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Editor's Note

Brad and Linda from Mable popped over from Queensland again last month. We had a great crowd of 30 locals join us for an information session on the Gingin Staying in Place project and the Mable platform. These, in person sessions, are a great way to get the facts out into our community. There are some misinformed people telling others, the program is only for the very frail and infirmed, or advising 'you won't get any help; there is not enough wrong with you'. Only by checking will you know, if and what support is available to you. Homecare packages range from level 1-4, meaning that there is a wide range of levels of assistance available.

RSM will be joining us again this month to provide a 'Working for Yourself as a Social Worker' workshop, covering the key steps to working for yourself from initial start-up, organising your business and managing



Heather Hukin
Centre Trainee

your customers information. This workshop is part of our continued commitment to the Staying in Place project. More information on page 32.

And if you interested in where some of our long-term Ginginites are, flip to page 20 for a glimpse of where they are now.

Leading into the festive season we will have a Giving Tree in the Community Resource Centre to help make Christmas extra special for less fortunate families. We will be accepting wrapped gifts for all ages to be distributed by a knowledgeable community member to those in need.

We hope to see you in the Centre soon.

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Feature Story

100 years of Community Sport at the Wannamal Tennis Club

The Wannamal Tennis Club, with its rich history dating back a century, celebrated its 100th birthday in grand style. The landmark celebration was held at the beloved Wannamal Tennis Club, and it featured live music, heartwarming speeches, and the ceremonial cutting of the club's centenary birthday cake.

As early as 1915 there was talk of forming a Tennis Club, the main instigator being Ted Wells. Unfortunately, the outbreak of World War I interrupted these plans until 1921 when the club saw its first official activity – a memorable tennis dance. The sport steadily gained ground, and by 1923, tennis was being played at various locations, including Ellisford Olive Hill and Cowara Hills. In the 1930s, two tennis courts were constructed at the present site, with an additional two courts added in 1938. These early courts were made from crushed and rolled ant hills. A bough shed, serving as the club's tennis shed, was erected, complete with an open fire for boiling the billy.

While there is limited information available about the club's activities during World War II, the 1950s marked the beginning of a flourishing period for tennis in the community. Throughout the decades, numerous upgrades were made to the court surfaces, culminating in a collaborative effort in 1980 when the community came together to lay a hot mix base that still forms the foundation for the courts today. Notably, lighting was installed at the same time, initially utilizing SEC poles and later the lights seen today, added around 2009.

Tennis has always held a special place in the heart of the Wannamal community. Sunday afternoon tennis was a cherished tradition until the club transitioned to mid-week nights to take full advantage of the excellent lighting facilities. What's heartwarming to see is that many current members have a familial connection to the club, with their parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents being actively involved in the past.



The Tennis shed that stands today was aptly named the Thompson Memorial Pavilion to honour the Thompson family's significant contributions to the community. The Thompsons not only volunteered their time but also made generous donations to the community centre. Over the years, the club has hosted various tournaments, catering to both adult and junior players. It also played an essential role in providing junior tennis coaching, both at the club and the zone level.

In the late 1980s, Wannamal introduced a pennants side to its tennis endeavours, a tradition that continued until 2015. The club's remarkable journey saw it clinch numerous A Grade Shields against much larger tennis towns, reflecting the club's enduring competitive spirit. It's worth noting that back in the day, winning the A Reserve was the stepping stone to securing a place in the prestigious A Grade.

The Wannamal Tennis Club's remarkable centenary celebration wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of its sponsors, who played a vital role in making the event a resounding success. The club extended its heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors, including The Shire of Chittering, Bendigo Community Bank Bindoon, Bullsbrook and Ellenbrook, Elders Muchea, CSBP, Tennis WA, and Boekeman Machinery.

As the club enters its second century, it does so with a sense of pride and gratitude for its past, a commitment to its present, and a vision for the future. The players, both past and present, and the life members of the community are a testament to the enduring spirit that has sustained the Wannamal Tennis Club for 100 years and will continue to do so for many more to come.



10 & 11 November 2023

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Celebrate the history, beauty and prosperity

Friday 10 November 2023

Long Table Dinner (ticketed event)

Saturday 11 November 2023

10am - late | Granville Park, Gingin

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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 visit our website
www.flavoursofgingin.com



Email us at flavours@gingin.wa.gov.au
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Community Groups

Gardening Group

October garden group outing headed off to Beaconsfield to visit "Ocean View" a heritage listed home built in 1887 by Elias Solomon, mayor of Fremantle.

A Victorian regency style home with 15ft ceilings and Oregon timber throughout, a working windmill and well. It served as a military hospital during WW1 and as a maternity hospital in the years between the two wars.

The maternity hospital was closed in 1939 and after this it became a private home again.

In 2017 it was purchased by Sally and Garnett Hall and family. The house had started being restored by the previous owner now the job falls to Sally and Garnett and contending with the endless rules and regulations that come with a heritage listing. Any improvements internally have to be reversible so that the home may be put back exactly as it was when it was built. The garden is filled with colourful plants, cottage style with trees kept to the sides so as not to obscure the great ocean views held from the large veranda. From the front veranda you look

down and across the large expanse of lawn, it was a very pleasant and relaxing vantage point.

Sally is a super keen gardener and was very welcoming, showing us throughout their home answering questions and chatting to all. Not only are they renovating and restoring this incredible property they are building a studio apartment alongside the house, a pool and pool house outback. Sally and Garnett both vets, operate West Coast Veterinary practice, a family business.

