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Community Recovery Sundowner

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Gingin Staying in Place Initiative

How it works

- 1. Contact the Gingin Community Resource Centre to speak to the Program Coordinator via
 - phone:9575 1253 or 0418 691 957
 - o email: sipcc@gingin.net
 - in person: At the CRC Office, 1a Lily King Place, Gingin.
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 2 pm or by appointment.
- 2. Discussion on the who, what, where and when of the services and support you are needing. You are encouraged to bring along a family member or support person.
- 3. Assistance through the ACAT (Aged Care Assessment Team)
 Assessment process to receive a Home Care Package
 through the Australian Government.
- 4. Execution of the Home Care Agreement and other relevant documents with lnCasa Country.
- 5. Completion of the clinical assessment in your home by a local registered nurse.
- 6. Commencement and coordination of services using the local workforce through the online Mable platform.
- 7. Ongoing support and assistance to help you enjoy living happily and comfortably in your own home.

Your Local Coordinator is Susan Clark

Contact Details

Phone: 9575 1253 or 0418 691 957

Email: sipcc@gingin.net

In Person: Gingin CRC, 1a Lily King Pl, Gingin

Please note that Sue is only in office on Tuesdays and Thursdays but is available via email throughout the week

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Friday 22nd of March 2024



Our Community Team



Carrie Edwards Manager



Alison McVee Assistant Manager



Lauren Samata Community Service



Naomi brown Community Service Officer



Tasma Rush-Harvey Centre Trainee



Susan Clark
Staying in Place
Case Coordinator

Gingin CRC recently hosted the DPIRD Agribusiness, Food and Issue Trade Department for a Food & now Issue Trade Department for



we had a great response from

locals in the sector and feedback

is that the DPIRD presentation

was a very informative.



As mentioned in our February issue Bronte and Heather have now moved on and we have Tasma and Lauren as new reception staff- making Naomi the 'old hand' LOL.

Registration are going well for our Ester in the Park and the Gingin Rock `N Arts Event. We have Warwick Trant commencing at 4pm with Afterglow performing from 6pm at the March event and Afterglow are a great band to sing or dance along with. Chew Chew truck will also be attending as well as Gingin Gin and Northen Valley Fruit Pops so we hope to see you all there.

Easter Sunday morning in the Park is great fun and its so nice to see all kids running around Granville park with parents and grandparents in tow. Be sure to register your children to ensure we have a map and pack for them on the day.

As always we hope to see you in the Centre, or at an event, soon.

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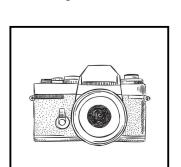


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Do you have a story or advert you would like to share? Perhaps you know of a special anniversary or birthday.

If you would like to submit an article, story or advertisement in the next edition of the Buzz, please email gcn@gingin.net by Friday 22nd March 2024.

Front Page Story

Community Recovery Sundowner

The Community Recovery Sundowner was organised to thank all volunteer bushfire brigades, volunteer fire and rescue brigades, staff and community volunteers that assisted during the fires and storms in the Shire of Gingin in December and January and to check in on anyone affected by the fires and storms.

There was a lot of discussion in the community about how they could help so the Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin Board approved that the Board and Community Officer Linda Balcombe would coordinate the sundowner with the assistance of the community. Cher from the Shire invited the agency's that had been working with the community during the fires and after the fires to come along.

The Community Recovery Sundowner truly showcased the resilience and unity of the Gingin community. It was heartening to see people coming together to support one another and provide assistance to those in need. The opportunity to visit the Emergency Services Building and learn more about fire readiness was invaluable, as it helps to empower individuals and communities to be better prepared for future emergencies.

The presence of agencies such as the Red Cross, Department of Communities, and Disaster Recovery Australia was reassuring, as it ensured that those affected by the fires had access to support and resources. The willingness of these organizations to engage with the community and provide assistance demonstrates their commitment to helping those in need.

Shire President Wayne Fewster's words of gratitude and pride for the community were deeply appreciated, as it served as a reminder of the strength and compassion that exists within Gingin. The dedication of the community members who volunteer their time to assist during fires and emergencies is truly commendable, and their efforts do not go unnoticed.

Overall, the Community Recovery Sundowner was a testament to the resilience, compassion, and unity of the Gingin community. It provided a platform for people to come together, share their stories, and offer support to one another. It is events like these that truly highlight the power of community and the importance of coming together in times of need.

Thanks to those listed below that donated money, assistance and goods for the evening.

