work environments, improve relations and create a greater awareness of the role volunteers play within and outside the health sector.

“St John Ambulance plays a huge role in regional WA, and volunteers often encounter very difficult and challenging circumstances in their volunteer roles,” Mr Aldridge said.

“Other emergency service organisations have representative bodies to advocate on their behalf, however, St John Ambulance volunteers don’t have access to a similar body.

“This will give volunteers much-needed support and advocacy and will also help to guide organisational and government decisions to make sure WA’s ambulance and health services are world class.”



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THE NATIONALS *for Regional WA*

Hunting

By Alan Gent

It's hard to describe Toofar. It was a lot like Earth in some ways – you could breathe the air without too much trouble, although the oxygen content was a bit less than that on Earth. The killer was the gravity though. Being a lot larger, every step you took was like climbing a mountain. It had taken over six months in the cryo-pods to get there and the four of us were anxious to start the hunt. We'd used Hugo's ship because it had the new thorium thrusters so we'd get to the maximum speed in a lot less time – not that we'd know about that very much, since we'd all be asleep for the 'leap' into hyperspace. The maximum speed was also a bit higher in his ship – over warp 5 or five times the speed of light. Travel to distant planets had always posed the problem of the 'time paradox' in which the Earth would have aged many more years than the space travellers, due to their travelling at multiples of the speed of light. Late in the twenty fifth century this had been solved by the 'time-shifter' module built into each cryo-pod which adjusted time for the travellers so they actually arrived shortly after they left, Earth-time. There had been instances where faults had occurred with this module initially, and the travellers were 'lost' – probably wandering around in some future time.

There were a number of planets set aside by the Federation for hunting, but we'd chosen Toofar because, despite its distance from Earth, the big game included what we called the 'ultra-bison' or UB. It was a huge lumbering beast that was somehow capable of sudden bursts of speed that made it a real challenge to hunt down and kill. Hunting was of course illegal on Earth since many species had been wiped out by the twenty-fourth century. The UB also had an almost armour-plated hide that required our best ammo and sophisticated rifles. Of course, the laser firearms were not allowed and we could only use the atomic stun grenades in absolute emergencies. Carlos grumbled about this, but the law was the law, and of course, we had to keep a visual record of all that we did after arrival from the planet to be submitted to the Recreation Authority (RA) after we got back to Earth. But then, Carlos grumbled about a lot of things, unlike Hugo, who always had a ready quip and a smile on his face. Nothing seemed to faze him.

Bagwan was the fourth member of our little party. He rarely spoke and I had never seen him smile. Of course, it was difficult to see what constituted a 'smile' for his race. He'd settled on Earth from the planet Juba, near Riga, and a lot of his native habits were hard to fathom. His skin was scaly, like a lizard, but apart from that, he looked quite human. He was a good hunter though, and we all knew he would enjoy this trip in his own way. Hugo had met him some years ago, and they spent a lot of time together. They seemed to 'hit it off'.

So why did we want to hunt on Toofar? There had only been one hunting expedition before us after initial expeditions had logged and mapped the planet, and they had brought back several of the UB's horns – unusual because of their spiral construction and a prized trophy. One good horn could fetch thousands of credits.

We selected what appeared to be a good landing spot on the top of a low hill with little vegetation. It was around 'sundown' when we touched down – the object of light and heat on Toofar was a small star about the size of Sol, but a lot dimmer. The planet's orbit took around seven Earth hours. We decided there was no danger to the ship so all four of us, Hugo, Carlos, Bagwan and myself – Tench – disembarked with knapsacks of supplies, our armour-guns and plenty of ammunition. We each had extra bags for the horns we expected to bring back.

Little did we know!

From the reports we knew that the UB emitted a low muttering sound like thunder, which seemed to be some form of communication between them. They usually gathered in small herds of about a dozen and grazed upon the low scrub in the valleys. The expedition had also reported their being herbivores and they used the front two of their six 'legs' to pull branches down from the higher trees. These front 'legs' could actually be termed 'arms', since they had four quite usable finger appendages on them with an opposable thumb.

From our vantage point we could survey the vast valley below us, but there was no sign of any UBs, grazing or otherwise. We decided to trek further down and across the valley to see if we could spot them. It wasn't long before the

7 hour day drew to a close, and darkness fell like a shroud. We felt it was quite safe to simply lay down and rest for a while – the oxygen level was a lot lower than we'd been led to believe and we were quite tired. We lit a small fire, talked for a while and dozed for the short night.

When we awoke we realised something had changed. Hugo was the first to see it. "Hey! Our guns and ammo – they're gone!" I felt that primeval feeling of the hairs standing up at the back of my neck. We all looked around furtively – all very scared I believe. This changed everything! Our travel packs were gone as well – we had nothing!

