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Editor's Note

The CRC Committee and Staff are delighted to advise the contract with InCasa has now been signed and we are able to onboard home care package clients that are not receiving sufficient services. We are also able to assist people to work through the 'My Aged Care' website and enquire whether or not they are eligible for home care assistance. Anyone over the age of 65 can check on eligibility. It is also worth noting, even if you only have a few things you currently find difficulty with, by being assessed and placed on a low level package you will receive assistance where you need it now but you are in the system for later in life when those requirements increase. Our new Case Coordinator Sue is away at the moment but I would be happy to answer any questions or onboard any clients in her absence.

Speaking of such, a great big **Happy 100th Birthday** to one of our first home care package clients Mrs Margaret Dobra. What an awesome achievement and well done to her wonderful family who take such good care of her.

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







Heather has been working on the Halloween map for this year's trick or treaters and we have utilized SurveyMonkey to capture address information for those happy to be involved. Likewise, if you do not wish to be called upon we can print you off a sign to place at your house to opt out.

October is breast cancer month and a good time for us all to get to know our breasts again. When you know what's normal you can easily identify if anything has changed or needs to be investigated. Take the time to care for yourself as with most women we are the careers for everyone else.

As you will see inside this edition we have a Xero workshop coming up so please register if you would like to attend as it is proving very popular.

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

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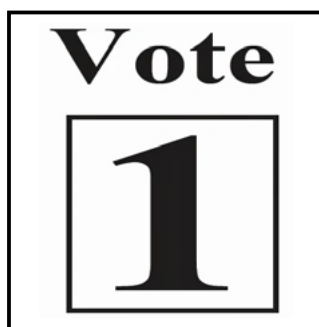
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If you would like to submit an article, story or advertisement in the next edition of the Buzz, please email gcn@gingin.net by 25th October 2023.

A Century of Love, Laughter and Legacy

A lot can happen in 100 years, and fewer than 1% of Australians can tell us the secret to becoming a centenarian; however, there is a Gingin resident who can – Margaret Dobra. Margaret Frances Dobra, known as Grandma to many, turned 100 on Sunday, 24th September, and celebrated in style in Gingin with over 100 friends and family members.

Margaret was born in Australia, the eldest of five daughters to Scottish parents, John Kevan and Margaret Tait. You could almost say that Margaret is an accidental Australian. Her father intended to settle the family in New Zealand in 1919, but after being violently seasick on the journey, John decided that Fremantle was the furthest he would go! As John was a returned World War I soldier, the Australian government initially provided him with a pick, shovel and land in Bridgetown, WA. For a short time, Margaret and her parents lived in a tent on the block; however, they had to move

because John could not clear the property of its huge trees with only a pick and a shovel and shrapnel lodged in his back from the war.

The small family briefly moved to a nearby farm before John was offered a job looking after a property near Kojonup owned by Mr Schorer, a schoolteacher. Three of Margaret's sisters were born during that time, and Margaret remembers starting school with only a few other children. "The teacher used to live with us because there was no accommodation for her."

When Margaret was about 11, her family moved to Greenbushes, where they ran a small cattle farm and an orchard. She has memories of helping her father milk the cows and separate the cream before the milk was taken to the cheese and butter factory in Capel, which still exists today. Margaret's youngest sister was born in 1937, and while her mother was already busy cooking, cleaning, and raising her



daughters, she had to wrap apples in paper and pack them into wooden crates before they were exported to England. After all these years, one of Margaret's clearest memories is from her childhood in Greenbushes. "I had to ride four and a half miles there [and back] every day on my bike to go to school," she almost complains.

At 15, Margaret moved to boarding school in Bunbury to complete her schooling, and when her father joined the army in World War II, her family moved to Cannington. "My dad, he put his age down and got into the army again," she laughs, "but he was just in Perth, in the records department." Following in her father's footsteps, Margaret joined the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF) when she turned eighteen. She wanted to be a transport driver, but the WAAAF was desperate for cooks, so she was sent to Melbourne for training, where she remained for two years, cooking for approximately 2,000 airmen stationed there – that's a lot of potatoes to peel! "Oh no, we had a machine to do the potatoes that tumbled them around to take the skins off!" she says. Margaret continued cooking for the air force, moving from Melbourne to Perth, where she was made Corporal, Perth to Rottnest Island, and then to Cunderdin. She never made a fuss. "I just took it as it came, I suppose," she shrugs. When her mother died, Margaret, who was 21, put in her discharge and returned home to Cannington to cook and care for her father and her sisters.

At 22, she married George Dobra, and they moved to Spearwood, working in their own market garden – and Margaret became part of the Dobra market gardening legacy. Initially opening a store in South Fremantle in 1956 to supply the needs of growers in Spearwood and Osborne Park, George and Margaret decided to build a larger market gardening supply store in 1959 on Rockingham Road in Spearwood, which was later expanded to include the sale of furniture, electrical goods, and white goods.

During their time in Spearwood, Margaret and George had their two boys, Barry and Glenn, who became part of the family business from a young age. In 1969, George and Margaret sold their store, joining Barry to grow vegetables in new market gardens they had purchased.

Eventually, Barry and Glenn started their own families and market gardens in Gingin. In retirement, Margaret and George moved to Gingin in 1987 to be closer to their sons, but tragically, George passed away from prostate cancer five years later. Fortunately, Margaret had a support network of friends through volunteering for the Red Cross, attending local arts and crafts classes, and, of course, her loving family, which has expanded to include 19 great-grandchildren with a new addition on the way. "There are quite a lot of them all together now," she laughs. Margaret still remembers all her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's names, sending them birthday cards every year. She keeps her mind active with crocheting, reading the paper and her Bible, solving word puzzles, and watching *Millionaire Hot Seat* with Barry.

When asked what the most important thing in her life has been, Margaret answers without hesitation: "My two boys." She loves her sons, and their wives and children hold a special place in her heart. Does she feel she's had a good life? "Yes, I suppose I have. There were times when it wasn't so good, but, however, you can't have all good."

Margaret has no secrets to a long life. She doesn't feel like someone special because she's reached this amazing milestone. She's just grateful to take life as it comes and share her love with her family. And if she were to offer them any advice, it would be to "all love each other."

As she has always written to others in their birthday cards: *May the Lord bless you and keep you*, Margaret. We are all better people for knowing you.

Written by Laura Dobra

10 & 11 November 2023

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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 visit our website www.flavoursofgingin.com



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Community Groups

Gardening Group

Our September group outing found us in Woodridge at the private garden of Dave and Anne Stroud. They have a very free and artistic approach to their garden which transformed their space into an interesting, fun and beautiful garden. It's free flowing, plant filled and quirky with surprises around every bend. Once a pool now a sunken courtyard surrounded by easy care plants. There are numerous nooks and crannies throughout to sit for a relaxing cuppa or glass of wine. Pieces of art and rusty relics dotted amongst the garden beds, the cutest hobbit hut that sparked the inner child in us all. Just inspiration everywhere that I'm sure gave many of our group ideas to take home. Dave also has a passion for Bonsai and has quite a collection. He shared his knowledge and expertise with us and again I'm sure many of the group are inspired to have a go at home. Dave

also makes walking sticks out of natural bush poles in his spare time. The two of them share the workload of the garden without tending it to an inch of its life. It is a relaxing cheerful and enjoyable garden to be in. We were expecting a shower of rain that afternoon and were not disappointed, a good heavy shower saw us huddled together under the patio with a cuppa before heading home. I might add a few of the group managed to take home some very small hitch hikers (pepper ticks) which I am sure they are still scratching. All enjoyed the day and are looking forward to our October meeting. Hope everyone's garden is beginning to bloom with the fairer weather coming in. I also hope your tomato plants are in, nothing better than home grown Tommy's.

