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I have been a Remedial Therapist, Hypnotherapist & Health & Wellness Therapist for nearly 25 years now, so helping people is in my blood. I was introduced to Stepforward more than three years ago. I became a Clinical Consultant and after treating all of my Remedial clients to start with, and after seeing such positive feedback and life changing results I realised I had something I needed to share with everyone that I could. I soon realised how many people desperately needed a solution that didn't involve surgery or pain medications. I can't begin to tell you how many people's lives I have helped change for the better. We all know the importance of our feet, but we truly don't consider them until they are in pain. People don't even consider them when they suffer ankle, knee, hip or back pain, but they play a huge role. Your feet are truly your foundation, any imbalances have a huge impact on the whole body. Let me give you back balance and reduce wear and tear of your joints.

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fasciitis, ankle problems, knee, hip, back or neck tension, wearing down of the joints and a change in your posture. People spend so much money on trying to find comfortable shoes, and searching for chiropractors, physiotherapist, podiatrists, and Doctors for a temporary solution and cortisone injections, these are not treating the cause but the symptoms.

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### Editor's Note

Great news this week: we have been successful in obtaining DPIRD grant funding to upgrade our phone system. We may just keep the old Commander system on the wall for posterity - he's been here as long as Ali and I - but we will see.

As I'm sure you all know, we also had the Live Lighter Gingin British Car Day on 21<sup>st</sup> May. The 2023 event required quite a bit more administrative work than previous years due to State Government Event Guideline changes in December 2022. However, with some increased community input and the majority of our stallholders doing the right thing, we got there in the end. It was actually a beautiful day, and the whole event had a lovely vibe about it. Our sincere thanks to Live Lighter, the Shire of Gingin, and Bendigo Bank for their support of this year's event. Our illustrious event initiator,

Robert, has a write up on the event in this issue.

Furthermore, in relation to my implication in the May editorial, the Gingin CRC Management Committee will be considering a feasibility and business plan regarding the possibility of entering into a collaboration with InCasa to coordinate local in-home care services for Gingin, as is the case in Pingelly. Assuming we are as successful as Pingelly in recruiting the local workforce onto the Mabel platform, we should be able to coordinate higher levels of local service delivery to help keep our residents in their homes for longer. We will update you as this progresses.











As always, we hope to see you in the Centre soon.

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## GINGIN BUZZ



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***Perhaps you know of a special anniversary or birthday.***

*If you would like to submit an article, story or advertisement. in the next edition of the Buzz, please email [gcn@gingin.net](mailto:gcn@gingin.net) by the 26th of June 2023.*



## ***British Car Day***

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From the time the Gingin Men's Shed fellas arrived on Saturday afternoon to assist with setting up the stall sites and overflow parking area's, the 2023 Gingin British Car Day was off to a cracking start. Sunday dawned with the promise of a fabulous day.

Stallholders arriving from 6:00am were directed to their sites by CRC staff and well before the starters gun was fired, everything was ready for the fun to begin.

Display cars were arriving in a steady stream up to 9.00am and when visitors cars started to arrive around 10.00am off street parking was at a premium. Around 450 cars were directed to the overflow area.

Food and craft stalls opened under the watchful eye of the Shire's Environmental Health Officer and a Work Safe Officer to educate stall holders on their health and safety obligations.

Kelly and Savanah worked tirelessly to keep the growing and appreciative crowd entertained. Roxanne's Dance Workshop girls joined in to execute a polished performance in front of a captivated audience.

At 12.30pm the Kalamunda District Pipe Band marched into the park and enthralled the lunchtime crowd with a stirring performance.

The Lion's Club train was delighting children with rides around the Soundshell and the adjacent scenic



Beautiful aerial shot of the day taken by Adam Shields.



pool, while the Australian Model Ship Society members amazed onlookers with a working display of their exquisitely crafted models.

Throughout the day, the display of meticulously maintained veteran, vintage and classic British Cars, numbering in the 100's, was a focal point for the car enthusiast's admiration. The Display of cars by Make was laid out by members of the Jaguar Club of WA, whose help with traffic management and marshaling was greatly appreciated.

By 3.00pm things were quieting down, the lines at the food vendors were shorter, the Pork Pies had sold

out, and cars were exiting the Park. The Pipe Band played a final bracket, and Kelly announced the various raffle winners before bidding everyone a safe trip home.

The guys from the Gingin Men's Shed moved in to assist with the dismantlement and cleanup, and by 5.30pm, the park was restored to it's pristine condition. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially Carrie, Ali, and Bronte from the Gingin CRC, who did a sterling job with the admin prior to the event and supervised a seamless execution of the programme.

*Written by R. Brodie-Hall*



Kalamunda and District Pipe Band, and the Australian Model Ship Society are among the highlights of the day.



With lots of love and a bit of sun these historic cars were shining.



# Become a Member of the Gingin CRC

Find more information  
about us, please contact:

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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!



## Digging Deeper workshop Friday 30th June

Want healthy soils, a healthy environment & a healthier sustainable community ?

Join Moore Catchment Council, and Fiona Blackham from Gaia Permaculture for an interesting workshop at the **Gingin Community Resource Centre**



Theory & hands-on workshop. This is a follow-on from the fun Digging Deeper workshop last year ! Topics including

- ⇒ Healthy soil, composting tips and tricks, worm farms
- ⇒ Garden beds - raised beds, wicking beds construction tips
- ⇒ Planting tricks - seedling choice, integrated pest management tips
- ⇒ Bring your questions for Fiona to answer
- ⇒ Free native plants to giveaway, bring swaps !



**Time:** 9am - 3pm. Morning tea and lunch provided.

**Location:** 1a Lily King Place, Gingin

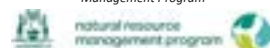
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**More info:** Rachel 0409 296 264 or [mcc.nrmo@bigpond.com](mailto:mcc.nrmo@bigpond.com)

**FREE to attend, places limited**



This Moore Catchment Council project is being funded through the WA Natural Resource Management Program



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# **The Official Opening of** **The TreasureTrove** **@ Gingin**

**Will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm**

**Followed by a sausage sizzle, cake and  
tea/coffee.**

**All members past & present are cordially welcomed.**

**The Treasure Trove  
@ Gingin  
Community Op Shop**



**The new shop is at 13 Robinson Street, Gingin – the old Fire  
Station.**

**RSVP to: [gingintreasuretrove@gmail.com](mailto:gingintreasuretrove@gmail.com)**

# ***National Simultaneous Storytime hosted by the Gingin Library***

On the third Wednesday of May each year, people across Australia come together to read a picture book written and illustrated by an Australian author. This tradition takes place simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops, and various other locations nationwide. This year, the Gingin Library enthusiastically participated in this event by welcoming the Gingin Playgroup to enjoy a projected reading of 'the Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young, an inspiring story that celebrates all winners, especially those who don't come first.