Suddenly we heard that low rumble that signified the proximity of the UBs. We ran, stumbling over low bushes and fallen saplings, sometimes tripping over in our heavy boots, struggling against the unfamiliar gravity on this planet. After a short while, too exhausted to run further, we crouched together in a small hollow by one of the larger trees, listening.

"Which way is the ship?" asked Carlos in a low whisper.

"Uh... Over there, I think," said Bagwan.

"No," I said, "I'm sure it's that way..." pointing back the way we'd run.

"You're right," said Hugo, "we'll have to circle round."

Suddenly there was a CRACK and Bagwan's head disappeared!

"RUN!" I shouted. We did – the three of us. Carlos was the next to go. They got him in his chest, cutting him in half. We reached the escarpment we remembered climbing down from the ship, and that's where they got Hugo. I simply had no more energy, and sunk down in a heap, sobbing uncontrollably and waiting for my end.

They came up to me then, these huge beasts.

There were five of them, and in the 'hands' of four, expertly handled, were our powerful armour-guns. They made no sound, just stood there, looking down at me. We'd seriously under-estimated these beasts. They'd learned from the previous hunting party how lethal our weapons were and had quickly and expertly turned the tables on us. The hunters had become the hunted. One of the UBs made a gesture for me to move up the hill behind me, and advanced threateningly. I moved, expecting any second to feel the explosion of a huge missile in my back. It didn't happen for reasons I understood later, when I'd reached the ship and taken off.

They used me to take the message back to Earth. This planet was 'off limits'. No hunting here.

Gingin Garden Group

The Gingin Garden Group opened 2021 season with a get together at Irene Neville's lovely garden. About 23 attended with 3 new members, who we give a warm welcome to. Irene gave a talk on the beautiful desert rose plants. It was very informative and showed that there are many different coloured specimens. Irene then gave a demonstration on how to keep our secateurs clean and how to sharpen them. It was an eye opener to a lot of us who, unfortunately don't look after ours, but promised to go home and try.



A question and answer session followed, with many solutions to our garden problems from our own gardening members.

A discussion re a letter from the '150th of Gingin Committee' for us to take part in the celebrations, was decided we would definitely go ahead.

Irene's garden was very colourful with hydrangeas not yet burnt off from the very hot summer conditions.



SPORTING CHALLENGE

Friday, 12 March 2021
Gingin Bowling Club

This Great Event is sponsored by:



**\$500 to the winning Sports Club
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Adam Shields-Nutrien Harcourts
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6 pm start

Teams of 4

\$15 per person/\$60 per team

Meal supplied

Nominations by Monday 8 March 2021

To Murray "Muff" Butler 0418 752 133



***** MEDIA RELEASE *****
9th February 2021.

LOCAL CHARITY GROUP PLEDGE

As a former police officer of 25 years service, I know all too well the importance of local charity groups in local communities. These groups range from providers of animal welfare services, to making meals for vulnerable people. These groups are often left to pick up the pieces after tragedies and disasters and help victims and the wider community rebuild. These groups fill gaps in vital services and without them there would be less community resilience. These groups also provide services that would cost the state government millions of dollars if they were forced to fill those gaps. Therefore, I pledge to support those groups with meaningful support and better access to grants. I would also like to see more Royalties for Regions funding being directed to the projects they are undertaking.



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10AM - 9PM

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SAT 27 MARCH | 10AM - 9PM

- BEST IN CATEGORY PRIZES:
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 - PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$250





*** MEDIA RELEASE ***
15th February 2021.

Liberals commit to water security upgrades in regional WA.

Further to his series of Water Forums held across the region, The Liberal Candidate for Moore Darren Slyns has welcomed the new Liberal commitment of \$26 million for regional water infrastructure, which will greatly assist the entire Midwest, Wheatbelt, and Esperance regions to build a more secure future.

“Farmers and communities have highlighted to me that water security is the single most important issue they face. I’ve been fighting hard to draw attention to this issue and it’s a great result for the people of Moore that the Liberal team have delivered for them,” Darren Slyns said. “Towns are running out of water for their sporting facilities, farmers are carting water, pipelines and town catchments need urgent repair and the Labor Party have ignored this problem for the past three years – Liberals will take action on the issue of water security for regional West Australians.”

“I’m pleased that the Liberal Party have committed \$26 million from the Royalties for Regions budget to deliver this policy as it shows our commitment to this issue and regional people. I’ll be lobbying the Federal Government to match this funding”.

Shadow Minister for Regional Development Dr Steve Thomas said that a future Liberal Government would create two water infrastructure funds to support regional communities and meet their future water needs. These would be –

- ✓ \$16 million over four years (\$4 million per annum) for a Regional Community Water Infrastructure Scheme, and
- ✓ \$10 million over four years (\$2.5 million per annum) towards a Western Australian On-Farm Water Infrastructure Scheme.

