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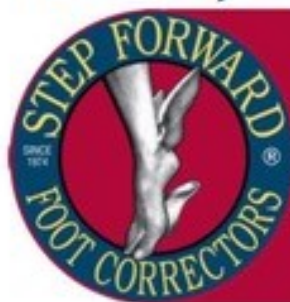
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Editor's Note

I hope you all managed to keep the kids entertained on the recent school holidays. I entertained myself with a group of girls in Bali to celebrate our previous worker Roz's 60th birthday. Daily pampering of massages or facials, every meal cooked for me, no cleaning or work to do- it was really hard to take. NOT.

In the 2 weeks previous to Bali I attended the Linkwest (our peak body) conference in Perth and a very insightful 'Staying in Place Expo' in Pingelly. More details to come on that soon.

We have had a few phone glitches lately so please forgive us if you have had trouble

contacting us. Our old commander system has seen better days and we are exploring upgrade options.

The weekend just past we had David de Vries deliver an information session on building wicking garden beds. Wicking is a wonderful way to reduce the water requirements for a garden bed by up to 50% - pretty handy for our conditions.








Next on the agenda for us is of course the Live Lighter Gingin British Car Day. We look forward to another beautiful day with lots of attendees and hope to see you there.

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Feature Story

Gingin Community Op Shop – The Treasure Trove @ Gingin

Then up spoke bold Carolyn¹,
The keeper of the door.
“This is a shop for everyone,
However rich or poor.
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For our beautiful bargains obviously!

Once upon a time, because that's the way all good stories start, a small wheatbelt town called Gingin had a Red Cross Op shop. For no obvious reason in 2013 the op shop was shut, which surprised and dismayed the people who worked there and caused even more aggravation to the people who relied on getting a bargain in the op shop. It's a fact that money can be very tight in small rural towns and the other 'cheap' shops are a long drive away.

Some of the ladies who had worked in the ex-shop, along with other Ginginites, decided that they could & would do better.

A shed, which could be rented cheaply, was found and a community meeting called; a

slightly surprising number of people turned up. Oddly some of them had never been in an op shop before but they understood the need and were prepared to volunteer to make the replacement op shop a success. In August 2013, after an enormous amount of cleaning and fettling, in what had been disused shed full of unpleasant 'stuff', the Gingin **Community** Op Shop T/A The Treasure Trove @ Gingin opened. *Seriously, it was an immense effort on the part of the people put together the necessary fixture & fittings on a nil budget; they are the heroines/heroes of this story.*

From the beginning there was a determination that the temporary shed shop behind the Gull servo would be the absolute best op shop it could possibly be. For nine years around thirty volunteers have worked to keep the shop open for three hours a day, six days a week. Customers quickly noticed that there were quality preloved clothes and a myriad of other clean treasures at very reasonable prices. Not only did the shop attract customers from across the Shire and Northern Perth suburbs it also attracted donations. Lots and lots of wonderful donations because recycling, upcycling and



Volunteer Diane Wall stocking the glasses



The Treasure Trove at Gingin have a wide range of childrens toys

repurposing had finally become fashionable. With so many donations the Treasure Trove has been able to supply appropriate surplus items to Paraquad in Perth and to remote Op Shops around Warburton. It also supplies Wheelchairs for Kids with soft toys and shop volunteers cut unsalable clothes into rags which have a very definite value.

It was a founding principle of TT@G that after the bills were paid the monies generated should be used to support the people, both young & old along with the voluntary groups, in the Shire via grants and that a 'building' fund be accumulated for the day when the shop could move out of the shed. Giving away money has been relatively easy because the grant forms are so simple. There are hardly any groups, sporting or social in Gingin that have not benefitted. Some grants have been quite large – the community car, the new playground & the school chaplaincy and others relatively small - Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast and the 150th Anniversary duck race.

However, saving money for a new shop and finding suitable premises has been much, much more difficult. There have been empty blocks but none entirely suitable and residents don't necessarily want an op shop next door. The Old Fire Station, when vacated, was an obvious choice but it has

taken six interminable years to get from that idea to reality. Six years and a great deal of planning & paperwork (thanks Kate Watson & Trevor Phillips), building work (thanks Shane Troy) and money (mega thanks volunteers & customers) to make it happen. The TT@GG finally became lease holders of the Old Fire Station in November 2022. The building work started almost immediately and the final piece of paper, the Certificate of Occupancy was received at the beginning of April 2023. Over a frenetic 10 days, including Easter weekend, the shed shop was moved, lock, stock and fittings by the volunteers and their partners. The lovely new community op shop opened in the Old Fire Station on Monday 17th April.

It's still a little bit of a work in progress, there are things which will change and oddly it's slightly weird working with so much space however it's a shining example of what a community group, working together, can achieve. If you haven't been for a look already, please come and say 'Hi' to The Treasure Trove @ Gingin at 13 Robinson Street soon because this isn't the end of the story, it's just the beginning of a new chapter.

¹ Carolyn Brodie Hall - Chairperson

² Apologies to Thomas Babington Macaulay - Lays of Ancient Rome – Horatius.



The Volunteer of The Treasure Trove @ Gingin hard at work stocking the shelves and loving the face available in their new facility.



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Norm Wallace “Castle Builder” Book Launch

On Tuesday 18 April, approximately 70 family, friends, and former colleagues of long-time community member and Shire Clerk of 33 years, Norm Wallace, met up at the Shire Council Chambers and Committee Room in Gingin to celebrate the launch of his book “Castle Builder”.

For many attendees, the book launch provided a rare and special occasion to reconnect with people they hadn’t seen for many years, and this created a joyful, uplifting vibe which Norm would have loved.

Sadly, Norm passed away on 26 April 2022 – almost a year before the book was published – however stepping in to see it completed was son Garry, with the support of his sisters Barbara and Terrel.

“There is a story behind the creation of this book,” said Garry. “It started with Dad’s cancer diagnosis in 2018. His oncologist advised that with treatment his prognosis would give him another four years, and he asked about Dad’s hobbies and interests because he would need something to occupy his mind.

“Dad had thought about writing about his life as Shire Clerk for the Gingin Shire Council and over the next four years, with the help of several people and historical records, the draft progressed to include information not only about Dad’s life, but also about other Shire employees, events, families, organisations and historical events. He was especially attentive to the development of the coastal towns and special rural zones.”

“Producing the book was challenging work for

Dad, and this is where I stepped in to help. Dad collected the data and produced the first draft. I then undertook editing and checked source records from the Shire and State Library. We then had several Gingin community members and my wife read the manuscript and provide feedback. The publisher then gave it polish.”

The title of the book “Castle Builder” was the result of Norm’s determination to forge a successful life in the Shire of Gingin.

“Dad was a planner, an opportunist, and a visionary who didn’t undertake any activity until he had completed the planning in his mind. He visualised establishing himself and his family, and stuck to that vision. The Gingin Shire provided that opportunity. This was his castle, and this became the title of the book.”

In April 1993, when Norm retired from Shire service, Gavin Drew – who was the Shire President at that time – presented Norm with a certificate of appreciation. In return, 30 years later, Garry was pleased to present Gavin with a copy of the “Castle Builder” on the night.

“This book is a gift to the Gingin Shire community,” added Garry. “Dad didn’t want it registered for sale but had fifty copies printed for gifting, and we have made copies available in the Gingin and Lancelin libraries.”

Whilst the book is about Norm’s life, it has a strong focus on his years as Shire Clerk and covers significant details in the development of the Gingin Shire and coastal towns.

On 8 May, the State Library of WA will formally release the “Castle Builder” into its repository.

Article written by M Taylor - Shire of Gingin



Left: Guests enjoyed refreshments in the Shire’s Committee Room and Council Chambers

Below: Book launch welcome provided by Shire President Wayna Fewster and Garry Wallace



Gavin Drew receiving his copy of “Castle Builder” from Garry Wallace



Norm Wallace’s children Barbara, Garry and Terrel with Gavin Drew.

A Hopping Good Time at the Annual Easter Hunt

The Gingin Annual Easter Hunt is a consistently supported annual event by families in the Gingin community. Held every year on Easter Sunday, the event is a fun-filled morning that brings people together to celebrate the holiday and enjoy a morning of activities.

This year's Easter Hunt was no exception, as families gathered at the local park mid-morning to take part in the festivities. Families excitedly registered at the soundshell, ready to embark on the easter activities that awaited them.

The hunt began with an obstacle course with the children jumping, hopping, balancing and running their way through our mini obstacle course for a "popping" reward of popcorn.

Following the map, they then arrived at a carrot throw, feeding the stencilled bunny face to receive a balloon. Racing off to the egg and spoon race, the kids had to make it from start to finish without dropping their eggs. After all the thirsty work they received a bottle of water and moved onto the activity station.

Some a-maze-ing easter activities and colouring ins were done, before the children got to have a polaroid happy snap with the Easter Bunny. This year the easter chicks were waiting to be found in the garden along with some aussie friends to spot. Then onto the Lions Train ride which weaved and circled the park to then return to the registration station to find an easter egg bundle to finish the route.

