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## Final Phase

# Our Coast, Our Journey

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### Public Comment on three Coastal Management Documents

The Shire is seeking public comment on its revised integrated CHRMAP and CMS documents prior to Council adoption.

These documents outline strategies and actions to manage and adapt to potential coastal hazards and risks for **Lancelin, Ledge Point, Seabird** and **Guilderton**.



### Share Your Thoughts

We encourage everyone to have a say on this important topic.

Shire of Gingin **Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP)**

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Shire of Gingin Coastal Management on the Gingin Coastline **A Summary**



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10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Saturday 19 August 2023  
Seabird Hall  
Chalon Avenue

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### Editor's Note

In this edition, we are thrilled to extend our warmest congratulations to Helena, a true pillar of our community, for being honoured with the well-deserved Community Connection Award. Helena's dedication and selflessness have been nothing short of inspiring, as she has tirelessly worked towards fostering unity and cohesion among the residents of our town.

Speaking of staying united, we are excited to announce that the "Staying in Place" initiative is gaining momentum. The initiative, which aims to create a supportive environment for our elderly population, is set to bring about positive change and inclusivity. As part of this, the CRC is seeking to hire a dedicated and compassionate Care Coordinator to administer the program (see page 21). This position presents a wonderful opportunity for someone passionate about making a difference in the lives of our seniors and further strengthening the fabric of our community.



Heather Hukin  
Centre Trainee

In other news, we are delighted to officially welcome Dr. Tan to the Gingin Medical Centre. Dr Tan started back in January. With a wealth of experience and expertise, Dr. Tan is a valuable addition to our local healthcare team. Her arrival marked another step towards enhancing the quality of medical services available to our community.








Lastly, we applaud the achievements of some Gingin Junior Football players who have successfully completed their 50 games!

Congratulations once again to all our Buzz contributors we look forward to hearing what you have been up to this month in next months edition.

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## GINGIN BUZZ



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*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 28th of August 2023.*

## Congratulations Helena

Helena Donohoe, YouthCARE school chaplain at Gingin District High School, was recently recognised for her community work at the inaugural Governor's Chaplaincy Awards in Perth.

Helena received the Governor's Community Connection Award personally from His Excellency the Honourable Christopher Dawson AC APM, for her outstanding service in supporting the Gingin District High School and the wider community of Gingin for the past 7 years.

As a YouthCARE Chaplain Helena provides caring, non-judgemental pastoral support to students and runs various programs to help build resilience, reduce anxiety, and support the social and emotional wellbeing of students. There is also a breakfast program two days per week that caters for up

to 70 students. Three years ago, Helena started a community pantry that offers non-perishable goods that local businesses, churches and the general public continue to support. She is also seen at many community functions, lending a helping hand.

Helena's community engagement has generated support from many areas of the community. From private individuals, the Gingin Shire and the local Bendigo Bank, to the Treasure Trove Op Shop, CWA, Gingin Recreation Group and the school P&C. Local churches, Lions Club, the Gingin CRC, Gingin IGA and the Men's Shed have all supported these community initiatives.

Helena Donohoe's award highlights that it takes a community effort to build a successful community.







**FREE WORKSHOP ▶**

Presented by Willy Regan  
RSM Business Local Adviser

# Starting a Business



**Thursday 17 August 2023 | 12pm to 2pm**  
**Gingin CRC - 1A Lily King Place**

Starting a business is the beginning of an exciting – and sometimes challenging period in your life. Suddenly you find yourself immersed in a whole new world of licensing, insurance, financials marketing and leasing – it's easy to feel overwhelmed.

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10 & 11 November 2023

# Flavours of Gingin

Get ready to celebrate  
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**Friday 10 November 2023**

**– Long table Dinner (ticketed event)**

**Saturday 11 November 2023**

**10am - late | Granville Park, Gingin**

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Bar, Live Music, Fireworks & much more



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10 & 11 November 2023

# Flavours of Gingin

## Share with us your flavours of Gingin

The Shire of Gingin is inviting local community groups and businesses to host an activity, display, food stall or market stall at the Flavours of Gingin on Saturday 11 November 2023.

**Interactive activities and stalls will run from 10am – 4pm transitioning to a twilight concert from 5pm to 11pm**

If you'd like to be a part the day send your EOI to [flavours@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:flavours@gingin.wa.gov.au)



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# Community Groups

## ***Gingin Scout Group***

Working together with the Chittering Landcare, the Gingin Scout Group planted 1100 trees at the old Wannamal School site.

Environmental education is an important aspect of the scouting program, and this day is always a great opportunity to help make a difference. Offered during the school holidays, tree planting is lots of fun,

a good excuse to get dirty and muddy, use copious amounts of energy and enthusiasm in running to get bucket loads of more trees, working with a partner and seeing how many rows you can plant.

Huge thanks to the Chittering Landcare for their superb organization and much appreciated lunch.



The Gingin Scout hall erupted in a rhythmic beating of 30 drums as Kafi from Akwaaba African Drumming led an outstanding workshop with the Gingin Scout Group. Growing in confidence is part of the scout program.