C.P

Gingin Brook Catchment Group

The Gingin Water Group Inc passed a Special Resolution at a meeting of members on 26th June 2023 to change the name of the group to Gingin Brook Catchment Group Inc. The members also voted to change the objects of the group to reflect the activities which the change of name suggests. The change of name and objects was approved by the Commissioner and became effective from 7th July 2023.

The new objects of the group are:

Object 1. Foster and promote an understanding of sustainable land and water use in the Gingin Brook Catchment.

Object 2. Work in cooperation with local, state and federal governments, private organisations, Aboriginal Corporations and other not-for-profit groups to ensure sustainable land and water use.

Object 3. Promote and publicise water and

land conservation practices for all types of land use in the Gingin Brook Catchment.

Object 4. Obtain ethical funding for projects to ensure the viability of all water dependent ecosystems across the Gingin Brook Catchment are maintained and improved.

Object 5. Obtain ethical funding to undertake achievable actions to protect, conserve and restore waterways, aquifers, and natural assets, including flora and fauna, in the Gingin Brook Catchment to preserve the social, economic and environmental values they underpin.

The next meeting is planned for Monday 13th November (to be confirmed). Existing and new members welcome. If you are unable to attend but have questions or comments contact us at info@ginginwater.org.au. The webpage www.ginginwater.org.au will remain active with access to previous reports and resources available while we transition.

CAN YOU HELP?

October, 2023



FROGMORE TIME CAPSULE

*Do you have information
about the “Frogmore”
Time Capsule??*

We want to hear from you!!

The time capsule was hidden some years ago on the corner of Gingin Brook Road and Bell Road, the entrance to the Gingin Rural Industrial Estate, formally known as Frogmore Estate.

-What year was it hidden?

-When is it due to be revealed?

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Gingin Shire Firefighters Canadian Deployment

Four firefighters from the Gingin shire were part of a team of twenty arduous fire fighters from all over Western Australia that left on a five and half week firefighting deployment to Canada on July 13. The team travelled over thirty hours before arriving in Canada. On arrival we were sent to the fire warehouse to collect our bag of firefighting gear and accommodation. The bag contained a thin bed roll, sleeping bag, hard hat, head torch, bear whistle and a first aid kit (yes that's right no PILLOW).

Our group of 4-5 were given brand new RAM trucks to travel in, we stopped at Walmart for pillows and air mattresses and then we set off on the 5-hour drive to the Kimiwan fire camp in Alberta where we would be based. We arrived, had a camp induction and set up our tent's. Ate dinner and headed for bed, we were all still super jet lagged.

The next 14 days we worked hard to control hotspots on the fire ground, walking at least 15kms a day and using only hoses that had to be run from lake systems with a pump (some of the hose lays we did were up to 5km long), hand tools and helicopters with water buckets to combat the fire. We were flown into the fire ground via helicopters most days unless the weather was bad and then it was a two-hour trek via Hagland (tracked ex-military vehicles). Weather conditions there are extremely

different to here. 28 degrees is a heat wave over there and the nights in a tent were freezing and it was their summer!! There were NO fire trucks.

We went to Hinton for our two days R&R where most of us travelled to Jasper both days. What an absolutely beautiful place. The mountains and wildlife were insane, two days was definitely not long enough but we had a fire to put out. The next 14 days were much the same although it did rain a lot for a few days and we were not able to access the fire ground due to how wet the ground was and with the amount of lightning and storm cells around, so we had some camp days. We all thought that would be it, the fire would be out, but boy were we wrong! The fire continued to burn even after over 60mm of rain. The ground was now slippery and muddy (knee deep muddy) and the fire had now been burning for 100 days but it had now been downgraded to being held.

We got to work alongside other international firefighters from South Africa, America and local crews from Alberta.

There was so much wildlife in and around camp. We saw bears, moose, deer, elk, squirrels and bison.

On day 103 of the fire, we left camp to start our very long trek home to Perth, we drove back to Edmonton, had a night in a real bed then headed to the airport.



We had an amazing WA team, and we became family to each other. Lifelong friendships were made, the camp staff were super friendly, and we will keep in touch via Facebook.

I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to go on this deployment and I would

definitely put my hand up to go again if Canada is in need of help in the future.

Canada have sent crews to help in Australia a few times in the past so it was great to be able to return the favour.

It's great to be back home with my family.

Written by Nikki Woods





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South Midlands Netball Association

The 2023 South Midlands Netball Association Season celebrated their Grand Finals on the 9th of September at the Gingin Bendigo Bank Complex hosted by the Gingin Netball Club, marking the end to another successful year of competition and sportsmanship on the netball court. We would like to reflect on the outstanding achievements and memorable moments that graced the SMNA stage.

First and foremost, a heartfelt thanks goes to our dedicated committee Heather Dewar, Cath Hall, Danica Todd, Lauren Crofts, Alison Kenworthy and Kim Knight who poured so much time and effort into making this a successful season to be enjoyed by all.

Our Junior Division 2 premiers were IHC Rockets defeating Gingin Hornets 34 V 18, with Astasia Gooch of IHC receiving the Most Valuable Player award for the Grand Final. Astasia also earned Fairest and Best for the Association with Corey Smith of Gingin Receiving Runner-up.

Junior Division 1 Gingin Lightning defeated Gingin Demons 36 V 22, with Blayz Meredith of Lightning dominating the defence and taking away a well-received Most Valuable. Addison Walker of Gingin and Lily Beckwith of Gingin sharing the honour of Fairest and Best, with Xavier Campbell of IHC as the runner up.



Senior Division 2 saw IHC Storm claiming victory over Bindoon Bandits 55 v 28 with Ashley Lomas of IHC receiving Most Valuable Player. Joanna Gledhill of Bindoon taking the title of Fairest and Best for the season, with Ashley Lomas and Ashley Paterson of IHC taking joint runner up.

Senior Division 1 premiers were Gingin Redbacks defeating Gingin Sapphire 43 V 28, with Aimee Hamilton of Redbacks taking a well-earned Most Valuable Player, having to play all areas of the court throughout the game. Lauren Crofts of Gingin achieved Fairest and Best and Denaye Kerr of Bindoon Runner up.

As the season ended, we applaud all the players, parents, coaches, officials and supporters for their relentless dedication and commitment to our association and the sport. The memories created on court will undoubtedly fuel the passion for netball in the years to come, and we eagerly await the return of the next SMNA winter season.



Junior Div 2 Premiers
IHC Rockets



Junior Div 1 Premiers
Gingin Lightning



Senior Div 2 Premiers
IHC Storm



Senior Div 1 Premiers
Gingin Redbacks

Glory, Glory to the Mighty Green and Gold

The Mortlock League finals were a spectacular showcase of talent with the Gingin Eagles soaring high with an impressive 5 teams making it to the Grand Finals. It was a day filled with highs and lows, with great sportsmanship and a love of the club shown throughout.

In Junior Netball, the Gingin Eagles enjoyed an undefeated season, but faced a challenging Goomalling side in the grand final, ultimately losing with a score of 14 to 25. Nevertheless, they still had a great season and deserve an applause.

Reserves Netball, on the other hand, had a dominating victory against Goomalling with a blow out score of 52 to 16. Suzanne Reid from Gingin adding to her trophy case with a Most Valuable Player.