The Treasure Trove@Gingin, Andrea Vis and Mike Regan, The Gingin IGA Local Grocer, The Gingin Butchers, Cellarbrations Gingin, The Gingin CRC, Gingin Districts Community Financial Services Ltd and Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin

Nikki Woods the VFRS Captain, Martin Aldridge and Rob Kestel all assisted with the set up of the sundowner and Tiffany from Tiff's Catering came in and cooked all the sausages and onions for the evening.







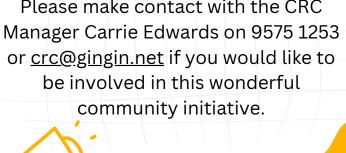




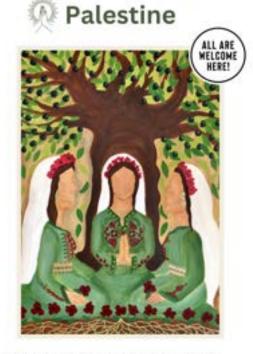








World Day Of Prayer 2024



Date & Time: Friday, 1st of March, 10am

Location: Gingin Uniting Church

Contact Person: Sharon 0428 557 057



GINGIN PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS GROUP INC

Secretary Heather Dewar

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PO Box 34, Gingin, WA, 6503 shdewar@bigpond.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GINGIN PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS GROUP INC

BENDIGO COMPLEX CLUB ROOMS

NEW STREET

GINGIN

11th March 2024

7.30pm

All property owners and individuals interested in protecting our Property Rights are welcome to attend.

Community Groups

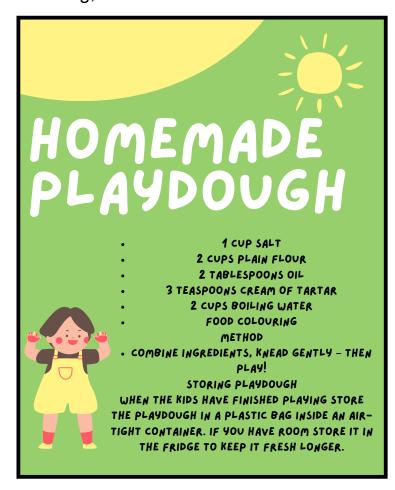
Gingin Playgroup

Playgroup is back in full swing with membership for 2024 now open. We have our 'Jiggle and Jam' session on a Monday at 10.30am which is run by Rachael who loves sporting her tutu and dancing around to entertain the kids. Our Wednesday session organized by Anna-Lyse, from 9.30am has seen the following themes this month; Ocean, Dinosaur and Road Safety. During these activities we have had plenty of fun getting messy with paint, water play and a range of sensory play activities.

Sensory play is great for children to develop their range of senses including touch, smell, sight, sound and taste. When we create activities for the children, we like to make sure that it is taste safe. For example, we make our own playdough from flour, salt, cream of tartar, food coloring and water that way if the children do put it in their mouths for a nibble its completely safe to. Exploring our senses helps children to build cognitive skills and influences how they learn about

their world.

Join us in March for the following themes: Cleaning, Outside Adventure and Easter.



Gardening Group

The first meeting of 2024 was held at Irene's on a scorching hot day and planning is underway for the year ahead of us.

We will meet on the first Friday of the



month, annual membership is \$15, and we welcome all new members.

For any queries Irene can be contacted on 0412 675 494



Gingin Arts & Crafts Group

**Calling All Creatives! Join the Gingin Arts and Crafts Community! **

Are you passionate about unleashing your creativity? Looking for a new hobby to explore? Or simply eager to connect with fellow art enthusiasts in Gingin? Look no further! The Gingin Arts and Crafts community is calling out to YOU!

Everyone is Welcome! ** Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting out, there's a place for you in our community. Don't be shy come as you are and let your creativity shine!

Join us today and discover the joy of creating art alongside like minded individuals. Simply pop down to the Art Centre on a Wednesday morning or visit our Facebook page (Gingin Arts Centre) to find out more in becoming a part of the Gingin Arts and Crafts family. We can't wait to meet you and see what wonderful creations you'll bring to our community!

#GinginArtsandCrafts #CreativityUnleashed #ArtisticCommunity #AllAreWelcome



Red Cross

The Gingin Red Cross Unit, meet on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are held at 3 Horan Street (Lions Club) at 9am followed by a morning tea at 10am.

All are welcome to join us!

For any queries you may contact:

Karyn 043 778 0406

Felicity 0400 505 656.