The children eagerly gathered around on

colourful rainbow cushions to watch the engaging reading, and they had the opportunity to explore the Library's Duplo collection and play with children's instruments. As part of the event, a colouring competition was held, with Sonny Ivers winning his very own copy of 'The Speedy Sloth.' Following the activities, the children enjoyed a playful exploration of the vibrant Gingin CRC Garden.

The morning was filled with joy and excitement, and we look forward to organizing more events like this in the future at the Gingin Library.



Our happy competition winner with his copy of "the Speedy Sloth".



Creative playgroup kids building their own animal race with the Library's collection of Duplo.



Exploring the Community Garden behind the CRC.



The Playgroup kids hard at work doing their colouring in.



Enjoying a projected reading of "the Speedy Sloth" by Rebecca Young.



# Gingin Red Cross Morning Tea & Lawn Bowls

**Thursday 1st June 2023**

*(Multiple Dates Between Thursday 1st June 2023 & Friday 9th June 2023)*

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Calling all bowling enthusiasts! The Gingin Red Cross are hosting two free lawn bowls and morning tea socials at the Gingin Bowling Club on Thursday 1 June and Friday 9 June. There will also be other fun activities to suit non-bowlers.

For more information please contact Felicity on 0400 505 656 or [flicka63@bigpond.net.au](mailto:flicka63@bigpond.net.au)

~All welcome~



Lets Roll...

Gingin Red Cross

MORNING TEA & LAWN BOWLS

Thursday 1st June  
and  
Friday 9th June  
10.00am - 12 noon

...mmm morning tea!!

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## Gingin Water Group

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### What are these ants and what can I do about them?

Recently, people have been reporting ants invading their houses. The description given seems to be of Coastal Brown Ants. The scientific name is *Pheidole megacephala* (*megacephala* meaning big head), hence the other common name of Big-headed Ants. There are two castes of worker ants in the colonies, one of which has a large head and jaws used to cut up large pieces of food for the smaller workers to transport back to the nest. The smaller workers are 2-3mm long, and the larger ones with big heads 3.5-4.5 mm long. These two different-sized ants on a food source are an indication to the identification of this species. These ants are a light ginger-brown colour and do not have a distinctive odour when crushed.

They are an introduced ant originating in Africa and are a problem mostly in late summer to early winter. They nest outside in the ground, but sometimes there will be a severe invasion of houses as they search for the meat and fat-based foods which they favour. Pet food outside can also become covered by them. They are well adapted to invading disturbed areas, so they are most often a problem in urban areas.

Their nests in the ground consist of interconnected tunnels which can undermine paving and disturb soil so much that lawns and gardens die due to drying out. They may form very large colonies consisting of many interconnected nests, so several neighbouring properties may be affected, and control is best undertaken cooperatively.

It is important to determine the species of ant before undertaking a control program. For Coastal Brown Ants and other meat-

eating ants, granular baits containing hydramethylnon are the recommended treatment. Products available that contain this chemical are Amdro, Maxforce, PestXpert, and Synergy, which can be purchased from hardware stores, garden centres, and agricultural chemical retailers. The granules need to be scattered around outside where ants are foraging (heaping or pouring down holes is not effective). The workers will then take the granules back to the nest to control the whole colony. Warm weather or, if it has been raining, about 4 hours after rain stops is the best time to put out the bait. The instructions on the pack need to be followed carefully as the baits deteriorate quickly when exposed to air, light, and heat.

For deterring these ants inside, the MyPestGuide Team suggests spraying surfaces with a surface spray containing citric acid and leaving it on the surface not wiping off, as it can deter them for 3-5 days. The spray needs to be one containing real citric acid, not just a citrus-scented one.

The treatment above will not be successful for all types of ants, and the species causing a problem should be determined before attempting treatment. Visit [agric.wa.gov.au/ants](http://agric.wa.gov.au/ants) for information on other ants and sending specimens for identification. Photos of problem ants can also be submitted to [mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au](http://mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au) or via the MyPestGuide Reporter app for identification. There are a number of other ants which have the potential, if introduced to WA, of causing serious problems, and any suspect sightings need to be reported. Reports can be made by phone at 9368 3080 or email [padis@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpird.wa.gov.au), or to [mypestguide](http://mypestguide) online or via the app. Gingin Water Group.



## Gardening Group

The 5th of May found the group on an outing at the private garden of Trish and Shane Meakins, a 12-acre property in Bullsbrook. Trish and Shane have been at this property for 40 years. It was neat as can be and filled with many different plants, a wonderful country-style garden. The veggie patch had raised beds prepared and waiting for its winter planting. A small trellis held a large single New Guinea bean vine, a type of gourd, with impressive long beans hanging from it. They will grow over a metre long and up to 2 metres but are best eaten when smaller. When eaten, they taste (apparently) like a cross between zucchini and cucumbers but nicer than zucchini. They can be cooked and make delicious cakes, apparently better than any carrot cake you have ever tasted! Might have to test that out.

As bird and fowl enthusiasts, Shane and Trish have a wonderful array of pristine cages filled with pheasants and peahens, many breeds of chickens, cockatoos, pigeons, and ponds with an assortment of fish. After our time in the garden, we trundled up to the Maze at Outback Splash for pre-arranged afternoon tea. It was lovely sitting on the deck with blueberry muffins and scones with jam and cream. After a brief talk from our host George (landscaper/gardener/

waiter/tour guide), he took us for a tour of the grounds. He was most pleasant and informative. There was some discrepancy amongst the group concerning the identification of a certain plant, the Sapote.... not just a humble grapefruit. Thanks Carolyn and Google, mystery solved!

There are five koalas at the Maze, which eat 5kg of gum leaf tips per day. "Koala" in aboriginal means "no drink." They get most of their water requirements from leaves, so they seldom have to come down from their lofty heights. They were contently sleeping in their enclosure whilst we were there. There is a lot to see and do with many picnic areas, and the Maze is still building areas of family fun. It's such a great asset to have on our doorstep.

I am not sure about the rest of the group, but I took the opportunity to stop at Berry Sweet to get some of their seconds packs of strawberries - yum every time. Berry Sweet is also a café and worth the stop. They have other berry products as well as frozen berries and preserves.

What a great day organized by our leader, Irene. We appreciate all that you do for us. Looking forward to next month's meeting. Meanwhile, keep gardening and be good to yourself. CP



## Koorunga CWA

Fun and laughter make the world go around. The Koorunga CWA ladies did not realize how much fun and laughter would be created by participating in the CWA Choir and Drama Day at Bindoon. Dressed as men, there was plenty of hip thrusting, swaying in sequence, and coordination of arms as members moved to "Arrhythmia". The skit, written and directed by Kerry Bulter, with a COVID theme, had plenty of social distancing, champagne, muddled minds and more champagne.