League Netball provided a nail-biting game taking an early lead of 3 at first quarter time, then coming into the final quarter down by 2. Everyone holding their breath for the final whistle, Gingin defeating Calingiri 35 to 34.

In the world of football, the junior team gave their all but fell short in the preliminary final against Dalwallinu, losing by 4 points. Reserves football had a stella season coming into the grand final undefeated, fighting hard they narrowly missed the title, losing by 5 points to Calingiri. Chaz

Gresele of Gingin was a standout, earning Best on Ground with a fantastic fourth quarter performance.

The League however delivered an impressive win against Goomalling, with a final score of 103 to 68, coming away as the Mortlock Football League Premiers for 2023. Ben Taylor receiving Best on Ground.

A few weeks earlier the Mortlock Association held the 2023 Medal Count. Gingin Eagles have once again proved their prowess with Sam Schlagheke receiving League Runner-Up Fairest and Best, while James Bayliss and Leigh McCallum jointly received the reserves Runner-up Fairest and Best title. Leigh also secured reserves Highest Goal Kicker with 86 goals for the season. Suzanne Reid keeping the Netball girls up there with a joint Fairest and Best for the reserves netball.

A quick thank you goes to the Gingin Eagles Committees for a successful season. Extra thanks going to Nerida for doing the gate for all the home games and James Bayliss and Ian Griffiths for marking the fields. The 2023 season has been a great achievement by all with awards night winding us up on the 7th of October at the Gingin Granville.



2023 Mortlock League Football Premiers



2023 Mortlock League and Reserves Netball Premiers

Gingin Golf Club - Ladies

The Gingin Ladies Members have continued to support other local clubs in the last month with 4 members travelling to the York Open Day. Six members travelled to the Bolgart Open Day and under some very hot conditions saw Kerry Fewster winning the Gross, Bev Moxham Best 3rd Nett, Marnee Pearse Best Unplaced Visitor and Crystal Pascoe Best Limit Marker for the day. Kerry Fewster and Kaye Bingham travelled to Cunderdin Golf Club for the AVLGA Championship Foursomes. A 4BBB Open Day at Chequers Golf Club saw Kerry Fewster and Nina Foulkes-Taylor win with a magnificent score of 46 points. This year's Country Week had 4 members attend and Kerry Fewster won the Silver 36 hole Nett Sandgreens event. Congratulations to all members who participated.

Just because we didn't think we were playing enough golf, we also added into our fixtures the Ladies Club Championships!

Held over 2 consecutive weeks (36 holes Stroke competition) with daily Nett competitions.

Round 1: Nett winner Kerry Fewster and Runner Up Kathy Gobbart with the day generously sponsored by Kathy Gobbart

Round 2: Nett winner Karen Pollard and Runner Up Robin Higgins on a countback from Nina Foulkes-Taylor and the day kindly sponsored by our dormant member Irene Neville, (a gardening pun intended here).

A big thank you to our generous sponsors, Craig from Country Values Real Estate, Carolyn and Robert Brodie-Hall, Tronox and WCS Concrete.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

- Club Champion: (Country Values Real Estate) ROBIN HIGGINS (169)
- Runner Up: (Country Value Real Estate) KERRY FEWSTER (185)
- Nett Winner: (Carolyn and Rob Brodie-Hall) ROBIN HIGGINS (143)
- Nett Runner Up: (Tronox) KAREN POLLARD

As we had A Grade and B Grade divisions we also awarded:

- Nett Winner-A Grade- (WCS Concrete)- Kaye Bingham (151)
- Nett Winner-B Grade- (WCS Concrete)- Kathy Gobbart (151)
- Gross Winner-B Grade- (WCS Concrete)-Nina Foulkes-Taylor (205)

Our recent club day results:

6th September – Jean Latto Trophy Stableford day, Winner Kathy Gobbart, Runner Up Crystal Pascoe

13th September – Robin Higgins Trophy Stableford day (unfortunately rained off after 4 holes) – Winner: Jill Lane, Runner Up: Carolyn Brodie-Hall, Nearest Pin: Bree Cocking



Club Champion
Robin Higgins (169)



Runner-Up
Kerry Fewster (185)



Nett A Grade Winner
Kaye Bingham (151)



Nett B Grade Winner
Kathy Gobbart (151)



Gross B Grade Winner
Nina Foulkes-Taylor
(205)

Gingin Golf Club - Mens

Towards the end of the season tradition dictates that we hold the Club Championship for our men members, this year is no exception. On 2 September, a substantial field of players gathered for the 27-hole stroke event. In mild weather conditions the whole field played the front nine first followed by a break for a snack and some refreshment. The field then re-commenced with groups of players starting from various tee positions. Winning the day, and Club Champion again, was Paul Fewster with a score of 120 strokes, the runner-up was Colin Zappelli 126 and in third place came Duncan Hackman 129. It is significant, and certainly worthy of a mention, that during Paul's round he scored an Eagle on No8 hole, two shots on the par four. We are indebted to our sponsors WCS Concrete, Loose Leaf Lettuce, Tronox and Cellarbrations for their generous contributions towards the prizes awarded to the winners.

The Club Championship was held in conjunction with the Brodie-Hall Nett Championship which has now been established for eight years. The winner on this occasion was Ray Ashworth with a nett 103 followed by Col Fewster with 107, Mark Sanders and Alby Sermon both on 111; Mark winning on a count back from Alby. The prizes for this competition are donated, with appreciation, by the Brodie-Hall family.

On the 20 September, the Golf Club held the AGM at which Brian Carter was re-elected for a further term as Chairperson. One notable change took place to the committee as Robert Brodie-Hall stepped down as secretary to be replaced by Bev Moxham. We wish Bev well in the position and congratulate Robert for his diligent service in the roll. The committee has also been expanded with the addition of Rob Whiley as an ordinary member.

Our closing day was organised for the 23 September and was a mixed Ambrose event. Karen Pollard and Mark Sanders won the day, second place was Robert Brodie-Hall, Reg Caldwell, and Marnee Pearse and third were Brendan Fewster and Chris Bell. We enjoyed a very pleasant meal after the game following which the various prizes were presented. It was very gratifying that the day was sponsored by one of our young members, Col Fewster, a delightful gesture on his behalf. At this time the Men's Eclectic competition is concluded and Paul Kelly was the winner, collecting a prize donated, with thanks, by Max Fewster.

Whilst the season is now officially over, we will keep playing social golf on Saturdays and Scroungers on Wednesday afternoons, if you have the inclination there is an open invitation for anyone to join us.



Club Champion
Paul Fewster (120)



Runner-Up
Colin Zappelli (126)



Nett Winner
Ray Ashworth (103)



Nett Runner-Up
Col Fewster (107)

Vote for accountability and honesty Gingin Shire Elections

As sitting Councillors and candidates in next month's Shire of Gingin elections, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify various concerns circulating on social media. We ask to be considered for re-election and secure your vote and trust you as electors to make an informed decision based on accurate information.