“This substantial commitment is great news for regional communities and our vital agricultural sector”. Dr Thomas said the WA Liberals were committed to genuine long-term investment in water infrastructure and would also seek support from the Commonwealth in the form of co-investment over time. “If we can get the Commonwealth on board, we can deliver \$52 million worth of regional water infrastructure instead of \$26 million.



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APM in the community

When
2021
Wednesdays:

March 17th

Time
10am – 3pm

Where
Gingin CRC
Lily King Pl Gingin
6503

Contact
Katie Leeder
katie.leeder@apm.net.au

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- ✓ If you are a part of the community, then we invite you to come and share your ideas on how Toodyay can be more inclusive and disability aware.

To find out more visit
<https://apm.net.au/individuals/apm-events>





SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2021

- 16 February
- 16 March
- 20 April
- 18 May
- 15 June
- 20 July
- 17 August
- 21 September
- 19 October
- 16 November
- 21 December

Unless otherwise advertised all meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Shire of Gingin Administration Centre, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin commencing at 3.00pm.



GINGIN ARTS CENTRE

Current Classes on Offer

Tuesday	9.30am - 12.00pm	Textiles
	5.45pm - 7.00pm	Singing
Wednesday	9.30am - 12.00pm	Painting
Thursday	9.30am - 12.00pm	Mosaics
Saturday	8.45am - 11.00am	Craft

This building is available for use and hire any other day, afternoon or evening by community members or groups

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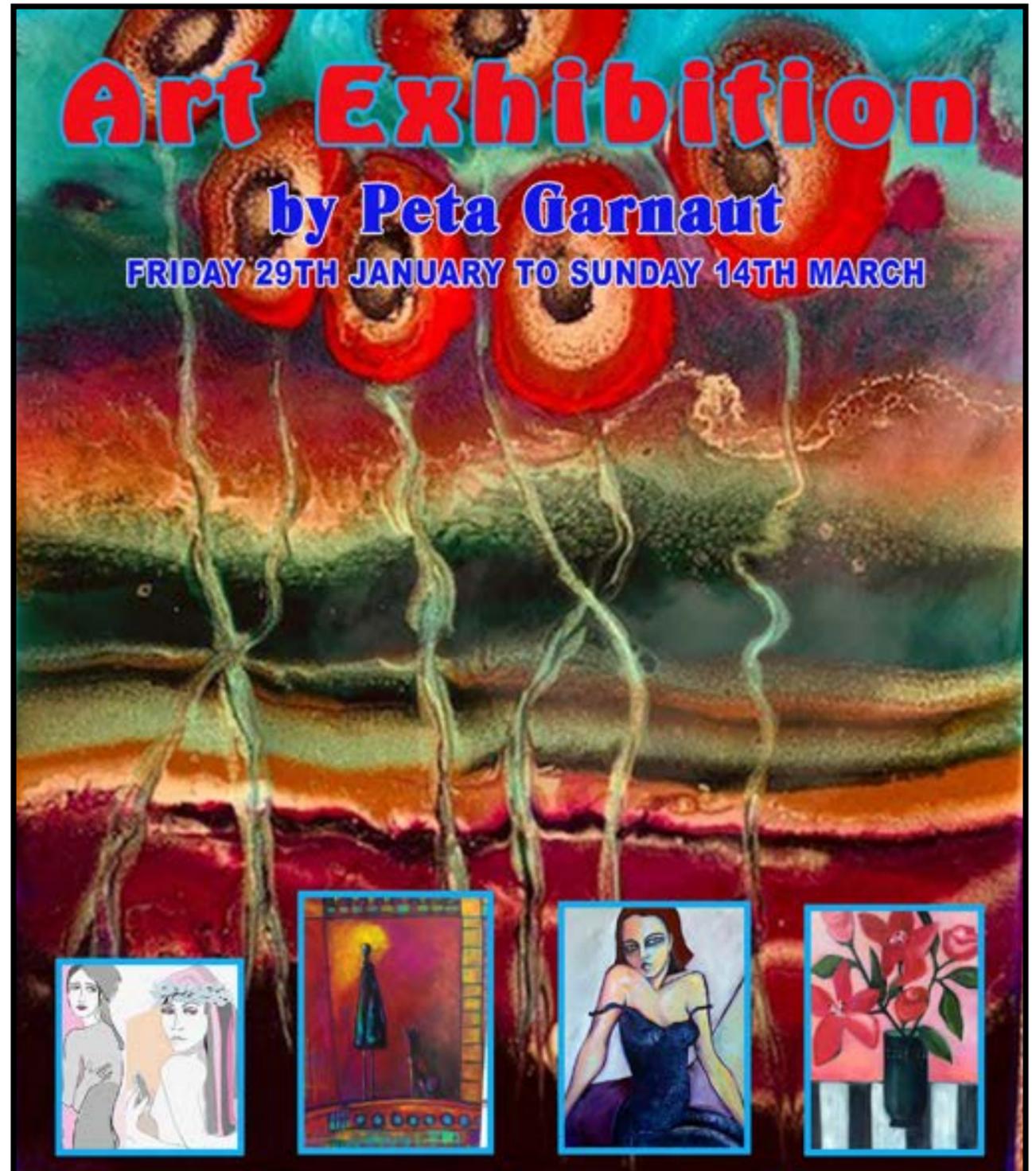
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Art Exhibition