Gingin Brook Catchment

Fire recovery Lennard Brook

The Gingin Brook Catchment Group's thoughts are with the people in Gingin and Chittering who were impacted by the Bindoon Gingin fire in January this year. We hope the recovery process is going as smoothly and quickly as possible.

As well as farmland, bushland, including the riparian vegetation along part of Lennard Brook, was burnt. This part of the brook was looking very sad immediately after the fire. The good news is there are new shoots emerging from the base of some of the trees and rushes and sedges putting up new leaves along the banks of the brook.

Unplanned fires can have some benefits for weed control activities in that they clear the ground and may kill some existing weeds. The fire can also stimulate new growth on some perennial weedy species, such as African Lovegrass, providing an opportunity to spray the fresh new growth when it is more susceptible to herbicides and therefore a better kill rate is likely. Weed seed in the soil may also be stimulated to germinate en-masse so weed control following fires is important whenever possible.

In the case of Lennard Brook, Gingin Brook Catchment Group had applied successfully last year for a grant to undertake weed control and revegetation this year on two properties on the Lennard Brook. Both of these are in the area impacted by the fire. This will mean, that unlike is often the case, advantage will be able to be taken of this unplanned burn in controlling the weeds. Burns also stimulate the germination of native species from the soil seedbank. If the soil seedbank quality is good, and the weather favourable over the next 18 months, the revegetation may prove to be better than anticipated for this project. Thank you to the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program for the funding to enable this project.

The next meeting of the Gingin Brook Catchment Group will be a Community Forum held in conjunction with the AGM on Monday 15th April at 5.30pm at the Gingin Golf Club (time and location to be confirmed). Members and prospective members are reminded membership fees are now due and you need to be up to date with membership to be eligible to vote at the meeting.

See www.ginginbrookcatchment.org.au or email info@ginginbrookcatchment.org.au for further information.



Gingin Treasure Trove

Where does 'IT' all go?

As you are packing donations for the op shop do you ever wonder what happens next?

Have you been in the shop, paid for your treasures and wondered where does the money go?

Both are good questions; both have simple and slightly more complicated answers.

Question One – what happens next:

- •The bric-a-brac donations that are saleable, go out on to the shelves almost immediately however electrical items are put to one side for safety testing. Some items are put on the ever-popular FREE stand.
- •Manchester is checked, marked with the size (doonas & sheets) and put out for sale unless it's specifically seasonal, i.e. winter/summer sheets, they may be put in season specific storage boxes.
- •Toys are checked over and put out for sale if they are close to perfect.
- •Books are sorted by subject or author and put on the shelves when there is space, the rest are stored in the back shed.
- •The other random 'stuff' is checked for condition and usefulness and put in the appropriate sales area. This 'stuff' can be difficult to assess because one person's treasure is anothers complete waste of space, but we do have camping gear, garden ornaments, pet beds, wet suits, suitcases, doorknobs and a sink!
- •Clothes are more complicated. Firstly, they are checked for condition, we will not attempt to sell anything that you would not be happy giving to your mother or child. They are also divided by season and put into store if necessary. At the Trove we try hard to make sure that all the clothes for sale are perfect with exceptions i.e. the \$2

rack of 'working' clothes.

Because Gingin people are so generous with their donations, we can be left with clothes that are:

- •Not quite up to our spec, i.e. still wearable but have already been worn too many times; these items are packed and go to remote and other rural op shops.
- •Used to death' clothing that is only good for rags, assuming it is clean & the correct type of fabric.
- •And there is a smaller amount, of often beautiful, but unsalable/unsuitable items, spangled ball gowns, wedding dresses, dress suits or historic clothing. These go to Paraquad in Perth because they do have a demand for them.
- •Finally, after all the sorting, sadly we are often left with unsalable 'stuff' not just clothes. This quickly fills our dustbins and then the large Avon Waste skip bin. The skip bin costs \$80+ a time to empty, so is part of the answer to the second question because oddly it is one of the most expensive things required to run the shop.

Question two, after paying for the skip bin where does the rest of the money go?

Firstly, it does not go to the people who work in or run the shop, we are all volunteers although we do get free coffee/tea and biscuits at smoko and sometimes someone brings in a homemade cake

Nine years of demanding work and saving hard enabled us to pay for the renovations necessary to make an unused fire station into the current air-conditioned, clean, functional shop. Ongoing there are also the normal day to day building running cots which include utilities and insurances.

However, The Treasure Trove at Gingin is a community op shop that was set up to support our community via grants and it has done that for many, varied groups of people, young and old, during the years since the shop opened.