The Gingin Annual Easter Hunt is a wonderful tradition that brings together the community and celebrates the spirit of the holiday. It's a day that is eagerly awaited by families and one that creates memories that will last a lifetime. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers that make the day possible, in particular the Gingin Chittering Lions club who selflessly donate their time each year to ensure this event can go ahead. Thanks also to the Shire of Gingin for funding support for the event.

As the event drew to a close, the park was filled with happy families, laughing and chatting as they made their way home, already looking forward to next year's Easter Hunt.



Left: Tablitha Dale Hopping through the obstacle course

Right: Elliot Dale feeding the Easter bunny in the Carrot throw



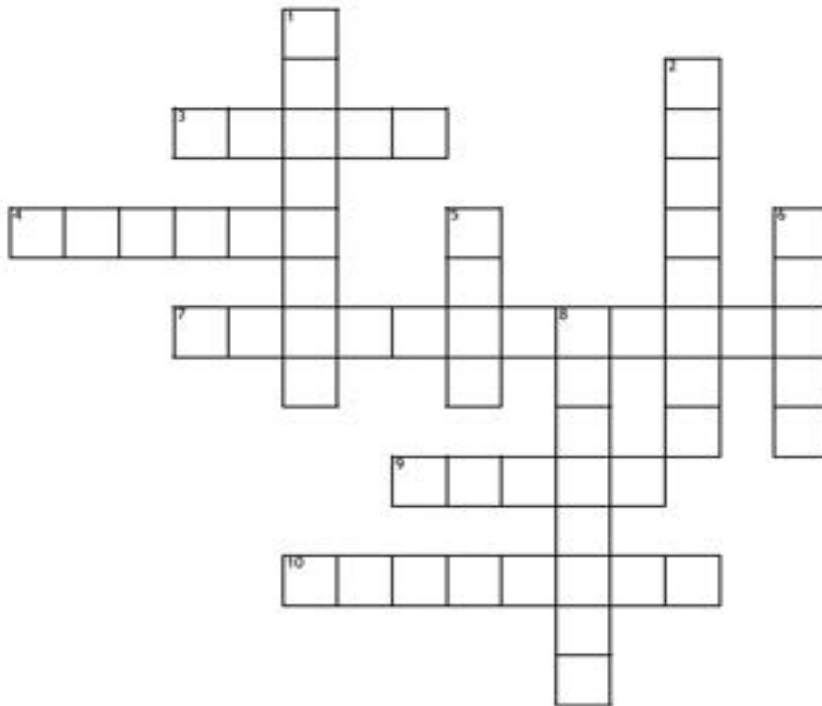
Lacey, Skyla and Jack Borwick racing in the egg and spoon race



Tristyn and Fredrick Edwards getting a happy snap with the easter bunny

The fantastic volunteers from the Chittering Gingin Lions Club support this event each year by donating their time. Above is Anthony Moulding driving the lions club train.

Bowel Cancer Symptoms



Across

3. If you ever notice this in your poo, make an appointment to see your doctor (5).
4. If you notice any unexplained loss of ____ when you step on the scales, be sure to discuss it with your doctor (6).
7. Abnormally infrequent bowel motions or pain or difficulty passing poo is called ____ (12).
9. Unexplained fatigue or feeling more ____ than usual for more than four weeks can be a sign that something isn't quite right (5).
10. A rounded enlargement of any part of the body is called a ____ (8).

Down

1. Another word for a full and tight feeling abdomen is _____. It's best to discuss this with your doctor if it's been going on for more than 4 weeks (8).
2. Speak to your doctor if you notice any trace of blood or experience _____ from your back passage (8).
5. Term used to describe extreme discomfort (4).
6. _____ poo is another way to describe diarrhoea. If there's no explanation for this and it's been going on for more than 4 weeks make an appointment and discuss it with your doctor (5).
8. An unexplained loss of _____ or feeling less hungry than usual should be discussed with your doctor to rule out anything serious (8).

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Gingin Heifer Competition

The 2023 Gingin Heifer Competition, held 30th March, saw Plain Grazing (Brett, Lisa and Chase Edwards) from Beermullah, take out the keenly contested top prize for the best pen of four Commercial Heifers by Richard Hall, from Golden Arm Genetics.

16 pens of the region's best commercial heifers were assessed across 9 Gingin farming properties.

2023 Commercial Heifer winners were:

1st prize – Plain Grazing (Brett, Lisa and Chase Edwards), Angus

2nd prize –Angela, Shahni and Jarod Clifton (Angus)

Equal 3rd prize – Old Bambun Grazing (Angus) and The Grant Family, Gingin (Red Angus) Ed and Paul Grant

It was the first time the Edwards family has one the competition, now in its 41st year. The crowd of over 45 onlookers were impressed with the quality of the pen of four black angus heifers aged 11 months which scored 87 points out of a possible 100.

The heifers are judged on their suitability as future breeders. Points are awarded for temperament, structural soundness, femininity, carcass quality and evenness of pen.

Judge Richard Hall said, "I was very fortunate to be invited to judge the long running Gingin heifer competition for 2023. The quality of all the cattle presented before me was outstanding which made my job extremely difficult. Just as impressive as the quality of the cattle was the enthusiastic nature of all the exhibitors towards the day and their cattle. It was obvious to me that all involved had a passion for their cattle and that they put a lot of thought into the selection of the bulls they purchased and the direction of their breeding programs. Common themes of discussion were longevity (reflected in the outstanding structural soundness of all the cattle presented before me), temperament (once again reflected in the quiet nature of all the heifers) and ability of the cattle to thrive in the unique environment of the Gingin Shire.

The competition is a credit to all involved and I would recommend anyone who has a passion for commercial cattle to pencil this day in their calendar and enjoy not only the quality of cattle on display but also the tremendous welcoming spirit and hospitality and passion for the beef cattle industry of all involved in the day."

Once again, lunch was prepared by Beermullah local, Selga Beckwith. It was spon-



Winners Brett Edwards (Plain Grazing), Richard Hall (Judge), Lisa Edwards (Plain Grazing, Chase Edwards (Plain Grazing) and David Roe (Competition Co-ordinator)



Jarod, Angela and Shane Clifton who's pen of Angus heifers were placed 2nd

sored by Bendigo Bank and the travelling crowd inspected the “Munda Red “theysale venue and the upcoming sale bulls whilst they ate.

Sean Greenwell won the prestigious “Closest to the Judges award”. Lewis Roe was the winner of the “Guess the weight” award.

Competition winners were announced at the wind-up event sponsored by Zoetis and hosted by Phil and Sally Barret-Lennard in their wonderfully restored old shearing shed.

Competition coordinator, Mr David Roe of Benalong Grazing said “The Gingin Heifer competition continues to be a great day for local cattle breeders. Breeders continue to take on board the judge’s comments to

aid their selection criteria for their future breeders and this can only be good for their cow herds. Richards’ life time work in beef genetics and his knowledge of the animals structure, particularly the pelvic and reproductive setup on the heifers was particularly enlightening”.

Mr Roe also extended his thanks to all competition entrants, and the generosity of sponsors who make the day possible, W & J Greenwell, Gingin Districts Community Financial Services Ltd - Bendigo Bank, Gingin Fuel and Tyres, Elders, Zoetis and Boehringer Animal Health. He is also very appreciative of the great work Annette Howard did photographing all the exhibitors and cattle.



Megan McCallum and Steve Neville (Old Bambun - Equal 3rd) and Judge Richard Hall



Richard Hall with Equal 3rd placed Old Bambun pen



Equal third placed 4 Red Angus Heifer exhibited by the Grant Family ,Gingin



Richard Hall (Judge) and Ed Grant who’s pen of Red Angus were placed Equal 3rd

Gingin Medical Centre - Welcome to Town Julie



Time for a tree-change.

My name is Julie and I have been nursing for 40 years in various aspects of nursing and community midwifery. I trained and qualified as a Registered Nurse in

London and then completed my midwifery in Southeast England before emigrating to Perth in the 1990s.

I have been successfully employed at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children caring for the very ill and then was part of the opening of the Children's Ward at Wanneroo Hospital as it transitioned into Joondalup Health Campus. After 10 years I progressed into management at Glengarry

Hospital learning behind the scenes of hospital life, enlightened, I then moved back to ground level and joined the after-hours GP clinic (AHGP) attached to Joondalup Hospital. I thoroughly enjoy sharing my medical knowledge and my compassion for health education. During its temporary closure through covid I moved into the ED Department working in the Ambulatory Care section, consolidating my skills, but now that the pandemic has essentially passed, I am combining both roles.

I have recently also worked at a suburban GP practice. I am very eagerly looking forward to joining the Gingin Medical Centre and becoming an active part of the community.

I have 3 children and grandchildren and am keen to spend my downtime in my new home with hubby, and my rural hobbies of home grown vegies and animals.

