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Ashlee founded the charity at the age of 21 before commencing her Commerce degree at Curtin University. Over the past 13 years, zero2hero has become widely recognised and respected for their programs and work in the youth mental health and suicide prevention space.

Today, Ashlee and a team of 15 staff and hundreds of volunteers impact more than 26,000 young West Australian's from more than 185 WA High Schools every year.

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## Editor's Note

Belated Happy New Year Everyone

We are back into full swing here at the CRC continuing preparations for our 3 events we have in the first half of the year. Arts in the Park first in March, the Easter Event in April next and then the big one - Gingin British Car Day in May. In addition we have had our 'Make a bag tag' workshop so the centre has been full of happy noisy children.

We have also been busy getting the 2023 Regional Directory into circulation and thanks to some very supportive locals they are available in Woodridge, Redfield Park, Sovereign Hill, Guilderton, Lancelin, Ledge, Nilgen, Seaview and Seabird not to mention all over Gingin.

In February we have Carers WA making a Pit Stop on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> here at the front of the CRC from 10.00am. They will have lots of information for those in the community caring for a loved one. I look forward to having a chat to find the various forms of support available for us and how close they are to Gingin.

We also have Teresa from RSM Business Local coming back to do another informative 'Excel for

Business' session. Such a wonderful free service and plenty to learn.

This first edition of the Buzz for 2023 has a new segment included, one that is in most other newspaper publications - Letters to the Editor. This provides a designated space for community input. As always we reserve the right to edit or omit should we so decide but instead hope to hear what is good, great and/or going on in Gingin.

We hope to see you in the Centre soon.

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# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2023

## AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

# GEORGE ROBERT GRANT



The Buzz is delighted and very honoured to report that one of our own local volunteers has been awarded the prestigious Australian Fire Service Medal by the Governor-General within the Australian Honours system on 26th January 2023.

Not only is this person a Shire of Gingin resident but has lived in the Neergabby area most of his life.

George Robert GRANT was born in November 1946 and was inspired by his father, the late Alf Grant, to fight bushfires when he was just 14 years old. This led him towards a lifetime of outstanding service to his local community, the Shire of Gingin and assisting throughout the State when necessary.

In 1963, George joined the Gingin West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, starting a 60-year volunteer career, battling blazes and mentoring others on how to protect their districts.

During his tenure at the Gingin West Brigade, George held many positions, including Captain, Lieutenant, Fire Control Officer and Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer, a role he relinquished in 2018 'to give the young ones a go'. So diligent and committed was he to the team, that he had a UHF service radio fitted to his private work vehicle, so he could carry out incident management operations while out on his job drilling water bores.

This strategy was particularly valuable when in 2015, the Shire of Gingin had two Level 2 incidents running simultaneously and he was not only a responder, but a ground controller too. He has also fought blazes outside the district, including 12-hour shifts battling the devastating 2021 Wooroloo fire.

In June 1987, George was presented with a Commendation for Brave Conduct, for rendering assistance to another volunteer firefighter whose life was in danger, which highlighted his high regard for safety of self

and others during emergency incidents.

George has been an outstanding leader in his community through his dedication to service and care of others in his volunteer roles. His guidance has ensured the next generation of volunteer bush firefighters is well prepared for the task and they have appropriate vehicles and equipment to keep them safe while they protect life and property.

On behalf of all the Shire of Gingin residents, the Buzz would like to convey heartfelt congratulations to George on his well-deserved award. George will be officially presented with his Medal at a ceremony at Government House in April.

When next you see George, please join us in expressing our thanks and sincere gratitude to him for his exemplary and dedicated commitment – a mammoth effort over 60 years, helping to protect life and property. Well done!

The Buzz would like to take this opportunity of mentioning that the late Maxwell John Borwick was also awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal on 26 January 2001 – proving that the Shire of Gingin has an extremely high calibre of fire fighters and that volunteering in the Shire of Gingin is very worthwhile and does not go un-noticed by those who matter.



*Drafted by a Buzz volunteer*



## CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL

The Gingin Police would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Senior Constable Debbie Jordaan on receiving the community citizen of the year award at this morning's Australia Day celebration in Neergabby.

Senior Constable Jordaan has been with the Gingin Police for the past 4 years. Her commitment to the community is evident through her organisation of youth week, the Police community disco and domestic violence workshops. She's also the co-founder of No Limits Perth, an organisation helping members of the community in crisis.

Debbie will soon be leaving us having recently received a transfer to the Boddington Police station. We wish her all the best with the move and look forward to once again working with her in the future.



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## SANTA'S HELPERS WHERE OUT IN FORCE THIS CHRISTMAS

Santas helpers delivered hampers to people in need in the community. A huge thanks to Debbie Jordan from No Limits charity who brought goods up with her from Perth, as well as another community member who would like to stay anonymous, but you know who you are. This initiative started in 2016 with a Gingin lady contacting Helena, the Gingin School Chaplain, and asked if she could distribute the advent baskets her and her family had been making. The idea was that instead of receiving something each day of December the family would put a donation into a washing basket making Christmas hampers to pass on before

Christmas.

Within 2 years it became too much for just Helena, so Sylvia Kelly joined in making it possible to distribute to the wider community. The donations have increased each year with 30 hampers being distributed in 2021 and over 40 being distributed in 2022.

Recipients of these hampers are extremely grateful for what they receive, some are even shocked and delighted that people care so much to donate.

Congratulations to everyone who is involved in this initiative you really do bring the Christmas Cheer.



## Carers WA Pit Stop

**Gingin**



Do you provide unpaid care and support to family members or friends with disability, mental health challenge, chronic condition, terminal illness, a substance dependency, or who are frail aged?

Look out for Priscilla, our community engagement van, where you can meet some of the Carers WA team.

Come down and have an informal chat about how Carers WA can help, and the services we provide.

**When:** Thursday, 9th February 2023 | 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Thursday, 16th February 2023 | 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Thursday, 23rd February 2023 | 10.00am - 2.00pm

**Where:** 1a Lily King Place, Gingin WA 6503

**[www.carerswa.asn.au](http://www.carerswa.asn.au)**



# Expert Workshops for Community Groups

## BUILDING THE TEAM

### Attracting & Retaining Volunteers with Peter Kenyon from Bank of I.D.E.A.S.

Peter Kenyon will present a four-hour interactive workshop that will cover creative ways to recruit, recognise, and retain non-profit groups' most valuable resource – volunteers. This workshop is suited to anyone volunteering within the community (not just office bearers).

Peter refers to himself as a community enthusiast and social capitalist. He is motivated by the desire to help create caring, healthy, inclusive, connected and enterprising communities, where all community members feel 'they matter, belong and can contribute', and where communities discover and mobilise their strengths and transform themselves. Through his organisation, the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. (Initiatives for the Development of Enterprising Action and Strategies), Peter has worked with over 2,500 communities across Australia, New Zealand, Southern Africa and North America, and undertaken work assignments in 63 countries helping communities spark their own ideas and invest themselves in building sustainable futures.