And if Sally isn't impressive enough, she is also a doctor, a very inspiring young woman. We are all hoping for a return visit in 10yrs or so.

After our morning at Ocean View, we headed to Midland to the Principal for lunch. We enjoyed a lovely meal before heading home. We are very thankful to Murray Hyne our driver for the day and Steve Neville navigator, much appreciated.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 3rd November.

Hope you are all enjoying your gardens and occasionally pick yourselves a bouquet.

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Neergabby Fireworks

What a fantastic evening!! Sunday 24th September, the Neergabby Community Association [NCA] once again hosted its cherished traditional Fireworks and Bonfire night on its well-prepared grounds. Crowds began entering the gates at 3pm for this community event, setting up chairs and picnic rugs in preparation for the 7.30pm explosive display.

Afternoon entertainment consisted of face-painting, bucking bull and bouncy castle. Food vans gave choices from Thai, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, ice cream and coffee, all being extremely popular. A huge raffle basket, glow-sticks, glow ears and stubby holders were also available.

The bonfire was lit at 6.30pm with flames rising to spectacular heights on this

windless night.

The local Ambulance volunteers and Fire Brigade were present to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you to these important community people.

Thank you to the sponsors, without whom this crowded family event would not have been possible - Bogdanich Farms, AAA Egg Pty Ltd, Bendigo Bank, Shire of Gingin and Costa Well Grown.

Plans are already in place for next year's Fireworks and Bonfire night...Sunday 22nd September 2024.

Round up your friends and family.

*Sue Kent -
NCA Committee Member*



Red Cross

The Gingin Red Cross ran a "Stay on your feet workshop" this Month.

It covered details on how to keep sociable and to get out and about, build balance with simple exercises. Improve your health, checking medicines, working with your pharmacist. Eating a diet high in protein and fresh foods. Remove the hazards, having a clutter free environment and invested in

a medi-alert aid if unable to get up from the floor. Falls, trips and slips can happen at any age, don't be afraid to get advice.

Suzanne gave us loads of great information to share.

Our next Red Cross morning tea will be at the Lions Den, 3 Horan Street, on **Wednesday the 22nd of November.** All Welcome.

St Luke's Tombstones

Anyone walking through the western side of the church yard in the last few months would have seen the sad sight of two of the headstones vandalized, lying face down and broken into several pieces.

Thankfully they have now been restored by the expert stonemason, Ron Coltman, so once again they stand honouring the graves of Hannah Jones and John Christian.

It is really important that we value these historic reminders of our pioneering families and respect their heritage.

Upcoming Service Times for St Luke's Church, Gingin are as follows:

5th November

9:30am Morning Prayer

19th November

9:30am Holy Communion

Rev Julie Barrett-Lennard

3rd December

9:30am Morning Prayer

17th December

9:30am Holy Communion

Rev Ric Barrett-Lennard

24th December

9:30am Holy Communion

Rev Julie Barrett-Lennard

NB – There will be no services on Sunday, 25th December (Christmas Day) or Sunday, 31st December (New Years Eve).



Gingin Brook Catchment Group

The new webpage is in progress and a new email address will be associated with that. In the meantime, the webpage www.ginginwater.org.au will remain active with access to previous reports and resources available. The email info@ginginwater.org.au will also remain in use until the new webpage is up and running.

The next meeting will be Monday 13th November, 9am at the Gingin CRC.

Existing and new members welcome.

If you are unable to attend but would like further information you can contact us

through the above channels.

Did you know it is Australian Pollinators Week is from November 11th to 19th?

You can be involved by taking part in the Australian Pollinator Count. You can count just for fun or, with a little extra preparation, have your data included in scientific research. Spend 10 minutes observing flowers and noting what is visiting them. All the information you need to get involved, including a learning guide is available from: <https://www.australian-pollinatorweek.org.au/count/>.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group

Xero Bookkeeping at the CRC



It was a fabulous turn out, at the Gingin Community Resource Centre, for our FREE Bookkeeping Essentials with Xero Workshop held on 23rd October. The workshop was delivered by RSM Business Local Advisor Teagan Csepany. It was great to see our training room filled with local faces all eager to learn something new or improve on their knowledge. There

were plenty of questions and discussion, and hopefully everyone took away some valuable information to make their own bookkeeping experience easier.

Did you know that we regularly hold courses and workshops through our RSM Business network?

If there is something that you're interested in attending, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at the Gingin CRC and we can see if there is a suitable course available.

Our next workshop is on 'Working for yourself as a Support Worker' on Friday the 24th of November. Spaces are limited. For more information see page 32.



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Citizen Scientist Scouts - Aussie Bird Count

Did you know there were 104,000 counts submitted, with 3,700,000 birds counted around Australia during National Bird Week from 16 - 22 October 2023, for Birdlife Australia's Aussie Bird Count

The Gingin Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts became Citizen Scientists as they participated in this fun event. Armed with binoculars, photos of birds found in the area, and a good quality camera; small groups walked around the trees and open scrub listening for and observing birds.

11 different varieties were identified from the 42 sightings, even a baby magpie in a nest was photographed.

Birdlife Australia's Aussie Bird Count will be back again in October 2024.



Joey and Cub scouts on the look out for birds for the Aussie Bird Count"

Scouts WA Adult Recognition Awards

Scouts WA announce their Adult Recognition Awards on the 1st of August each year, which are presented at a special ceremony at the Perth Concert Hall.

Two of our own, Debbie Bandy and Susie Dale both received the "Special Service Award".

This award recognizes the successful support, development or management of a section or formation, acknowledging the noteworthy contribution in their role.