Gingin Police Station Welcomes New Officer in Charge

I am very pleased to introduce myself to you as the new Officer in Charge of Gingin Police Station. My name is Sergeant Jude Seivwright. As I write, I have just returned to the station from the beautiful ANZAC services held in Gingin and Bindoon. It was such a privilege to share the morning with the community honouring those who have fought and are serving for our country. It was very special to see the large turn out of families and people young and old, including the amazing volunteers and scouts. It was clear there was a strong sense of community present at both services.

A sense of community and working together is very important to me personally as a police officer and one of the main reasons why I enjoy regional policing. I have served

as a police officer for nearly 28 years across both uniform and detective positions. I have been lucky enough to have worked and lived in regional WA including Albany, Broome, Kalgoorlie and now Gingin, I draw on past diverse experiences to contribute to my new role.

Every community has it's challenges, I see the increasing spread of urbanisation into what were previously rural areas and the inevitable increase this brings



in road traffic incidents and potential opportunities for growth in crime as impacting on policing demands and members of our community.

Fortunately, I have an excellent team of motivated and caring officers. We are supported by new and agile technology provided by Police Commissioner Blanch to identify, locate and associate crime and incidents more quickly than ever before. So, if you see us on our mobile phones, we

are not on Tiktok! We are actually accessing real time tactical frontline information to solve crimes faster, working to provide an exceptional service for the community.

I look forward to getting around, living in and being a part of our community. Communication is so important, I am always open to a chat and listen to issues that may be of concern. If you do wish to make contact, please drop into the station, call or email Gingin.Police.Station@police.wa.gov.au.

Exmouth Eclipse livestreamed by the Gravity Discovery Centre and Observatory

The 20th of April was a historic day for the Moore River Region and the Shire of Gingin.

Rick Tonello, Chief Astronomer, said the coverage of the Exmouth Eclipse today was emotionally charged and inspiring for science, regional Australia and for the Dark Sky future of WA.

Congratulations Jan Devlin, from the Gravity Discovery Centre and Observatory, for

empowering your team and bringing the best out of your team members.

Jan, you lead an historic moment for Perth and placed us on the map, like we've never witnessed before.

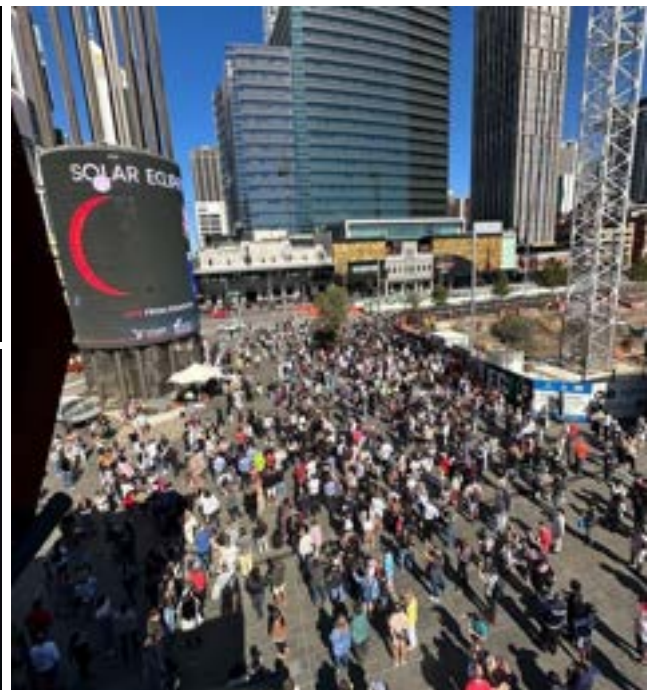
If you would still like to see the livestream from Exmouth you can view it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWEv1DWeI3Y&t=41s>



The Gear set up in Exmouth



The "Oh my moments"



Yagan Square Livestream

Adam Shields Realty have a new building

After years of operating out of the Gingin CRC building and being a part of the CRC Family, local real estate agent Adam Shields of Adam Shields Realty- Co-Agent to Nutrien Harcourts is expanding and spreading his wings within his hometown of Gingin.

Adam stated an opportunity to good to miss! came along with room to expand his business, so Adam and team have taken the bull by the horns and started renovating the new Gingin Shire Real Estate office that will open soon next to the Gingin Bottle Shop.

Originally this building was a Bakery and then basically abandoned for a decade with boards covering all windows. It was such an eyesore and its great to see new life appearing before our eyes on the main street.

Adam has been serving the community with all their Real Estate needs for 20 years and is excited to offer his customers a professionally renovated elegant office dedicated to real estate and multiple professional rural services. Adam and family have many ideas for the office, but for now will become their real estate hub to service the northern regions of Perth.

The new office is located on the main street of Gingin at Shop 1/ 12 Brockman St Gingin between Celebrations Gingin and Home Hardware. The office boasts a larger light filled space for the company to operate and expand. Adam explained it was a big decision but the move was necessary to accommodate the growing demand for our team's services and to ensure that Adam Shields Realty/ Nutrien Harcourts can provide the highest level of customer service in the area.

Aimee (executive personal assistant) and Jill (snr admin manager) stated that the new location has phenomenal foot traffic and exposure plus extensive room to



display all Adam's awards and listings on the main street of Gingin.

Adam and team plan to hold an office opening at 12pm on Wednesday 10th May 2023, to showcase the new office to the community and officially open to the public. Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, nibble and light refreshments. This will also give locals interested the opportunity to see the new office for themselves.

With their new northern regions Real Estate Office and continued dedication to their customers, ADAM SHIELDS REALTY "YOUR LOCAL PROPERTY PARTNER", is poised to continue a successful business in Gingin Shire and provide outstanding service for decades to come with the help from wife Kelly, daughter Aimee and admin manager Jill Skevington.

In the near future Adams Executive Personal Assistant Aimee Shields will complete her Real Estate License and help her dad continue building the empire they have strived so hard to achieve.

Adams family together with Jill, emphasized that they would love to thank the community, clients and especially all the CRC staff and volunteers for all their kindness and the opportunity to rent an office space in the CRC building.

"The best is ahead" and we at the CRC wish them great success and happiness for years to come!

Norma's Patch

Nonegenarian Norma Gray is at it again. The former Shire of Gingin Community Citizen of the Year is proving you are never too old to contribute.

Having had her grand plan for a Gingin Floriade thwarted this year, Norma has set about rejuvenating three beds in the Community Garden located at the rear of the Gingin Community Resource Centre. The local Men's Shed is making a small sign to indicate the area she is working in, and it will read "Norma's Patch".

Over the past few weeks, with the assistance of another local resident, she has cleared out the beds of weeds and former plantings, dug them over, fertilized and is now in the process of planting an array of winter seedlings, seeds and tubers – onions, potatoes, garlic, peas, carrots, capsicums, cabbages, broccoli and spinach.

Norma has bought the seeds herself and will be using blood and bone and home-made compost to give the plants a good start. She is now hoping for some soaking rains, although the beds are currently getting a daily water from a set of timed sprinklers. These too required checking to ensure all the nozzles were patent.

Norma's tips for gardening include – plant

Greenfeast peas in a herringbone pattern, plant all potatoes in the vertical position with an "eye to the sky" (she does not "hill" her potatoes) and cut the tips off onion seedlings by a few millimetres prior to planting. Norma follows the same traditions as were carried out by her Mother over 100 ago and she says that in general, her "vegie patch" have always given good crops. She shows no mercy to any marauding snails!!

So, if you see Norma at her "Patch" go and say "Hi". Norma is a mine full of information about the district. She attended the old Beermullah School, went to the local dances, was a champion golfer and lawn bowler and in more recent times a fabulous fund-raiser for the RFDS, the Heart Foundation and the Cancer Foundation through her "garden and quiz days".

Norma keeps on giving and we hope her new garden "gives" back to her this year.

*Note the huge sweet potatoes Norma dug from one of the garden beds prior to commencing her work – some weighed over 3 kilos. The more moderate sized potatoes have been "brushed" and were left in two crates at the CRC Office. They can be taken free of charge.

Written by M. Cameron.



Tending to her patch



Working hard removing the old sweet potatoes



Norma's bounty

Shire of Gingin Youth Week Celebrations

Youth Week (14-22 April) celebrates the unique and important contribution that people aged 10 to 25 bring to the community, and this year the Shire of Gingin held a number of events that aimed to provide something for everyone in each age category. These included special youth-focused activities during the Lancelin Arts Festival, Youth Fun Day in Guilderton, Barefoot Bowls in Gingin, and an End of Season Pool Party at the Gingin Aquatic Centre.

The Shire has also provided an opportunity for meaningful engagement with local youth in the form of a Youth Survey which will inform the Shire's new Youth Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028.