by Peta Garnaut

FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY TO SUNDAY 14TH MARCH



Peta's authentic artistic style is a reflection of her personality. As an artist she loves things which are varied and challenging and is instinctively sympathetic to the randomness of landscape, precision of flora and beauty of the mysterious. Peta aims to achieve layers of interest in her selection of artwork and use of different media, which is evident in her depth of colour and bold forms of choice. Achieving awards, Peta exhibits regularly. Her artwork is in private collections throughout Britain and Australia.

Come and see Peta's captivating artwork at the Gingin Railway Station Lot 500 Jones St Gingin
Open Friday to Sunday & Monday Public Holidays 9:30 am - 3:30 pm



Historic GINGIN RAILWAY STATION





Lancelin Foreshore Redevelopment Set to Go Ahead

The redevelopment of the Lancelin Foreshore has been a long time coming. However, Council has now taken delivery of the proposed draft plans for this exciting project which will include:

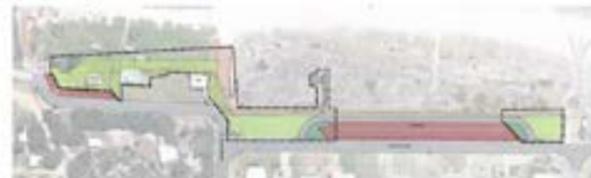
- Major upgrades to the existing car parking adjacent to Grace Darling Park and along Cunliffe St
- A new adjoining boardwalk and gazebo
- Disability access to gazebo
- Provision of increased lawn area
- Revegetation in the vicinity of Hopkins St
- New footpaths throughout the area
- Sand renourishment
- Improved Hopkins St road surface and drainage

A copy of these plans is available for public viewing on the Shire's website via the below link.

These plans are essentially the same as previous designs created after public consultation in previous years. The design has undergone several revisions during the past 4 years (given coastal erosion concerns) but with Council's decision last year to retain public access to Edward Island Point, the draft designs consequently reflect what was originally requested through public consultation.

The public is welcome to provide feedback on these draft plans up until **4pm, 28 February 2021**. Please submit your feedback via the Shire's website - www.gingln.wa.gov.au/forms/feedback-lancelin-foreshore-development/29.

Following the closure of the feedback period, the draft plans will be presented to Council at a Council Meeting for formal adoption and then tenders will be invited for the construction of the Lancelin Foreshore Redevelopment.



This edition of the Shire of Gingin's Council to Community is brought to you by:



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2021 Community Funding Program

The Shire of Gingin's annual Community Funding Program has opened as on **1 February** and will remain open until **4pm on 19 March 2021**.

This program provides the community with the opportunity to apply for funding for projects and events. Applications will be considered in conjunction with the Shire's 2021/22 Annual Budget.

To Apply

Refer to the Funding & Grants page on the Shire's website (www.gingln.wa.gov.au/community/funding-grants.aspx).

For further information please contact Amy Gibbs on (08) 9575 5162 / grants@gingln.wa.gov.au.

Upcoming Roadworks

The following roadworks are in progress for the next month:

- Reconstruction of Cowalla Rd for 2.5km from Mimegarra Road heading towards Cowalla Bridge
- Road patching has been undertaken on Dooling Rd and Edward St in preparation for resealing.
- Garbanup Rd and Kildare Rd - verges cleared of overgrown vegetation.
- Road patching as required

Further enquires about these works may be directed to the Shire's Operations team on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.

Movie Night at Gingin Aquatic Centre

What a fantastic night at the Gingin Aquatic Centre on Friday, 29 January! Thank you to all event attendees for attending. We hope you had a great time.

Approximately 180 people turned up to enjoy the children's movie 'Trolls World Tour' with a few choosing to go for a quick swim afterwards.



Restricted Burning Period

The Restricted Burning Period is due to commence from **1 March 2021** subject to conditions being appropriate.

Residents of the Shire of Gingin district wishing to undertake any burning between 1 March and 31 May are reminded that you will need to apply for a permit from your local Fire Control Officer (FCO) to burn any grass, paddocks, bush, etc. Refer to your Fire Break Orders (www.gingln.wa.gov.au/services/emergency-services/firebreak-orders.aspx) for a list of local FCOs.

REMEMBER - YOUR FIRE: YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

If you have misplaced your copy of your Fire Break Orders (posted to all rate payers last August) then copies are available for downloading from the Shire of Gingin's website - www.gingln.wa.gov.au/services/emergency-services/firebreak-orders.aspx.