**Saturday 18 February 2023, 9.30am – 2:30pm**

**Lancelin Sporting Complex**

**Light refreshments provided**

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## BEARING THE LOAD

### Overcoming Challenges Faced by Office Bearers with Caroline Robinson from 150Square

Caroline Robinson, of 150Square, will deliver a practical problem-solving workshop where office bearers from non-profit groups and clubs can voice challenges they are experiencing and then work with Caroline to create solutions on the spot. The workshop will cover a broad range of issues, including attracting and retaining volunteers, creating a culture of volunteering, and other strategic and governance challenges.

Caroline is the founder and former CEO of the Wheatbelt Business Network, the region's largest business association. She is an enthusiastic advocate for rural communities, and the leaders and organisations within them. Caroline is passionate about helping Wheatbelt non-profit groups. Her extensive experience together with a broad-thinking strategic approach produces creative, people-centred solutions to a wide range of governance, operational and strategy challenges.

**Wednesday 8 March 2023, 6.00pm – 8.30pm**

**Woodridge Hall**

**Light refreshments provided**

**RSVP to [cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au) by 1 March 2023**



## Community Groups

### Proposed change of focus for Gingin Water Group

Over the years between 2010 and 2020 David Rickson, the first Chair of the Gingin Water Group, worked hard and collaborated with the Department of Water to gain an understanding of how the local aquifers work. This provided information about the source of the water which feeds the perennial streams and associated freshwater lakes in the Gingin area. This culminated in the Gingin Brook Water Catchment Community Engagement Project. The project was supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program and enabled the printing of a Landholder Water Information Package. The package was launched at a Community Water Forum in October 2020.

The booklet, together with information related to water and wetland management, was also distributed at a series of landholder field forums in 2021. At the field forums a number of landholders expressed an interest in undertaking on-ground projects to protect streams or wetlands on their properties.

With this in mind the Gingin Water Group is now pivoting its focus to promoting on-ground work. After undertaking a small amount of weed control and revegetation under the initial grant, Gingin Water Group is now looking to engage with landholders interested in undertaking on-ground work to protect streams or wetlands on their properties. Examples of the type of work which could be undertaken include weed control

and revegetation. Interested landholders should contact the Gingin Water Group by mid-February 2023 to discuss potential projects.

We share with most other community groups, the problem of getting people to contribute by becoming members of the committee. You only need to attend three meetings and an AGM each year. So, the group is seeking new members, particularly younger members to sit on the committee and make a difference. If we have no success in attracting new members then the group may need to go into recess for twelve months with the view to winding up the incorporated group. This would be a sad day for the one incorporated environmental group in the Greater Gingin area. If you feel you can contribute, please contact the Gingin Water Group or attend the AGM, to be held on the evening of 16th March 2023 at the Gingin Golf Club.

Membership of \$22 is now due for the calendar year 2023. Membership application forms can be found on the group's website [www.ginginwater.org.au](http://www.ginginwater.org.au), where you can also find electronic copies of the Landholder Water information Package and more information about the group and its activities. Printed copies of the Landholder Package can be obtained from the Gingin CRC or by emailing the Gingin Water Group at [info@ginginwater.org.au](mailto:info@ginginwater.org.au).

Gingin Water Group

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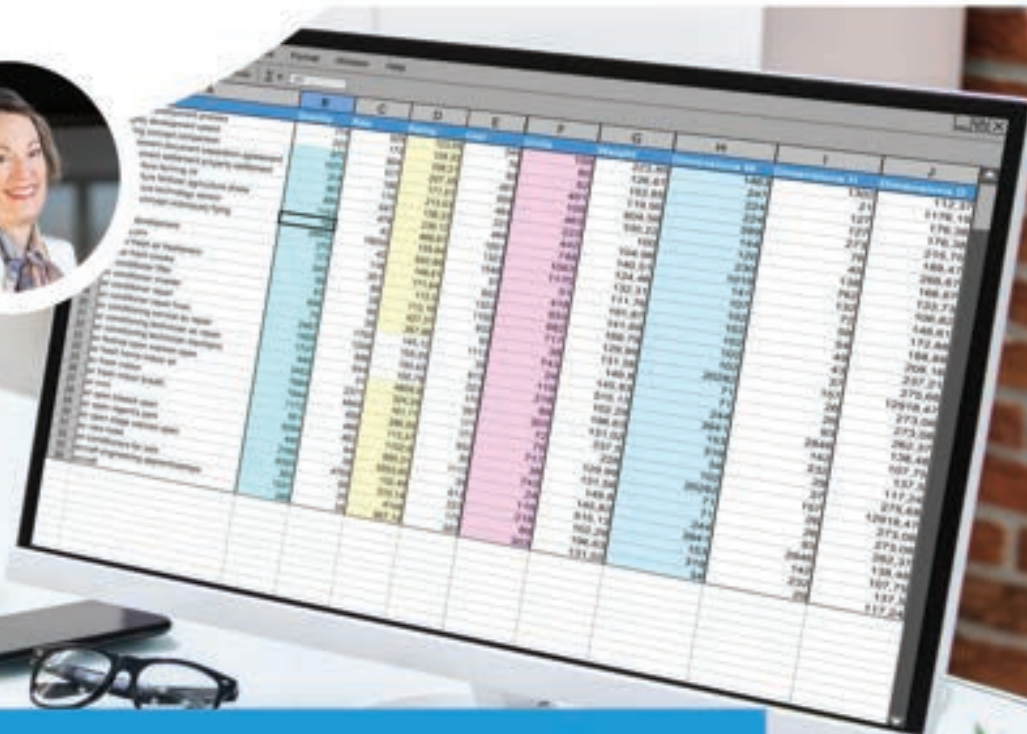
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**IN GINGIN**







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Presented by Theresa Lee  
RSM Business Local Advisor

# Excel in Business



**Thursday 16th February 2023 | 10am -12.30pm**  
**Gingin CRC - 1A Lily King Place**

Bring your laptop with Excel installed and learn the tips and tricks of Excel for your business financial tracking from Business Local adviser Theresa Lee.

Explore popular formulas and uses, learn tips and tricks to format spreadsheets, and create sales and cashflow forecasts.