Lancelin Arts Festival – 15 April, Wangaree Park Lancelin

Locals and visitors flocked to Wangaree Park to enjoy the free art activities, interactive mural, live music, dedicated youth zone, face painting, local artisan markets, and live performance by mural artist Phil Doncon of Paint Storm. The event started with a moving Welcome to Country by Yued Elder Darryl Dawson, and then participants enjoyed a variety of free activities on offer – rock painting, tie tying, beading, sand painting, mosaics, personalised mugs, badge making and mural painting being particular favourites. Many families spent the entire day at the event soaking up the

beautiful Lancelin atmosphere before taking their creations and market purchases home. Make sure to check out the fantastic new mural in Wangaree Park.

Youth Fun Day – 19 April, Gabbadah Park, Guilderton

The annual Youth Fun Day has become an anticipated school holiday event, with regular attendees coming from across the Shire along with repeated visitors staying in the area. The day was jam packed with activities, including the Game Vault trailer, Ninja obstacle course, live reptile handling, mechanical bucking bull ride, and free sausage sizzle cooked by the Guilderton Community Association. Holyoake and the Bindoon Suicide Prevention team were also on-site having important conversations with youth about mental health and the harm of drug and alcohol use.

Barefoot Bowls – 21 April, Gingin Bowling Club

This inaugural event for youth over the age of 18 was a great success. The Gingin Bowling Club volunteers taught the group of mostly beginner bowlers a new bowling game called Jack Attack which allowed for a fun, friendly competition that was suitable for everyone's skill level. While there were only a few shining examples of bowling finesse, a great time was had by all, with plenty of spot prizes and tasty food. Spe-



Mural Painting in Wangaree Park



Youth enjoying lawn games in Gabbadah Park

cial thanks to Stephen Fewster and Steve Beckwith from the Gingin Bowling Club for facilitating the evening.

End of Season Pool Party – 22 April, Gingin Aquatic Centre

Youth Week finished off with a perfect blue-sky day for the ‘Under the Sea’ inspired end-of-season pool party at the Gingin Aquatic Centre which consisted of lawn games, giant floaties, sausage sizzle, and lots of swimming. The water was a bit chilly for some, but the kids weren’t deterred at all. And everyone enjoyed the visit from Walter and Wendy, the Watch Around Water mascots.

The event was also a lovely final day for Aquatic Centre Manager, Alice Grant, who is finishing up to focus on her studies, and the Shire wishes her all the best for the future. Plans are already in place for next year’s pool season.

The Shire of Gingin sincerely thanks all the wonderful sponsors and project partners who made Youth Week 2023 possible:

- Bendigo Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin
- Bindoon Mobile Recovery Campaign Inc.
- Blue Gum Coffee
- Costal Couriers
- DADAA Wangaree Community Centre
- Darren West MLC WA Government

- Dawn Lapuma
- Emerald Acres
- Experience Lancelin Holiday Park
- Game Vault
- Gingin Bowling Club
- Gingin Butcher
- Gingin Dental Clinic
- Guilderton Community Association
- Healthyway
- HolyOake
- Hon Martin Aldridge MP
- IGA Guilderton
- Imagine Resources
- Julie Polette
- Lancelin Community Resource & Visitor Centre
- Melissa Price MP
- Phil Doncon’s Paint Storm
- Piacentini & Son
- Savannah Solomon Music
- Shane Love MLA - The Member for Moore
- Soulshine Creations
- Tayna Hemi Music
- Woodridge Community Association
- Xtreme Bounce Party Hire

Article by A Gibbs, - Shire of Gingin

More Photos of these events can be found on the Shire’s Facebook page.



Barefoot Bowl at the Gingin Bowling Club



Walter and the kids enjoying fun in the sun at the Gingin Aquatic Centre

ANZAC Day 2023

In Remembrance of Those Who Came Home

This year's theme for the Gingin ANZAC Day service was "In Remembrance of Those Who Came Home" and included a moving tribute to two local Indigenous soldiers - Trooper James Dickerson and Private Walter Parker.

The commemoration drew a large crowd into Gingin which began with a Walk of Reflection from the Gingin Craft Rooms to the ANZAC Memorial at the Shire Office. While local Scouts, Cubs and Cadets kept vigil, Lindsay Conway Major Retd from the Gingin Pensioners Social Club spoke about returning from Vietnam and the difficulties of being in the "The Forgotten War".

The service then moved to the Granville Park Soundshell where Robert Brodie-Hall gave the Welcome Message, followed by Ray Budge from the Uniting Church who did a Bible scripture reading of John 10:11-15.

The first ANZAC Day address was delivered by Deputy Shire President Andrea Vis, who related the extraordinary wartime experiences of two Indigenous soldiers - who were also half-brothers - from Gingin.

"Trooper George James Dickerson, commonly known as James Dickerson, was

born at Gingin in 1883. He joined the 10th Light Horse Regiment and embarked for Gallipoli on 17 Feb 1915 aboard HMAT "Surada". He received gunshot wounds on 29 August 1915 at Gallipoli and died the next day. He was buried at sea 50 miles off the Gallipoli Coast and is memorialized at Lone Pine. Trooper James Dickerson was the only Western Australian Aboriginal serviceman to die during the Gallipoli Campaign.

"Prior to the Gallipoli campaign Private Walter Joseph Parker was one of 10 Indigenous soldiers to enlist and serve in the Boer War in 1901. He was born in 1874 at Gingin and served with the 5th West Australian Mounted Infantry Contingent in Eastern Transvaal, Natal, and Orange Free State Provinces in South Africa from 1901-1902. He contracted typhoid fever and died 2 January 1902 at Standerton, in the Province of Mpumalanga, South Africa. Walter James Parker was the first Indigenous soldier to die in service for Australia."

The Prayer for Those Who Are Suffering from War was then read by Felicity Scott from the Gingin Red Cross.

The second ANZAC Day address was given by Warrant Officer Ian Griffiths Retired



Air Force who spoke about what it was like returning from military service in Iraq and Afghanistan, and how professional help and giving back to the community has been a big part of his recovery.

Leading the One Minute Silence and delivering The Ode was Lindsay Conway, and the Prayer for Peace was read by Gingin District High School student, Elliot Dale. Performing The Last Post and Reveille on

trumpet was Renee Ging, and bag piper Ben Treloar and local musician Kelly Gardner provided moving music throughout the service.

The service concluded with the laying of wreaths by community representatives at the Wall of Remembrance, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast provided and served by the Pensioners Social Club and volunteers.

Article by M Taylor - Shire of Gingin



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Gingin Bowling Club Roof Restoration

The roof restoration project for the Gingin Bowling Club is now complete. This Shire capital works project involved internal strengthening of roof structure, repair and painting of the eaves and fascia, removal of redundant evaporative air conditioners, as well as external roof restoration and high-pressure cleaning.

The project was undertaken by MidWest Building, Billy Ellwood Building Services, and Roof Restorers Perth, and took approximately 4 weeks to complete.



Upcoming Projects

As we head into the cooler seasons, our Operations teams will be undertaking the following works and projects in the coming months:

Asset Works

- Removing bore stains, internal upgrades ie, hot water systems to bathrooms, kitchen upgrades at Gingin Bowling Club.
- Pre & post emergent application to sports turf in Lancelin and Gingin.
- Replacement of ~30 fence posts at Ledge Point tennis courts.
- Topping up soft fall at GOAS playground plus timber staining of original fence to match new.
- Major internal renovation to DeBurgh St ablution block, Ledge Point.
- External works including drains at CU@Park to combat winter water ingress issues.
- Relocating ambulance access gate and overflow carpark works at Guilderton Bowling Club.
- Drainage, replacement of fence with colorbond, and garden works at Treasure Trove building.

Road Maintenance Works

- Annual slashing, drain clearing, and weed spraying duties around the Shire.
- Curbing repairs to a number of sites in Guilderton.
- Street sign install and replacement of damaged signage, Gingin, Guilderton, and along Gingin Brook Road.

Construction Works

- Annual road maintenance grading program commenced.
- Seabird seawall maintenance commenced.

Youth Survey – Last Days to Have Your Say!

Are you between 10-25 years of age and living in the Shire of Gingin? If you haven't already done so, please let us know what matters to you and what new ideas you would like to see in your community by completing the Youth Survey.

This survey will directly impact the events and projects the Shire undertakes over the next four years to support you and it only takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.

To thank you for your time you will go in the draw to win one of three \$50 EFTPOS vouchers. All survey responses will remain anonymous. Survey closes **Tuesday 9 May**.



Restricted Burning Period in Effect

The Shire of Gingin entered its autumn Restricted Burning Period on 15 April and permits to burn are available from Fire Control Officers and online from the Shire's website gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-information.

Fire pits, BBQs and 1m x 1m single pile fires will be permitted without a permit between 6pm and 11pm as per the 2022/23 Firebreak Orders, and all other conditions apply.

The autumn Restricted Burning Period will conclude on 15 May when the Shire enters its Unrestricted Burning Period on 16 May, unless otherwise advised due to weather conditions.



Lancelin Arts Festival 2023

Thank you to everyone who came out to the coast on Saturday 15 April and attended the Lancelin Arts Festival! It was touch and go, but the weather held out and it ended up being a fantastic day with activities for everyone to participate.