1. Red Tape -We would all like to see less red tape, a simpler and more efficient approvals process. As a Council we are finalising revisions to the Local Planning Scheme and reviewing policies, that should soon be released for public feedback, which aims to make approvals processes easier, not harder. The Shire implements a myriad of Legislation, Local Laws and Regulations and we acknowledge that in some cases these documents restrict Councils discretion when making decisions. Please understand that these documents are intended to prevent land use conflict arising from competing objectives and interest prevalent throughout our diverse Shire. An example of this includes refusal of a quarry in close proximity to the Woodridge Rural Living Estate. While landowners can apply for any development they see fit, the Local Planning Scheme provides a process that needs to be followed to avoid futile and costly appeals. In the case of the quarry application, this went through all necessary assessments, including public consultation prior to a decision being made, which ultimately refused the development. The applicant appealed the decision at the State Administrative Tribunal which subsequently ended with the proposal being withdrawn. A great outcome for the community, council and prevented a potential conflict for the exciting new brewery and restaurant approved in Caraban. While the applicant viewed Councils position as excessive red tape, it was a necessary evil to protect the community.

The message being that we are striving to find the balance between cutting red tape, embracing and encouraging new developments, while having enough rigour in the policy framework to protect the community from competing interests.

2. Coastal Erosion/ Inundation -We have been asked many times for our views on this very important issue so we will start by repeating what was said in a media release a few of weeks ago by the Shire President. As most of you would know the state required us to prepare a Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP). The CHRMAP is a requirement to enable council to apply for funding and receive assistance in dealing with coastal issues. Some of the predictions are very alarming, and we acknowledge that they are only predictions. It is however responsible governance to have a plan in place that ensures council will receive assistance and funding to prepare impacted areas should the predictions come to fruition. We all hope they don't. We think the consultant's statement "*We need to prepare for the worst and hope for the best*" sums up the attitude we need to have moving forward.

Council released the CHRMAP documents as part of the third phase of the community consultation process, the first two being weekend forums held in Lancelin and Seabird. Unfortunately, the community views the draft documents as a 'done deal'. We can't emphasise enough that this is not the case. We want your input/submissions,

and we are not trying to deceive or hide anything from the public. If this was not the case, then ask yourself this simple question – “Why would Councillors initiate the third phase of consultation at a time when elections were approaching?” It was done to be transparent and to seek community input.

One of us is a homeowner and recreational fisher from Ledge Point and others holiday on a regular basis in our coastal towns and frequently visit for recreationally purposes. We certainly understand the concerns around boat launching areas in both Lancelin and Ledge Point and firmly believe they need to remain in the current positions as they are the safest locations.

With regard to beach closures, we also understand the concerns raised and view pedestrian and vehicle access to the beach as being part of the very fabric of our coastal areas. We believe that with better signage and education that any closures should be kept to a bare minimum.

We as sitting Councillors pride ourselves on being honest and accountable and have the experience needed to represent you for a further term, we are all passionate about our entire community and endeavour to work with our community groups to achieve outcomes that keep our Shire growing with prosperity, sustainability with an ideal lifestyle to live and work. There is lots of work to do, and we are all committed to delivering good governance.

We will all be attending the candidate’s forum at Woodridge on the 9th of October at 7.00 pm. If you would like to discuss any issues, please call our mobiles, email your questions to us at the email addresses below.

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My Name is **Linda Balcombe** and I am running for local government in the **Gingin Shire**.

My husband and I have lived in Gingin for over 25 years, have two daughters and three grandchildren. In this time, I have been an active member on numerous committees including Gingin Netball Club, South Midlands Netball, Gingin Community Resource Centre, Gingin Bowling Club, Gingin Outdoor Activity Space working group and Gingin School Board.

I served 10 years in the Australian Defence Force, worked for State Government, Local Government, a Not-for-Profit organisation, owned my own business and worked in the Education system. I am currently the Board/Community Officer for our local community Bendigo Bank which gives me opportunities to work with many community groups throughout the Shire. My husband also works locally, and we are active community contributors.

I am passionate about our community and if re-elected, promise I will be approachable and listen to any issues or ideas that you may have. I am a compassionate and fair-minded person, always willing to listen to both sides of an argument and give an honest, informed, and unbiased opinion.

I am keen to promote growth and sustainability in our Shire whilst having regard for the history and heritage of our community.

I truly believe in open, transparent, and accountable local government and will endeavour to consistently promote this within our community and ensure that I represent your voice if re-elected.

I believe two essential areas of focus in our Shire are our youth and our seniors and it is important to me that both areas remain a priority at both council and community level. I am working constantly on getting good solid aged care outcomes for our whole Shire.

I would really appreciate you to vote 1 for me so I can help make a positive difference in our community. A vote for me, means a vote for fairness, accountability, transparency and progress.

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VOTE 1

LINDA BALCOMBE



VOTE 1 for Andrea Vis (...or at least in the top 6!)

CONNECTING with COMMUNITY

I am re-nominating for Shire Council because, like you, I recognise the need for improved relationships and communication between our community groups and the Shire administration. It is essential that we work together to find sustainable solutions to the various challenges and issues that affect our local communities.

My husband and I have lived in Ocean Farm for 22 years, he runs his own business and I have worked at Gingin District High School since 2007.

One of the greatest assets I bring to this endeavour is my strong communication skills and my experience working within government systems. I am committed to using these skills to bridge the gap between our community groups and the Shire, ensuring that your voices are heard, and your concerns are addressed. Together, we can problem-solve and identify viable outcomes that benefit us all.

I am proud to share that I have been instrumental in securing a grant from the Minderoo Foundation to develop a Community Resilience Plan. This initiative aims to bolster our community's ability to weather adversity and emerge stronger. Additionally, I have played a key role in bringing the Australian Resilience Corps volunteer musters to our Shire, and I am dedicated to ensuring that they become a regular presence in our community.

I am committed to working closely with local residents regarding the Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) and any decisions concerning a Coastal Management Strategy (CMS) for our coastal areas. Our stunning coastlines are not only a source of natural beauty but also vital to our community's well-being.

Furthermore, I am passionate about developing employment pathways for our youth, ensuring that they have opportunities for a bright future right here in the Shire of Gingin. I am equally dedicated to the development and maintenance of recreational and sporting grounds, ensuring that they remain vibrant hubs for our community for generations to come.

Lastly, I believe in the importance of ecological and agricultural conservation. Our Shire's natural resources are invaluable, and I am committed to preserving and protecting them for the benefit of current and future generations.

In conclusion, I humbly ask for your support and your vote in the upcoming local government election. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected, and resilient Shire of Gingin. Let's work hand in hand to preserve our way of life and shape a brighter future for our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Shire of Gingin, Ordinary Elections Saturday 21st October, 2023

Lindsie Leahy 1

I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself and encourage you to vote in the upcoming election, to vote for the change you want to see.

I spent most of my childhood in the wheatbelt until coming to the city for boarding school and then university. I am an experienced Registered Nurse with almost 20 years experience in Aged Care and Emergency Nursing.

I have been a member of the Neergabby community since we purchased our family property in 2015 and love our unique circumstances of being able to enjoy the bush, the coast and the city.

I believe it is essential to ensure that the public's voice is heard and considered when making decisions. By fostering a transparent, inclusive and collaborative approach we can achieve sustainable development and feasible solutions while addressing the needs and desires of our community.

I am confident that my experience in community service, dedication to our community and commitment to effective representation make me an ideal candidate. With my strong work ethic, ability to listen, inclusive leadership approach and experience collaborating with and advocating for diverse groups I believe I can make a positive impact in addressing the issues faced by our community.

I am eager to contribute my time, energy and expertise through dedicated service on the local council. I kindly request your support and encourage you to join me in working towards a better future.

If you have any questions please send me an email, give me a call or say hello if you see me out and about. I look forward to meeting you if I haven't already.