Kafi's infectious enthusiasm soon had everyone eagerly making music with drums,

percussion instruments and their voice. The hands certainly had a great workout, using the whole hand and fingers to change sounds on the Djembe and Ewe drums. The concentration, participation and smiles on faces summed up the whole experience. A truly amazing interactive, team building workshop, that was thoroughly enjoyed by all ages.



Top 1st from left: Ronan Heasman and Ebony Harris playing the balafon. The gourds underneath act as amplifiers.

2nd: Great concentration from Joey Scouts Joe Clark and Dom Aldridge.

3rd: Kafi with the big smile, encouraging participation.

4th: Lucas Gregory, Tabby Dale and Nathan Haines getting the rhythm.

Bottom: A fun activity using boomwhackers. The pitch is determined by the length of the tubes.



## ***Staying in Place***

I am pleased to announce that at a recent Board Meeting of the Gingin District Community Resource Centre it was agreed that we would enter into an agreement with InCasa Country for In Home Aged Care Management. Our scheme mirrors that undertaken by the Pingelly CRC and has the primary objective of keeping our community members in their own homes as they age. In addition to InCasa, who are a government registered provider of Home Care Packages, we will also work in conjunction with Mable who have a register of carers and support workers.

The role of your CRC is to function as a co-ordinator between InCasa and their various clients who are the recipients of a financial support package. The CRC will engage personnel, drawn from Mable, to conduct the various works or support as required within the confines of the various packages. The client, being the most important person of this scenario, will have the choice of selecting who they wish to have to carry out their requirements. For those people registered with Mable there is an opportunity for flexible employment with a choice of time commitments.

It is especially important that members of our older community maintain the connections they have built up over the years. To be able to they keep a sense of purpose and remain involved in some meaningful activity. We are encouraged by the great deal of interest shown in the scheme. When the agreement is finalised with In-Casa, we will be embarking on this exciting and worthwhile community project.

In the meantime, should anyone have any comments or queries that require clarification please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the staff at the CRC.

Trevor Phillips  
Chairperson CRC



## ***Gingin Red Cross***

The aim of the Red Cross in Gingin is to provide socialization for those who may need more places to visit. There are many new people coming into town, come along and make a friend and get to know what services are available in Gingin. For those who find it hard to get out and about, we can organize a ride if needed.

Gingin Red Cross will be holding an afternoon tea, instead of a morning tea, at The Lion's Den, 3 Horan Street, on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of August commencing at 2pm. We plan to have a few activities and games on the go.

On Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of August, we will be having a bus ride out to seabird tavern for lunch. The bus ride is at no charge, but each person is responsible for their own meal.

We will leave the Granville car park at 10.30am. RSVP to Felicity to secure a seat. 0400 505 656

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## ***Gingin Volunteer Fire and Rescue step up for MSWA***

On Sunday 25th July Nikki, Tayla, Charlotte, Chandler, Greg and Graeme all from Gingin Volunteer Fire and Rescue took on the 1109 stairs of the Rio Building in Perth for the step up for MSWA in full level 2 fire fighting gear to raise awareness and funds for MS.



The aim of the day was to start and finish together as team, which we did.

Our team raised just over \$600 for MSWA.

The event is always so well run and it's a great way to spend your Sunday morning.

We can't wait to do it all again next year.



## ***Gardening Group***

July garden group outing saw us venture to Aneska Yukich's vineyard in the Swan Valley. Arriving at 9:00 to the work shed all set up for a day of wreath making. Aneska provided us with an abundance of vine pruning and other supplies for us to get creative. Some prunings came from 70yr old vines. With a hot urn and plenty of coffee and tea the ladies were primed and ready to go. With their creativeness activated, they were straight into it. It took a little bit to get the feeling of how to work the vines but they were soon bent into submission.

Many ladies made multiple wreaths even diverting from the standard circular wreath to shaping squares, love hearts and other interesting designs. Such an inspiring day with everyone throwing around ideas and helping one another. Stopping for a packed lunch was the only pause in almost 4hrs of

wreathing, we then realised we had to fit all our creations into our vehicles and many of us had carpooled but we managed and nothing was left behind.

We then went on to Kosovich Winery for wine tasting and sales. Outside the cellar was a 100yr old grapevine, quite amazing. In the cellar room was an abundance of awards for their quality wines. After tasting some of their wonderful selection of wines, they were quickly purchased by the group.

And so ends the July garden group outing and as usual a great day with great people, making memories. The year is marching on and spring will be upon us before we know it. So try to be prepared by getting a stockpile of garden goodies ready for application when the time comes, meanwhile enjoy everyday & keep gardening.

C.P



# Koorunga CWA

108 CWA branches from Esperance to Ord Valley gathered at the Novotel Perth Langley to celebrate and participate in the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The Country Women's Association. Under the guidance of State President Anne Gething, the 11 agenda motions, which give an opportunity to be a voice for all women, created much passionate discussion. Promoting advocacy is one of the aims of the CWA.

Koorunga Branch presented motions on road safety and concern for the well-being of people involved in the livestock export industry.