REMEMBER - you must comply with the conditions set out on your Fire Permit. You are asked to comply with these conditions for a number of reasons including the safety of yourself and your neighbours.

Further enquiries may be directed to Phil Barrett, the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Gingin, on 0408 943 576.



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Upcoming Work/Asset Projects

The following projects have recently been completed by the Shire of Gingin:

- Accessibility ramp for Woodridge Community Hall

The following projects are currently in progress around the Shire of Gingin:

- Upgrade of Granville Park Ablution Block
- Request for Quotation currently out for Stage 2 of the Lancelin Skate Park.

The following projects are due to commence shortly in the Shire of Gingin:

- Re-roof of Granville Civic Centre and Gingin Bowling Club
- Drainage works at the CWA/Arts & Craft Building in Gingin
- Installation of new town entry statements for the Gingin town site
- Upgrade of the Guilderton Foreshore Ablution Block
- Installation of two replacement water monitoring bores within the Lancelin Sporting Complex by the Department of Water & Environmental & Regulation commencing the week of 1 March. This process is expected to take approximately 8 weeks

Further queries about these works may be directed to the Shire's Assets team on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.

COVID-19 - Shire Services Update

The Shire of Gingin's services have returned to their previous state prior to the recent lockdowns for Perth, Peel and the South West. As per previous advice, the Shire asks that if you have any flu-like symptoms then please don't visit any of our facilities.

If you do visit, please remember to social distance (1.5m) and use the hand sanitiser as provided. The Shire is also required to keep a Contact Register to assist with contact tracing so please ensure you either scan or fill in our register when you visit.

In relation to Council Meetings, physical attendance by members of the public is still restricted due to social distancing measures (unless COVID-19 restrictions have changed by the time of the meeting). Please register to attend by contacting the Shire's Governance Support Officer on (08) 9575 5127.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **16 March** - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin
- **19 March** - Shire of Gingin Community Funding Program closes at 4pm
Visit www.gingln.wa.gov.au/community/funding-grants.aspx for further information and to apply.
- **21 March** - Gingin Biennial Triathlon at the Gingin Recreation Grounds
See the Shire's website under the Events section for further details.

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Business Advisor - Wheatbelt

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Day One 19 "Easier than I thought"	Day Five 17 "I can eat what?"	PUBLIC HOLIDAY 7 Day Eight Date Pending
Day Two 26 "Don't forget my water bottle"	Day Six 24 "Feeling good"	Day Nine 14 "What a difference"
MAY Monday	Day Seven 31	Final Day 21
Day Three 3 "I could get used to this"	"Laughed way too much"	"Achieved my Goals" "Will keep my routine going"



Meet at the Rectangle in the Park off Jones St Ledge Point

All older adults will be required to complete an Adult Pre-Exercise Screening Tool prior to commencing the program. This is to be implemented well in advance of the start of the sessions for the Gingym to follow up on any participant that may need further medical clearance. The screening tool is provided **on registration.



The State government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is a major supporter of 'Ledge Getting Physical' event in Western Australia. Sport and recreation builds stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities. This program is provided by the **Ledge Point Community Association**.

Community Funding Program

OPEN from MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2021
CLOSING on FRIDAY, 19 MARCH 2021 at 4PM

The Shire of Gingin's annual Community Funding Program round opens soon and provides the community with the opportunity to apply for funding for projects and events. Applications will be considered in conjunction with the Shire's 2021/22 Annual Budget.

FOR FUNDING GUIDELINES & TO APPLY

Refer to the **Funding & Grants** page on the Shire's website
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FURTHER INFORMATION

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Shane Love MLA

Deputy Leader; Member for Moore

MEDIA RELEASE

Nationals pledge \$91.5 million to support vital CRC network

The Nationals WA will commit \$91.5 million to support WA's Community Resource Centre (CRC) network to deliver long-term support and recognise the vital role CRCs play throughout regional WA.

Moore MP Shane Love MLA, said the CRC network played an essential role in Moore acting as an access point for government services including Centrelink and Medicare, and providing opportunities for community, business, and economic development.

"There are more than 100 CRCs located in regional WA, run by a network of devoted staff and more than 1,000 volunteers, operating services which meet the needs of their local communities," Mr Love said.

"Each centre is unique, but they all play important roles in their communities, whether that is providing a space for meetings and events, allowing people to access training and government services, or through retail and hospitality offerings."

Mr Love said the long-term sustainability of the CRC network came under fire when the Labor Government announced cost cutting measures in 2018 which would pull \$5 million per year from the network.

"This funding cut threatened the future of many CRCs and would have ripped the heart out of many of our regional towns," Mr Love said.