Ayden Mackenzie JP, Chief Commissioner of Scouts WA presented Debbie with her award.

The ceremony was attended by the Governor of WA Chris Dawson AC APM, alongside many scouting dignities.

Overall, 84 leaders and adult supporters received awards and were thanked for their generosity, sacrifices and willingness to be this vital heartbeat of Scouts WA.



Special Service Award
Recipient - Debbie Bandy with
Annette Howard (L) and Gloria
Hyne (R)



Scouting in our Community

Food relief is becoming a major issue with many people impacted by the cost of groceries.

The Gingin Pop Up Pantry is a community initiative that assists to put food on tables when households are struggling.

Part of the scouting program is to create a better world.

Substantial money collected from the

Gingin Scout Group's Cardboard Box – Homeless Sleepover, decided by the youth, was used to purchase a large number of items for the Gingin Community Pantry.

These items were presented to Helena, one of the administrators of the Pop-Up pantry and while the Joey and Cub Scouts were surprised to learn that not everyone has 3 meals a day, they were very happy to place items into the pantry to assist others.



Gingin Joey and Cub Scouts with Helena and their donated food



Placing food into the Community Pantry

Mum's Mini Market Night

Gingin Playgroup
Saturday 18th
November 5pm
onwards

Come along to our mums night. We will have some local mums businesses with products available to purchase or order, bring along any clothing you no longer want to either donate or swap sell.

Open to members and their friends and family

BYO drinks and nibbles

GINGIN PLAYGROUP

FLAVOURS OF GINGIN

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Puglia Family Gears Up for Australian Polocrosse Nationals

A tale of dedication, the Puglia family is set to take a trip across Australia to the Australian Polocrosse National championships in Chinchilla, Queensland, scheduled for June 2024 to represent WA. Ryan and Lisa Puglia, alongside their cousin Abbie Parsons, have earned their spots in the national tournament after being selected from a number of gifted players at the recent competition in Kojonup.

The Puglia family's journey to the Nationals has been evident by numerous weekends spent at polocrosse carnivals across Western Australia. Their adventure began with their membership in the South Midlands Polocrosse Club in Muchea, and later, after relocating to Chapman Valley, they found a new home in the Walkaway club.

Ryan, soon to be 15, will be representing his family in the Nationals in the under 16 age group. Ryan and Abbie also participated in an Exhibition game at the 2023 Perth Royal Show. Meanwhile, Lisa and Abbie, both aged 11 will be part of the under 12 team. Sadly, Bradley aged 12, one of the youngest aiming for selection in the under 16 team missed out on selection. These young riders have been in the saddle from a young age, practicing regularly to earn their places in the team.

Polocrosse, often hailed as the 'King of the OneHorseSport,' features teams comprising six players. The game consists of 6 intense chukkas (time period), each lasting 6 minutes, with three players from each team in the field at any given time. What sets polocrosse apart is that each player has their own reliable horse that they train and compete with.

A major driving force behind the Puglia family's success has been their commitment to the sport. John and his father Tony have invested countless hours in teaching the children the nuances of riding and mastering polocrosse. Even the youngest member of the family, Lewis, aged just 5, has eagerly embarked on his own riding journey, thanks to the guidance of his older siblings, Ryan, Bradley and Lisa.

Jess, the linchpin of the family, tirelessly ensures that the horses are always ready to compete, meticulously adhering to dress requirements and keeping their nutrition on point. Taking care of their horses is a task the entire family partakes in, which includes bandaging legs, braiding tails, feeding, and rugging their horses.

As the family prepare themselves and their horses for the long trip to the other side of Australia, we wish them all the best. Make the most of not only the tournament but a great opportunity for a well-earned family holiday.



Bradley carrying the ball.



Ryan on Smoke and Abbie on Chloe at the 2023 Perth Royal Show.



Ryan and Smoke.



TOP - Bradley throwing a goal.
BOTTOM - Jess leading Lewis on Oscar



TOP - Ryan leading Lewis.
BOTTOM - Lisa with Downunder in his champion pony rug.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Did you know?

Lung cancer is the third most common cancer affecting both women and men in Western Australia.

In 2019, 693 Western Australian men and 564 Western Australian women were diagnosed with lung cancer.

Common symptoms of lung cancer include:

- Coughing or spitting up blood (once or more)

Or, for more than four weeks:

- A new cough or change to your usual cough
- A lot of chest infections
- Finding it hard to breathe
- Losing weight without trying
- Not feeling hungry
- Pain in your chest and/or shoulder
- Feeling tired or lacking energy
- Changes to your voice, such as hoarseness or croaky voice

If you have coughed up blood, even if it was just once, it's important to tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away.

If you have had any of the other symptoms for more than four weeks, tell your doctor, clinic nurse or health worker. It doesn't mean you've got lung cancer – often these symptoms turn out to be something less serious. But it's important to tell your health professional and get checked out to be safe.

If it is lung cancer, the earlier it's found, the earlier it can be treated.

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



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Release Date: 24 October 2023

Please attribute information below to Shire CEO, Aaron Cook.

MEDIA RELEASE

Shire of Gingin Welcomes New Councillors

Following the local government elections on Saturday 21 October, the Shire of Gingin welcomed newly elected councillors who were officially sworn-in at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 24 October.

There were six vacancies at this year's election, with results as follows:

- New councillors – Lincoln Stewart, Jason Weeks, Nikki Woods
- Re-elected councillors – Linda Balcombe, Wayne Fewster, Frank Peczka

The newly elected Councillors made their Declarations of Office before local Justice of the Peace, Margaret Greenwell at the meeting.