Very informative and engaging sessions were presented on the ACWW 30<sup>th</sup> World Conference held in Kuala Lumpur. The process of change for the Constitution, The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act, what celebrations are planned for the Centenary Year, how the Capel Road Safety Action Group were able to reduce speed limits, an update on the Train Lighting and Passive Level Crossing Safety Campaign, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and how Pingelly has provided rural and regional care. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between The Country Wom-

en's Association and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren WA. This agreement solidifies a fantastic working relationship between the two and opens up new possibilities for expanding Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Before a crowd of 260 people, Piers Anspach from Wannamal was awarded the CWA Young Volunteer of the Year. Nominated by Koorunga Branch, Piers volunteer work includes, The Mogumber Outback Club Inc, Wannamal Community Centre and the Wannamal Bushfire Brigade.

Bedforddale and Victoria Park Branches were recognized as joint winners of the Clarice Rudduck Memorial Award (outstanding community service). Life Membership was presented to Heather Allen from Champion Bay Branch and Gloria Campbell from Wanneroo Branch. Carolyn Cover from Midland Branch was announced as the new State Treasurer.

In a jam-packed few days, the very colourful display on opening night of branch banners and the engaging display of items the Community Coordinator distributes, all added to the comradery and vibe of the conference.



Annette Howard enjoying opening night



Margaret Johnson from Koorunga with Christine Brandenburg from Jurien Bay



Piers Anspach, with Rob, Pam and Angela Anspach. Both his mum and grandmother are very active CWA members.



Annette Howard with Dianne Franklyn from Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

# Local Business Profile

## Welcome Dr Tan to the Gingin Medical Centre

The Gingin Medical Centre would like to introduce Dr Jasmine Tan. Dr Tan joined our team in January 2023.

Dr Tan is a graduate of the University of Queensland as a medical doctor in 2015. After graduation she spent 18 months in Tasmania for rural medicine. During her training in Tasmania she obtained her Diploma in Childhood from the Sydney University. In 2018 she moved to Western Australia to continue her training. She then proceeded to work at Royal Perth Hospital, Bentley Health Services, SJOG Midland public hospital and Fremantle hospital.

Her interests include chronic disease management, women's health, paediatrics and mental health.

During her leisure time, Dr Jasmine Tan loves to garden and travel. She is multilingual and is fluent in 4 languages!

A friendly, caring and positive attitude is the cornerstone of her practice as she works to create the ideal environment for the healing process.

We are so excited to have her onboard!

Welcome to the Gingin Medical Centre  
Dr Jasmine Tan.



### The Treasure Trove @ Gingin Community Op Shop

## AGM

14th of September @ 1:00pm  
13 Robinson Street

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## ***Gingin Eagles - Football***

Congratulations to Charlie Fitzpatrick and Jacob Pascoe on reaching their 50<sup>th</sup> junior football game with the Gingin Eagles. This milestone was celebrated with a win against Goomalling at home on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Your dedication to the club, as well as skills and teamwork, are truly commendable. Here's to more incredible games for our club in the future! Well done!



Charlie Fitzpatrick going for a mark against Goomalling



Jacob Pascoe with plenty of room to run in his 50<sup>th</sup> game



Michael Van Blitterswyk taking a mark against Calligiri.

## ***Gingin Golf Club***

We have had a busy couple of weeks with the Ladies hosting their Ladies Open. 43 players competed in the day with 16 clubs represented. Perfect weather conditions saw some great scores entered. Results were:

Winner: Nina Foulkes-Taylor

Runner Up: Sarah Rae Burnett

Gross: Robin Higgins

Best Unplaced Visitor: Therese Chitty

Veteran 65+: Kaye Bingham

Best 1-9 Kerry Fewster

Best 10-18: Bev Moxham

Our thanks for the wonderful sponsorship

from WCS Concrete and Walkalina Park Olive Oil.

Our recent club day results:

June 28<sup>th</sup> - Michelle Lette and Crystal Pascoe Trophies, Winner Nina Foulkes-Taylor, Runner Up Karen Pollard

July 5<sup>th</sup> - Nina Foulkes-Taylor Trophy, Winner Kathy Gobbart, Runner Up Robin Higgins. Robin also won the Silver Spoon.

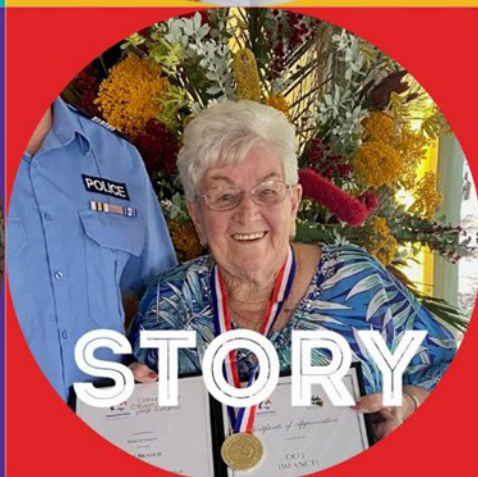
July 12<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Jubilee Foursomes was played and won by Robin Higgins and Kaye Bingham who will be off to Perth to compete in the state playoff.







Community  
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# Nominate now



If you know someone, or a group, doing great things in our community, nominate them for a 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Award, in our four categories.