We would like to express our appreciation to all the sponsors, community volunteers, stall holders, vendors, and incredible artists and musicians who made the day such a success.

A photo album of the event is available for public viewing from the Shire's Facebook page.

The Lancelin Arts Festival concludes the Shire's Summer Suite of Events 2022-23.





2023 MAY

Disposition of Property

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.58(3)(iii) of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Gingin hereby gives notice of its intention to dispose of property as follows:

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Disposition Type: | Sale |
| Purchaser: | Belgravia Pro Pty Ltd |
| Property: | Used plant and equipment including 2 nd hand utility, trailer, 3 lawnmowers, 2 trimmers, edger, pole saw, chainsaw, and blower. |
| Market Rental Valuation: | \$45,280 (incl GST) |
| Consideration: | \$45,280 (incl GST) |

All submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Gingin, PO Box 510, Gingin WA 6503. Submissions may be posted to the above address, delivered in person to the Shire of Gingin, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin or emailed to mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Submissions in relation to this disposition of property will be accepted up until 4.00pm on 9 May 2023.

School Holiday Fun at Lancelin Library

The Lancelin Library hosted a range of school holiday activities for the kids, including colourful interactive Better Beginning Read, Talk, Sing, Write and Play panels sponsored by the WA State Library, and free Early Years Better Beginning bags containing a book and words to the panel songs (which are still available).

The library also hosted a Task Master Challenge activity where kids got to complete a 3D drawing using a fun interactive app.



Sponsor in Focus

Proudly supporting the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme

M.R. Mulching provides a range of fire mitigation and vegetation management services, from your basic firebreak, to slashing – for that unruly paddock, block or verge – through to our Excavator and Tractor, both with forestry mulchers for that parkland mulching and vegetation management. Additionally, as a qualified FPAA BPAD Level 1 Practitioner, we can do BAL assessments for your new build or renovation.

Mike, the owner/operator of M.R. Mulching, and all our staff are local volunteer bushfire fighters and/or ambulance officers. He takes pride in providing the best service he can, going that extra mile and making budgets stretch. He's happy to discuss options and solutions with clients prior to any work, and proudly supports his community—not only with 'freebies', but also through sponsorship of sporting clubs and community organisations.

VEGETATION

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CONTRACTOR

Council Decisions

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

- Budget amendment for purchase of a Smart Controller System to monitor and manage water use from Honeycomb standpipe - approved by Council.
- Amendment to conditions of approval for Seabird Lookout and Gazebo - approved by Council.
- Endorsement of Lancelin Bowling Club CSRFF Small Grant application to replace two 7-rink grass greens with one new 10-rink synthetic green, and provision of \$90,000 Council contribution toward project in 2023/24 budget - supported by Council.
- Proposal by Gingin Museum & Historical Society for a Shire of Gingin Virtual History Museum - supported by Council.

In addition, 10 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, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

Save the Dates—May Events

Savannah Solomon EP Launch

Saturday 13 May, 7.30pm
at Seabird Tavern.
Free entry.



For more information on events in the Shire, please go to the Events Calendar on gingin.wa.gov.au.

If you have a community event to promote in the Shire, please email our Community Development Officer at 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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How do I book?

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CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

We are looking for keen and interested community
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Make a difference and join our friendly, community minded team.

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Our centre offers a wide range of resources and services for individuals, families, and businesses in the Gingin area. From computer access and printing services to community events and workshops, we are dedicated to supporting our local community in any way we can.

By becoming a member of the Gingin Community Resource Centre, you will receive Member's priority invitation to all events and activities held at the CRC during the year, a Community Resource Centre gift voucher to the dollar value of the paid membership, this can go towards services provided at the CRC such as printing and photocopying, and a digital copy of the monthly Gingin Buzz magazine sent to your nominated email address. Membership period being 1 July – 30 June each year.

Becoming a member of the Gingin Community Resource Centre is the perfect way to connect with your community and access valuable resources and services, while supporting a community minded not-for-profit organisation and charity. Contact us today to learn more about our membership options and start enjoying all that our centre has to offer!

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Webinar 1:
'Early Signs of Autism'
6-8pm Wednesday
17 May 2023

Webinar 2:
'Understanding and Supporting my Child's Behaviours'
6-8pm Wednesday
31 May 2023

This is the follow up webinar to 'Early Signs of Autism'.

Parenting Connection WA is once again proud to be partnering with the Autism Association of Western Australia to offer two FREE online information sessions specifically designed to support WA families and carers of children up to the age of 6 years old.

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Community Groups

Gingin Red Cross

Gingin Red Cross unit were entranced by Robert Brodie-Hall at our recent Morning Tea. He recited some words by Victor Dale, who is a Perth author. He has put out a great book, some of his work is about



the men and women who gave service to our country. Then he had everyone in fits of laughter with a few of his favorite ditties.

We were treated to a delicious spread of corned beef sandwiches, pies and sausage rolls, along with ANZAC biscuits and lamingtons. Craft was enjoyed and a fantastic wreath was made to lay at the ANZAC service at the Granville Park.

We would like to invite Men and Women to come in May, on Thursday the 18th, at 10am, to our next gathering at 3 Horan

St, Gingin. We will be having some happy chatter with a 50's theme. If you know of someone that may enjoy a little outing but they are unable to drive, let us know and we can organize a ride. Contact Felicity 0400 505 656

Come and have some fun with us and find out what is coming up next



Gingin Water Group

Where does the water from Gingin's brooks, end up?

Waterways can be grouped into catchments. A catchment consists of a river or major stream, all the smaller streams which flow into it and the land from which water flows into any of those streams.

The Shire of Gingin is largely covered by the Gingin Brook Catchment which forms part of the larger Moore River Catchment. Gingin Brook flows into the Moore River at Neergabby and hence into the ocean at Guilderton. The main streams which flow into the Gingin Brook forming the catchment, are Red Gully and Red Gully South Creeks, Whitfield Brook, Boonanarring Brook, Wallering Brook, Mungala Brook, Moondah Brook, Wowra Brook, Quin Brook and Lennard Brook.

Lennard Brook is interesting in that water

from it may flow into the Gingin Brook, via a series of interconnected wetlands and the Quin Brook, or may flow, again via a series of interconnected wetlands, into the Chandala Brook. Nullable and Breera Brooks in the south eastern part of the shire also flow via wetlands into Chandala Brook. Chandala Brook flows into the Ellen Brook which then flows into the Swan River near the West Swan Rd bridge. These southern streams form part of the Ellen Brook Catchment, which is a large contributor of nutrients to the Swan River.

In the far north-eastern part of the Gingin Shire, Wannamal Lake is part of the Brockman River Catchment. The Brockman River flows through the Chittering Shire and into the Avon River east of Bullsbrook in the City of Swan. The Avon River then joins the Swan River. So, Wannamal Lake and Fremantle, although they seem quite

isolated from one another, are connected when the rivers are flowing.

This demonstrates the importance of protecting our land and waterways and is the direction the Gingin Water Group is looking towards. Discussion about the future direction of the group will form part of the next meeting and new members are wel-

come to attend to put forward ideas.

The Gingin Water Group's next meeting will be held on Monday 15th May at 6pm at the Gingin CRC. You can also send us your input to info@ginginwater.org.au or visit our webpage www.ginginwater.org.au.

Gardening Group

May has brought our first decent rains and a cooling down and the farmers will be getting pastures ready for seeding. Our house gardens are waiting for that last bit of care before they settle in for the winter. The veggie patch is waiting for winter crops and clearing out the last of the summer crops. It's time for leafy greens like lettuce, cabbage, spinach, rocket and Asian greens. Pop in some coriander, parsley, oregano, and chamomile.

Home grown spuds are easy and well worth growing. Other veggies to try are carrots, artichoke, beetroot, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cauliflower, radish and peas. You will have more than you can eat in no time.

Plants need a feed at this time of year. A seaweed tea or any good quality liquid fertiliser is perfect for a kick start for seedling to get established as well as the established garden. Pop in some flower's marigolds, sunflowers, pansies, cornflowers, violas etc. Putting these amongst your veg-

gies not only adds colour and interest but they also act to attract beneficial insects. Keep an eye on your watering as we get some rainy days to make sure if your retic is off that your plants are getting enough water and soil is not hydrophobic. Watering first thing in the morning at this time of year is preferable. Mulch to suppress weeds which can take over quickly with the change of weather, select a mulch that will enrich your soil as it breaks down.

I have made a start in my own garden but by no means is it finished still enjoying a good crop of beans which are bound to end soon. The Monarch butterflies in my garden are still doing their thing. The caterpillars are spectacular and the chrysalis with the finest gold thread on the outer edge dangle on plants like little fairy lanterns. They have eaten nearly all of their host plants so I guess this too will shortly come to an end, but I will look forward to their appearance again next season. Meanwhile enjoy your garden and the change of season. CP



Gingin Bowling Club

Community Sports Challenge

Twenty (20) teams, braved a chilly evening playing in the social “Nutrient” “Community Sports Challenge”. Teams consisted of one (1) bowler with three (3) new players. Three teams finished with two (2) wins. With the winning team of the evening being the “Footballers” with the most shots up, who naturally nominated their club for the \$500 major prize?