Written and Authorised by Lindsie Leahy. Lot 3043 Chitna Road, Neergabby, WA, 6503. PH: 0407426630

Are you prepared and confident in a fire emergency?
join
Koorunga CWA and Gingin Fire & Rescue
For a basic Fire Awareness morning with hands on activities

Thursday October 12 2023
9.00am – 11.00am

House fires
Bush fires
Kitchen fires

At the Gingin Emergency Services Complex,
Weld Street, Gingin

Especially for women that are new to town,
and/or rural living, men are also most welcome

Morning tea & creche facilities provided by
Koorunga CWA - bookings essential

RSVP koorungacwa@email.com or 0419043960

GINGIN VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE



CONNECT TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

BOOST YOUR BUSINESSES VISIBILITY!

THE COMMUNITY'S GO-TO RESOURCE FOR TRADES AND SERVICES IN OUR SHIRE

ADVERTISE IN THE GINGIN REGIONAL DIRECTORY!

AND BE LINKED TO OUR WEBSITE: GINGIN.NET

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES!

ESTABLISH LOCAL CREDIBILITY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
E: DIRECTORYSALES@GINGIN.NET OR PHONE: 9575 1253

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Moore River Cafe Open!

The Shire of Gingin is pleased to share the news that the Moore River Cafe takeaway section opened on Wednesday, 13 September. The Cafe will be open 7 days a week from 8:00am to 7:00pm (last orders for food at 6:30pm). Pop in and say hello to the friendly staff and try out their new menu.



Annual Rates Mailout

By now, you should have received your Annual Rates Envelope from the Shire with the following items inside:

- Rate Notice
- Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information
- Budget Bulletin
- Tip Pass & Parking Permits
- Waste Recycling Calendar

Unfortunately we were notified that some ratepayers hadn't received their Firebreak Orders & Bush Fire Information brochure. Upon investigation our contractors missed a tray when packing the 5000+ envelopes by hand, it is estimated that just over 60 envelopes are missing their Firebreak Orders. If you did not receive your Firebreak Orders (or any other items) please contact the Shire on 9575 5100 or email mail@gingin.wa.gov.au to receive a copy.



Do you know someone who is making an outstanding contribution to the Shire of Gingin Community?



We are approaching the end of the nomination period for the 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Awards with only a couple of weeks left to nominate. Go to: citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate. Nominations close on: **31 October 2023**.

Project Updates

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

- Opening of Gingin CWA building.
- New limestone border to Seabird swing set at Frank Douglas Park.
- Repairs and painting of Granville Park Bridges.
- Pre and post emergent herbicide treatment to all Shire turf areas.
- Renovation of the gazebo next to ablution block at Seabird.
- Commencement of SpecConnect program.

Save the Dates!

Show & Shine Family Fun Day - Sunday, 1 October 2023, 10:30am - 4:00pm, Ledge Point.

Woodridge Spring Fair - Sunday, 5 November 2023, 9:00am - 4:00pm, Woodridge Community Grounds, King Drive, Woodridge.

Working with Children Check Information Session - Wednesday, 8 November 2023, 10:00am - 11:00am, Lancelin Community Resource Centre, Lancelin.

Flavours of Gingin Long Table Dinner - Friday, 10 November 2023, Granville Park, Gingin. Go to flavoursofgingin.com to register your attendance.

Flavours of Gingin - Saturday, 11 November 2023, Granville Park, Gingin.

Seniors Movie Matinee - Wednesday, 29 November 2023, 10:30am - 2:00pm, Granville Civic Centre, Gingin.

Seabird Summer Splash - Saturday, 13 January 2024, 11:30am - 4:30pm, Seabird Oval, Chalon Ave, Seabird.

Gingin Playgroup Quiz Night - Saturday, 20 January 2024, 6:00pm - 11:00pm, Gingin Recreation Centre, Gingin.

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

If you have a community event to promote in the Shire, please email our Community Development Officer, Amy Gibbs at cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au and we will include it on our Events Calendar and promote it on our Facebook page.



Shire of Gingin October Elections 2023

Ordinary local government elections are held every two years, on the third Saturday in October. The 2023 elections for the Shire of Gingin will be conducted as a postal election by the WA Electoral Commission. Election Day is Saturday, 21 October 2023. Six vacancies will be contested at this election. Here are your 2023 candidates:

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| • Linda Balcombe | • Karen Rowe |
| • Wayne Fewster | • Frank Peczka |
| • David Wilkie | • Andrea Vis |
| • Lincoln Stewart | • Nikki Woods |
| • Lindsie Leahy | • Jason Weeks |
| • Jenni Kenworthy | • Mike Agnew |

Local Government Reform

The State Government is introducing the most significant reforms of local government in 25 years. These reforms will strengthen the transparency, accountability, and efficiency of local governments, enabling stronger local democracy while ensuring a better response to the needs of ratepayers and residents.



Some of these reforms will have a direct impact on voting in the October 2023 local government elections. You will find details of the reforms on the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries website at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/lg-act-reform or scan the QR code.



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governments



Changes
to council
representation



Council Decisions

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

- List of Paid Accounts - *Noted by Council.*
- Reconsideration of Application for Development Approval - Expansion of the Existing Extractive Industry (Sand and Limestone) on Lot 222 Caraban Rd, Caraban - *Adopted by Council.*
- Application for Development Approval - Proposed Composting Facility on Lot 7779 Wannamal Rd West, Cullalla - *Rejected by Council.*
- Application for Amendment to Development Approval - Recreation Private (Botanical Garden and Aviary Tours) on Lot 552 Ferguson Rd, Beermullah - *Adopted by Council.*

In addition, 4 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, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

VacSwim Enrolments Open!

This is the last month to enrol your child with VacSwim for the 2024 summer season.

VacSwim summer programs will be held on the following dates:

January Program 1 2024:
03/01/2024 to 12/01/2024 (8 days)

January Program 2 2024: 15/01/2024 to 25/01/2024 (9 days)

Enrolments are required. Enrolments close: **Thursday, 26 October 2023**

Find out more about locations and how to enrol on the Department of Education website.



Start of Restricted Burning Period

October 1 marks the start of the Restricted Burning Period. The Restricted Burning Period runs from 1 October to 30 November and from 1 April to 15 May annually. Occasionally the Shire may vary these Burning Periods depending on the weather or other conditions. More information about burning garden refuse during the Restricted Burning Period can be found in our Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information brochure.



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SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023
4PM ONWARDS

FULL BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE - NO BYO
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Scan me for your free tickets.
 Bookings essential for catering purposes

If you have any photos of old tennis days or memorabilia, please forward to Julie Taylor 0429655701 or email butchy@iinet.net.au

GINGIN COMMUNITY PANTRY

Located on the back veranda of the Gingin 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 BECOME A VOLUNTEER DRIVER

Community caring for its own



Are you a caring community member?

Can you commit to approximately one day per month?

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



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 Gingin CRC on 9575 1253 or crc@gingin.net

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





Community
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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

CLOSING DATE: 31 October 2023

Local Government Recognising Community Champions.



FREE WORKSHOP ▶

Presented by Teagan Csepany
RSM Business Local Advisor

Bookkeeping Essentials with Xero



Monday October 23rd | 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Gingin CRC | 1a Lily King Place

Are you thinking about starting a business and wondering how to record your financial transactions?
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In this entry level workshop you will learn bookkeeping & payroll fundamentals and the tools to streamline administration and harness financial reporting for your business.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PLANNING PROPOSAL

The Shire of Gingin has received a proposed amendment of Local Planning Scheme No. 9 (LPS 9), that seeks to rezone from 'General Rural' to 'Rural Living No. 2 (RL2)' part of the below mentioned property, and public comments are invited.