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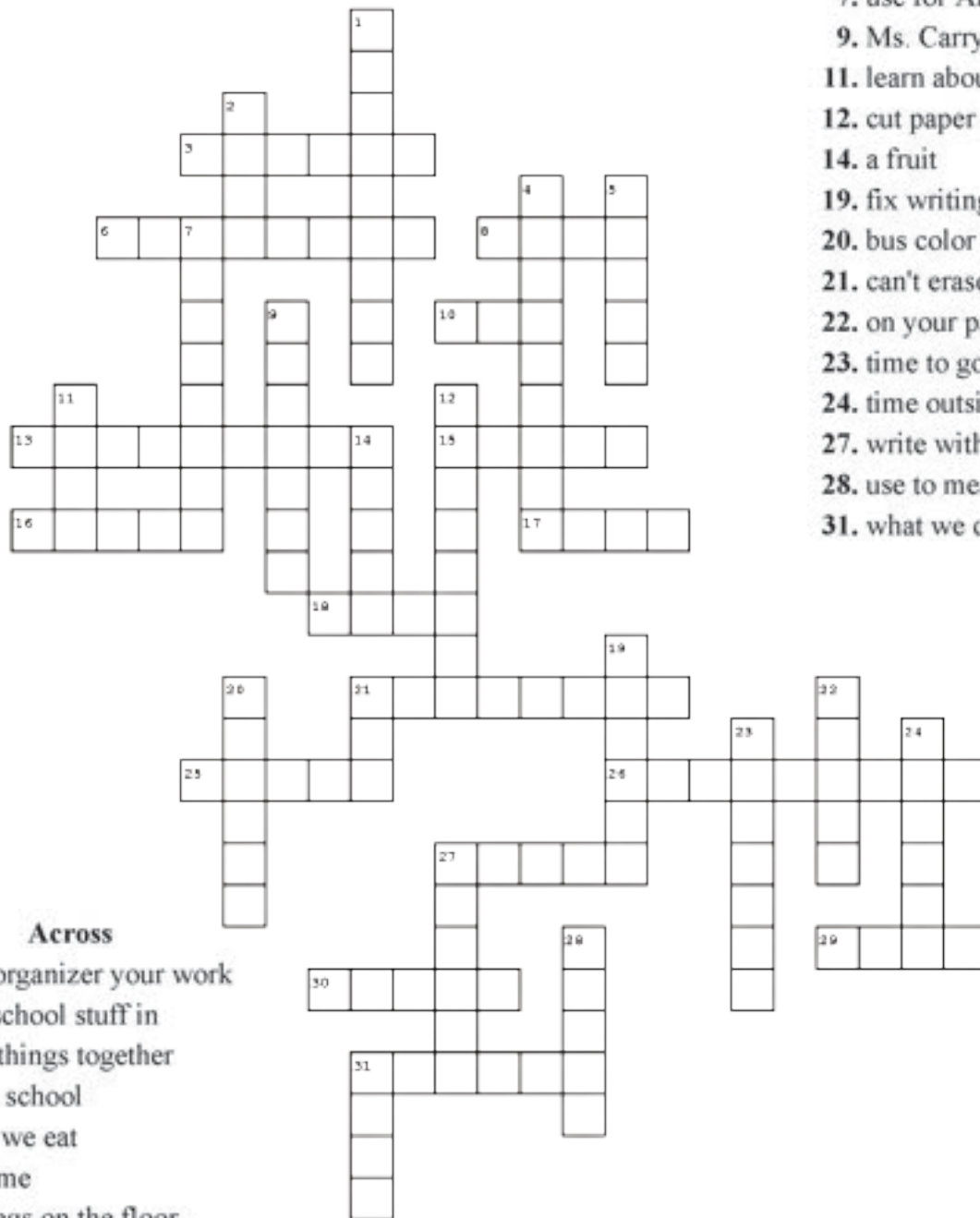


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# Kids Corner

## Back to School



### Across

3. helps organizer your work
6. carry school stuff in
8. sticks things together
10. ride to school
13. where we eat
15. tells time
16. keep legs on the floor
17. over your nose and mouth
18. talking in the hall
21. to get on computer
25. keep your room
26. use when come in the school
27. write on this
29. sit at your own
30. midday meal
31. be this way to everyone

### Down

1. holds papers together
2. something to read
4. where your desk is
5. what we do in school
7. use for Amira
9. Ms. Carrywater's room
11. learn about numbers
12. cut paper and cloth
14. a fruit
19. fix writing mistakes
20. bus color
21. can't erase
22. on your paper
23. time to go
24. time outside
27. write with
28. use to measure
31. what we do at recess

## Past Gingin News

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It has been 45 years since the first edition of the Gingin Community News was published. It began as a Shire Council Publication and has now evolved to the current format The Gingin Buzz, produced by the Gingin Community Resource Centre monthly.

Looking back, to the second edition, published in March 1978 which is the first that is held

in the Gingin Shire Archives and the 'news' second edition, it was interesting to see that this was when the first Medical Centre was being planned and the original centre land was donated by a local family. Originally Dr Williams one of our first practicing doctors was housed in an old house in Brook Street Gingin.

From the March 1978 Edition:

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### "News Flash"

Gingin Townsite Lot 60 Robinson Street has been donated for the establishment of a Medical Centre.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Barrett-Lennard have generously given this large and valuable block of land for medical associated facilities for the benefit of the near Gingin and surrounding areas.

Mr. Barrett-Lennard's great grandfather, Edward B Lennard, was the first person to be granted land in the Gingin District. This was a 5,000 acre block on Lennard's Brook and was granted in February 1851, twenty months after the foundation of the Swan River Colony. Owing to its isolated position and the fact that it was a favourite camping and hunting place of the aborigines, Mr. Barrett-Lennard found that his men would not stay there, and it was therefore impossible to found a station at Lennard's Brook, and on the Governor's permission to exchange this land for area on the Avon River near Beverley.

It remained for another of Doug's great grandfather W.L. Brockman, to found the first working farm at Gingin. This property was at first known as Gingin but was later named, Cheriton when the Gingin town was formed.

Doug and Olive themselves have been actively connected with land development and public matters in the Gingin district for the last twenty-seven years and their sons each own farms in the district. It would be appropriate if the Barrett-Lennard name was permanently associated with this piece of land.

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This early edition was full of sporting news, Shire works and excerpts from books concerning our earliest pioneers. A copy of the early editions can be found in our library, and it is hoped that in future Buzz's we will have interesting articles from the late 70's through to the turn of the century so that we can reminisce our towns past.



# Sports Corner

## Janet Elliot



Janet has made a significant contribution as a player, coach, selector and administrator at a Western Australian Masters state, local and club level/s. This service was at Hockey WA, Joondalup, Hale and WASPS Hockey Clubs in the metropolitan area, Gingin Country Hockey Association

and at National Masters Championships as a player, coach, and selector.

Janet started playing hockey when she was 8 years old in Gingin.

At 13 years old she represented Mortlock at country week juniors. When she was 15 years old Janet representing Mortlock Association at senior country week. Janet also represented Gingin Association at country week championships.

Janet has continued to represent and play hockey for country Mortlock and Gingin Associations, Joondalup, Hale and WASPS Hockey clubs.

She has been playing and coaching hockey teams for over 42 years with many successes.

Janet represented WA at master's Hockey in 2011.

She coached Western Australian Masters Hockey teams for 9 years in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, having success with the O35s team winning a gold medal in 2006.

Janet was also a Western Australian State Country Hockey player representative for 4 years.

### Mid-Week Masters Hockey:

Janet has played masters hockey and been involved with coaching master's teams for approximately 15 years.

She coached and played at Hale and WASPS Hockey Clubs mid-week master's Women's teams.

She was heavily involved in Hale Hockey club as a Coach and Director of Hockey- administrator and committee person.