"Following considerable pressure from regional communities and The Nationals WA, this funding cut was reversed, however, the threat of being defunded has remained for years."

The Nationals WA commitment would include an operational funding to \$14 million per year and the creation of standalone funding for the Regional Traineeship Program (\$3 million per year) and Innovation and Technology Grants (\$600,000 per year).

An additional \$3.5 million will deliver a two-year trial for a number of CRCs to employ a part-time staff member to support vulnerable and at-risk members of the community navigate Government and community services.

"Our CRC network has been getting on with the job of delivering for their communities, but they have been doing so on barebones funding and with little room to expand, build additional capacity in the network, or employ more staff," Mr Love said.

"Our long-term funding commitment will provide the CRC network with more funding than ever before to help the network grow and to recognise the irreplaceable role they play in providing essential services to regional WA."

Learn more about The Nationals WA election commitments at www.nationalswa.com



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THE NATIONALS for Regional WA



DARREN SLYNS

LIBERAL FOR MOORE



IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN MOORE

- ✔ 25 years policing experience in many fields.
- ✔ 7 years local government Councillor
- ✔ 19 years small family business owner (run concurrently whilst in police).
- ✔ 15 years Army Reserve Service
- ✔ Held leadership roles in community groups such as RSL and Youth Group.

MY PRIORITIES ARE WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME CONCERN YOU:

- ✔ Health System review.
- ✔ Mobile service, NBN and power issues.
- ✔ Replace aging water pipes that result in low pressure.
- ✔ Community safety: more police!
- ✔ Farm vehicle licensing fee reform.
- ✔ Nature playgrounds for children
- ✔ More support for local charity groups
- ✔ Safer boat ramps and fix Jurien Bay marina.



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Virtual Rottnest Channel Swim at the Gingin Aquatic Centre

The Virtual Rottnest Channel Swim took place at the Gingin Aquatic Centre on Saturday 20th February 2021.

Like every year we participate in the Virtual Rottnest Channel Swim on the same day as the Swim in the ocean. Every year it is a bit of a chore to get the teams together and have swimmers commit on the day. We advertise and we have posters at the pool and we talk to our swimmers to get them to participate.

We nominate a few swimmers through the Rottnest Channel Swim and we receive some swim caps and merchandise we can give away on the day. In the week leading up to the swim we barely had two teams. One team was a certain, "Takes a Village", because the entire Mark and Judy Treloar clan are 'made' to participate. Our second team, "Gingin Guppies" only had about 5 certain swimmers when we started at 8 am. The water was calm and a pleasant 28 degrees, no seaweed and not a shark in sight! To our surprise, the constant asking and reminding through the week paid off and we had enough swimmers to create the third team "Togs". We gave them a 200 lap head start as the other two teams were around the same mark.

All three teams had around 12 swimmers, we all swam to our best ability, some swam 162 laps and our youngest swam 1 lap of the 800 laps in the 25m pool. We all had a great time and everyone enjoyed themselves and all the first timers agreed that they will participate next year! From the Aquatic Centre staff, thank you all for participating and making it such a great time spending a Saturday at the Gingin Aquatic Centre!

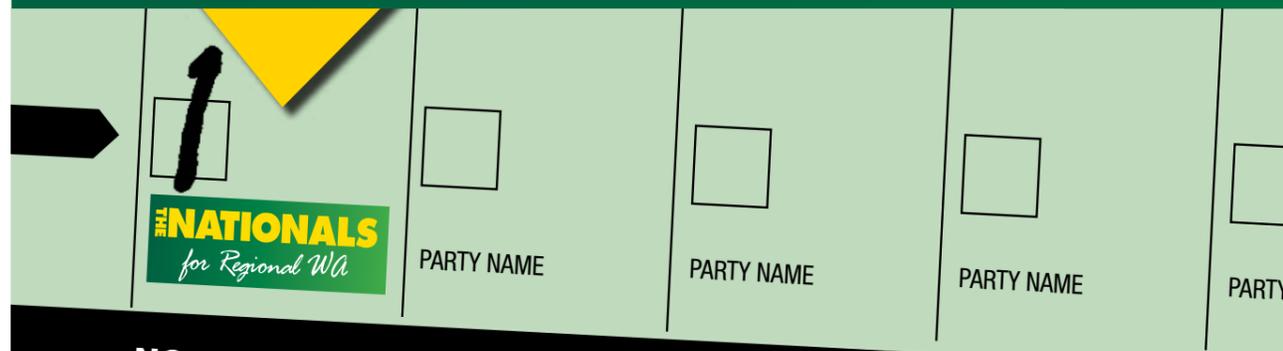
Our winner of the perpetual trophy is the team 'Togs' who swam it in a time of 6 hrs and 15 minutes.

Runner up: 'Gingin Guppies' who took 6 hrs and 30 minutes.

In third place: 'Takes a Village' completed the swim in 7 hrs 25 minutes.