Councillor Andrea Vis was not re-elected to Council, and we extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to her for her service as both a Councillor and Deputy Shire President.

Councillor Kim Rule retired from Council and did not stand for re-election. We thank him for his service as Councillor and former Deputy Shire President, and wish him all the very best for the future.

In addition, the meeting called for the election of Shire President and Deputy Shire President which saw a change of leadership as follows:

- Shire President – Wayne Fewster
- Deputy Shire President – Linda Balcombe

Congratulations to our six newly elected Councillors, Shire President, and Deputy Shire President.

-Ends-

Pictured L-R: Cr Wayne Fewster, Cr Linda Balcombe, Cr Nikki Woods, Cr Lincoln Stewart, Cr Jason Weeks, and Cr Frank Peczka.



L-R: Shire President Wayne Fewster and Deputy Shire President Linda Balcombe.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Clarification on Shire President Election Process

The Shire of Gingin wishes to clarify comments circulating on social media following yesterday's Special Council Meeting that the role of Shire President should have been popularly elected through the election voting process, as per larger Local Governments.

The Shire of Gingin is a Tier 3 Local Government and, as such, a publicly elected head (such as President) is not a mandatory requirement, as it is for Tier 1 and 2 Councils. In fact, very few Presidents of Local Governments of our size are publicly elected.

The *Local Government Act* clearly outlines the requirements for the appointment of a Mayor and/or President, and should there be a desire to change this method, it must be resolved by Council and then an application made to the Minister. This would then, if accepted, apply to the next election of Council.

Regarding this, any changes to the election of the Shire of Gingin's Shire President would be a significant alteration to the current process and would warrant serious consideration and consultation. If it were then to be progressed, it would need to be planned and budgeted for at additional cost to the election process.

Please note that once a statutory local government election has commenced this process cannot be changed, so any resolution of Council and acceptance by the Minister would need to be facilitated prior to the commencement of the next election process.

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Gingin Glimpses

Where Are They Now... And Their Contributions to the Community

The question is often asked “I wonder where... is now?” after a long-term local resident is no longer seen at the local shops or has gone into hospital for acute care and has never returned to his or her home.

The following is a little bit about the contribution and life of former Gingin residents and where they are living now.

Dot Glanz

Dot Glanz was born, married and lived all her life in Gingin until she left the district to live with her daughter and son-in-law approximately two years ago. Her departure came after a major health scare.



It was a very difficult decision for Dot to make, but she was embraced by the local **Kirup (near Donnybrook)** community with open arms – and as she says, “she could be out every day”.

A major modification had to be made to her “new home” by way of a ramp into the house – initially to the horror of daughter Vi, but to the delight of Great Grandson Riley who also uses it as a skateboard ramp on his visits from Esperance!!

Dot’s life history and her long-time employment and contribution to Gingin as a Telephonist at the Gingin Telephone Exchange was written for a Story Board and hung in the History section at Gingin’s 150th Celebrations in 2021.

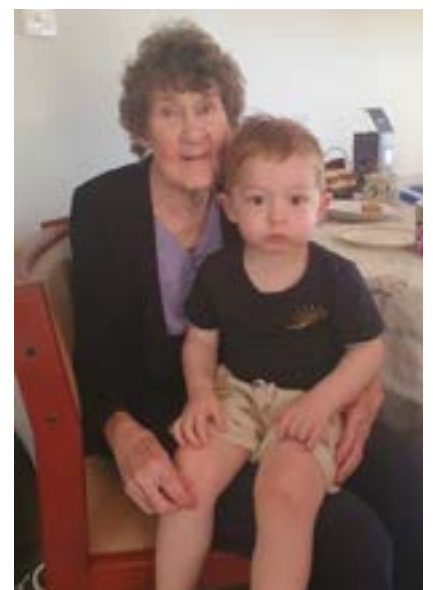
Dot even has a bit of “living Gingin” with her – a sapling grown from the seed of a gum tree planted by her Great Uncle in the grounds of what are now Shire Offices. (The original tree was removed in recent times because of storm damage) and her very own Granville Water Lily Pond – the lilies are from the root stock retrieved from the Lily Pond that was filled in a couple of years ago near the Scenic Pool. Dot’s daughter Vi created a special pond for them at their property - **“Chelmsfield”**.

Dot also maintains connections with the local community through the Buzz and the Northern Valley News and visits the town for special occasions. She will be in Gingin for 4 days in December with daughter Vi to catch up with her “mates” and attend a local Christmas Street Party of friends and former neighbours.

That very difficult decision to leave Gingin has proved to be the best decision in Dots’ eyes. Dot will be 90 in 2024.

Barbara Cocking

Barb Cocking “retired” to live in her home in Mortimer Street, Gingin some 26 years ago, having lived on the family farm at Wannamal with her husband Ted all her married life. (Ted continued to work in partnership with his son Greg on the farm right up until his death and the farm still remains in family ownership).



Barb did much in the community as a volunteer for many local causes when living at Wannamal and this caring for others continued with her arrival in Gingin. She was a great cook and provided many a meal and companionship for others – be it friends, neighbours or even family.

Barb became involved in the early days of remedial reading at the local school, volunteering to hear the students read and was a member of the local Arts and Crafts group through her China Painting.