Address: Part Lot 9501 Cheriton Road, Gingin

Proposal: Rezone from 'General Rural' to 'Rural Living No. 2 (RL2)'

Plans and documents setting out and explaining the proposal can be viewed on the **Public Notice** section of the Shire's website gingin.wa.gov.au. Alternatively, to view the proposal in hard copy, please attend the Shire of Gingin Administration Centre, located at 7 Brockman Street, Gingin or the Lancelin Office, 255 Vins Way, Lancelin during office hours.

Submissions must:

- a) be made in writing.
- b) state the name and address of the person making the submission: and
- c) include a statement about the capacity in which the person makes the submission.

Comments on the proposal are to be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer either by post to the Shire of Gingin, PO Box 510, Gingin WA 6503 or by email to mail@gingin.wa.gov.au on or before 4.00pm on Wednesday 8 November 2023.

Aaron Cook
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

22 September 2023

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Release date: 28 August 2023

MEDIA RELEASE

Shire of Gingin Recognised as one of the 2021/2022 Inaugural Best Practice Entities

Following the release of the Financial Audit Results – Local Government 2021-22, the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) has recognised the Shire of Gingin as one of the Top 20 Best Practice Entities. This is the first year that the OAG has rated entities on their financial reporting and financial controls. The quality of financial reporting is measured against the following five criteria:

- Timeliness of financial statements
- Quality of financial statements and notes
- Quality of working papers
- Resolution of accounting issues
- Availability of key staff

Caroline Spencer, Auditor General said: "I particularly acknowledge and commend the number of regional shires that have made this inaugural list, given the extent of resource and labour constraints that can disproportionately affect our regions." An outstanding result by Shire of Gingin Staff and Councillors.

To view the Financial Audit Results – Local Government 2021-22, please follow the link below to the Office of the Auditor Generals website:

<https://audit.wa.gov.au/reports-and-publications/reports/financial-audit-results-local-government-2021-22/>

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Be breast aware this October!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

so it's an important time to shine a light on the impact that breast cancer has on many Australians. It's also important for people to get to know common breast cancer symptoms.

Women from regional Western Australia (WA) are known to delay going to a medical clinic when they were experiencing symptoms, with many experiencing self-doubt about the existence of the symptom. In 2019, 1,899 women in WA were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 259 women lost their lives to it.

If you're unsure about a possible symptom, you should make an appointment to discuss the change with your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker as soon as possible. This is particularly important if it's been more than four weeks since you first noticed the change. Cancer treatments have improved in recent years, and it is much easier to successfully treat breast cancer if it is found early. The more it spreads, the harder it is to treat. So, we must Find Cancer Early.

Everyone's breasts are different. It is important that you get to know what your breasts look and feel like, so you know what is normal for you. There is no right or wrong way to check your breasts.

Common symptoms of breast cancer include:

- A lump or hard area in your breast or underarm, especially if it is only on one side
- A change in the size, shape or feel of your breast
- Change in the look of your breast, including redness, rash, or your skin looks like the skin of an orange, or is wrinkling in small folds
- Changes to the nipple, like it's pulled inwards, leaking, itchy or has a sore that won't heal
- Breast pain or discomfort, especially if it is only on one side
- An area of the breast that feels different to the rest

You can give yourself the best chance to Find Cancer Early, by going to see a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away if you have any of the symptoms above. The benefits to Finding Cancer Early is that treatment is easier, and you can be around longer to do the things you love doing with the people you love.

For more information about breast cancer symptoms, visit www.findcancerearly.com.au or call the Cancer Council Information and Support Line on 13 11 20.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

Call us on 13 11 20
findcancerearly.com.au

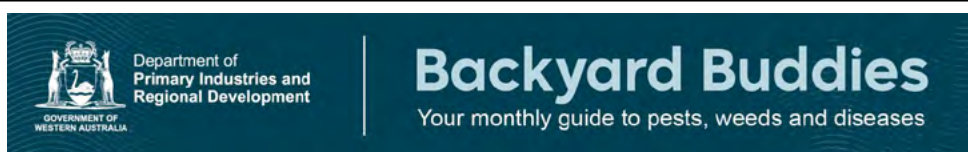
Letters to the Editor

An Anonymous Thank you

Many thanks to the very kind customer who paid for my lunch on Wednesday, 30th August at Seabird Tavern

I look forward to an occasion to “pay it forward” as instructed and hope the gesture is returned to you just when you may need it.

From a grateful Gingin Resident



October 2023

Don't tip toe through these tulips!



From left to right. One-leaf Cape Tulip (*Moraea flaccida*). Two-leaf Cape Tulip (*Moraea miniata*). Cormils on stem.

You might have recently noticed these pretty looking flowers when walking through the bush, spotted them growing along roadsides or seen them in paddocks, particularly in the Southwest of the state. Members of the Iridaceae (Iris) family, these lovely looking flowers are actually a serious and widespread weed in Western Australia. They are commonly called the One-leaf and Two-leaf Cape Tulip.

As the name suggests, One-leaf Cape Tulip typically has only one leaf per plant. The flower colour ranges between orange and salmon pink with a yellow centre. It reproduces via both seed and annually renewed corms. The seeds and corms sprout in autumn after rain, with up to 60% of corms potentially staying dormant each year.

Two-leaf Cape Tulip has a similar looking flower but can be distinguished by having two to three leaves per plant. It sprouts in autumn and flowers in spring. However, unlike the one-leaf variety, it doesn't seed, but produces cormils on its stems.

Why control: Both varieties of cape tulip are a serious weed of pastures, roadsides, wastelands, and bushland. In pasture, livestock often selectively graze clovers and other more palatable species, which allows cape tulip to flourish. However if eaten, all parts of cape tulip are toxic to livestock while the plant material exists - whether it is alive, dying or dead. Spraying with herbicides does not remove its toxicity.

When to control: The optimal time for chemical control of both plants is July to September, when they flower, and the corm is exhausted. After this time the plant material will start to dry out, making any kind of chemical difficult for the plant to absorb.

If you have missed the opportunity to control this year, all is not lost. Take note of where you have seen Cape Tulip so you can be prepared and ready to control it for the next season.

Further information on Cape Tulip can be found on the DPIRD website:
<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/declared-plants/cape-tulip-what-you-should-know>



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au

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SENIORS WEEK 2023
SHIRE OF GINGIN
PROUDLY PRESENTS



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WEEK**



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CONTACT AND RSVP:

To confirm your attendance please contact:

Michaela White / cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au / 9575 5176

FARM CARETAKER

My name is Lloyd O'Connor

I am 71 years old

I am after a permanent caretaker position
on a farm.

I can give you a hand when busy.

Ideally would be a farm with no one living there.

I would deter theft of gear and fuel.

I don't want to be paid, a free cottage would be
fine with a bit of land for a few chooks and a
couple of muttuns.

PS I am a chippy so could repair cottage.

Phone: 0430223293.

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The Gingin Community Resource
Centre would like to make contact
with a local Occupational Therapist
and a Registered Nurse in regards to
working with us on the Gingin Staying
in Place project.

Please make contact with the CRC
Manager Carrie Edwards on 9575 1253
or crc@gingin.net if you would like to
be involved in this wonderful
community initiative.