The verse reading section was dedicated to Mums: Koorunga's presentation of "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking" received much applause and a few tears. Other memorial moments during this very successful event were the Moora Choir

performing sit-down belly dancing, complete with King Tom Kelly and his harem, the Toreadors of Badgingarra, and a very adorable Old Mother Hubbard's dog from Cervantes.



## Gingin Scout Group

Before enjoying the Three Bridges hike, the Gingin Joey Scouts looked at what risks they could encounter along the way: snakes, spiders, bull ants, and the importance of wearing good shoes. This led to an afternoon of learning about creepy crawly bites and stings, as well as how to treat a snake bite.

On a beautiful autumn afternoon, 12 joey Scouts and 3 adults greatly enjoyed the hike, with many discovering something

new about Gingin. We were very fortunate to have Joey Scout Lucas among us, who shared the history of the Three Bridges. Lucas had recently completed a PowerPoint presentation on the topic for school.

The hike was made even more enjoyable with sighting of baby lambs, Carnaby cockatoo nesting boxes, and the opportunity to create animals from stick and branches. Best of all, there wasn't a skerrick of rubbish anywhere along the hike.



All the Gingin Joey Scouts on Bridge 1



Tabby Dale practising her snake bite skills on Axel Kelly



## Gingin Golf Club

2023 Season has begun, but it is never too late to join. Any enquiries are welcome at [gingingolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:gingingolfclub@gmail.com)

All the back nine "greens" have now been remade, incorporating Gingin Quartz sand from the Creighton Road quarry. This process has taken a substantial effort but was necessary to produce consistent putting surfaces throughout. The success of this endeavour will be repeated with the front nine holes during the out-of-season period next year.

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

### LADIES:

A wonderful start to the golf season for the ladies with a group of six members entering the Lancelin Open Day on 27th April. Winning the day were Karen Pollard and Kaye Bingham on 47 Stableford points.



Then on 11<sup>th</sup> May, sisters Bev Moxham and Marnee Pearse won the day at the Ledge Point Ladies Open Day with 40 Stableford points.

Congratulations to those members.

Club fixtures on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May was sponsored by 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Honey, with Ambrose winners Kerry Fewster and Kaye Bingham. On 11<sup>th</sup> May, an individual Stableford competition sponsored by Australia Post was won by Jill Lane, with Kaye Bingham as runner-up. On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, a field of nine players took to the course with the first Silver Spoon and In-

ternational Bowl Competition round being played. The winner of the day was Robin Higgins.



Winners Kerry Fewster and Kaye Bingham  
Sponsored by 5th Generation Honey



Ladies play each Wednesday, with a 9.30 am start. Both 9 and 18-hole play available. MENS:

A somewhat slow start to the Men's Season, but the attendance is now substantially increasing.

A Stableford competition was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, sponsored by Duncan Hackman. It was an enjoyable occasion, with the run-away winner being Rob Whiley with forty-one points.

A field of twenty-one assembled on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, which included some visitors from Lancelin. The day was sponsored by Adam Martinovich of Gingin Brook Meat Processors. The winner was Ray Ashworth, second place Thys Gorter, and third place to Paul Kelly. The prizes given out by Adam were excellent quality meat packs, something really worth winning. Adam also provided us with rolls and sliced beef from which we made up hot beef rolls at the end of play.

Men play each Wednesday, Scrungers 3pm start, 9 holes.

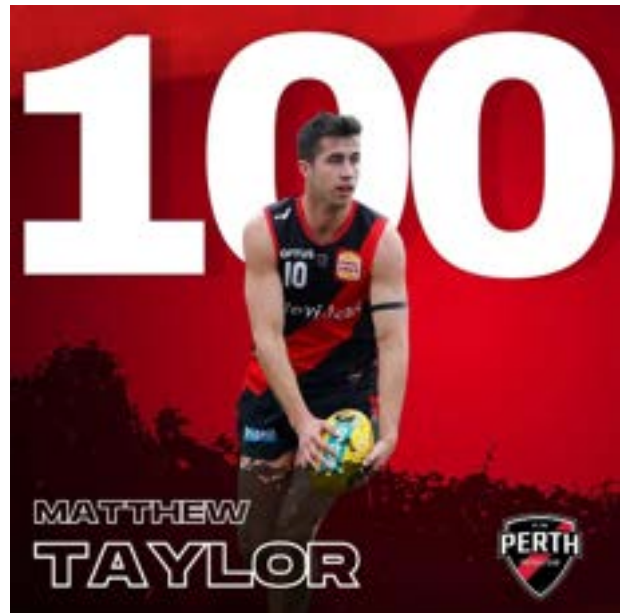
## ***Local Matthew Taylor plays 100th game for Perth Demons***

Matthew Taylor recently played 100 games for Perth football club on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Matthew started playing his footy with the Perth Colts in 2014 and made his league debut in 2016. He had a year at North Melbourne in 2020 and then returned to Perth football club in 2021.

Matts Junior footy was played at Chittering Broncos football club until he went to boarding school at Hale at 15 and then played for his school.

Matt is currently vice captain of the Perth football club.



## ***Gingin Elite Dance with Miss Renae***

Gingin Elite Dance had an eventful month in May, starting with a “bring your friend for free” day. It was wonderful to witness the students sharing their passion for dance with their friends, and everyone had a great time.

Additionally, the team participated in the Star Struck Dance Challenge, achieving some outstanding results. Here are the highlights:

Malia Baxter (5 years old) secured the following placements in the baby improvisation category:

3<sup>rd</sup> place in Jazz

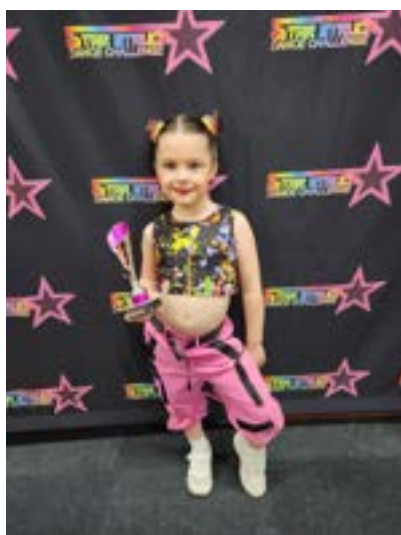
3<sup>rd</sup> place in Lyrical

2<sup>nd</sup> place in Hip Hop

Tenisha Baxter earned a well-deserved 2nd place in the Tap solo category for dancers aged 17 years and over.

Bella Shields and Astasia Gooch received an Honourable Mention (HM) for their DUO Hip Hop performance in the 12 years and under division.

Congratulations to all the participants for their exceptional performances and dedication.



Malia Baxter



Tenisha Baxter



Bella Shields and Astasia Gooch



# **SOUTH MIDLANDS NETBALL ASSOCIATION**



South Midlands Netball Association

Mark it in your calendars and join us at the SMNA Sundowner for an evening of great food, laughter, and camaraderie. Feel free to bring along your teammates, friends, and family members to share in the festivities.