A big “Thank You” to our local Nutrient sponsors, W & J Greenwell, Adam Shields, Greg Neaves and Mark Paris, players, club volunteers and Andrew at IGA who baked and donated the large buns for our yummy locally made hamburgers.



Left – Football team Winners



Below - “Next Year’s Winners.” (All new players to the game of lawn bowls.)

The Moore District Men’s Pennants

finals were a very tightly fought competition with three Gingin team finishing in the final four. Gingin Red let all year and held top position and qualified to play off

in the Grand Finals against Gingin Gold. All games were played in good spirit, and it boiled down to the best team performance on the day. Red won two rinks 23 to 18 and 20 to 18. Shaun Donohue team charged forward winning their match 22-7 taking Gold to an 8 point lead to win the MDBL 2023 Pennant flag.



2023 Pennant Winners - Gingin Gold

All Pennant players and their families enjoyed a share meal after play. It is amazing the variety of dishes that were prepared and enjoyed by everyone on the night. A few presentations were made during the evening’

We said **goodbye to Dave Harnet** in a rather special way.



Dave will always be welcome in Gingin.

Life Membership Awards were presented to John Fewster – Club President, Robert (Nobby) Dewar Vice President and Murray Hyne – Bar Manager. Thanking them for their contribution, dedication and voluntary service towards the running of a successful club, over many years and their commitment to playing club Pennant’s, Championships, League, Regional and State events



Life Members Murray Hyne, Robert (Nobby) Dewar and John Fewster

Our Deepest Sympathy the family of our Life Member Ray Smith who recently passed away.

Hellenic Bowls Day.

A glorious perfect, relaxed, friendly, competitive day, bowling, was spent with bowlers from the Hellenic Bowling group with visitors from Jurien, Leeman, Carnamah, Dandaragan and Bindoon joining in to make up 20 local teams. There was plenty of yummy food to keep everyone happy, with drinks from bar flowing well throughout the day.

Winning teams were presented with prizes with local Olive Oil, Honey and Wine.

One of the highlights of the day was watching "Yabby" auctioning off plates of sticky date pudding and butterscotch sauce and the faces of the Greek bowlers. I don't think

the Hellenic group have ever witnessed a professional auctioneer in action.



Youth Week 2023 and introduction to Barefoot Bowls for 18 - 35yr olds.

Thanks to Amy from the Shire of Gingin in partnership with the Gingin Bowling Club and Image Resources. Players enjoyed a night full of fun and laughter with great prizes awarded after the game. Special thanks to our wonderful club volunteers for manning the bar, serving of food, and bowlers who helped during the evening.



THE DATE IS HERE

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Contemplating purchasing an electric Vehicle and living in a Rural Town?

Would you like to talk to Owners (both Rural and Suburban) about their experiences of Owning, Using, and Charging an EV?

An informal Show & Tell, Q&A session is being organised on the **Last Sunday in May (28th) between 10.00 - 14.00 at the Gingin Historic Railway Station (Lot 500 Jones Street).**

We are hoping to have a number of members from the AEVA (Australian Electric Vehicle Association, WA Branch), Plus some Local Owners present to answer your questions.

We are expecting to have a reasonable selection of different vehicles present ie. BYD, Hyundai, KIA, Tesla, Volvo.



South Midlands Netball Association

The start of the South Midland Netball Association (SMNA) season is upon us, and excitement is in the air!

This year, SMNA is kicking off its season with a bang, with Netball WA attending to deliver both an Umpiring Workshop and Coaching Workshop at the Bullsbrook Netball Courts, home to Immaculate Heart College and Community who has become a club in its own right in 2023. These Workshops intend to give players, spectators and volunteers a better understanding of the game and can help support individuals to deliver a great netball experience.

With multiple teams across a range of age groups, SMNA offers a fantastic opportunity for people to develop their skills and compete in a fun and supportive environ-

ment. In addition to the on-court action, the SMNA has a range of social events and activities throughout the season, including a sundowner event at the Bendigo Complex in Gingin on the 1st of July with a food van attending, and the Fairest & Best Count at the Chinkabee Complex in Bindoon on the 26th of August after the last game of the day.

As the netball season kicks off, fans and players alike can look forward to an exciting few months of competition. Let the games begin!

SMNA's new logo, thank you to Alison Kenworthy for organising and Lauren Cunningham freelance designer for taking on the project



Gingin Golf Club News

2023 Season Opening..... Plans are in full swing for the start of the Gingin Golf Club season.

Busy bees and future plans are well under way in an endeavour to have the course and clubhouse looking at its best for this season and next, when we will be hosting the 2024 Avon Valley Ladies Golf Association Event, (a 3-day competition).

Gingin Golf Club six ladies travelled to Lancelin for the "Jan Ferguson Memorial" – Lancelin Open Day.



Congratulations to Karen Pollard and Kaye Bingham winning the with 47 Stableford points.

Presented by Jan's daughter Terese Chitty.

LADIES: Wednesday, 3rd May – 9:30AM START - Anyone keen to play 9 holes is most welcome and we play within school hours each Wednesday.

MENS: WEDNESDAY SCROUNGERS – Wednesday, 3rd May - 3PM START.

MIXED OPENING DAY: SATURDAY, 6th May – Names in by 12 for a 12.30pm start. We are having a shared meal in the evening so invite your wife/ husband/ partner and bring a plate to share.

Keep your eyes on our Facebook page (Gingin Golf Club Inc) for all golfing news and events.



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Romance

ONE ENCHANTED EVENING by Katie Fforde

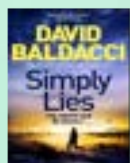
When Meg arrives, the hotel seems stuck in the past. But she loves a challenge, and sets to work. She has reckoned without Justin, the son of the hotel owner, however, who seems determined to take over the running of the kitchen. Infuriated, Meg is determined to keep cooking - and soon sparks between them begin to fly.



Crime

Simply Lies by David Baldacci

Mickey Gibson, single mother and former detective, leads a hectic life similar to that of many moms: juggling the demands of her two small children with the tasks of her job working remotely for ProEye, a global investigation company that hunts down wealthy tax and credit cheats.



Travel

Australia's Ultimate Bucket List by Jennifer Adams and Clint Bizzell with Emma De Fry

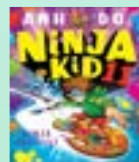
A book to inspire your next Australian travel adventure! The 101 destinations included list attractions in each state and territory, including world-famous landmarks, less known wonders, accessible city-based attractions as well as remote destinations. Features photography from each location, a map of Australia and a checklist.



Junior

Ninja Kid 11 by Anh Do

Nelson's class is having a cool ART COMPETITION! But when Nelson and Kenny accidentally travel back in time, they find themselves BATTLING mythical creatures instead of painting them! How on earth are our heroes going to GET OUT OF THIS ONE?!



Kindy

Superheroes always fight back... or do they? by Kate Thompson

Arthur is scared of the baddies. He wishes he was fast and strong so he could fight them all, because superheroes always fight to save the day ... or do they? Grandpa shows Arthur that most superheroes save the day by being kind. He explains that even the strongest baddies can feel alone and blue and a superhero's biggest superpower is to be kind, and Arthur can do that too!