Media Statement

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19 September 2023

'Bitumen bandits' named in organised scam operation

- Travelling conmen target WA consumers as part of international based scam
- Thirty-one reports in nine months totalling payments of over \$264,000
- Commissioner for Consumer Protection says avoid these scam con artists who leave you with dodgy work

Consumer Protection is warning WA home and business owners to avoid dealing with at least eight road construction companies currently travelling around the state that offer to re-surface bitumen driveways and car parks for seemingly attractive prices, only to leave terrible bitumen work behind, in worse shape than before.

The travelling conmen known as 'bitumen bandits' use sub-standard materials, demand a higher fee than originally quoted and threaten to destroy the work completed if their invoices are not paid.

Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake describes the operation as an international organised scam with directors often based in the U.K. or Ireland.

"It is the definition of dodgy and a complete scam – it has to stop," Ms Blake said.

"These con artists posing as tradespeople have a blatant disregard for the law and use completely unethical business practices that prey on innocent people, tricking them into a 'good deal' but ultimately charge highly-inflated prices for shoddy work.

"They lie to potential customers, saying they have left-over bitumen from a job nearby so can offer a cheap price but the finished job is left uneven, thin and soft.

"In one case in Derby, the bitumen washed away with rain the next day but the customer was still invoiced \$33,000 and demands were made for immediate payment."

The bitumen bandits breach numerous consumer laws including coercing customers for payment after poor quality bitumen works are complete. They also approach potential customers uninvited with unsolicited consumer agreements, fail to observe the required 10 business day cooling off period, provide false representation as to the price of services and falsely claim to be affiliated with Main Roads and other reputable businesses.

In one instance, an invoice of \$32,000 was provided to a Broome consumer after work was completed, which was more than four times the agreed quote of \$7,000.

Consumer Protection first issued a public warning in April 2023 and has now received 31 complaints since 1 January 2023 about travelling conmen who have targeted consumers and



business owners in regional areas including Albany, Australind, Bunbury, Picton, Williams, Narrogin, Wongan Hills, Collie, Boddington, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Derby, Carnarvon, Karratha, Broome and several suburbs in the Perth metropolitan area.

The eight bitumen companies – conveniently registered in WA or over east – and the directors that Consumer Protection warns consumers and businesses to avoid, are: **Bitumen Road Services Pty Ltd** (Director Andrew Watson); **Road Tech Oz Pty Ltd** (Director Jack Reagan Maskell); **Road Tech Construction Oz Pty Ltd** (Director Anthony Kenneth Lee); **Regional Civils Pty Ltd** (Director Jay Brough); **Top Coat Civils Pty Ltd** (Director Gabriel Thomas O'Malley Mackerness); **Rolo Bitumen Pty Ltd** (Director Lee Desmond Rowland); **Civil Highways Pty Ltd** (Director Jonathan Michael Hovvels) and **Ground Fix Landscapes Pty Ltd** (Director James Lee). Regular workers from the above companies include **Anthony Kenneth Lee, Simon Ross, Tom Ross, Thomas Dean Whaley and Matthew Nunn**.

The cost of bitumen work subject to Consumer Protection complaints ranges from \$2,700 to \$46,000 with the majority of complaints stating dissatisfaction with the quality of work, being invoiced exorbitant prices compared to the original quote and demands for immediate payment including threats to destroy completed work for non-payment.

"These scam con artists will leave you with dodgy work, harass you for payment and quickly move on, making it difficult for customers and authorities to catch up with them," Ms Blake says.

"If you have already had bitumen works done by any of these companies and are unsatisfied, we recommend not paying the invoice and report it to Consumer Protection."

Consumer Protection is working closely with authorities across the country including WA Police, Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), Home Affairs and other Australian Consumer Law regulators to identify action which may be taken against these conmen.

WA consumers are advised to resist approaches and high pressure sales tactics from the companies or individuals named and always seek multiple quotes from reputable local tradespeople.

To report these travelling conmen in WA, call Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au. Information such as descriptions of the offenders, vehicle registration numbers or business names used are extremely useful.

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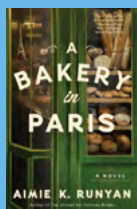
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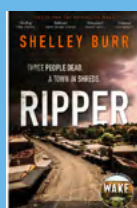
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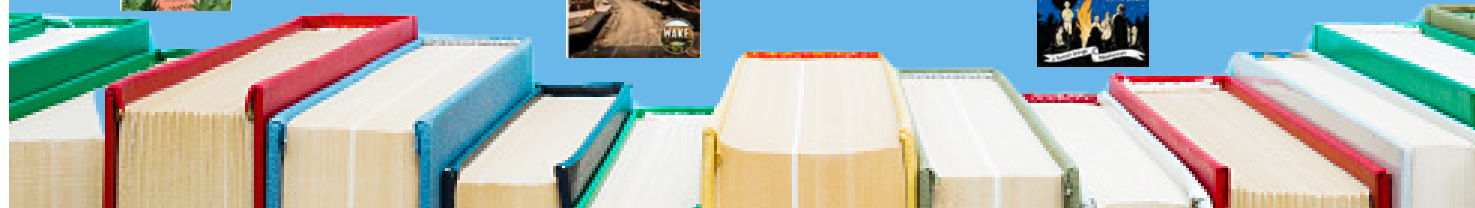
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Tom stayed as long as he could. Mr. Spender tidied his books and put the chalk back in the drawer. Noticing the boy, he said: "Was there something you wanted, Ansen?" Tom opened his mouth to speak, but couldn't think of any more excuses. "No Mr. Spender."

"Well, you'd best be off then, I have to lock the room."

Tom made to go out, hefting his school bag onto his shoulder. "Mr. Spender," "Yes, Tom?" Mr. Spender was packing up his bag, and only vaguely aware of the boy. "Did you ever get into fights at school?" The teacher looked up sharply. "Of course not, Tom, why do you ask?" "Well.... Oh, no reason. I just wondered." "Look, I really have to go now. I'm sure you can ask me on Monday." The man was obviously impatient to get home. Tom realised it was useless to delay any longer. Perhaps he'd be lucky tonight. He walked quickly out of the classroom, glancing quickly up towards the walkway. He couldn't see any of them. Perhaps they'd got tired of waiting. If only there was another way home that he could take. If only... He took a deep breath and made his way up. Clear. He started to relax. Perhaps he'd get home without any trouble this time... They were waiting for him just after the end of the walkway, where the path dipped below the level of the houses. Tom's heart sank. "Well, if it isn't the worm!" said Blodger, his peasant face creased in a vicious grin. "You kept us waiting. You have to pay." The two other boys stepped forward and held Tom's arms. "Please let me go past Blodger. I haven't done anything to you!" The boy's pleas were falling on deaf ears, as usual. "I think he's going to cry, Blodge," said Pearson. "Let me thump him first!" "What, and spoil my fun!" said Blodger, and without further ado, aimed a vicious blow to

Tom's ribcage. Tom slumped down, the pain radiating through his young body. Pearson and Davies added their blows to the older boy's, and the beating didn't stop until Tom was blubbing incoherently. "That's it worm, cry like a baby!" and Tom's tormentors began their chant: "He's just a worm, he hasn't got a spine, he's just a worm, he slithers in the slime...." Blodger gave him another painful kick in the ribs, and pushed him off the path into the muddy ditch.