### Club Official positions:

Coach juniors and seniors in Mortlock, Gingin hockey associations and at Hale hockey club

Coach and player of the Mortlock and Gingin country week side

Director of Hockey at Hale Hockey Club for 3 years - 2017-2015

Assistant coach of WA Women's Under 18 team  
Manager of WA Women's Under 15 team - 2017

Janet worked at Hockey WA coordinating their development program in 2016. Her role was running coaching clinics, mentoring young aspiring coaches and coordinating junior carnival/s for under 13 and under 15 age groups.

Over her hockey career, Janet has done a lot of behind the scenes work with organizing club masters' teams, supporting 'new' Masters Players, as well as anything that needs to be done to support Masters Hockey at a club level, and for Masters Hockey in Western Australia. She has been involved with coaching and has held various official positions.

Janet is WA's most respected and dedicated representative nominated to receive the Award In Recognition Of Outstanding Contribution To Women's Masters Hockey in Western Australia for 2021.



*Janet pictured with Jill from Hockey WA  
Story from [wamastershockey.com](http://wamastershockey.com)*





# **SOUTH 32** **ROTTNEST** **CHANNEL SWIM** **VIRTUAL**

Any community members who wish to submit a team for the Virtual Rottnest Channel Swim on the 25th February, please speak to Alice at the pool or phone 9575 5154



**GINGIN NETBALL CLUB**

## **AGM** And **GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY the 7<sup>th</sup> of February**  
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# Vale

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## **Glenys Edith Mcquillan**

**20 June 1938 – 2 December 2022**

Formerly of Brandis Street, Gingin. Wife of Edwin (Eddie). Mother of five, grandmother and great grandmother.

Glenys lived in Brandis Street Gingin for approximately 15 years before moving to live with her daughter and son-in-law on the Australind Estuary area for last 12 months of her life.

Glenys lived in Meekatharra prior to moving to Gingin.

She had a close circle of friends in Gingin who enjoyed many outings together. Glenys was employed by the Shire of Gingin to assist with the folding and enveloping of Rate notices in the days when they were manually collated and posted.

## **James (Jim) Hammer**

**29 June 1928 - 3 December 2022**

Formerly of Gingin, late of Rockingham/Mandurah. Husband of Mary (dec), Father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Jim lived in Gingin for some 40 years and was an Inaugural Member of both the Gingin Golf Club and Gingin Bowling Club. In 1965 Jim won the Golf and Bowling Championships in the same year. He was made a Life Member of the Bowling Club.

Jim is well remembered in the outlying districts of Gingin for delivering both the mail and the weekly groceries on what was known as the Mail Run, whilst helping manage Lucrafts – now IGA Express – for many years.

## **Eva Meinen**

**5 December 1938 – 16 November 2022**

Partner of Graham Hand for 34 years.

Eva was not well known in Gingin but lived quietly in Lefroy Street, having moved to the town from Two Rocks in 2003. In the latter years of her life, Eva was determined to remain in her home and she was supported by Graham and Silver Chain to achieve her wish. She passed away at home.

Born in Germany, Eva was a great cook and

helped in the support of well-known resident and identity, Marj Bandy, during the last years of her life. Eva enjoyed the beauty of Gingin, and in Graham's view, was a "Ray of Sunshine in a Dark World".

## **Daphne Thompson**

**28 May 1932 – 24 December 2022**

Wife of Murray (dec), Mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Daphne was a long term resident of Gingin, living firstly in Lefroy Street, Mooliabeenee Road and then Weld Street, before moving to Bunbury approximately 18 months ago to live with family. In recent months she was a resident of an Aged Care facility Yanchep.

Daphne took up golf with a passion later in life and was made a Life Member of the Gingin Golf Club in 2002. The flowering of the gerberas in her front garden were always cause for comment – and she would say "and they receive no attention at all"!!

## **Rodney Barry (Rod) Hannagan**

**19 November 1943 – 6 January 2023**

Husband of Cathy, Father, Pop and Big Pop.

Rod courageously battled chronic ill health for many years with the devoted support of Cathy. He was a long time Clubman and supporter of the Gingin Football Club and was at one time the lessee of the Cafe which is now Cu@Park.

Other residents who lived in the broader Gingin Shire, contributed to the Community and who have passed away in recent weeks are:-

**Felicity (Flick) Barnden-Brown**, of Redfield Park, who died Joondalup Health Campus 22 December 2022 aged 71.

Long time partner of Tom, Sister, sister-in-law and Aunty.

Flick was a Registered Nurse and a much valued and long term member of the Guilderton and Districts Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

**Walter Brenkman**, formerly of Woodridge and a Founding Member of the West Gingin Fire Brigade and much valued volunteer for Community causes.

Walter and his wife Jan, a former Editor of

the Moore River News, moved to Nannup approximately 10 years ago.

**John Phillip Green**, Died 10 January 2023.  
Formerly of Chitna Road.

John carted cattle and turf farming in the district for many years and was a great horseman. He had an amazing collection old carts, horse drays and saddlery that he would make available for private viewings. Son, Jeremy, remains in the district as a Stock Agent for West Coast Stock.

*Deepest sympathy is extended to all families and friends on the loss of their loved ones.*

*Glenys, Jim, Eva, Daphne, Rod, Flick, Walter and John were valued contributors to our Community in their various ways over many years and we thank them for their service.*

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## GINGIN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE RECEIVE DONATION

The amazing ladies from the long table lunch committee donated the profits of the event to the Gingin Volunteer Fire and Rescue .

The Gingin VFRS were not expecting it to be as much as it was but because of the all the amazing local businesses sponsoring/donating so much the amount was so much greater than they were ever expected totalling \$12,601.85.



The crew is now putting a wish list together.

Top of the list is:

- A battery powered coffee machine for the truck.

- An awning to keep us out of the weather when we are on long jobs.

- Purchase boots for the Gingin South Station.

Gingin VFRS would like to thank the committee, everyone who attended the long table lunch and all the sponsors, this donation will go a long way.

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# ARTS<sup>in the</sup> PARK EXHIBITION 2023

plus - Artisan's Stalls - Saturday 18th

Entries Close  
24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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18<sup>th</sup> March 10 am - 9 pm

Stalls 10am - 3 pm

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## COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

### Expert Workshops for Community Groups

If you're a member of a community group interested in finding solutions to some of the challenges your group or club may be facing, then save the dates for these two excellent workshops:



#### **Building the Team - Attracting & Retaining Volunteers with Peter Kenyon from Bank of I.D.E.A.S.**

**Saturday 18 February  
9.30am - 2:30pm  
Lancelin Bowling Club**

Peter Kenyon will present a four-hour interactive workshop that will cover creative ways to recruit, recognise and retain non-profit groups most valuable resource - volunteers. This workshop is suited to anyone volunteering within the community (not just office bearers).

Light refreshments provided.

RSVP to [cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au) by 10 February 2023.

#### **Bearing the Load - Overcoming Challenges Faced by Office Bearers with Caroline Robinson from 150Square**



**Wednesday 8 March  
6.00pm - 8.30pm  
Woodridge Community Hall**

Caroline Robinson from 150Square will deliver a practical problem-solving workshop, where office bearers from non-profit groups and clubs can voice any challenges they are experiencing and then work with Caroline to create solutions on the spot. The workshop will cover a broad range of issues, including attracting and retaining volunteers, creating a culture of volunteering, and other strategic and governance challenges.