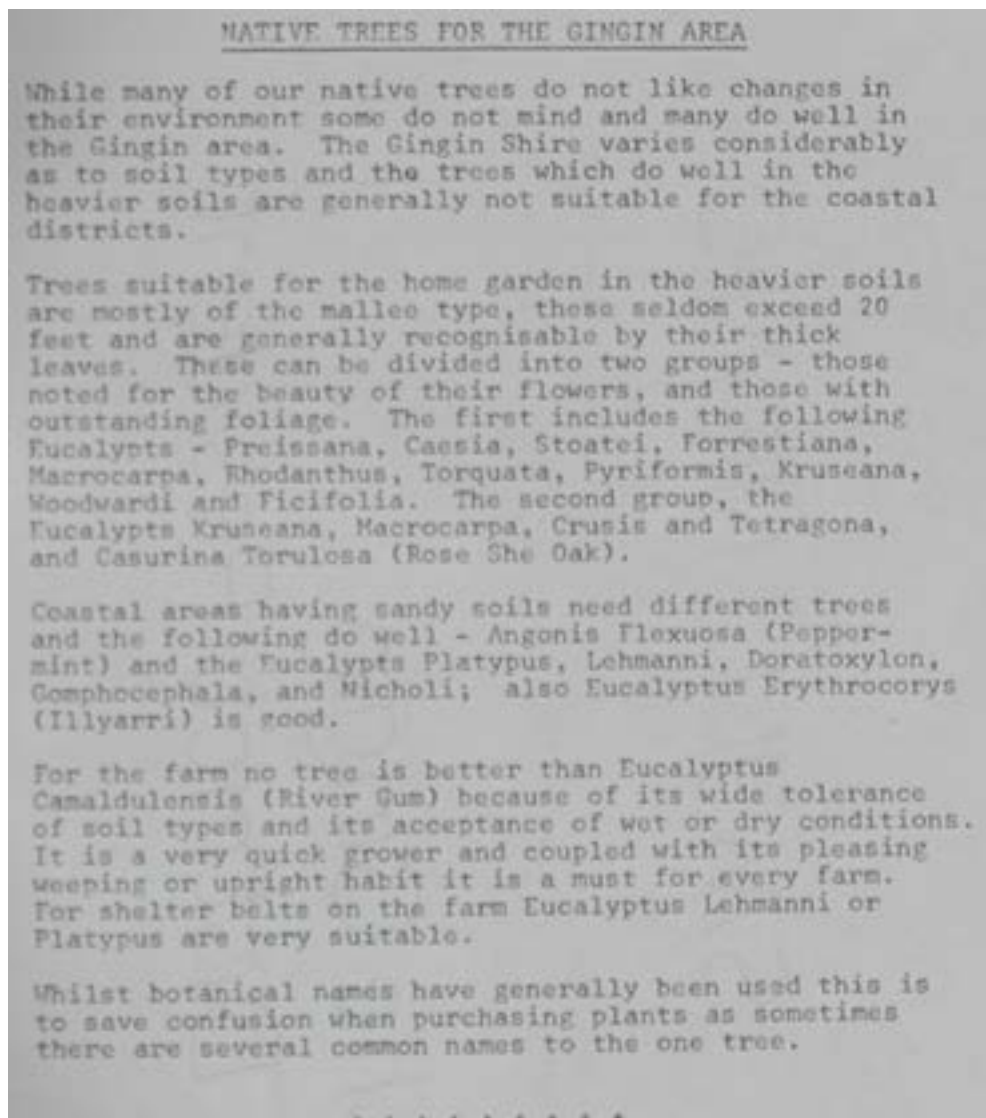


Past Gingin News

Planting trees is important for mitigating the effects of climate change. Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere during photosynthesis and store it in their biomass. This helps to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases and slow down the rate of global warming. Additionally, trees help to stabilize soil, prevent erosion and provide critical habitats for wildlife. Planting trees is a simple and effective way to help combat climate change and make a positive impact on the environment.

In the 5th edition of the Gingin News ("News"), it was interesting to find a list of native trees that were suitable for the different soil types found in our Shire. Many tree species recommended 44 years ago are still applicable and relevant today. If you are looking for trees to plant this Autumn, it could be a good idea to start with any of these.

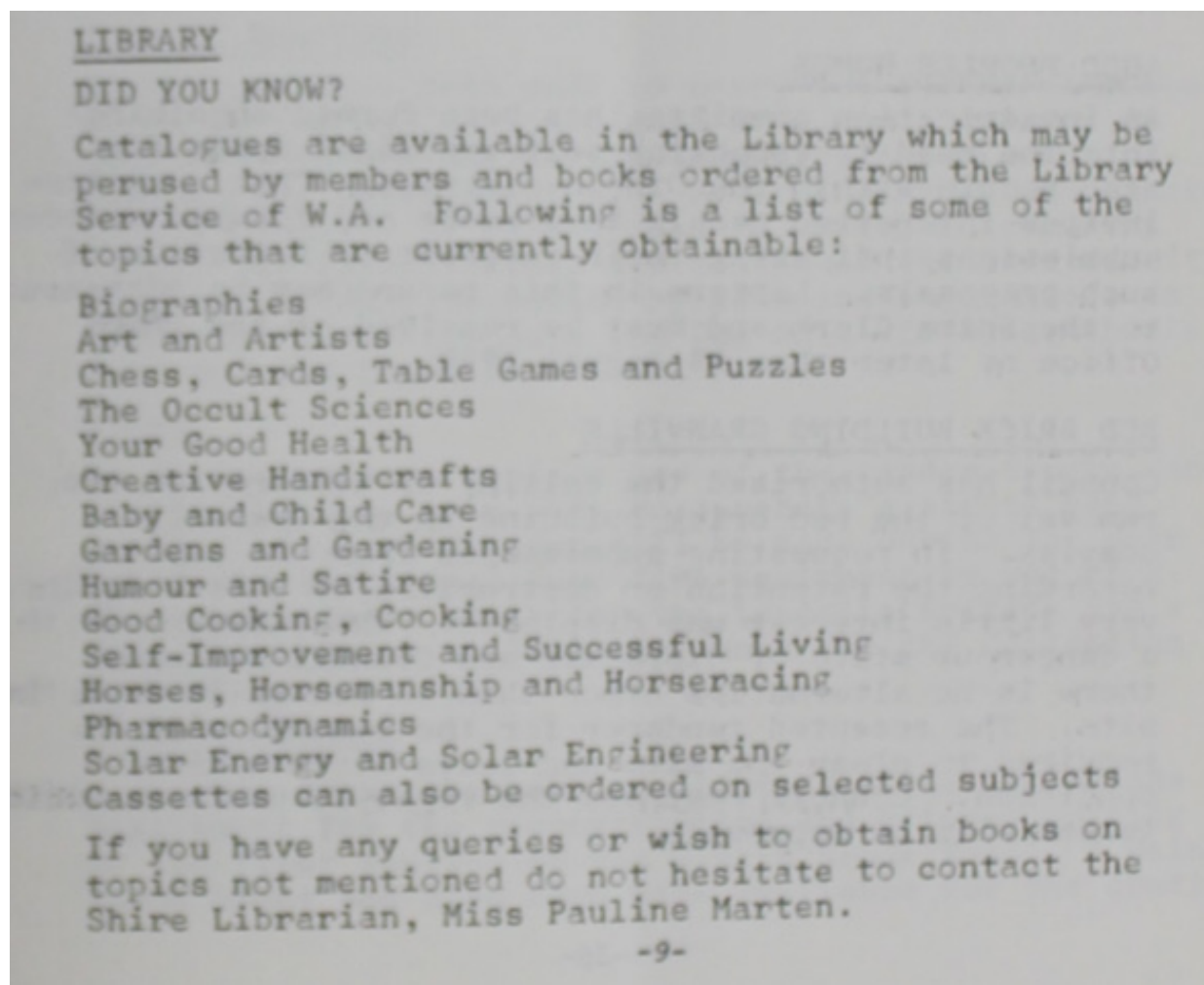
From the Gingin News: March 1979:



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From the Gingin News: August 1980:



In the first 7 editions on the “News”, Mr W.J (Bill) de Burgh provided articles that related to the early history of Gingin. They were titled “Some Impressions of Early Gingin” and were from his manuscript written in 1974.

If you have any interest in the history of our District, then these “Impressions” are a must read. You will recognise many of the families named in the writings as their descendants still live in the district. These early editions are available for you to read in the Gingin Library.

If you enjoy these, then the next read would be the book “Gingin 1830 to 1960” by Hazel Udell.

Birthday's

May marks the celebration of three milestone 60th birthdays, commemorating six decades of life and wisdom.

Ian "Griffo" Griffiths: Born 11 May 1963 in Marrickville NSW, the first born of twin boys - his brother Greg lives in Woodvale. Griffo started primary school in Malaysia and finished high school in Bullsbrook. Retired from the Military after serving for 38 years with the RAAF, he married Nicole, a local Gingin girl, and is absolutely loving the Gingin life. If he's not putting out a fire, or delivering Santa in his jeep, you'll find him marking out the lines on the footy oval. If you see two dalmations hanging out the back of the Cruiser parked down the street - you know Griffo went down the street for a chat (literally 2hrs) with his favourite children...Archie & Fergus.

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY GRIFF!



Mark arrived in Gingin in 1984 from the southern banks of the Swan River. A butcher by trade and a chicken farmer by chance, Mark and his wife Judy made a home of their little plot of Gingin. Raising their three kids, a commitment to the local community developed deep roots as their kids grew upwards.

When he isn't tending the flock, you might find him strapping ankles on the courts and fields of the local sporting clubs or flipping the best burgers in town as a volunteer in more than one local canteen. He now has the great pleasure of sharing

cheeky dad jokes and magic tricks to his 9 grandkids.

When he's not travelling the world or riding an e-bike with Judy, his rubber arm can be easily twisted to join his adoring grandies on the motorbike track or for a game of chess where a win against him is hard earned. With an impressive injury track list and an unrelenting love for two wheeled riding, everyone is overjoyed that he has reached this exciting milestone in life. Wishing you all the best as you celebrate your 60th spin around the sun. Happy Birthday Mark!