- Citizen of the Year
- Youth Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Active Citizenship (Group or Event)

To nominate visit: [citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate](https://citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate)

**CLOSING DATE: 31 October 2023**

**Local Government Recognising Community Champions.**



# COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

## Shire of Gingin Firefighters Leave for Canada



Our very best wishes and thoughts are with Evan Lawrence, Nikki Woods, James Morton and Tom Kusters who have been selected to form part of the WA contingent to assist with wildfire containment efforts in Canada.

Career firefighter Evan, and volunteer firefighters Nikki, James and Tom have approximately 4.5 weeks of arduous firefighting ahead of them and will be assisting the Canadian authorities protect communities from the devastating wildfires that have broken out across the country over the last two months.

The Australian contingent will form part of a larger international contingent of firefighters from Europe, Africa, NZ, and Central & South America. We expect the team home mid-August.

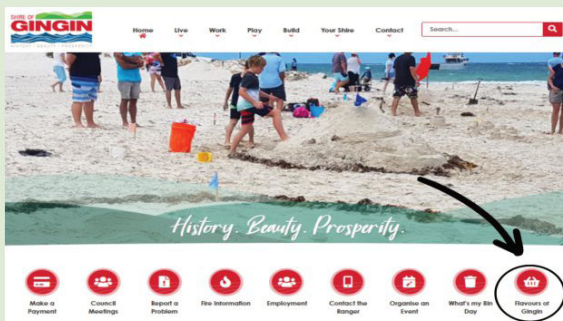
## New Electric Vehicle Charging Station in Lancelin

The newly installed electric vehicle (EV) station located on Rock Way adjacent Wangaree Park in Lancelin is now fully operational. The new EV station is the first for the Shire and features charging ports for two vehicles and a Paymate EFTPOS/ credit card facility, with options to pay by RFID card or an app. It will allow drivers to top up their electric vehicles and get to the next location in as little as 15 minutes.



## Flavours of Gingin Website is Live

A dedicated website for the Shire's Flavours of Gingin event is now live. The new website contains information about the event, what's on offer, and how to get involved by being a stallholder, sponsor or entertainment vendor. You can find its quick link on the home page of the Shire's website [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au) or go to [flavoursofgingin.com](http://flavoursofgingin.com).



## Have Your Say! Coastal Management Documents Infosessions & Call for Public Comment

The Shire of Gingin is entering the final phase of its 'Our Coast. Our Journey' project. We are now seeking public comment on the revised integrated Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) and Coastal Management Strategy (CMS) documents prior to Council adoption.

As part of the consultation process, we are hosting two (2) community information sessions. Both sessions will be a drop-in style with final draft documents, information, maps, and background reports available for review. We will also have a number of key project personnel available for your individual questions and to enable you to best make a submission.

### DROP-IN SESSION ONE – LANCELIN

Saturday 12 August 2023, 10am - 12.30 pm  
Wangaree Community Centre, 131 Gingin Rd, Lancelin

### DROP-IN SESSION TWO – SEABIRD

Saturday 19 August 2023, 10am – 12.30pm  
Seabird Hall, Chalon Avenue, Seabird



To access the documents and for more information, please scan the QR code or visit the Community Consultation section on the home page of the Shire's website [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au).

We encourage everyone to have a say on this important topic. Send us your feedback by email, post, or by dropping your submissions into the Shire offices, details below:

- Shire of Gingin Administration Centre, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin
- Lancelin Office, 255 Vins Way, Lancelin
- PO Box 510, Gingin WA 6503
- Email: [mail@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@gingin.wa.gov.au)

Submissions close 4pm, **Monday 28 August 2023.**

## Project Updates

Our Operations teams will be undertaking the following works and projects in August:

- CWA Building - floor replacement.
- CU@Park - drainage works.
- Lancelin Sporting Complex - continuation of works to resolve water tank issues.
- Routine maintenance works throughout the Shire.

## Greenwaste Kerbside Collection

Each year the Shire of Gingin undertakes a green waste kerbside collection service for Residential and Rural Residential properties. This year's collection is scheduled to follow the King's Birthday Long Weekend which falls on 23-25 September. Residents wishing to take advantage of this service will need to have green waste placed on the verge no later than **Monday 25 September 2023**. Please remember there are conditions for collection which include that piles must not be contaminated or be larger than 5m<sup>3</sup>. Visit [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au) for all collection criteria information.





### Save the Dates!

**Coastal Management Infosessions - Lancelin:** Saturday 12 August, 10am - 12.30pm and **Seabird:** Saturday 19 August, 10am - 12.30pm (see previous article for more details).

**Local Government Election Candidate Information Session -** 22 August from 6pm, Guilderton Hall, Wedge Street, Guilderton.

**Flavours of Gingin Long Table Dinner (ticketed event) -** Friday 10 November (visit [flavoursofgingin.com](http://flavoursofgingin.com) for more information).

**Flavours of Gingin -** Saturday 11 November, 10am - 11pm, Granville Park, Gingin.

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.

### Community Citizenship of the Year Awards 2024 Nominations Open!



Nominations are now open for the 2024 Community Citizen of the year Awards presented annually on Australia Day, 26 January. Nominating is the perfect opportunity to acknowledge those making an outstanding contribution to the Shire of Gingin community. Nominations close

on **31 October 2023**. To nominate go to: [citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate](http://citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate).