Hosted by the Gingin Netball Club 1st July at the Bendigo Complex Gingin



**Tiffany's Catering**

Qualified chef, catering to suit your culinary needs.



We are thrilled to announce that the Spunky Spud food van and the talented Tiffany Polette Caterer will be attending.

It's an ideal occasion to forge new friendships, exchange ideas, and celebrate our shared love for netball.

We look forward to your presence at the SMNA Sundowner and creating cherished memories together.

For more information please contact  
Bronte Maloney at 0429 661 991



## COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

### Inspiring Videos for National Volunteer Week 2023

From 15 - 21 May 2023, the Shire of Gingin celebrated all the volunteers who do such valuable work in our community.

With the support of Volunteering WA, our Community Services team produced a series of videos which tell the stories of a number of our very own volunteers.

We would like to thank Rob, Sylvia, Robin, Wendy and Harlan for sharing their stories and for being inspiring role models within our community.

If you would like to watch the videos, you can find them on the Shire of Gingin's Facebook page or Youtube channel.

Ever thought about getting involved as a volunteer? Why not get in touch with one of our community groups. Visit [gingin.wa.gov.au/local-organisations-clubs-and-facilities](http://gingin.wa.gov.au/local-organisations-clubs-and-facilities).



### Project Updates

Our Operations teams will be undertaking the following works and projects in the next couple of months.

- Guilderton Bowling Club gravel carpark upgrade including repositioning of the gate.
- Topping up of soft fall in playgrounds throughout the Shire.
- Planning the Moore River boardwalk repair in Guilderton.
- Removal of shade sails at the GOAS and Aquatic Centre for the winter season.
- Tree pruning throughout the Shire.
- Commence GPS mapping of reticulation and irrigation solenoids, bores, meter boxes, and septic tanks throughout Shire.
- Continuation of grading and rolling of gravel roads throughout Shire.
- Test/tag electrical items, fire equipment checks, and maintenance, termite and pest control checks, and treatments to Shire buildings and assets.

### Save the Dates!

**Lancelin Night Market** - Sunday 4 June 2023, 4:30pm - 8:30pm, Wangaree Park, Lancelin.

**Becoming an Elected Council Member Forum** - Wednesday 7 June, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Leederville Office, 246 Vincent Street Leederville.

**Gingin Red Cross Morning Tea and Lawn Bowls** - Thursday 1 June and Friday 9 June, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Gingin Bowling Club.

For more information on events in the Shire, 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 our Community Development Officer, Michaela White 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.



### Honeycomb Standpipe - Temporary Closure

Please be advised that the Honeycomb standpipe, located on Honeycomb Rd in Gingin, is temporarily closed until further notice. Once the standpipe is operational again, we will provide an update.

In the meantime, users are asked to seek alternate sources for non-potable water collection, and we thank the community for your cooperation.

### Sponsor in Focus - Bendigo Bank

#### Proudly supporting the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme

On 25 March Bendigo Bank was pleased to organise and host a networking luncheon in Gingin to celebrate International Women's Day 2023. This year's theme was 'embracing equality' with a focus on women in business.

The event attracted over 80 attendees as well as 12 local small business stall holders who held a mini market on the day. Guest speakers included Ashlee Harrison from Zero2Hero, 2022 Women's Lawyer of the Year Shayla Strapp, and several local business advisors from Business Local - Wheatbelt. Local musician Savannah Solomon provided entertainment and catering was supplied by a new local start up business.

The day was a huge success with proceeds donated to local Scouts group and Zero2Hero. Following on from this event there have been discussions on holding more networking sessions to support women in the Gingin Shire business community.

Community Bank

Gingin and Lancelin

Bendigo Bank





## Celebrating Youth Week

Youth Week (14 - 22 April) celebrates the unique and important contribution that people aged 10 - 25 bring to the community, and this year the Shire was pleased to hold a number of events for our young people.

### Youth Fun Day

This year's Youth Fun Day was held on Wednesday 19 April at Gabbadah Park in Guilderton, and 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



This inaugural event for youth over the age of 18 was a great success. Held at the the Gingin Bowling Club on Friday 21 April, 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. Special thanks to Stephen Fewster and Steve Beckwith from the Gingin Bowling Club for facilitating the evening.

### End of Season Pool Party

Youth Week finished off with a perfect blue-sky day for the end-of-season pool party at the Gingin Aquatic Centre on Saturday 22 April which consisted of lawn games, giant floaties, sausage sizzle, and lots of swimming.

Everyone enjoyed the visit from Walter and Wendy, the Watch Around Water mascots.



## Unrestricted Burning Period in Effect

The Shire of Gingin entered its Unrestricted Burning period from 2 May to 30 September and permits to burn are not required during this time.

While there are no fire restrictions on burning during this period, we encourage everyone to be vigilant and responsible for their burns. This includes the good practise of letting neighbours know you are planning to burn, and registering your burn with DFES on 9395 9209.

## Council Decisions

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

- Development approval for an expansion to the existing Extractive Industry (sand and limestone) on Lot 222 (280) Caraban Road, Caraban - *approved by Council subject to conditions.*
- Development approval for a Rural Industry (Wheat Milling Plant) at Lot 42 Hoy Road, Coonabidgee - *approved by Council subject to conditions.*
- Development approval for two (2) chalets on Lot 413 (598) Caraban Road, Caraban - *approved by Council subject to conditions.*

In addition, 5 other items were presented to/deliberated by Council.

More information on the decisions from this Council 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.

## Community Consultation – Surveys Open!

We currently have **three** surveys open to the community - more information and links to each one can be found on the **Community Consultation** page of the Shire's website [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au).

### Resident Perception Survey 2023

The Shire is now undertaking its Resident Perception Survey, results of which will help us plan for the future and inform our two-yearly review of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan. The Shire has engaged Research Solutions as an independent research company to administer the survey. This year, we are providing our community the option to complete either a long and short version of the survey.

**Survey closing date - 30 June 2023.**

### Youth Survey for Parents, Guardians & People Who Work with Young People

We received many thoughtful and insightful responses to the recent Youth Survey, and now we want to hear from parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, or anyone who interacts or works with individuals aged 10-25 years.

**Survey closing date - 16 June 2023.**

### Juniper Home & Community Care Survey

Service provider of care, accommodation, and support services for older Western Australians - Juniper - is currently conducting a survey to gain a better understanding of the home and community care needs of residents living in the Shire of Gingin. They are keen to understand how many community members are accessing a Home Care Package or Commonwealth Support Program, as well as how many members need support but have not yet tried to access services.