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Your Nationals team in the Legislative Council has fought hard for farmers, small business and families over the last four years. We stopped the closure of the Moora Residential College and School of the Air and fought against budget cuts to our country schools and community resource centres.

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Both Competitions offer fun and competitive games.

Shane Love MLA

Deputy Leader; Member for Moore

MEDIA RELEASE

Nationals WA: Ensuring Moore mental health a priority

MP Shane Love MLA says that today's election commitment of \$140 million towards regional mental health will be hugely beneficial to Moore.

Mr Love said the commitment would help to close the gap so the Wheatbelt can reach 156,000 community hours, reflecting an optimal mental health system. Currently the Wheatbelt only has 3,228 hours.

"Regional areas do not necessarily have the full capability required to help a mental health patient with hospital care, which is why investing in community support programs and prevention programs are so important," he said.

"Unfortunately the Government has not made progress on the Mental Health Plan 2015-25. It's alarming when we know through tracked data that in 2017-18, more than 1 in 6 West Australian adults had a diagnosed mental or behavioural condition.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly led to more regional West Australians feeling more anxious and concerned about their future, while the State Government has failed to provide adequate mental health support," he said.

The funding available is also not tied to diversity, meaning there is no specific funding to help vulnerable groups such as women, children, LGBTIQ+ people or Aboriginal people in each region. Leader of The Nationals WA Mia Davies said this was clearly not acceptable and voters have a clear choice when it comes to supporting regional communities.

"The Nationals WA believe all patients, no matter where they live, deserve access to quality mental health care when they need it," Ms Davies said.

"These programs will allow people to better manage their mental health, support WA's entire health network and free up hospital beds by giving people access to the help they need at an earlier stage."

If elected to Government, The Nationals WA commit to:

- Within 100 days conduct a critical review of capacity constraints, efficacy and availability of mental health services across regional WA to identify service priority and future spending.
- \$20 million over five years to establish and operate Rural and Remote Neighbourhood Centres with early intervention and recovery capability.
- \$5 million to roll out age appropriate mental health first aid, universal prevention and emotional learning skills into the school curricula for students and teachers.
- \$5 million to support the establishment of Peer-to-Family Networks across the State.
- \$5 million over five years to create an Individual Placement and Support (IPS) employment program for adults and youth in regional WA.
- \$100 million over five years to double spending on community support programs in regional Western Australia, with funds to be linked with a specific amount of diverse community support hours in each region.
- \$5 million over five years to increase mental telehealth and Lifeline WA capability.

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10 - 11:30am	Writing Poetry - Maddie Godfrey
10 - 11:30am	Acrylic Painting - Kerry Munns
12 - 1pm	Watercolour Painting - Verena Marmion
1 - 3pm	Block Print - Merinda Chong
1:30 - 2pm	Song Writing - Savannah Solomon (11-15 yrs)
2:30 - 3pm	Song Writing - Savannah Solomon (16-24 yrs)

TO REGISTER Visit www.gingin.wa.gov.au/forms/youth-registration-arts-festival/30

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10am - 1pm	Tote Bag Print Activities - Merinda Chong
11am - 12pm	Circus Skills Workshop 1 - Brie Healy
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10 - 11am	Live Music Session 1 - Savannah Solomon
12 - 1pm	Live Music Session 2 - Savannah Solomon
11:30am - 2pm	Poetry Drop-in Activities - Maddie Godfrey
12 - 3pm	Acrylic Painting Activities - Kerry Munns
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Our Future Leaders Jake, Darcie and Thomas

Gingin, 25/02/2021



Gingin Districts Community Bank Chairman David Roe is pleased to announce that the following future leaders Jake, Darcie and Thomas have been our successful scholarship recipients for 2021.

David Roe said "that there were some great applicants which gave our selection committee some tough decisions to make".

Jake and Darcie will be attending University in Perth.

Jake will be studying a Bachelor of Criminology/ Bachelor of Science in Crime Science (Major) whilst Darcie will be studying a Bachelor of Science – Nursing.

Thomas will be attending TAFE to study a Diploma of Screen and Media (Animation & Visualisation).

As a Community Bank we consider it important to help our local youth achieve their dreams and financially assisting them with ongoing studies plays a vital part.

Over the last 8 years your Community Bank has supported 14 of our youth to progress through either University or TAFE.

In total we have committed \$100,000 to our scholarship program over the 8 years.

David Roe said, "we feel this is money well spent to ensure our youth have the opportunities to enrich their lives."

We look forward to following Jake, Darcie and Thomas in their future endeavours and hope all of our applicants succeed with their chosen paths.

Please direct all enquiries to
Linda Balcombe
Board and Community Officer
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Above: Thomas Berard



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10 common dishwasher mistakes: Are you making them?

Choice expert reveals the easy errors to avoid, from pre-rinsing and poor detergents to neglecting filters and more.