Light refreshments provided.

RSVP to [cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au) by 1 March 2023

For more information on both workshops, please visit the **Events page** on [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au).

### Introducing Trainee Ranger "Lacey"



Meet our new Trainee Ranger Lacey! Lacey is an Australian Shepherd who will be joining fellow dog ranger Colby as part of the Shire's canine ranger team.

Lacey will be working in tandem with Colby by patrolling the Shire with Ranger Rachael and educating dogs and their owners on the importance of dog registrations and microchipping.

She loves meeting people so if you see Ranger Rachael and Lacey out and about, please come and have a chat. Ranger Services are here to help so please give us a call on 9575 5140 or 9575 5172 if there is anything we can assist you with.

### Music in the Park

The Shire kicked off 2023 on Saturday 7 January with its first annual Summer Suite Event, Music in the Park at Gabbadah Park in Guilderton.

Although the evening was a bit windy, about 150 locals and tourists enjoyed the evening with a live performance by Perth musicians, Summer Club Band.

The kids had plenty of entertainment with a bouncy castle, bucking Shaun the Sheep, and fun glow sticks. Special thanks to the Lancelin Police who made their pod vehicle available for kids to sit in and try on their gear. Bucking Shaun the Sheep even got to throw Constable Kate off which gave the community a laugh.

The Summer Suite of Events is supported by the Shire of Gingin and Bendigo Bank.

Keep an eye out on the Shire's **Events Calendar** at [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au) for all the fun events to attend this year.



### Resident Perception Survey 2023

The Shire is preparing to roll out the next Resident Perception Survey in March, and to get as many responses as possible there will be two ways you can provide us feedback on how we are performing as your local government. This year you will have the option to complete either a simple or comprehensive survey.

All ratepayers and residents will soon be sent a postcard outlining the options, which will also be available in print and online formats. Details to come!





## Public Notices

### Proposed Local Law

The Shire of Gingin hereby notifies for public comment that it proposes to make the **Shire of Gingin Signs and Bill Posting Repeal Local Law 2023**. The **purpose** of this local law is to repeal the Shire of Gingin By-laws Relating to Signs and Bill Posting. The **effect** of this local law is to remove the Shire of Gingin By-laws Relating to Signs and Bill Posting from the public record.

Full details of this local law are available from the Public Notice page at [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au).

Submissions from the public in relation to the proposed local law will be accepted up until **4.00pm on Monday, 6 March 2023**.

### Special Council Meeting

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on **7 February 2023**, commencing at 3.00pm, for the purpose of receiving the Shire of Gingin 2021/22 Annual Report and determining the date and venue of the next Annual Meeting of Electors.

The Special Meeting will be open to the public.

## Council Decisions

The following decisions were made by Council at the Shire's January Ordinary Council Meeting:

- Adoption of Policy 5.3 South West Native Title Settlement Land Based Consultation – approved by Council subject to amendment.
- Approval of unbudgeted expenditure of \$80,000 for asphaltting Lancelin Plaza carpark – supported by Council.
- Amendment of Guilderton Caravan Park booking procedure – approved by Council.

In addition, 4 other items were presented to/deliberated by Council.

More details on the above items of business and any other matters from this meeting can be found in the Meeting Minutes which are available for viewing at [gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings](http://gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings), or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

## Save the Dates!

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**Bearing the Load Workshop - Overcoming Challenges Faced by Office Bearers** - Wednesday 8 March at 6.00pm - 8.30pm, Woodridge Community Hall.

**Arts in the Park 2023** – Art Competition, Exhibition, Artisan Market & Family Concert – Friday 17 March to Saturday 17 March at Granville Park, Gingin.



For more information on these events, please go to the **Events Calendar** on [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au).

If you have a community event to promote in the Shire, please email Olivia at [cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au) and we will include it on our Events Calendar and promote it on our Facebook page.

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12 January 2023

**With A/Senior Regional Officer for the Midwest, Cheryle Dennis**

### **Dramatic increase in used motor vehicles complaints in WA**

Consumer complaints for defective used motor vehicles in Western Australia (WA) skyrocketed over the last five years, increasing 730% and peaking in 2022.

With 777 complaints lodged to Consumer Protection in 2021 and 2022 compared to a total of 287 complaints in 2018 to 2020, the surge in demand for used vehicles was primarily due to long delivery delays on new vehicles during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other contributing factors to the rise in complaints is believed to be flood-affected written-off vehicles from the eastern states being sold in WA, as well as a strong demand for used four wheel drive vehicles due to travel restrictions keeping families grounded in WA.

Many of the complaints over the last five years were for used vehicles that broke down within days of being purchased, some shortly after being driven out of the car yard.

This rise in demand for used vehicles in WA means some sellers may be enticed to off-load vehicles that may be defective.

Consumers should be vigilant when shopping around in this over-heated used vehicle market and make sure to get the vehicle inspected to check it is mechanically sound.

It is also recommended before purchasing, to check the used vehicle's history on the Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR) website to see if it has been written-off or has money still owing on it.

Specific warranties may not apply or may have expired on some used vehicles, however consumer guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) may still apply.

Consumers should not take no for an answer when asking a seller for a refund, repair or replacement if defects are discovered.

Unfortunately private sales are not covered under the ACL, so buyers should be extra vigilant and do the same checks before making a purchase, as you could be out of pocket if something goes wrong.

The dramatic increase in complaints over the last two years in particular, has seen a total of \$6.1 million being successfully returned to consumers who lodged complaints with Consumer Protection.

Complaints relating to vehicle sales can be lodged via the [Consumer Protection website](https://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au) or enquiries can be made by email [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au) or by calling 1300 30 40 54.

*The Gingin Scout Group  
are Proudly Celebrating 40 Years Since The  
Start of This Wonderful Group.*



*1982–2022*

We would like to invite all those past and present Youth, Leaders and Parents to help us celebrate this milestone event.

If you are in contact with anyone, please forward on and let's see if we can get as many people as possible to make this celebration a success.



First Cubs to go up to Scouts. Apr 1983

Gingin Scout Hall

Racecourse Rd Gingin

Saturday 18th February 2023

9.30am—3pm

Opening Parade –10am sharp

There will be plenty of fun scouting games and activities.

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided.

Wear your Uniform, Just joking!!!

But feel free to bring any memorabilia along or give to Gloria to display on the day. Items will need to be delivered a week before with your name and details for return.



Adventure in the Scout Group Army Truck. Sept 1990.

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RSVP by 4/2/23 to Gloria Hyne on 0409 103 700 or [mghyne.1@bigpond.com](mailto:mghyne.1@bigpond.com)



# Gingin Community Car BECOME A VOLUNTEER DRIVER

*Community caring for its own*



Are you a caring  
community member?

Can you commit to approximately  
one day per month?