### Protocols for Public Question Time

Historically the Shire hasn't received many questions during Public Question Time, and for that reason Council has not felt a need to strictly apply the Local Law provisions.

However, members of the public are increasingly taking the opportunity to put questions to Council. To ensure that Public Question Time is conducted effectively and efficiently, and all members of the public wishing to ask questions get an opportunity to do so, the following protocols are now in place for all Council meetings:

1. A period of 15 minutes will be allocated for Public Question Time in accordance with reg. 6 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.
2. Each member of the public with questions will be permitted to ask up to three (3) questions before other members of the public are invited to ask their questions. If a person wishes to ask more than three questions, then that person will be given the opportunity to ask further questions only if time permits once all others wishing to ask questions have been given the opportunity to do so. If more than one person has further questions, then each person will be permitted to ask one further question in turn until all questions have been answered or the allotted time expires (whichever occurs first).
3. Questions of which prior written notice has been given to the CEO will be prioritized.

### Council Decisions

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

- Decommissioning of the Guilderton Fire Shed and reclassifying it for municipal use - *approved by Council*.
- Inclusion of Community Funding Program amounts in draft 2023-24 budget for consideration - *agreed by Council*.
- Consideration for the purchase of Lot 7 Dewar Road, Granville for future Gingin Sporting Precinct - *agreed by Council*.
- Application for Development Approval for proposed extractive industry (sand & limestone) on Lot 31 Douglas Road, Beermullah subject to conditions - *approved by Council*.

In addition, 10 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.

### Celebrating Our Elders in Guilderton

On 5 July, the Shire of Gingin hosted its "For Our Elders" event in celebration of NAIDOC week at the Guilderton Foreshore. Yued Elder Darryl Dawson facilitated the Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and sharing of indigenous history of the region. He also shared his personal connection to the area and performed a didgeridoo presentation. Members of the community braved the winter weather and enjoyed the opportunity for learning as well as the free sausage sizzle, Aboriginal artwork stall, and special craft activities for the kids.



### Local Government Elections 2023 Candidate Information Sessions

The 2023 local government election for the Shire of Gingin will be conducted as a postal election by the WA Electoral Commission in October.

There are six (6) vacancies to be contested at this election.

If you are interested in standing for election as a Council member, a Candidate Information Session will be held as follows:

**Date & Time:** Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 6.00pm.

**Venue:** Guilderton Hall, Wedge St, Guilderton (next to Guilderton Country Club).

Potential candidates can register their attendance by contacting Lee-Anne Burt, Coordinator Governance, on 9575 5130 or email [Lee-Anne.Burt@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:Lee-Anne.Burt@gingin.wa.gov.au).



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Applications close on 9 August 2023.

## ***A Celebration and a Ceremony***

Husband and wife, and local Gingin residents, Olga Klyavinsh and Dimitriy Alnikin, will remember the month of July 2023 well.

Dimitriy celebrated his birthday, and Olga became an “Aussie” at a local Citizenship Ceremony held in the Gingin Shire Council Chambers on 25 July.

What is so interesting about both events is that they reflect the changing demographics of Gingin’s population. Once known for its strong interconnectedness of family names and relationships, at Dimitriy’s birthday BBQ, the guests, all local residents, had birthplaces such as Hampshire, Surrey, and Wiltshire, with one guest claiming dual citizenship as an “Eastern Stater”, although a “Sandgroper” by birth.

Dimitriy and Olga are originally from the USSR (now Russia).

To add to the international gathering the spectacular cake was made by our local baker, Andrew Worthington, who was born in Manchester, Lancashire – a Mancunian; and the cake was a Black Forest Torta

with its origins in Germany!!

The international links do not end here. Olga and Dimitriy are currently living in Abu Dhabi (UAE) where Dimitriy is working as a specialist Engineer.

The couple have been on Annual Leave in Gingin, not only to enjoy our cooler weather - it is now summer in the UAE where the temperatures can range from 45C – 55C, but to enable Olga to attend the Citizenship Ceremony.

The Shire’s mid-year ceremony also reflects the changing demographics of Gingin. Normally there is an annual Ceremony held on Australia Day (January 26) at Neergabby, but an increase in local requests prompted the Council to hold this mid-year ceremony.

Olga and Dimitriy are yet to gain a taste for our national icon – Vegemite – but their story clearly shows Gingin is no longer an isolated country town off a dirt road. It is now part of the global village.

Congratulations Olga, and Happy Birthday Dimitriy.

Written by M.Cameron



ABOVE - Dimitriy enjoying his birthday celebrations with friends Graeme, Jill and Niamh and Mary Cameron.



RIGHT - Olga with Gingin Shire Counsellor Andrea Vis at the Citizenship Ceremony.



# Senior Citizens Centre

A rumour about town is that a very well-meaning philanthropist in our community is looking to invest in a Senior Citizens Community Centre. This would be a place where our older citizens can meet, be entertained, fed and a place where they can be helped with the bureaucratic requirements of modern society.