Her great passion was football – whether it was the local Eagles or the Eagles AFL team. She knew all the members in the teams, their positions, how they played and the League tables. She was a regular spectator at most of the “Home or Away” matches, and her forte was the “behind the scenes work” at Ceremonies and Awards nights, Fund raisers and in the provision of food at the regular weekend matches. Barb baked and made countless cakes, sandwiches, casseroles and the like for these occasions – all as a volunteer, without remuneration and for the benefit of the Club.

During these last few years Barb was becoming less independent and finding it increasingly difficult to drive her car. Great support came from family and local carers in the community, but she had no immediate family living in the town to oversight her day to day care. Her frailty became more apparent, and she was at risk of falls – a hip replacement then became a reality. It was whilst in rehabilitation following her hip replacement, it was decided independent living at home for Barb was not a safe or practical option. So began an intensive search by her daughter-in-law Donna to find a new home that would offer 24-hour assistance whilst providing interests and activities for Barb.

Barb’s new address is **Aegis Shorehaven, 49 Scotthorn Drive, Alkimos**. Donna Cocking can be contacted for Barb’s phone

number and further information.

It has not been an easy transition for Barb, and she would welcome her friends from Gingin to visit her. There is a coffee shop within the complex and there are also nearby eateries, where Barb can be taken for an outing with assistance.

Coming up on Barb’s social calendar is her attendance to the wedding of a Grandson in December; but before that is Barb’s 90th birthday on November 8th. A celebration is to be held the following day, on Thursday the 9th of November, at our local [Cu@Park](#).

Footnote

It is **advisable to ring all Assisted Care Homes** to find out their current policy on Covid and Influenza (Flu) vaccinations **prior** to visiting.

There is no consistent policy for all the Homes. In general, mandatory Covid vaccination is not required, but this is not the case for the “Flu” vaccine. Obviously, you should not be visiting if you are unwell.

Where there is “Covid” within the Home this will be clearly stated – posted on a Flyer to the Entrance Door, through a Social Media format or with phone contact. Some organisations have a complete Lock Down policy if there is Covid amongst its residents, others are more flexible. The latter, if you wish to continue with the visit, are likely to ask visitors to wear a mask and other protective clothing within the building, irrespective of whether the person you are visiting has Covid.

However, this does not prevent you from maintaining contact. Many care homes have independent phone connections available within the bedrooms, or have a handset that can be taken to, and used by the resident, or the resident may have use of their own mobile phone.

Written by M. Cameron
October 2023

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Lancelin Shire Office Closure

Due to recent threatening graffiti posted last Thursday directed at all Shire of Gingin staff and Elected Members, it has been necessary for the Shire to implement protection measures for all personnel which has included the closure of the Lancelin Shire Office until further notice.

The offensive graffiti was removed on the day it occurred limiting its visual impact, however as these messages threatened harm the matter is currently under investigation by Police.

The Shire CEO implemented the closure of the Lancelin Shire Office, as well as other necessary staff protection measures, in response to the threat which is being taken seriously. These actions are fully supported by the Elected Members and have unfortunately been forced upon – and are inconveniencing – the wider community. They will however remain in place until the matter is resolved.

This type of behaviour is abhorrent and completely unacceptable. Shire Staff and Elected Members do not deserve to be treated with disrespect, abuse, or be threatened with harm. The Shire will not tolerate this type of behaviour under any circumstances and Police will be notified in every instance.

When the matter is resolved, the Shire will provide an update – in the meantime this is all the information we are able to provide at this time.

What is a Rural Road Number?

Having a Rural Road Number (RRN) can assist in locating your property in the case of an emergency.

Rural property numbering is a simple distance based system – numbers are allocated in sequence, based on how far your property entrance is from the nearest road. Odd numbers are on the left and even numbers are on the right. If a property's number is 327, it's on the left side and three-point-two-seven kilometres from the start of the road.

There may be multiple lots with the same number on the same road and as the lot number does not indicate the location of your property; having a RRN helps our Emergency Services find your property.

You will need a crossover/driveway to allow our Rangers to measure and install your RRN. After the install, our Rates Department will update Landgate with your new number. The fee for this service including the sign is \$88. Please contact the Shire of Gingin if you would like a RRN installed or if you would like more information.



Save the Dates!

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.

Christmas Carols in the Park - Saturday, 16 December 2023, 4:00pm - 8:00pm, Gabbadah Park, Guilderton.

Music in the Park - Saturday, 6 January 2024, 5:00pm - 10:00pm Gabbadah Park, Guilderton.

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.

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Firebreak Inspections 2023/24

The Shire of Gingin Rangers (Fire Control Officers) will be entering properties to complete the 2023/24 firebreak inspections as of 1 November 2023.

Owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Gingin have a legal requirement under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to carry out fire mitigation, such as installing and maintaining a firebreak from 1 November to 15 May every year.

Your firebreak should be 3 metres wide with a minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres high to enable emergency vehicles to drive along the firebreaks without access being obstructed.



Council Decisions

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

- Amendment of delegation 3.1.3 prosecution of offences (*Bush Fires Act 1954*) - *Adopted*
- Proposed resumption of land - portion of 7 (Lot 6) Ippollo Road, Breera - *Adopted*
- Subdivision referral - Lot 9500 Cheriton Road, Ginginup (Country Heights Estate) - *Adopted*
- Application for Amended Development Approval - proposed use not listed (container deposit recycling point) at Lot 301 (13) King Drive, Woodridge - *Adopted*

In addition, 6 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.

Do you have a plan to protect yourself in an emergency?

Emergencies can strike at anytime, anywhere and without warning. The good news is, it's easy to protect yourself, the people you love, and the things you value most.