To register your interest or for more information on the Community Car Service  
contact Sylvia Kelly, Gingin Care Group on 0438 575 254  
or the Gingin CRC on 9575 1253 or [crc@gingin.net](mailto:crc@gingin.net)



# Community Pantry

a community initiative by the

Community for the Community

In these tough times with some people out of work and short of cash and other people with work asking "How can we help", we have set up a Community pantry-just like Community libraries.

- It will be on the back verandah of the CRC.
- There will be boxes in all the participating shops in town, into which donations can be dropped as you shop.
- Or you can deliver donations straight to the pantry at the rear of the CRC.
- It is for dry goods only at this stage, but we hope to add a fridge for vegies and meat later.
- Don't forget baby products and pet essentials as they are part of the community too.

*"The whole Community  
sharing fairly and caring  
for each other"*



*Big thankyou to Gingin IGA for making a  
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# GINGIN COMMUNITY CAR *Community caring for its own*

## DO YOU NEED TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?

A community volunteer initiative run by community  
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but have no way to get there.



## How do I book?

Contact the Gingin CRC on 9575 1253 or [crc@gingin.net](mailto:crc@gingin.net)

For further information on the Community Car Service contact the Gingin CRC on 9575 1253  
or Sylvia Kelly - Gingin Care Group on 0438 575 254



# CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Can you spare 3-4 hours a week or fortnight?

We are looking for keen and interested community  
members to join the team at the Gingin Community Resource Centre.

Make a difference and join our friendly, community minded team.

For more information please come into the centre or  
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Phone 9575 1253





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Ngala have partnered with WA Country Health Service (WACHS) to provide free child health parenting information and support to families living in regional, rural or remote WA.

## Facebook Group

Join a community of other country families to access parenting information, resources & program updates.  
Search: CountryFamilies@Ngala.

## Tutorials and Facebook Live Sessions

See recorded and live videos with information for parents with children aged 0 – 8 years.

## Online 'Live Chat'

Chat with a Ngala Child Health Nurse via Facebook.  
Please check website for session times.

## Individual Consultations

30 minute video or phone consults with a Ngala Child Health Nurse for child development information and parenting support.

## Country Dads' SMS Service

Receive information and resources via SMS or Email.

**Call: 9368 9342**

**Email: [CountryFamilies@ngala.com.au](mailto:CountryFamilies@ngala.com.au)**



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## Gingin Scout Group

The end of 2022 was a busy time for the Gingin Scout Group. Our group Halloween party was so much fun. Everyone's costumes looked awesome. We played Spooky Spider Straw Blowing, Dangling Donuts, Charades and Build a Mummy. Thank you to our parents that volunteered to be mummies (and dad mummy).

Another awesome day on Saturday 5th November with our amazing Cubs. We all travelling together in the community bus to the Swan Valley to join other Cubs from all over the state to attend Cubalee. Although the trip down and back was a bit noisy, I think they all agreed that Cubalee was a lot of fun.

The following two Mondays we covered first aid and did a beach hike at Guilderton. On the 21st we once again had a group activity, making cars out of boxes. Helena, the school chaplain visited us and spoke about the Gingin Pop Up Pantry. She encouraged everyone to support this over the Christmas period with small toys, Christmas treats, personal items, tea, coffee and toilet paper. Money from the cardboard box sleepover was used to purchase two boxes of items, and these were given to Helena. Last Monday everyone bought their cars they made and we had a drive in movie. It was a little warm and I don't think car

air conditioners were working. We all enjoyed the movie Turbo along with popcorn and lollies. It was an amazingly busy year for our group, and the kids can not wait to start back again on Monday the 6th of February.



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Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

# New Year Resolution

—●—  
**By Alan Gent**

A slight breeze fluttered the leaves on the old blackbutt tree in the yard and the sun glowed a last farewell in the gathering dusk. The old rocking chair creaked on the aging veranda boards as Franklin smoked his old pipe and thought about the year ahead. It was always good to have a plan, but hard to keep to it sometimes. A New Year should have new things to do – ‘resolutions’ that could be thought up and perhaps completed by year end. Franklin had always made resolutions. Every year he’d smoke his pipe less, or maybe not at all. But every year it didn’t happen. Trouble was, he enjoyed his pipe too much. Since Alice had gone to where pernicky nagging housewives go when they ‘snuff it’ he’d had real peace. The old house was full of dust and grime, but plenty clean enough for him. Oh yes, who really needed an old house to be that clean anyway? Still, he’d made a resolution to clean it, at least a bit. Another resolution he made was to start talking to his neighbour, old Seth down the road on the corner. Miserable bugger, thought Franklin. Perhaps he’d put that one off for a bit. Now those steps.... There were five wooden steps from the front of the back veranda to the ‘garden’, and they were really falling apart. In fact they were quite dangerous. Franklin had to carefully walk right close to the left hand side so they didn’t collapse. Fixing them would be a good New Year Resolution. He’d seen a couple of tiger snakes disappear under there a few days ago, and would hate for one of his feet to go through the steps and.... It would take about an hour to get to the hospital if he got bitten and it wouldn’t take that long to.... Oh well, he’d fix them.

Franklin smoked and cogitated, mulled over possibilities and kept coming back to how he could fix the steps. Tiger snakes don’t stick around if you make a noise, so he might be OK. He wondered if there was some sort of a nest there. He was sure there were at least two different snakes, because one was much bigger. Now the sun had completely disappeared, and darkness began to spread its gloomy mantle over the garden. Time to go in, thought Franklin.

The mozzie coil was burning quite low, and he was pretty sure he’s been bitten a few times already. It didn’t really bother him. He was used to it.