Roslyn "Rosy" born 18th May 1963 to beloved parents Lynton & Beverley Walker. Growing up on a farm "Bevlyn Park" in Chittering with her two sisters Michelle & Suzanne. Roslyn attended Bullsbrook District High School from years 1-10 before moving to Gingin in her early 20's to start a family, her daughter Bec & son Josh. She loves the country life but her greatest joy is being with her family and keeping her garden looking amazing. In Gingin Rosy is surrounded by many special friends.

The absolute best, thoughtful and loving Narnie to 5 grandies.

Happy 60th Rosy May you are a gem.



Shout out to our very own Naomi, who is celebrating her 40th birthday this month! Naomi is a valued member of our team here at the CRC, as well as our community. With passion for travelling, she thrills us with stories of her adventures with her husband and 2 kids in their caravan.

As she enters this new decade of her life, we want to wish her all the happiness, health, and success in the world. May she continue to shine bright and make a positive impact on those around her.

Happy 40th Birthday, Naomi!



~ Vale ~

Raymond John Smith was employed by the PMG and was a Supervisor who worked out of the still existing telephone exchange located on the corner of Weld and Church Streets. He was also the Town Ward Councillor on the Shire of Gingin between 1978 and 1984.

Ray was a valued community member who's name is mentioned on the Gingin Bowling Club's Honour Board, having held the positions of President and Secretary, being awarded a Life Membership in 2002.

The Gingin Golf Club Honour Board also

records Ray as having held the position of Secretary for a number of years and was winner of the Wallace Shield in 1970. Ray's late wife Doreen was also an accomplished golfer and bowler.

Ray was President of the Gingin Lions Club in 1983/84 and his commitment to all community organisations in Gingin was greatly appreciated.

Sympathy is extended to all his family members at this sad time.



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Bowel Cancer Symptoms

Across

3. If you ever notice this in your poo, make an appointment to see your doctor (5). **BLOOD**

4. If you notice any unexplained loss of **WEIGHT** when you step on the scales, be sure to discuss it with your doctor (6).

7. Abnormally infrequent bowel motions or pain or difficulty passing poo is called **CONSTIPATION** (12).

9. Unexplained fatigue or feeling more **TIRE**d than usual for more than four weeks can be a sign that something isn't quite right (5).

10. A rounded enlargement of any part of the body is called a **SWELLING** (8).

Down

1. Another word for a full and tight feeling abdomen is **BLOATING**. It's best to discuss this with your doctor if it's been going on for more than 4 weeks (8).


2. Speak to your doctor if you notice any trace of blood or experience **BLEEDING** from your back passage (8).

5. Term used to describe extreme discomfort (4). **PAIN**

6. **RUNNY** poo is another way to describe diarrhoea. If there's no explanation for this and it's been going on for more than 4 weeks make an appointment and discuss it with your doctor (5).

8. An unexplained loss of **APPETITE** or feeling less hungry than usual should be discussed with

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The Guardian

Alan Gent

“This is a great day for the American people! Today you can hold your heads up and be PROUD! Today, nobody can tell you America doesn’t lead the whole World. Not only are we the greatest nation on this planet, but now we’re the greatest nation in the Solar System! Today our American heroes will plant the great American flag on Mars!!”

There was loud cheering when the President finished his speech. All the TV and radio stations were there, and the whole nation was tuned in for the speech. Every school across the country, every factory and office, and every public building blared out the President’s words.

And way out in space, about 12 minutes later, the three American heroes also heard the stirring broadcast. They had no time to be proud, though. There was work to do, calculations to make, preparations to complete, and a whole booklet of checks on the spacecraft to worry about.

No, there was no time to be proud.

The men were highly skilled, and had been training for many years for this moment. As anxious as they were to uphold the glory of America, there were doubts....

“What if there are ... things there?”

It was Bud Osborne, and his normally cheerful round face looked worried.

“Not again, Bud,” said Tom Renfrew, “the Rovers would have picked something up if there’d been anything there. I thought we’d decided not to discuss this again?”

Bud said nothing, but the gnawing feeling of unease wouldn’t go away. It had always been like that with him. He could vividly remember the day his mother died. He’d had a strange feeling, like butterflies, in his stomach for several days beforehand.

‘Oh, well,’ he thought, ‘nothing I can do

about it anyway’.

The landing was perfect, just as they’d practised back on Earth. The two of them headed slowly down the ladder onto the Martian soil, with Tom the one honoured to be the First. He made his rehearsed speech for the camera that Earth wouldn’t hear for another 17 minutes, such was the distance. His country had long since decided that Mars was going to be part of America. None of this sharing nonsense. After all, weren’t they the most powerful nation in the World? Tom said:

“.....and a giant step for the American people!”

The two of them walked a short way from the Lander, carrying the hammer and the flag, and took turns hammering the post deep into the Martian landscape.

The Guardian stirred in its slumber. The vibration across the crater registered on its ancient but still active sensors, and it scanned around to find the source of the disturbance. It didn’t take long. It ‘saw’ the two strange forms that were disturbing its solitude, and measures programmed into its complex circuitry eons in the past were set in motion. Just as it had been programmed to do, it transmitted the danger signal to all parts of the planet, and waited for the reply. And waited. No reply came, of course. After some time, the Guardian switched to phase 2. If no reply had been received, it was to assume that outlying posts had been incapacitated, and retaliation was automatic. It had no way of knowing that there was no longer any sentient life form capable of receiving the signal on this long dead planet. The Guardian would retaliate. But where? It had scanned a huge area, and only found these two intruders. To retaliate and destroy them would be easy. But others would come. No, it decided (For the advanced intellect of the Martian race had given it the ability to think for itself) it would be better to destroy the intruders’ point of origin. It waited.

Two days had passed, and the two astronauts were preparing to take off to rendezvous with the orbiting command module where Abe Chelini, the third man in their crew was waiting for them. This was a very similar setup to the Moon landings all those years ago, apart from the highly successful Plutonium Fusion motor – another American ‘First’ - that allowed the rocket to travel these distances – and return! It had been a very successful mission, and the two days had been well worthwhile. All experiments had gone according to plan, and samples had been taken to confirm data already gained from the Rover missions. With a last look at the inert flag, they climbed the ladder. Bud had decided that the ‘butterflies’ he still felt would surely disappear when he left this dead place. There was definitely nothing here. Just a rock, drifting in the solar system. He wondered what the population of Mars would have looked like, if they had existed at all. As he closed the hatch behind them, he

took a last look across the huge crater. ‘What was it...’ he wondered.... ‘Something...’ He shrugged and settled in to the take-off routine.

The Command module blasted out of orbit and set a course for Earth—a distant dot of light in the cosmos, and all three astronauts gave a mental sigh of relief. ‘Home’ - and to a hero’s welcome. The powerful telescopes on Earth were trained on the planet, trying to catch a glimpse of the little craft that would set America’s dreams in concrete for the future.

The Guardian watched, and prepared the incredibly powerful planet-destroying missile that had been stored for so long in the bowels of the planet. The missile that would protect it, and the great Martian people, from these insignificant little intruders who would presume to usurp their dominance.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Inquiry into past forced adoptive policies and practices

The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs is inquiring into forced adoption policies and practices in Western Australia.

The Committee invites written, video or audio submissions to the inquiry by 16 June 2023.

Information about the inquiry and making a submission (including requests for privacy) is available on the Committee’s website at www.parliament.wa.gov.au/env.

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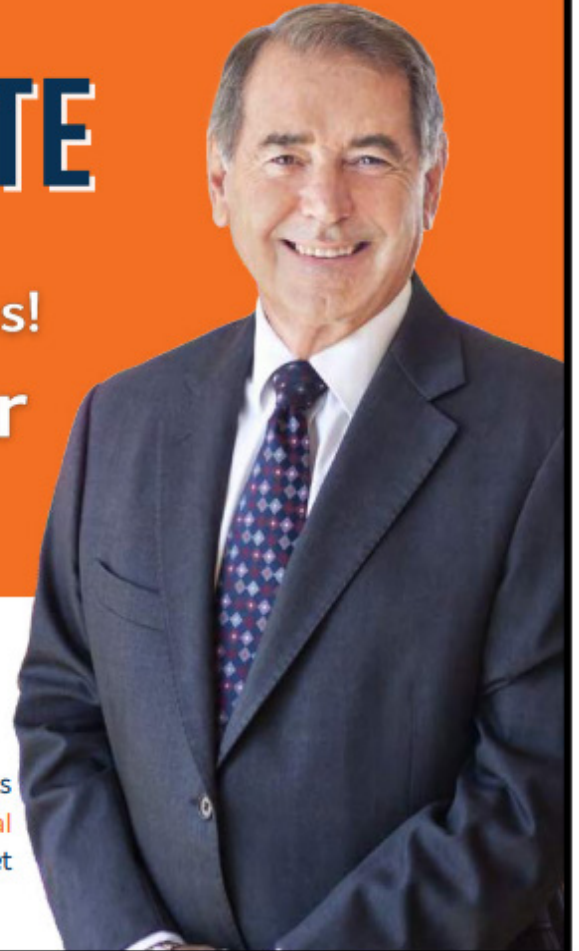


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