It's important to have a realistic and suitable personal emergency plan. DFES and Red Cross have created some easy to follow checklists and guides to help with your planning, see the links below:

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/>

<https://www.redcross.org.au/prepare/>

People at higher risk and those with additional needs may have extra challenges with their planning, so it's important they receive assistance from their personal support network to fill any gaps in their plans.



Upcoming Projects

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

- Undertaking final preparations for the Flavours of Gingin event.
- Renovations to sports turf surfaces and final soil amendment material application.
- Fertilisation of all Shire turf surfaces under reticulation.
- Installation of BBQs at Harold Park.
- Repainting of gazebo at Harold Park.

Affected by Stable Fly?

In previous years the Shire of Gingin has been affected by large populations of Stable Fly (*Stomoxys calcitrans* L.), particularly in the warmer weather. As a result the Shire works closely with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) with a collective view to combating the problem.

Stable Fly can be a serious pest to livestock owing to its painful bite when it draws blood during feeding.

Report Stable Fly activity to the Stable Fly Action Group: <https://www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au/report-stable-fly>

Or use the MyPestGuide Reporter: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/apps/mypestguide-reporter>

For more information on Stable Fly Management, go to the Shire of Gingin website: <https://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/stable-fly-management>



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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 Denton 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 Vias 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 530, Gingin WA 6503 or by email to ceoff@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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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.



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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

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SENIORS WEEK 2023
SHIRE OF GINGIN
PROUDLY PRESENTS



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

Letters to the Editor

Mr & Mrs Smith

Congratulations to Patrick and Stacey who celebrated their long awaited wedding day on Saturday, 30th September 2023.

The ceremony took place at Pats beloved "Pop", Max Turner's, farm in Beermullah. Pat and Stacey's children, Hamish and Corey ran security at the ceremony, ensuring their mum made it safely down the aisle with the rings.

After the ceremony guests returned to Pat and Stacey's home in Gingin for a night of celebration.

We wish Pat and Stacey continued happiness, adventures and memories as they start their married life together.



PHOTO CREDIT - Nikki's Photography



A little bit of Gingin can be found at a farm in Kirup. Former resident Dot Glanz is admiring her Granville Lily Pond, the lilies were transplanted from the pond formally in our Granville Park.



The Gingin Community Resource Centre would like to make contact with a local **Occupational Therapist** 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.



Music in the Park

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SATURDAY **06** JAN 2024

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ENQUIRIES - CONTACT THE SHIRE'S EVENTS TEAM
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'NO DONATIONS PLEASE'

A Christmas holiday request from the volunteers of The Treasure Trove @ Gingin.

Please, please don't leave anything in the drop bin, by the drop bin or anywhere around the shop because the shop will be shut while the volunteers are taking a well-earned break over the Christmas holiday period.

Donations left outside will quickly look unsightly, annoy our neighbours, may attract vermin and could get vandalised.

The Op Shop will be closed from 12.00 Friday 22nd Dec 2023 until 9.00 Monday 15th January 2024.

It's Time to Take a Break

We love your donations we really do,
And we appreciate all of you.
Without your help we have no shop.
But sometimes, we wish you would just – **stop!**



Please take a break this Christmas holiday,
Catch your breath, we all need to play.
It's just a pause, no big deal.
But mountains of 'stuff' would be unreal.
So simply store those marvellous donations
Until we are back at our workstations –



*On **Monday 15th Jan**, sorting, cleaning, welcoming our donors & customers and maybe drinking coffee & eating left over cake!*

Happy holidays - we look forward to seeing you in 2024

Help Make This Christmas Extra Special For Less
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The Giving Tree

Deliver donations to the
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1a Lily King Place, Gingin

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There are thousands of ant species in Australia, and most are difficult to identify without a microscope and specialist knowledge. There are very effective baits for some species, while others require control using sprays. Other species rarely need any control and can be left alone. Unless you know the species of ant, control can be guesswork, which can waste your time and money, and involve the unnecessary use of pesticides.

By submitting samples for identification, you can learn about the species of ants at your property and how to control them, plus you'll contribute to ant surveillance in WA. Detections in recent years of exotic and problematic species such as the African black sugar ant, red imported fire ant and browsing ant, is a testament to the ability of ants to arrive in WA via freight and cargo. Their rapid detection provides the best chance of eradication and prevents the economic, social and environmental impacts caused by these ants.

For ant identification services, we request that only **dead** specimens are submitted. This will prevent any unintended spread of the ants, whilst keeping the postie happy!

Sampling instructions

- Brush ants into a sealed container, Ziplock bag or collect ants using the sticky side of transparent tape and fix this gently to a piece of paper.
- Place sample in the freezer for 1-2 hours to kill any live ants.
- Label samples with the collection location e.g. backyard, kitchen, bathroom, driveway etc., and include a note with your name, address, contact number and email address.
- Deliver or post to: Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS), Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, 3 Baron-Hay Court, South Perth WA 6151.

Any suspected exotic ant species should be reported for biosecurity screening to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Further information can be found at agric.wa.gov.au by searching for 'ant control', or by contacting the Pest and Disease Information Service.



Report your observations

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This workshop will cover the key steps to working for yourself as a support worker; from initial start-up, organising your business and managing your customers information.

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Imagine living with the knowledge that your father had murdered your mother and lied to you your whole life, telling you she left because she didn't love you anymore.

How could a father do this to his children? How could a husband do this to a woman he at one time loved?



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The story of Dutch boxer Leen Sanders who was spared to entertain the Nazi guards and helped others survive Auschwitz.