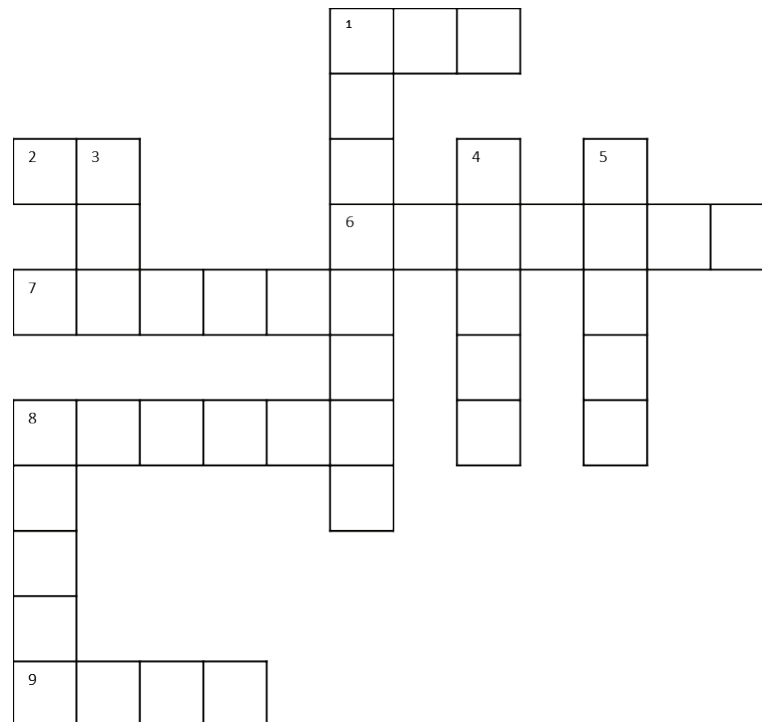
Just as he was about to get up, he heard something. Was that a motorbike? He listened. Nothing. Wait... Something rustled in the bushes at the end of the garden. An animal? Then he saw it. Two gangly youngsters walked quickly towards him. “Hello old timer,” said the bigger one. Franklin could just make out his features. He looked mean. He had a T-shirt with a picture of a skull and “Be Very Afraid” in blood-dripping script. They both wore shorts that looked like cut-down jeans. “Got any money?” Franklin said nothing. “I said: HAVE YOU GOT ANY MONEY!” Franklin still said nothing. The mean bloke turned to his mate. “OK Jim, let’s find out!” He moved towards the veranda. “Don’t!” said Franklin. Meany stopped. “What’s the matter old man? Are you going to stop us?” Franklin looked at the two of them. Must have been their motorbike he’d heard. They’d probably scouted around these parts before and knew where they’d get ‘easy pickings’. They moved towards the veranda steps. The big bloke put his foot on the first step, then the second, then the third and.... As if in slow motion, there was a ‘CRACK’ and his foot went right through. He stumbled forward and the next two steps collapsed under his weight. “What the hell!” he yelled. Then he screamed. Then he screamed again. And again. He staggered away from the debris, clutching his arm, his side, his leg. “It’s a bloody tiger snake!” said his mate, backing away. “Let’s get out of here!” said the big bloke, and they both ran back down the garden. Franklin, as if in a dream, heard the motorbike start up and roar off down the road. He puffed on his pipe a little longer. The bloke wouldn’t make it to the hospital of course. No chance. Pity about his mate. You can’t drive a motorbike if you’re unconscious, can you?

As he got up to go inside, he thought: I suppose I’ll have to fix those steps now. One New Year Resolution I can’t put off.





## Find Cancer Early Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1 Blood here may be a sign of bowel cancer
- 2 If you are over 40 and have any of these symptoms for more than a month, go and visit this person
- 6 Eight out of ten lung cancer cases are caused by this
- 7 Unexplained loss of this can be a symptom of cancer
- 8 Most commonly diagnosed cancer in women
- 9 Coughing up blood can be a sign of which cancer?

### DOWN

- 1 Problems peeing can point to this cancer
- 3 Blood in this even once means you should go to your doctor
- 4 Women should check breasts every ...
- 5 Prostate cancer is rare in men under this age
- 8 One of our most preventable cancers

You can find out more at [www.findcancerearly.com.au](http://www.findcancerearly.com.au)

If you would like to order campaign materials (DVDs, posters or flyers) to promote the Find Cancer Early message in your community, please contact us.

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Elevated Bacterial Warning for Moore River in Guilderton

The Shire of Gingin and the Department of Health are warning people to avoid swimming and other full-body water immersion activities in Moore River at Guilderton after recent sampling results detected amoeba and high bacteria levels at several sampling locations.

Secondary contact activities such as kayaking and boating are currently not impacted by this warning.

Elevated bacterial levels have the potential to increase the risk of people experiencing gastrointestinal, respiratory, and skin, ear, eye and throat illnesses and infections if people swim in or accidentally ingest the water.

Anyone who has entered these waters and experiencing symptoms including nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal, chest pain etc, should seek medical attention and notify the Department of Health's Environmental Health Directorate on 9222 2000 (during office hours) or email: [ehinfo@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:ehinfo@health.wa.gov.au).

Moore River is part of a broader agricultural catchment area and downstream river flow can bring nutrients, organic matter, sediments, and animal faeces and waste.

Amoeba warning signs are permanently displayed around the Moore River caravan park/river mouth area, and temporary health warning signs have also been erected.

The Shire of Gingin will continue to monitor microbial water quality and liaise with the Department of Health to advise when conditions have improved to levels suitable for swimming and other recreational water contact activities.

Further information regarding water quality and tips for healthy swimming is available on the Department of Health website at <http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/>.

For all **health-related media enquiries** regarding this matter please contact **Department of Health Media** on **9222 4333** or [media@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:media@health.wa.gov.au).

For any Shire-related enquiries regarding this matter please contact Bob Kelly, Executive Manager Regulatory & Development Services, on 0419 953 153.

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## PHOTOS

**Pictured below:** Department of Health warning signs are now in place around Moore River until further notice.







## STEM

During the Christmas school holidays the Library hosted childrens activities that was based on the STEM programme, Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics and the CRC had a morning where school bag tags could be made.

Once again, the children that attended had lots of fun learning about simple circuits and how electricity passes through different mediums.

Children were able to make cards that could light up, create a fan that would fly through the air, use a potato and other vegetables and liquids to transmit electricity. Lots of oohs and ahhs could be heard from the library as the experiments were successful.



Another STEM group of activities were based around the theme of Fantastic Flying Things. Participants found out how to improve the flight of their hand made planes.

Quiver was part of the activities on offer for those that wanted to colour and make their picture come to life.



Next holiday keep an eye out for Library activities. There will be something to suit your school age children.

Lastly but not least, thankyou Bronte for organising more great holiday activities.

Picture above: Ayva & Mia Cone with their bag tags

Top Picture: Tracy Collard assisting with STEM



# Letters to the Editor

## **Hello Everyone and welcome to the new `Letters to the Editor` column.**

*With this column we endeavour to provide an avenue for the whole community to contribute and one that people will be comfortable in expressing themselves. As always we reserve the right to edit or refuse insertions for reasons of space or inappropriateness.*

*Please keep submissions under 250 words.*

*Please note these inclusions do not necessarily represent the opinions of the CRC and its personnel.*

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Has anyone else noticed that the play park equipment has been removed from the northern area of Granville Park? For what reason – was there a problem with these facilities or is it to focus peoples' attention on the Outdoor Activity Space and its facilities?

Contrary to what may have been thought, this quiet secluded area was a popular spot and used by many picnickers who enjoyed sitting on the grass under the shade as they watched their children play and/or used the free BBQ facilities.

The equipment was certainly favoured by Grandmas who would take their charges to play safely away from the busy roads.

Comment has been made about the dangerous design of the slide in the new Outdoor Activity Space area. It is unsafe for the age group it is designed for, 3-6 years olds. Should these children overbalance and fall, the first point of contact for their heads is on the rocky surrounds of the slide.

The BBQ's are certainly ideal for group gatherings – such as Birthdays, Christmas get-togethers and private functions, where it was difficult and impractical to share BBQ facilities. So it is good to see they have been retained.

Sadly the phrases "risk mitigation" and "duty of care" can be heard coming from the mouths of the Thought Police. A "Please Explain" would be nice.

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Whilst on works' projects in the Park, another appears to be underway with closure of the walk path over the Scenic Pool weir. "Eye Spy" notes in previous Council Minutes, monies have been set aside for an upgrade which would also include access for mobility aids – that is gophers and walkers. As this footpath was bordering on the dangerous,

it would seem a good spend of ratepayers \$\$\$\$.