Our small town seems to love to duplicate facilities. Instead of developing a single sporting precinct to cater for all, we have a golf club, a bowling club, a recreation centre and a horse-based eventing area south of town, each having their own club room facilities. These facilities require regular maintenance and being Shire assets, our rates contribute to the costs of this upkeep.

Now the talk that we may get a facility for the Seniors, seems once again to be following our past history. It has the potential to duplicate facilities that we already have.

The Bendigo Facility at the Recreation Oval, the Recreation Centre itself and Granville Civic Centre all have rooms along with kitchen facilities and bathrooms that might suit the group. In addition to these is the Gingin Community Resource Centre, which has a large room that has recently become vacant.

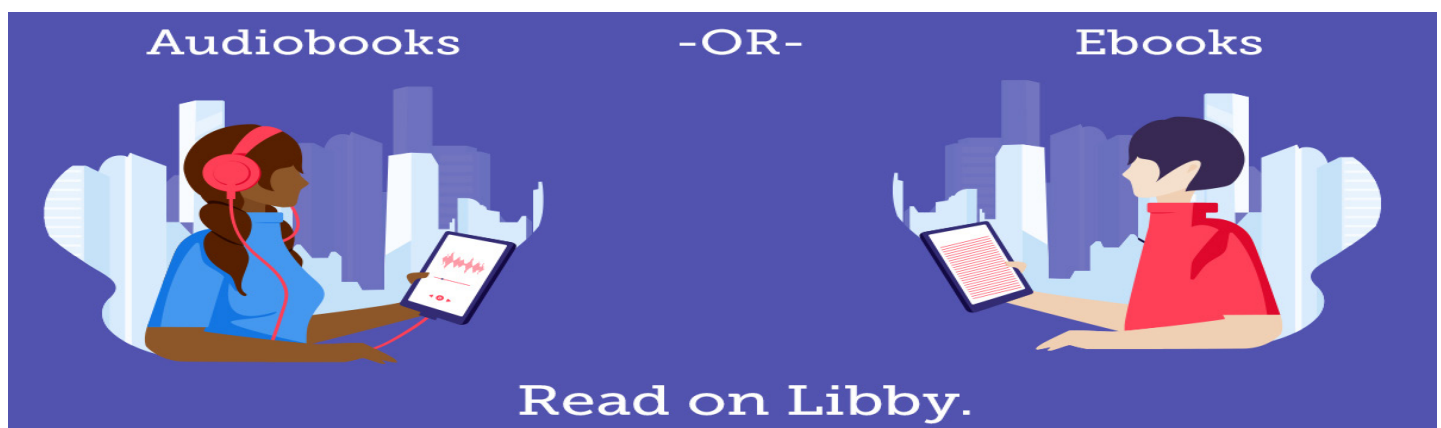
I must admit up front that I am a member of the Committee of the Gingin Community Resource Centre (CRC) and always looking for means to keep the CRC doors open to the public and for our facility to be fully utilised.

I would suggest that the room available for rent at the CRC would be perfect for the Seniors. If the room was rented for our Senior Citizens it would be available 365 days of the year, solely for their use. The facility has a separate access. It is airconditioned, providing cooling and heating depending on the season and has a large kitchen that is licensed for food preparation. In addition, it has wheelchair access facilities, internet access and cleaning is provided.

Another drawcard would be that weekdays the girls at the Centre are available to assist with the bureaucratic side of life. Part of their present day to day workings involve helping the community with their technological needs. The CRC has a Centrelink Desk and many an hour is spent helping people traverse that minefield. There is also the added benefit of the library being onsite, with many audio books and movies along with a great selection of fiction and non-fiction books.

So please, before spending on a facility, consider what the town has to offer. It also gives time to see the number of people that would be drawn to such a meeting place to see if a larger specifically built facility is needed. In the meantime, I am sure that there is a permanent home just waiting for our seniors within the town limits.

Kind regards,  
Tracy Collard



## Birth

Baby Frankie, born early Saturday night 8th of July. She came into the world with a short sharp 5 hour labour with mum and bub both very happy and healthy. She is our new bundle of joy, making plenty of interesting sounds and expressions. Can't wait for her to be bouncing off the walls of the bottle shop whilst dad is trying to keep the town hydrated. Congratulations Jack and Jenna Butler.



## Vale

The Gingin Community Resource Centre are saddened to hear of the passing of Doug Ayre on 1/7/2023.

Doug was heavily involved with the CRC when we undertook the "Oral History Project". Over approximately 12 months from 2018 – 2019, Doug interviewed 9 local Shire of Gingin community members. The history and stories told were later turned into printed manuscripts. You can find and

read Doug's interviews at both Gingin and Lancelin Public Libraries.

Rest in peace Doug. We will be forever grateful for your time, and the stories you captured for us will be treasured for years to come.



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If you pay rent to stay at someone else's house, then you're likely to be considered a lodger. If meals are supplied too, you're probably a boarder. Because neither boarders nor lodgers are technically considered 'tenants', they aren't covered by the Residential Tenancies Act 1987 (which protects co-tenants and sub-tenants), but instead have rights under both common law and the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

Under the ACL, the property must be fit for purpose, meaning it must be safe, habitable and meet your needs as discussed with the landlord at the beginning.