'He had the dream again last night... He taps the gloves of his unbeaten Polish opponent. There are rumours that the loser will be sent to the gas chamber.'



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WEIRD WEDDING! by Anh Do

Miss Franklin's getting married! Weir and Bella have a very important job, and they can't wait for the party. But will a cupcake mix-up cause a cake-tastrophe! It won't be easy ... but it will be funny!



Children's

WHERE'S BLUEY? AT CHRISTMAS

Cheese and crackers, it's Christmas! The countdown is on, but can you find Bluey and Bingo? There's lots of hidden surprises too, so join the festive fun in this search-and-find book.

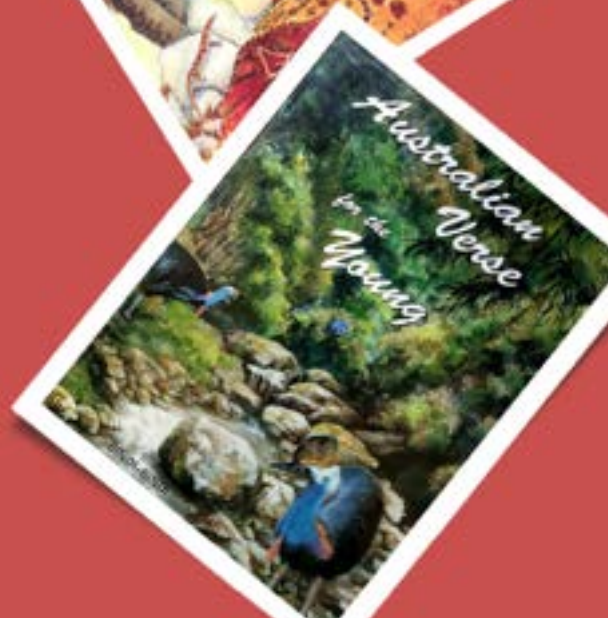
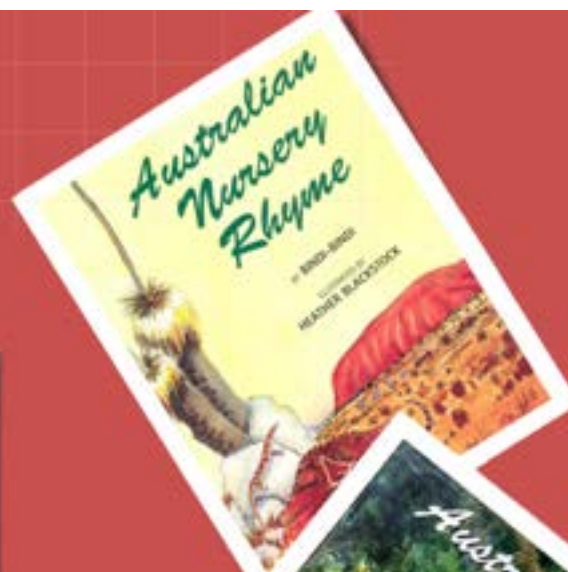
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Liar!

Alan Gent

"There's a mouse under your chair!" exclaimed Harry, pointing to the ground under Sally's desk. Sally screamed, jumped up and scrambled for the door, along with half the girls in the class. Even some of the boys got up without thinking. Others looked under the desk, saw nothing, and started searching around the floor. "Well, where is it now?" asked Mr Potter. Harry sat quite nonchalantly, with a big grin on his face. "I think it must have run away." Mr Potter looked suspiciously at Harry, the new boy, as the class settled back down after the disruption, but said nothing. Since he'd come to the school, there'd been several instances of 'mice' or 'huge cockroaches', even "a spider the size of your hand", but never a sight of them.

Harry was short for his 10 years, with a shock of tousled red hair and a pudgy freckled face. He had a perpetual grin that seemed to unnerve some of the other students, especially the girls. He wasn't very good at his school-work, and when his homework wasn't completed, it was because of a number of reasons: "the dog chewed it", "my little brother tore it up", or even "it got wet in the rain and all the ink came off". He rapidly assumed a nickname among the other children.

They called him 'liar'.

Of course, the teachers knew why he did it. It was because he thought it was the only way to make himself popular. He couldn't see that it had the adverse effect, and he probably didn't know any other way to behave in the end.

It followed that Harry was the very last person that anybody would believe when it came to the events of May 24, 2027.

Harry walked to school down the cul-de-sac from his house, across the field at the end, past the old allotment with its dilapidated wooden paling fence, across the empty

paddock and on to the lower road where it curved around to the little parade of shops at Brendals End, then on to the primary school. He was always alone, because nobody lived up the cul-de-sac like him, and in any case, the other children would avoid him when they could. He didn't care. He was used to it. On the way he'd think up new ways to scare the girls. After all, they could never be really *sure* there was no mouse or spider, could they? He'd even brought a centipede to school once and let it loose in one of the girls' school bags. Of course, he tried to warn her but....

May 24 was an overcast day with that sort of oppressive gloom that seemed to threaten rain, but couldn't really make up its mind. Harry got to the end of the cul-de-sac, crossed the field and had just passed the allotment and into the paddock when he was aware of a large white object just behind a grove of trees out to his left. He was curious, so took a detour over to the trees. As he got closer, he was aware that the whiteness he had seen seemed to be pulsating in an extremely weird way. It was more a bright white light than a colour. He crept closer while keeping himself hidden behind the trees, and noticed a small group of what he could only describe as '*dolls*' gathered near the base of the glowing object. They seemed to be talking animatedly, and surprisingly, he could actually understand what they were saying.

"How soon can we get away?" asked one.