Interestingly in conversation about this project, "Eye Spy" was asked about Project Gingin (Inc) and where is it at?

For those who are unaware, a group of people got together under the banner of Project Gingin, following the success of the Outdoor Activity Space and the towns 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, to look at projects that could enhance its liveability and reputation as a tourist town. The first formal meeting was in December 2021 and the Group set its sights on the upgrade of the Scenic Pool area and the replacement of the actual weir, inclusive of a fish ladder, to facilitate the migration of native fish upstream. (Yes there are freshwater fish in the Brook within the townsite).

Some 15 months has now passed and so the question "Where is the Group at" seems reasonable, given such projects have wide ramifications, inclusive of cost and "who pays"?

The "go to" person **is** Councillor Rob Kestel who was re-elected Chair of the Group at the their last AGM in December 2022. Also as Council had engaged an Engineering Consultancy to review the Scenic Pool for possible refurbishment in the last 12 – 18 months, he might also be able to give an insight on what Council itself has decided to do about this expert advice.

*Editor: As it happens Councilor Kestel came into the Centre shortly after receiving this information and he informed us the community will see some visible changes on the scenic pool in February or March.*

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It is the peak of the summer holiday season and the layby adjacent to the Granville Park is lined with travellers and their mobile homes. They come to "spend a penny", maybe to have a picnic, stretch their legs, have a coffee in the nearby eatery, do a little shopping across the road, walk their dogs, enjoy the site and sound of the Water Wheel, **but** there is another reason and that is to empty their "household rubbish" in the Red Sulo bins that are located at the edge of the park.

At times the bins are full to overflowing, with additional bags of rubbish left lying at the base of these bins. On occasions, broken furniture and deck chairs, "kitchenalia" and of course the holiday special - flip flops/thongs -



are not uncommonly left behind.

The Town advertises itself as Caravanner friendly and a waste disposal site has been conveniently installed in the centre of the town with two Sulo bins for disposal of rubbish located nearby.

Maybe some more thought needs to be given to waste disposal and caravanners. The once held belief that by not providing rubbish bins

people would take home their rubbish has long been proven a myth. It is more likely to be "Not wanted in my back yard – I will leave it in yours". The area is known as a Scenic Park – let it be kept this way. Happy New Year to all and a reminder the focus of this segment is "why is it so".

Eye Spy (Name Supplied)

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## **Guilderton Cafe Closing While New Operators Sought**

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The lessees of the Guilderton Café, Belgravia Leisure, have announced they will be closing the café on 31 January to coincide with the end of the school holidays. This decision has been made as a result of increasing operating costs which have made the existing business model for the café unsustainable.

Belgravia are now looking for new operators to take over the café.

As an interim measure, the Shire is investigating mobile food and coffee outlets to provide meal and drink options while new café operators are being sourced.

Rohan Gunton, Belgravia Leisure State Manager said: "We would like to thank all of those involved in the operation of the café and whilst we are sad to say goodbye, we are in discussions with a number of experienced and reputable cafe owners who have expressed interest in taking over the operation of Guilderton café".

Shire President Wayne Fewster added: "Council looks forward to working with Belgravia and the new lessees to return this service as quickly as possible."

The café closure will not affect the Guilderton General Store next door which will continue to operate as per their normal business hours with the supply of grocery staples.

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Or you may like to come and meet our small group on Monday 6th February at 10am in the Gingin Community Resource Centre meeting room.

## Be skin aware this summer

Cancer Council WA is encouraging adults in the Wheatbelt region to familiarise themselves with the common symptoms of skin cancer, with the majority (55-70%) of melanomas detected by themselves or their partners.

It is important to know your skin and what is normal for you, particularly if you are over 40 years of age. Skin cancers (including melanoma) accounts for the largest number of cancers diagnosed in Australia each year. Our latest data reveals that in 2019, 1587 people in WA were diagnosed with melanoma and sadly 145 people died from it. In the Wheatbelt region in 2019, 58 people were diagnosed with melanoma and 5 died from it.

We know people living in regional Australia have lower rates of five-year survival, compared with people living in cities, so we urge anyone in the Wheatbelt experiencing a skin cancer symptom to visit their doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker.

Common symptoms of skin cancer include:

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- A spot that is different from other spots on your skin
- Any crusty or non-healing sores
- Any spots, freckles or any moles changing in size (width), thickness (height), colour, or shape over a period of weeks to months.

It doesn't mean you've got skin cancer – often it turns out to be something less serious. But it is important to get checked. Getting our symptoms checked out and treated early means we can get back to the people we love and the things we love doing.

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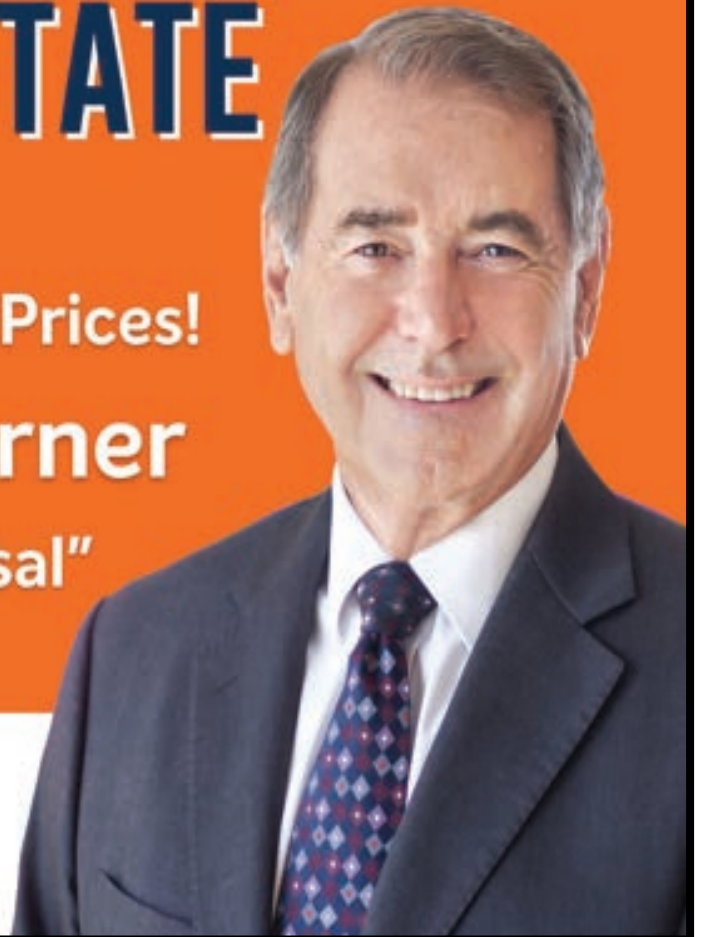
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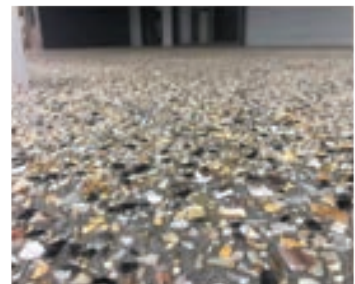
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