**Survey closing date - 30 June 2023.**



## 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, Ginigin Care Group on 0438 575 254  
or the Ginigin CRC on 9575 1253 or [crc@gingin.net](mailto:crc@gingin.net)



# GINGIN COMMUNITY PANTRY

Located on the back veranda of  
the Ginigin Community Resource  
Centre

Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Every donation of food helps. We accept donations of non-perishable food in jars, cans and sealed packets. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, vegetables in cans or jars, honey, peanut butter, boxed juices, long-life milk, coconut cream, fish in oil, baby products and pet essentials.



**A community initiative by the  
community for the community.  
Take what you need, give what you can.**

## GINGIN COMMUNITY CAR *Community caring for its own*

### DO YOU NEED TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?

A community volunteer initiative run by community  
members, designed to meet the needs of Shire  
residents who need medical treatment  
but have no way to get there.



#### How do I book?

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

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



**Be on alert for bitumen bandits** – Consumer Protection WA has received reports they may be currently targeting consumers and businesses with their dodgy work.

These travelling fake tradies offer to re-surface driveways and car parks, but the standard of their work is extremely poor and they break consumer laws by approaching potential customers uninvited and failing to observe the required ten business day cooling off period.

If you're approached, send them on their way and contact Consumer Protection immediately on 1300 30 40 54 or [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au) to report their whereabouts. Information such as descriptions of the offenders, vehicle registration numbers or business names used are also useful.





## Birth

The Pearson family is thrilled to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Sadie! Wade and Kimberley Pearson are overjoyed to welcome their third child into the world. Sadie joins her older brother, Noah, and sister, Allyssa, in completing their loving family.

May Sadie's life be filled with happiness, good health, and the unconditional love of her doting family. Congratulations to the proud parents and a warm welcome to sweet Sadie!



## Vale

**Russell Grey Vallentine** passed away on Thursday 27 April at the wonderful age of 99 years.

Russell was in charge of the PMG line crew who worked out of the old Telecom Line Yard situated on Brockman Street, where the Gingym is now located. He had a wonderful and extensive collection of old telephones and associated equipment and was very happy when people showed an interest and he was able to show and ex-

plain the workings of telephones prior to the mobile era.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Margaret, his children and extended families. The community is very sorry for your loss and we will all miss our conversations with Russell when he drove his gopher into town.

Rest in peace dear friend after a long and interesting life.

*Written by M.Nolan*



## Birthdays



We would like to address an oversight on our part regarding some important milestone birthdays in the month of May. Without further ado, we would like to extend our belated but

heartfelt wishes to the following individuals:

Happy 60th Birthday to Raylene Maloney and Michael Maloney!

Raylene and Michael, we hope your special days were filled with joy and surrounded by loved ones. May this new decade of your

lives bring you happiness, good health, and prosperity.

Happy 18th Birthday to our own Heather Hukin!

Heather, we apologize for the delayed recognition of your milestone birthday (you kept it very quiet.) We hope you had a fantastic celebration and that this new chapter in your life is filled with exciting opportunities and wonderful experiences.

Once again, we apologize for the oversight and wish Raylene, Michael, and Heather a belated but very happy birthday.



## LIBBY BOOK CLUB FOR WA

Join host and author David Allan-Petale on the third Wednesday of every month to engage and interact with authors from all genres.

Registration via Eventbrite.



Libby.

The library reading app.



All events hosted on Zoom. Access links sent to all attendees on day of the event.

## Fresh off the Press New books added to our Library Collection

### Romance

#### TIME AFTER TIME

by Karly Lane

Living in London should have been exciting, but for Alice, far away from home, her sole focus becomes working within a renown couture fashion house. Alice knows it's unlikely but she secretly hopes that Finn, her high school sweetheart, might still want to try again. But you can't turn back time, and fate may have other plans.



### Memoir

#### I HAD A FATHER IN KARRATHA

by Annette Trevitt

What happens when your father dies and you fly across to lay him to rest and find his estate is a spectacular mess of hoarded junk, bank debts, lost paperwork and rundown properties in a mining town gone bust? I had a father in Karratha tracks Annette's 2 and a half year undertaking of cleaning up her fathers mess.



### Thriller

#### PURE EVIL

by Lynda La Plante

It was supposed to be a simple case: a young man arrested for armed assault. But it was just the beginning. As Rodney Middleton awaits trial, Detective Jack Warr is warned by his mentor DCI Ridley that they have only scratched the surface of the man's crimes. Then DCI Ridley is suddenly removed from his post. No one is to contact him - and no one will say why.



### Modern Conflicts

#### THE HOME FRONT

by Patrick Lindsay

Forty-one Australian soldiers died in action over 20 years of fighting in Afghanistan; in that time more than 1400 veterans have taken their own lives. The Home Front is a fascinating and rousing indictment of the culture of war, the thinking of those who wage it, and the cost to those who experience it.



### Junior

#### SMARTY PUP, PAWSOME GENIUS

by Kate Thompson

'Okay, okay!' said Mr. Hosking. 'Fine, JJ can come to school camp. But he has to be on his absolute best behaviour!' 'Deal!' promised JJ. JJ the genius pup has Lily and her teammates rolling around with laughter at his antics until glowing eyes start appearing in the shadows . . . Could it be the legendary giant panther??



### Kindy

#### KANGAPLATABURRA KOOKAPUSAROO

by Beau Young

'I'm a kangaplataburrakookapuseroo. There's no-one like me anywhere. I'm clearly something new! I'm a kangaplataburrakookapuseroo. I've never met someone like me. And I bet you haven't too!' A tail? Feathers? Wings and webbed feet? Come and meet the strangest animal you've ever seen.





# Through Silent Country

By Carolyn Wadley Dowley



"Carolyn Dowley in this book tells the story of the escape of 18 Wongutha people from Moore River back to their country near Laverton. While known to specialist historians and never forgotten by the Wongutha families themselves, the extraordinary stories of one of the most epic journeys of Australian history has only now been told in full-length book form. The compassionate and wise Dowley gives to the story the justice which it has for so long deserved."

**NEW**  
to our library

## Australian public libraries statistical report 2021-22

### HIGHLIGHTS

The Australian public libraries statistical report 2021-2022 provides insight into the activities and usage of Australia's 1,706 public library service points, and their changed usage during the mandatory closures and restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Key Statistics



**1,706**  
library service points

with more than



**42 million**  
collection items



**146 million**  
instances of collection usage

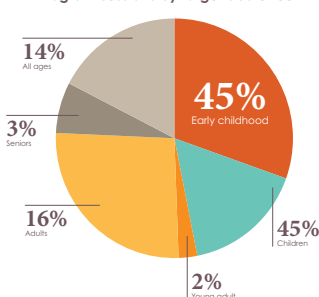


**3.5 million**  
program participants, online and in-person

### Libraries are offering more programming for more people

- Overall, there were over 3.5 million participants in 259,000 library programs throughout the year.
- Libraries ran over 100,000 literacy programs, 17,000 workforce development programs, and 10,000 programs dedicated to digital inclusion. There was also a very high number of sessions aimed at an early childhood audience which reflects the important role libraries continue to play in pre-school literacy and learning.
- The diversity of programs on offer show libraries' response to community demand for programming aimed at particular life-stage demographics and needs.