1. Pre-rinsing dirty dishes

We're all guilty of giving our dishwasher a helping hand with a generous pre-rinse

under the tap first. But get ready for a revelation - Ash says it's unnecessary and might even result in dirtier dishes at the end of the wash. Mind blown.

"Not only does pre-rinsing push your water consumption way up, it can actually trick your dishwasher

into thinking your plates are cleaner than they are," explains Ash.

2. Using poor detergents

All products clean the same, right? Wrong! If there's one thing I learnt early from Ash and his dishwashing dons is that there's a great divide between good detergents and bad ones. And it's hardly as simple as pricey ones wash well and cheaper ones don't.

In our lab tests of 29 popular products, cleaning scores ranged from 78% all the way down to 43%. Interestingly, the test's two top cleaners - Finish Powerball and Earth Choice tablets - cost \$1 and 39 cents a wash respectively, which makes a huge difference over time.

3. Not cleaning the filters

Despite the ick factor, Ash says it's vital to take the plunge at least once a month to keep your machine clean and unclogged.

"It's a dirty job that no one likes, but it's important to keep your dishwasher running smoothly and reduce the likelihood of food particles being redeposited on plates," he advises.

"A dirty filter left for too long can also cause bad blockages. Cleaning it may be unpleasant, but it's nowhere near as stomach-turning as having to reach into a black pool of fetid wash water in the bottom of your unit to clear a blockage.

Experience that once and I guarantee you'll make filter cleaning a very regular chore indeed."

4. Stacking your cutlery the wrong way

It's the domestic dispute that's raged since the dawn of the dishwasher - should your cutlery point up or down in the basket? Some argue it's up, up and away for a better wash, while their opponents play it safe and go down all the time.

There are pros and cons for each side, but Ash says down is the only way to go. Check out his convincing argument and send it to your partner or housemates if they're doing it wrong. Then the arguments will be over for good, right?

5. Handwashing instead of using your dishwasher

Brace yourself for this truth bomb: handwashing in a sink typically uses more water than a dishwasher. I know, I know, I was shocked too. Still am. Of course, once you read Ash's water usage article, it makes sense but it's still a doozie.

Saving time, money and water are huge wins, but Ash also points out other reasons to use your dishwasher regularly.

6. Not filling it to full capacity

Of course, for the last point to be true, you need to load up your machine fully to get your money's worth.

Ash explains: "Dishwashers are very water efficient compared to hand washing, but to get maximum efficiency you really need to wait til it's completely full."

"Running it half-empty is leaving money on the table as far as your energy and water use is concerned. Also, a full dishwasher will have better drying performance due to the greater thermal mass of its contents."

7. Washing non-dishwasher safe items

We've all been there. You're in a rush so you pop that wooden chopping board or those posh wine glasses into the dishwasher. You know it should be hand-washed but life's too short and there's too much to do.

You may save some time then and there but the bad news is you'll probably need a new board and glasses down the track. Wood can fade and split in hot water, and delicate stemware can scratch or break against other items inside. That's the price for living life on the edge.

"Your dishwasher's a pretty harsh environment with lots of water, heat, and high alkalinity, and it can do a lot of damage to non-dishwasher safe items,"

8. Overloading the unit

I know this one's naughty, but who doesn't like playing the dishwasher Tetris challenge where you

cram in as much as possible? You could win, you could lose, but you'll never know if you don't play the game.

Or not. Ash - who obviously isn't as wild or lazy as me - says it's more efficient to stack things sensibly to get a deeper, more dependable wash every time. Ensure water can reach every surface and don't just pile items on top of each other and pray.

"Badly stacked items will definitely block the jets and detergent from cleaning them," he explains. "Sure you can always squeeze more in, but any time you save will be spent later sorting clean and still-dirty dishes, or picking crusty bits off your cutlery."

9. Not using rinse aid

Turns out rinse aid isn't just a second soap that comes in a smaller, more expensive bottle. Who knew?! Well, Ash apparently, and he explains it's key for cleaner, drier dishes.

"Rinse aid is a surfactant that contributes to cleaning, but also reduces the surface tension of water, so water will more readily sheet off your plates rather than forming water drops. This aids drying performance and also avoids spotting on your glassware."

Luckily for us, many detergents already contain rinse aid, but if yours doesn't, try topping up the rinse aid reservoir next wash.

10. Shutting the door when not in use

I never knew this was a sin, but it makes sense once you know. Ash advises leaving your dishwasher door slightly ajar between washes for a number of reasons.

"Like your washing machine, your dishwasher is a wet environment and its rubber door seals are a little delicate," says Ash.

"If you shut the door tightly, your seals won't get a chance to dry out, promoting mould growth and leaving you with foul odours. Plus, your seals could become crushed over time and not seal as well. Leaving your unit ajar helps them retain the shape."

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