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The landlord is also not allowed to making false or misleading representations about the property or services, such as claiming there is air-conditioning when there isn't, or agreeing to provide a wide variety of meals when they don't.

If you have a problem with the property or the services provided, contact your landlord directly in the first instance to give them the opportunity to fix the problem. If this doesn't work, we may be able to help negotiate an agreed outcome.

If you are not sure whether you are a boarder, lodger, co-tenant or sub-tenant, contact Consumer Protection [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au) or 1300 30 40 54 to discuss. In some circumstances it may be necessary for a court to make a binding decision about which one you are.

# The Assassin

by Alan Gent

The rain was pelting down when the bus finally arrived, and after I'd shown the conductor my pass, I dragged myself up the narrow staircase, and sat in my favourite seat at the back. I suppose I liked the seat because it allowed me to doze off undisturbed sometimes. I don't know why I liked to work late. Perhaps having nobody at home to worry about, and somehow liking an office that's dead quiet with all those distracting voices absent.

At this time of the evening there were rarely any passengers, and the few that took the bus, usually sat downstairs.

The bus grumbled through the gears and settled down to its sure and steady pace. The rain drummed against the windows and on the steel roof, and my eyes started to close.

I must have drifted right off, because when I looked up, there was a large man dressed in black in one of the seats off to my right, about half-way down. I hadn't seen him before, but that was no surprise. I was on a later bus than I usually took and there was a notable absence of the young couples that liked to sit downstairs at the back, with giggling girls and rough-sounding boys. Their raucous voices wafted up the stairs and usually spoilt an otherwise pleasant trip home. I made a mental note to take the later bus from now on.

Still, I was feeling sleepy again. The regular movement of the bus, and the hammering rain had a soporific effect, and I felt my eyes beginning to close.

There was something about my fellow passenger that kept nagging at me. Perhaps it was my sluggish thinking, but he reminded me somehow of a great beast. Every now and then, I'd catch a sight of him writing in a small black book. Then he'd gaze upwards for a while. More scribbling, then another skyward interval. When he bent his head

forward to write, I could catch a glimpse of a stark white collar below his bull neck. I must have been really sleepy. I got this weird notion that he was some sort of villain—perhaps even an assassin! As the idea took form in my mind, it became more detailed. Something like a cloud in the sky that seems to resemble a huge animal. The more you look, the more mammal-like the cloud becomes. You 'see' its ears, long nose, curled-up paws....

Obviously, the black book he wrote in was significant. It could be a list of 'targets' - a tick against each one that he'd managed to 'eliminate'. Or maybe it was a plan of attack for his next victim. I was willing to bet that the little black book would have spelt terror for many an 'innocent' victim. That was it! Suppose he was a 'hit-man' for 'the Mob'?!. His unsuspecting victims were probably not so innocent themselves. When he bent over to write, his great bull neck was probably the last thing that they saw before their eyes closed for good! I wondered what sort of a face he had. His white collar indicated that he was well-dressed. He was probably like 'Mack the Knife'. I remembered the line that said something about 'fancy gloves' and there never being 'a trace of red'. This villain probably wouldn't get his hands dirty either. A shiver went through me. I suddenly realised all traces of drowsiness had disappeared! I was so absorbed in building up a picture of this person who was so obviously a really bad man, that I'd become wide awake!

I wondered how he murdered his victims. Perhaps it was a knife—not likely—too messy. What about a garrotte?. He looked strong enough to overpower any poor person that struggled. But then again, there were any number of ways that he could 'do away' with his targets, many of which didn't require him to be even close.

A sudden horrifying thought crept into my tired mind. Perhaps he could sense that I was analysing him! If he was a really experienced 'hit man' he would have to have



this kind of 'sixth sense' to stay one step ahead of the opposition. I wasn't really thinking about mind-reading, but maybe....

I squeezed my eyes shut and tried to think of pleasant things. I deliberately filled my mind with all sorts of trivial instances that had occurred in my short life. But every now and then, I kept seeing a huge face with an evil leer moving closer to mine, big hands and stubby fingers encircling my neck!

Quite suddenly, I realised the bus was turning into my street. What a relief! I'd soon be out. I resolved never, never, to catch this late bus again. I started to rise. Suddenly, I saw that the figure ahead of me was preparing to get out of his seat! I shrunk back down and averted my eyes. I could not have made myself more insignificant if I'd screwed myself up into a little ball. I hung my head, pretending to examine a very in-

teresting and as yet undiscovered part of the back of my hand.

The figure approached as the bus slowed down at my stop. I saw the black polished shoes stop in front of me. I cringed.

"Hello Mr. Thompson. I didn't recognise you when I got on. Hope you come to Church on Sunday. I think I've got a really good sermon planned." He held up the little black book and laughed.

I looked up in utter disbelief, recognition creeping across my ashen face. Our vicar was always a jolly sort of chap.

"I'll be damned." I said.

He looked at me with a puzzled amusement in his eyes.

"I certainly hope not. See you in Church." And he walked heavily down the stairs chuckling to himself.