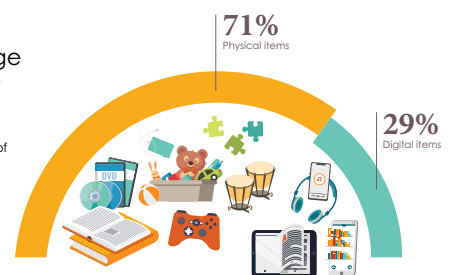
### Program sessions by target audience



### Collection usage remains steady

- Despite restrictions on in-person browsing and borrowing, total usage of public library collections was over 146 million instances, comprised of almost 103 million loans of physical items and more than 43 million loans, downloads and retrievals from electronic collections.

- Total collections of more than 42 million items (1.6 items per capita) were available for the use of the community, with expenditure of more than \$135.83 million to ensure that these collections remained up to date and relevant.



### Access to services is on the rise

- Access to public library services was provided through 1,706 service points, including 1,405 branches, 74 mobile outlets libraries serving hundreds of separate locations, and 227 other outlets.
- Whilst in-person visits to library facilities were still below pre-COVID more than 56 million physical visits were recorded.
- Library websites and catalogues had over 50,000,000 visits during the year.
- Libraries continued to provide the essential service of internet access, with patrons clocking up 4.8 million hours of wifi use across our branches.
- For the first time, libraries have reported on the number of hours booked in publicly available meeting rooms and spaces. Community groups, local organisations, library partners and individuals used these spaces for over half a million hours in 2021-22.

**50+ million**  
website visits during the year

**4.8 million**  
hours of wifi use across branches

**500+ thousand**  
hours used in bookable meeting spaces

# Past Gingin News

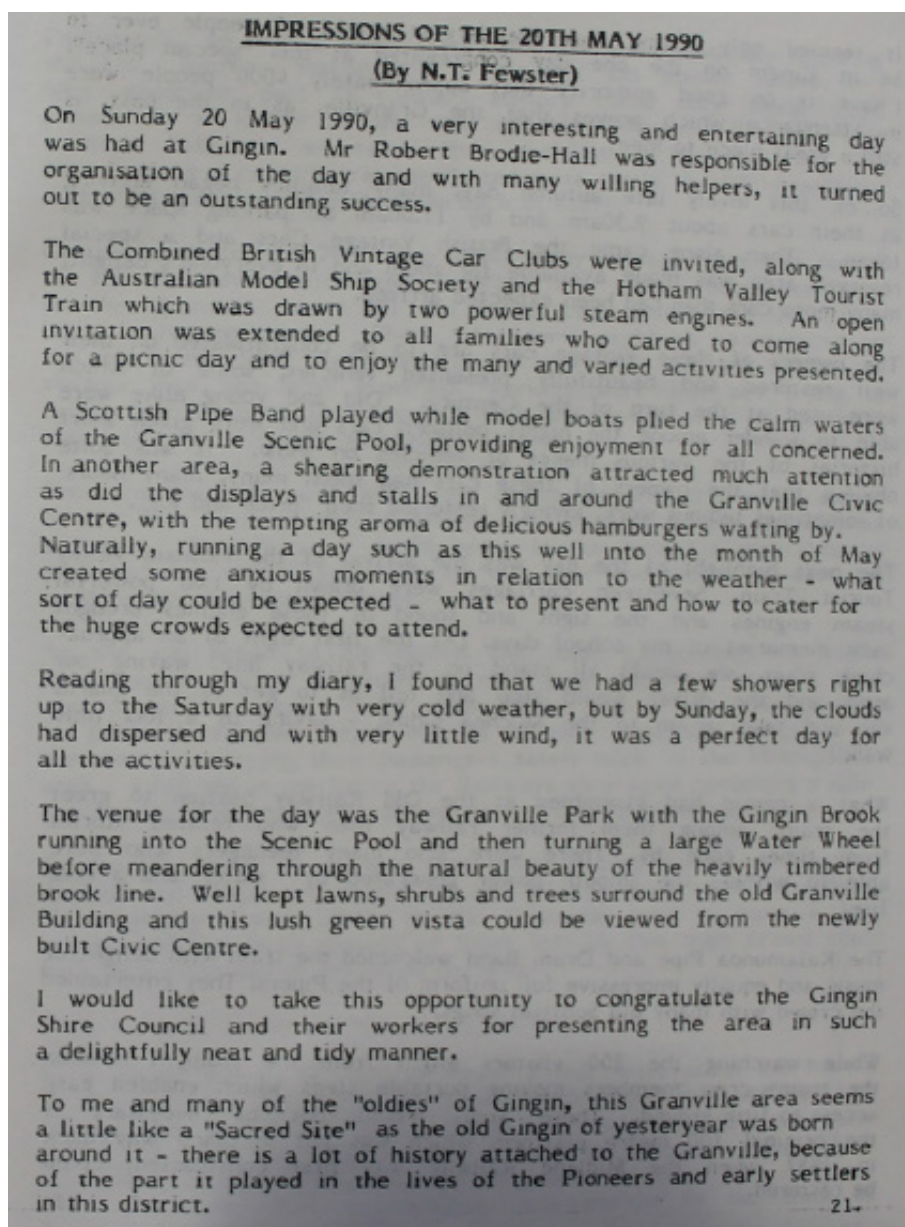
The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Day was once again held in the grounds of the Granville Park on the 22 May. The weather was magnificent and the day brought many visitors to the town.

The first British Car Day was held back in May 1990. Not only did British Car Clubs come to town, but also the Hotham Valley Tourist Train delivered people to the event, via their steam train. It was a spectacle in its own right, with many locals turning out to greet the train and its passengers.

This Annual Event brings many visitors to our town and is an avenue for our clubs and organisations to raise funds from outside of our community. It is a tribute to the organisers, predominantly Robert Brodie-Hall, that over the years it has continued to be such a successful event.

In the Gingin News (News) 39<sup>th</sup> Edition, Mr Norman Fewster provided the "News" with a review of the day. Norman was a leading member of the community who contributed much of his time and energy to the town, throughout his life.

From the Gingin News: August 1990:





It seemed only fitting that the largest crowd of people ever to be at Gingin on the one day congregated at this "special place". I have it on good authority that approximately 4000 people were in attendance which proves that the Granville, as in the past, is still a great place to meet.

So on this lovely late autumn day, many families began arriving in their cars about 9.30am and by 11.00am all parking space was taken. Then along came the British Vintage Cars and a special reserved area was made available for them and to everyone's delight, many more cars than had been expected arrived.