Tom must have passed out. His head had hit something in the ditch, and when he came to, his tormentors had gone, and it was dusk. He felt around for his muddy school bag, and his hand came to rest on something hard. "Must have been what knocked me out" he thought. It was a funny shape, and he dug down to get it out. What he saw, he found it hard to believe. It was a gun! Grabbing his bag, he struggled to his feet. His stomach was still quite sore from the beating, but he hardly noticed it as he examined his find in the gloom. It seemed to be quite old, and a bit rusty. He wiped more of the mud away and carefully put it in his jacket pocket. "I'll clean it up when I get home," he thought. As he made his way up past the houses on the Crescent, a plan was beginning to form. Suppose he could use the gun to scare Blodger? But how? It probably wasn't loaded, and he wouldn't want to buy bullets for it. "I mean, it isn't as if I want to kill anybody...." The thought of Blodger sprawled out on the ground with blood oozing from his chest sprang into his mind, but he chased it away. "No, I'll just give him a scare, and he'll leave me alone," and he repeated out loud: "And he'll leave me alone." An old woman was coming down the track the other way with her rat-sized dog, and she looked him sharply up and down. The dog scurried behind his mistress's legs.

Tom let himself in the back door and hurried upstairs to clean himself up before

his mother noticed. "That you Tom?" his mother called.

'Now who else could it be?' Tom thought.

"Yes, Mum." he said.

"You're late." It was more of a question, and Tom replied: "Had to finish off some work for Mr Spender." The lies came easily now – Tom found they were more believable if another person was involved. He'd tell his mother that he'd tripped over in the mud, to explain his dirty jacket and torn trousers – and the lump on his head, if she noticed. He carefully pulled the gun from his jacket and examined it in the light. Yes, it was old. He turned it over. It seemed to be some sort of a six shooter like in the old cowboy movies, only with a short barrel. It had a revolving cylinder that appeared to be full of bullets! He found a rag in his bicycle kit and set about cleaning it up, being very careful to keep his hands away from the trigger. There was a lever on the left just under the barrel. Tom realised it must be a safety catch. The rust on the gun had eaten into the embossed word just above it. It was hard to see whether "O.." meant "ON" or "OFF". He continued cleaning, deciding it didn't really matter anyway. After all, he wasn't actually going to *fire* it, was he? When he was satisfied with the result, he wrapped the gun in the rag, and put it back in his bicycle kit in his cupboard.

All through dinner, Tom agonised over the best way to scare Blodger with his gun. His mother said: "You'll really have to be more careful. That walkway can be quite treacherous after rain" She was referring, realised Tom, to the tear in his trousers and dirty jacket. If only she knew!

"You're very thoughtful, Tom. Got something on your mind?" asked his father.

"No Dad. I'm just a bit tired. I'll get an early night tonight."

Back in his room later, Tom turned his mind to the gun. Suppose he waited till they confronted him, and just pulled it out from his bag and pointed it at them. That

might work, but he had to look fierce, or they'd think it was a joke. He made a face in the mirror. No, that wouldn't scare an old lady, let alone Blodger. He tried again. Oh, well, perhaps it might get better with practice. On the other hand, could he actually come up behind Blodger, and say something like: "This is a gun, and I'm not afraid to use it, now LEAVE ME ALONE!" This sounded good, until he tried to think of how he could get behind the bully. Blodger didn't bother with school. He just prowled the neighbourhood, on 'permanent suspension'. Back to Plan A.

All that week Plan A hadn't been improved upon. Friday was approaching – Blodger day. Perhaps he could 'go sick'. Then he remembered the test that Mr Spender gave every Friday – and this week was important. It was the final test for the term, and he needed to do well. He took the gun to school on Friday morning, still wrapped in the rag, and hid it in his locker. The butterflies in his stomach that he'd had all week reached a peak during last period. He hardly waited for the bell before rushing out. He reached his locker before any of the others, then stood dumbfounded. It was empty! He remembered putting the gun in the locker, and he'd looked around carefully to make sure nobody was watching. Perhaps one of the teachers.... No, why should they? It had to be somebody who'd seen him put something into the locker and had decided they wanted whatever it was. What rotten luck! Everybody knew how easy it was to break into lockers, but it had never happened to him. Until now.

Oh well, better get it over with. Tom knew it had been a forlorn hope. That somehow, he'd find a way to make Blodger stop beating him up on the way home every Friday. They were all waiting for him in the same place – Davies, Pearson and Blodger. Blodger had something in his hand. As Tom got closer, he could see it was the gun. "Well, well, well!" sneered Blodger.

“Look what Davy here found when he saw you sneaking it into your locker. A toy gun! What were you hoping to do, Worm? Scare *me* with a *toy gun*?!” Blodger was laughing now, as he held the gun, two handed, sighting along the barrel, like he’d seen in the movies. “The *Worm* that *Turned*!” he laughed. “Don’t point it at me Blodger....you don’t...” But Tom didn’t have time to finish what he was about to say. Despite being rooted to the spot with fear, he wanted to tell Blodger it wasn’t a toy. He wanted to say: “Be careful”, but he never got the chance. Blodger was laughing as he aimed it playfully at him and pulled the trigger. The look of surprise on Blodger’s face would stay in Tom’s memory for ever.

In the enquiry Davies tried to say he found the gun in Tom’s locker, but nobody believed him. “Tom Ansen?” said the judge. “Now why try to put the blame on somebody else?” After all, it had been Tom that sprinted to the nearby house and managed to call the ambulance. It had been Tom that probably saved Blodger’s life. He was just glad it was all over. He could still hear Blodger’s laugh that turned to surprise and a horrible scream as the old, rusty gun blew apart when he pulled the trigger. The shrapnel had blown backwards into his face, into his eyes, and it was a miracle he wasn’t killed. Davies and Pearson gave Tom a wide berth after the incident, and unless Blodger’s guide dog turned savage, there wouldn’t be any more beatings for Tom.



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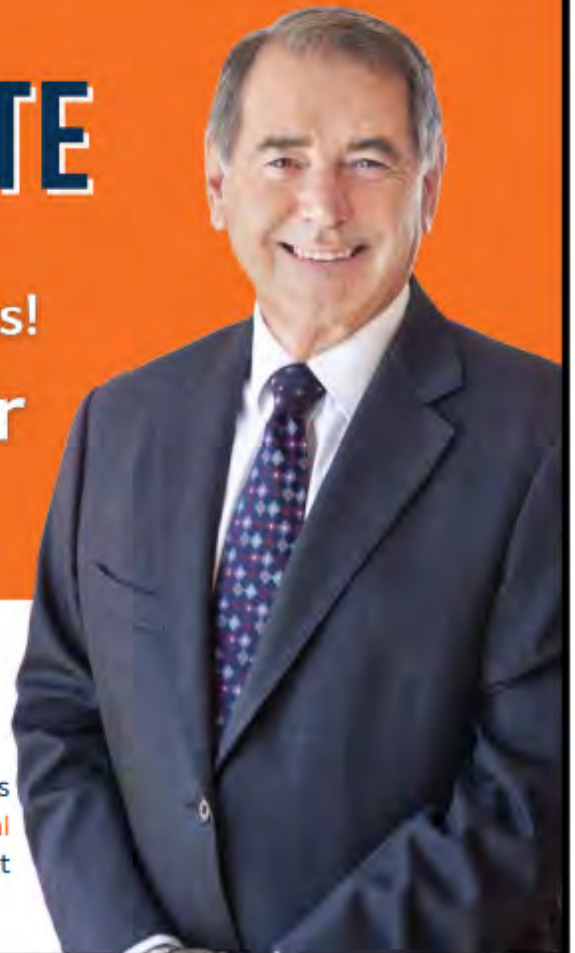


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