"Soon after I complete the repair of the levitator. I just have to wait for it to cool."

"So how long then?"

"Another 80 cycles I estimate."

"Good. Then we proceed with the Plan. This planet is ideal, as we suspected"

"Disposal of the life forms will be difficult."

"When we transfer, there will be little they'll notice. We just have to make sure we assimilate fully".

"Then we can start taking over very soon"

Harry was in no doubt what they were talking about. They were Aliens, and they were discussing conquest of the Earth! They were going to take on human form and nobody would notice! It was incredible! He had to warn somebody! He quietly slipped back into the paddock and made his way as fast as he could to the school. He knew he'd get into trouble for being late, but this time he had a real excuse! He rushed through the deserted playground—everybody was in class—and ran through corridors to the deputy's office. He banged on the door until the grey-haired man threw it open. "What's the problem Smithers?" he said, "Did your teacher send you?"

Harry started to stutter his news, but the deputy cut him off. "Don't start with another story, boy. Just tell me why you're here."

Harry tried to calm down. He took a deep breath and started very slowly. "I was coming to school and I saw a flying saucer, and..."

"Don't talk rubbish lad. I wasn't born yesterday. Now. Why are you here?"

"I really did see..." and Harry started crying in frustration. With a sudden realisation of his own predicament, and a brief maturity that hit him like a thunderbolt, he knew that he'd never be able to convince the deputy, or anybody else of what he'd seen or heard. Yet the Earth was in danger! He tried again, despite the big man looming over him with a countenance like a thundercloud.

"I know I haven't always t-told the t-truth,

but this t-time, I really DID see aliens. I—I can *show* you if..."

"Look, Smithers, I'll let you off this time. I'm sure you have a really *good* excuse for being here, but I really don't have the time to waste. Now run along to your class." And he closed the door.

Harry stood there for a long moment, snivelling, trying to make sense of his predicament. How could he convince anybody?

I know, he thought, I'll go back and capture one. They're only small. I bet the others would run away!

He ran back out of the school, throwing caution to the winds, and rushed on until he got to the paddock, relieved to see the great white saucer was still there. He ran right up to the trees, past them to the little group that was still chatting. Of course, they stopped as soon as they saw him, and all turned in his direction. *Now, thought Harry, which one should I take....*

That was as far as his conscious thought was allowed to proceed. He felt a sudden hot sensation in his head and then—nothing.

The little red-haired boy that arrived at school had no excuse for Mr Potter, and had to sit in the front of the class by himself. The other children thought that he was a bit quiet, but put it down to his being punished. They also noticed he was very attentive. He was like a different person...

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225g Coconut oil
100g Coconut sugar
150g Wholemeal self raising flour
150g Self raising flour
3 Eggs

Preheat oven to 180 degrees.

Combine the coconut sugar, coconut oil and honey in a small saucepan. Bring to the boil then allow to cool for 20min.

Whisk the 3 eggs. Add the cooled honey mixture and continue to beat for 3 min or until smooth and well combined.

Add flours and mix well with a spatula.

1/4 fill greased cupcake trays and bake for 20 min or until golden.

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Scotch Global: Reimagining Education for the Regions

Scotch College, a renowned private boys' school, has recently launched Scotch Global to deliver premium education whilst students remain at home. Scotch Global is a co-educational school that reimagines education for rural and remote students about to start secondary school. Leveraging the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, Connect Year 7 has been designed to work best in an online environment. The Connect programme begins with Year 7 girls and boys in 2024.

A remarkable feature of Connect Year 7 is a flexible school day that offers collaborative close-knit digital classrooms led by subject specialist teachers in the morning and highly supported independent learning in the afternoon. The resources are created in their state-of-the-art studios by the classroom teachers. Scotch Global's Connect programme addresses a critical need in rural education, specifically supporting students who transition from the School of the Air after Year 6. This initiative caters not only to rural children but also accommodates students with elite sports commitments, those traveling with their families, and students with diverse learning needs under Standard 14 of the Independent Education Act. The programme provides an alternative learning environment with greater accessibility to quality education.

Dr. Alec O'Connell, Principal of Scotch College, Perth, emphasises the importance of adapting education to the unique challenges faced by regional communities. "As regional areas grapple with teacher shortages," he states, "it's crucial to reimagine education. Our shift to online learning during the pandemic has paved the way for innovative solutions to shape the future of education."

For parents like Jareth Forrester, residing in Yarlarweelor, Scotch Global's Connect programme offers a practical and tailored solution. The programme eliminates the need for relocation and provides a seamless transition from home-schooling to formal education. "I was relieved to have this option," Ms. Forrester comments. "It's a significant opportunity for rural families like ours."

Cara Fugill, Head of Scotch Global, highlights the flexibility of online learning, especially for students who may find traditional classrooms challenging. The Connect program delivers a balanced approach, a typical day offers a morning "gathering" of all students, followed by two hours and 15 minutes of collaborative lessons and an equal amount of time spent on guided independent learning. This structured routine ensures that students receive comprehensive education while enjoying the benefits of online flexibility.

Additionally, Scotch Global introduces the Thrive programme, an after-school online extension courses offering curious students a deep dive into subjects such as coding, mechatronics, graphic design, and human rights law. This initiative reflects Scotch Global's commitment to fostering innovative and engaged learners.

Scotch Global invites parents and communities in rural Western Australia to embrace this practical and progressive approach to education. With Connect and Thrive, Scotch Global is reshaping the educational landscape, ensuring equitable access to education for every child, regardless of their geographical location or circumstances.



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