The owners of these Vintage cars are to be congratulated on their well restored and beautifully presented vehicles, some of which were used at the turn of the Century. Old and young alike were able to wander among the highly polished cars and were given short histories of the various makes of vehicles on show. It was quite obvious that the owners of these cars had spent many, many hours of sometimes tedious work, lovingly restoring their "pride and joy".

The next highlight of the day was the arrival of the Motham Valley Tourist Train. Seventeen carriages were drawn by two powerful steam engines and the sight and sound of these engines brought back memories of my school days. (At the first sight of an approaching train, we would all stand on the railway line, waving our arms and the driver would stop and tell us to get in the guards van and take us on to the Muchea siding - saving us a four mile walk!)

What a crowd had assembled at the Old Railway Station to greet the train, among them former railway men who related stories from times gone by. There were also many teenagers who were able to witness the smooth power generated by water and a coal fire.

The Kalamunda Pipe and Drum Band welcomed the train with delightful music and equally impressive full uniform of the Pipers. They entertained the crowd with many old Scottish songs.

While watching the 800 visitors alight from the train, I noticed the train's crew members moving portable steps which enabled easy access to firm ground. These steps would not be necessary if the original 100 metre platform which was put in place way back in 1887 when the Midland Railway was first constructed, could be restored.

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Fortunately, we have a young couple who are enthusiastically restoring the old Railway Station and in the not too distant future, this very important part of Gingin's History could once again stand proudly as it looked at the turn of this Century. Perhaps, with a little help and assistance from enthusiastic residents the 100 metre platform could be re-constructed quite easily in 1990 - certainly with a lot less physical effort than back in 1887!

Getting back to the 20th May 1990, many vintage cars had moved to the Railway Station and escorted the train's occupants down to the Granville where all the stalls, both inside and out, were doing a roaring trade. There were some problems experienced by the food and drink stalls because of the much greater number of visitors than had been expected. Workers were flat out trying to satisfy the needs of so many, but with the co-operation of the local shops, it is hoped no-one went home hungry!

The afternoon sun was warm and bright, as was the music played by the Pipe Band as they displayed their skills to a very appreciative audience. Strange as it might seem to "us locals" a man shearing a sheep has a special attraction to "city folk" and thanks are extended to Mike for your demonstration.

As the sun began to dip behind the trees surrounding the Scenic Pool, people started to gather up their gear and move towards their cars or to the train. Once again, there was a big crowd present to farewell the old steam engines as they smoothly pulled out of the station, carrying their passengers safely back to the Metropolitan area. I can see in the future the Railways once again becoming a safe and comfortable means of transport to and from our destinations.

So the day came to an end with many helping hands to dismantle displays and stalls and as the sun set, all was again quiet and orderly. Next morning I went down to the Granville area to have a look around and the small amount of litter left by this huge crowd could have been collected in one small container.

Truly a day to be remembered in our diaries.

In a future edition of "Gingin News" I will write about the history of the Granville and the Water Wheel which played such an important part at the flour mill. Later on this power was used to pump water on to Gingin's first big market garden, the produce from which was sent to Kalgoorlie markets. In the area is also the Cheriton Arch which has been so carefully reconstructed by the Shire of Gingin.

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Compiled by a Gingin Community Resource Centre Volunteer



## MIND & MOTION

### Exercise Therapy

My name is Ruth Coolican. I am an Exercise Physiologist based at Gingin Medical Centre. I am the owner of Mind and Motion Exercise Therapy. As an Exercise Physiologist and mental health nurse, I manage conditions by assessing and providing exercise intervention to assist in the following area.

- Musculoskeletal injuries
- Chronic diseases
- Mental health
- Health promotion and health education
- Increase quality of life by minimising falls

Mind and Motion Exercise Therapy provides a high-quality service to restore optimal physical and mental health.

Contact Ruth on 0439033235

Email: [contact@mindandmotionexercisetherapy.com.au](mailto:contact@mindandmotionexercisetherapy.com.au)

Experienced accredited Exercise Physiologist (ESSA) and Mental Health Nurse (AHPRA registered).

# The Psychopathic Sat-Nav

Alan Gent

Jason loved new technology. Whenever he saw something that promised to ‘make life easier’ or to ‘solve all life’s problems’ he positively salivated in anticipation of owning whatever new gizmo it was. That was the beauty of living a solitary life – there was nobody around to spoil your fun, or so he told himself.

He’d used sat-navs before (or car GPS systems as some people called them), but the new one advertised by AI Device and Automation (AIDA) was really a quantum leap ahead. It could apparently link to his car’s engine management system and cruise control to make his ride ‘perfectly safe’ – in the words of AIDA. No wiring was required at all! Apparently most new cars had a Blue-tooth controlled electronics system that was far more reliable than ‘common wired’ systems.

The new ‘Gemma’ Sat-Nav arrived by courier very quickly after his order – probably because of the exorbitant price, thought Jason. It had to be ‘firmly affixed’ to his dashboard and he wasted no time following the instructions to the letter. On his first test drive he was really impressed. He merely had to say ‘Gemma’ to address the device then ask it how to get to... and ‘Gemma’ would repeat back to him his destination in a very cultured English female voice, then ask if he had any preferences for the route, such as tolls, freeways and so on. It was quite conversational, thought Jason – like having another driver in the car.

So far, there had been little difference between this new device and other sat-navs he’d owned.

A few days later Jason needed to use the sat-nav to travel for some hours to pick up some resin he’d ordered for his 3D printer – his latest hobby. He told ‘Gemma’ where

he needed to go and asked for the shortest route.

He’d got used to the female voice and the way ‘she’ would repeat instructions for roundabouts several times before and during, and the way she’d correct him if he thought he knew a better way, with a ‘turn around where possible’ and so on. Everything proceeded normally for quite a while – he was directed to turn off the freeway due to road works and the subsequent hold-up, and found himself travelling along what was obviously a ‘B’ road in the country. The road seemed to be particularly bad, and he hadn’t gone far along it when he decided he’d had enough of the ‘bouncing around’ and turned his car round to return to the highway. The sat-nav’s voice came loud and clear: “What do you think you’re doing?”

And the car simply stopped!

He tried to start the car, and the motor simply would not turn over. Was it the battery? Jason mumbled to himself: “Stupid car. I’ll let those service people know what I think of them when I get back”. He’d only recently had a thorough service. Suddenly a familiar voice said: “Well, if you want to get to where you’re going you either have to modify your instructions or turn the car back to the way I suggested – the shortest route.”

And the car motor started.

Jason sat dumb-struck for a full minute before he turned the car back around to continue along the very rough minor road. “That’s better.” said ‘Gemma’.

That’s how it started. Jason didn’t know how, but this particular electronic device was actually able to control the car! He reasoned that it was able to keep a direct link to the sophisticated engine management system. With his obsession with all the new technology, many of the functions of the car were electronic. Even the steering and brakes were electronically controlled.