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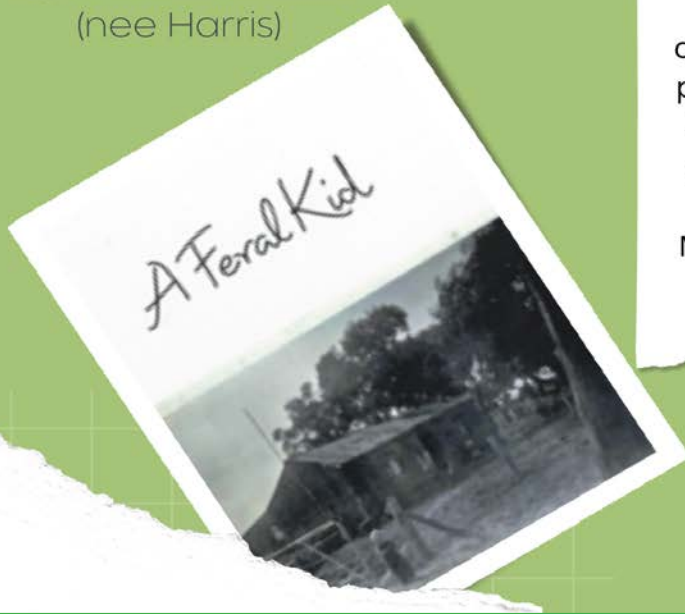
 

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## Are those prawns in my garden?



Lawn "shrimp", *Arcitalitrus sylvaticus*,

### Forget shrimp on a barbie, what are they doing in my garden?

The recent wet weather has contributed to an interesting report of some "*tiny flea looking... prawn things*" in a Perth resident's garden. This prompted us to re-visit a previous article on these curious crustaceans.

Lawn shrimp, *Arcitalitrus sylvaticus*, also referred to as lawn prawns or landhoppers, are terrestrial crustaceans from the family Talitridae. These tiny 5-20 mm nocturnal soil dwellers are normally found within the top few centimetres of soil/mulch, where they feed on dead organic material (particularly eucalyptus debris), turning it into fertiliser for the garden.

Heavy rain in winter can prompt a sudden emergence of lawn shrimp, sometimes in their hundreds, giving people a shock when they appear across lawns, garden beds and paving. Don't worry, they don't pose a threat to people, pets, or the environment.

Lawn shrimp are related to marine and freshwater crustaceans but lack the waxy coating on their exoskeleton which aids the retention of moisture.

They need moist soil to live and feed in, but if the soil is too wet or too dry the shrimp emerge from the soil looking for more suitable habitat. Sadly, they often find themselves on paving or driveways dying of dehydration and starvation. Poor things.

Equipped with seven pairs of leg-like appendages, they move with a springing action using their three pairs of "hind" legs. It's likely this movement, and their tiny size, that leads people to suspect they're fleas.

Lawn shrimp breed year-round and the mated female lays eggs in a pouch on the underside of their body. The babies are a smaller version of the adults and leave the pouch soon after hatching. How cute!

### Do I control these?

There's no need for control. Just sweep them up and return them to the garden to add to the organic content in the soil.


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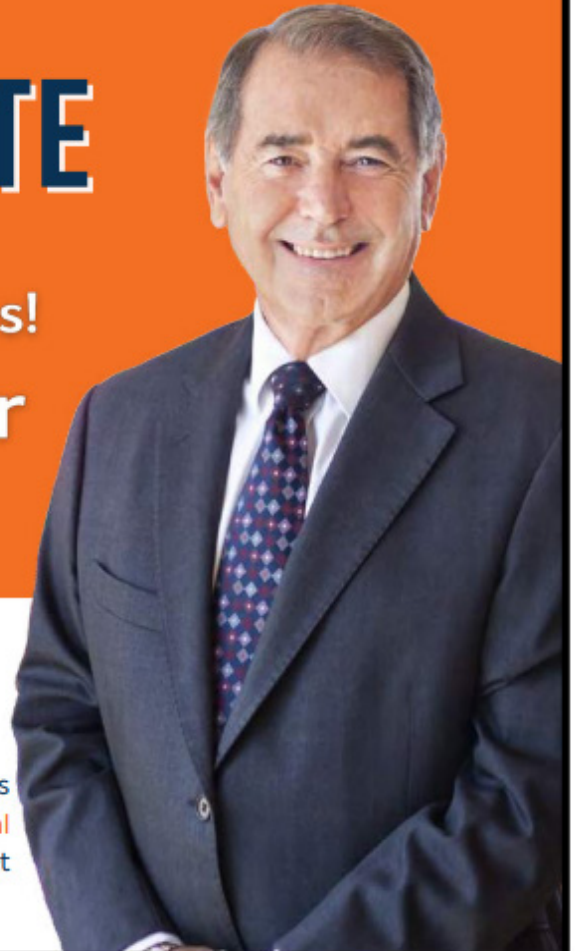


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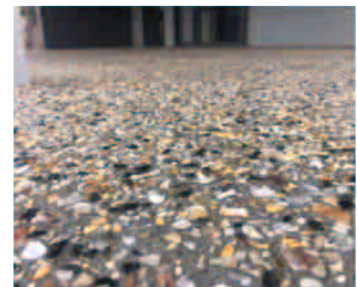
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