He was careful to follow the prescribed route after that and followed the picture on



the display - his head was spinning with what appeared to be an impossible situation. His logical mind told him that this sort of thing was not supposed to happen. Even with AI, any machine should be answerable to the controller, not the other way around. He couldn't wait for this trip to be over so that he could get rid of this device.

When he picked up his supplies, the proprietor followed him to his car, examining it in admiration. "Ah," he said, "You've got yourself a lovely car there!"

Jason said "Yes, I was lucky. It was a demo model and I got a fair bit knocked off the price – I couldn't really afford it brand new."

The man stood there as Jason climbed into the car and started the engine.

"Only trouble is, I bought myself one of these new fangled sat-navs. It seems to think it can tell ME what to do!"

"That doesn't sound right. Are you serious?"

"Oh yes! But don't worry, its days are numbered. I'm getting rid of it as soon as I get home."

"Well, have a safe trip anyway."

Jason moved out into the traffic. "Gemma, take me home – the quickest route."

He didn't ask for the shortest way home –

he hoped to avoid the bad road he'd had to suffer on his way up.

He'd been travelling about half an hour and the road took him through a quite precipitous section around a high range of hills. The road was unfenced, and there was a sheer drop on the left-hand side. Suddenly the sat-nav said: "So you want to remove me from your car after this trip?"

Jason couldn't believe it. What was a sat-nav doing trying to engage in conversation? He simply said: "Gemma, do your job. I want to go the quickest way".

The car suddenly swerved off the road and plunged down the steep embankment, turning over and over, smashing against rocks and trees, finally coming to rest upside down.

The paramedics that attended the scene were unable to revive the twisted remains of the man inside. One of them said:

"Well, look at that. He's got one of those new sat-navs. I wish I could afford one of those."

The other man said: "Just take it Jim, nobody's going to notice. This car's a wreck. If you don't take it, somebody else will."

'Gemma' said nothing. Best to stay quiet for a while....

**Join us at the Gingin Library, on  
Wednesday the 5th of July at 9.30, to  
celebrate our elders for NAIDOC week.**

**Listen to a story written by a First Nations Author,  
and read by local Indigenous woman Bianca Jacques.  
Then colour in an image to help create our own  
Rainbow Serpent.**

This event is targeted toward junior primary  
aged children and younger although all are  
welcome to attend.

**For Our  
Elders**



## Juniper Home & Community Care

# Survey

## Open Now!

Non-profit service provider of home and community care for older Western Australians – **Juniper** – is currently conducting a survey to gain a better understanding of the care needs of residents living in the Shire of Gingin.

Juniper provides care plans unique to each person which may include:

- *Clinical Support* - such as nursing, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy.
- *Home Support* - such as domestic assistance, meal preparation, and personal care.
- *Social Support* - such as transport to appointments and companionship.

They are keen to understand how many community members currently have either a Home Care Package or Commonwealth Home Support Program. They are also interested to understand how many community members need support in their home but have yet to be assessed by the government's Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) and would like to find out more.

To access the survey:

Go to the **Community Consultation** section of the Shire of Gingin website [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au) or pick up a hard copy at:

- Gingin Shire Office or Lancelin Shire Office
- Gingin CRC or Lancelin CRC
- Gingin Medical Centre or Lancelin Medical Centre

Then return it to the customer service team at any of those locations.

The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Closing date for the survey is **Friday 30 June 2023**.







## Consumer Watch

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**Consumer Protection** 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton WA 6530  
Tel: (08) 9920 9800  
Email: [candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au)

### Clearer pricing rules for funerals

There's nothing easy about losing a loved one, but we hope new WA laws will go a long way towards clearing up any confusion about what their final farewell will cost.

Funeral companies must now publicly display their prices upfront to give consumers the chance to compare costs without having to meet with a representative from the business to get this information. Consumers should now receive a full breakdown of prices and know exactly what the total cost of the funeral will be, so there are no surprises later on.

The new regulations in the Funeral Pricing Code of Practice stop sales practices that once made it difficult for consumers to make informed decisions at a very emotional time. In some previous cases, the final cost wasn't known until after the funeral was held, leading family and friends of the deceased to believe they had been overcharged.

Those consumers who decide to pay for their funerals upfront before they are needed should know they are protected by the mandatory [Prepaid Funerals Code of Practice](#), which was introduced in 2021. The Code requires goods and services to be detailed in the contract, prices to be fixed at the time of signing, a 30-day cooling off period and payments to prepaid funeral funds to be managed within secure investments under the name of the client until they are required.


It's important to note that prepaid funeral cover is different to funeral insurance, which should be treated with caution given ongoing payments are required for the rest of a consumer's life – meaning they could pay significantly more than the actual payment their family will receive.

Funeral bonds bought through a funeral director, a friendly society or a life insurer are another way of saving for funeral expenses. After paying an initial deposit, regular payments are made over time and the money grows in value with interest. Money invested in this way can only be used for a funeral, meaning it can't be taken out earlier.


Ultimately we believe the simplest way to pay upfront for a funeral is to save up for it in a term deposit or savings account, separate to your everyday bank account.

The [Moneysmart website](#) has more information about the different options for paying for funerals at [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au).


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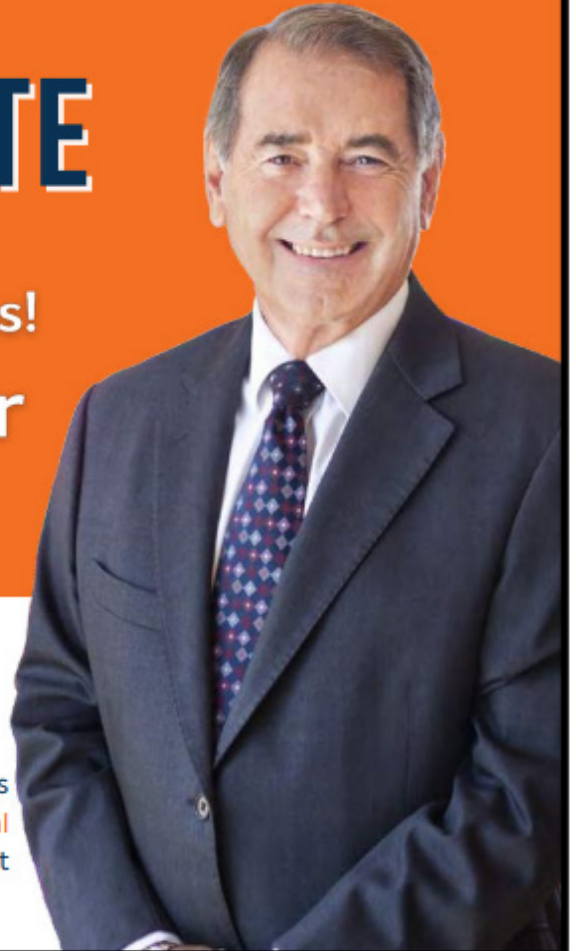


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