Some of the grants have been large and went to help pay towards big ticket items, i.e. the community car, the adventure playground, GDHS chaplaincy programme (ongoing assistance), replacement bowls club mat, replacement roof for the golf club, Mens shed disability lift, CRC Staying in Place project.

However, most grants are smaller, often less than \$1000, although they were for an even more diverse range of recipients and causes. There are few clubs and associations in Gingin that have not had a Trove grant in the last eleven years. There were also emergency donations made after the Yarloop fire, hurricane Seroja and more local emergencies. The complete list of 'where the money has gone' is long and extremely varied.

So, if your organisation needs financial help, in the form of a grant, please ask. The worst that can happen is that the Trove committee says "No" or possibly "Yes but not that much!"; however, they might just happily say "Yes, good luck with your project/event/purchase".

The Trove grant application form is available from the shop and is deliberately simple to complete; there are only three conditions:

- 1)The applicant/event/project must be based in Gingin, (we made exceptions for Yarloop and Seroja but they were WA emergencies!),
- 2)They must have done their best to raise the money required or it is an emergency,
- 3)Are a not-for-profit organisation.

By Ann Callen

Gingin Chittering Lions Club

The Gingin Chittering Lions were up with the sparrows again this year for the 2024 Australia Day celebrations at Neergabby. We provided 200 egg and bacon rolls, a variety of fruits, juice, lamingtons with tea and coffee for everyone's breakfast. The many nominees for the various categories were very important citizens and they brought along many supporters, which unfortunately caused us to run out of rolls. It highlighted our great community spirit and the growth in the Gingin shire. Next year there will be a system in place to gauge numbers so the shire can be prepared with a greater budget.

Look out for the Lions at the Lancelin Monster fete on the 3rd of March and bring your little ones for a train ride. The annual Easter hunt will be at the Granville Park on the 31st of March. We will help the CRC to set up a variety of activities to navigate for family fun. Please remember to pre-register

with the CRC.

The Gingin/Chittering Lions meet on the 2nd Monday evening of every month at the Lion's Den, located at 3 Horan Street Gingin. We meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start and the members bring a plate to share for our dinner meetings, where we socialize and prepare for the upcoming events. Come along to our next meeting on March the 11th.

For more details call Colin on 0411 231 985 Find us on Facebook at; https://www.facebook.com/GinginLions



Sports Corner

IGAN BALLIDU









Dalwallinu v Toodyay Saturday 13th

Bye - Cal, Dow, GG, Goom, WB

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Toodyay v Goomalling Calingiri v Dalwallinu Gingin v Dowerin Saturday 27th Sunday 28th

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BYE - Wongan Ballidu Toodyay v Calingiri Dalwallinu v Gingin Sunday 5th

BYE - Goomalling

Wongan Ballidu v Dalwallinu Goomalling v Dowerin Gingin v Toodyay

Sunday 12th

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Saturday 29th ROUND 12

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Wongan Ballidu v Gingin

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BYE - Dowerin

Goomalling v Calingiri

Sunday 26th

Foodyay v Dalwallinu

12th - 14th July



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ROUND 14

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BYE - Dalwallinu

ROUND 8

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ROUND 15

Wongan Ballidu v Goomalling

BYE - Toodyay

Dalwallinu v Dowerin

Sunday 9th

June

BOUND 9

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Wongan Ballidu v Calingiri Gingin v Goomalling Toodyay v Dowerin Saturday 3rd Sunday 4th

August

ROUND 16

Wongan Ballidu v Calingiri

BYE - Dalwallinu

Gingin v Goomalling

Toodyay v Dowerin

Sunday 16th

Goomalling v Toodyay BYE - Wongan Ballidu Dowerin v Dalwallinu Calingiri v Gingin BYE - Dalwallinu Saturday 10th Sunday 11th

August

ROUND 17

Dalwallinu v Wongan Ballidu

BYE - Calingiri

Dowerin v Goomalling

Toodyay v Gingin

Saturday 22nd

Sunday 23rd

ROUND 11

Wongan Ballidu v Dowerin

Gingin v Dalwallinu Calingiri v Toodyay



2nd Semi Final Goomalling Oval

Wongan Hills Oval

18th August

Ist Semi Final

Mortlock Winter Sports Medal Count Tuesday 27th August

Goomalling Oval 8th September GRAND FINAL

Preliminary Final

1st September

Wongan Hills Oval



ROUND 1

BOUND 2

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Dowerin v Wongan Ballidu

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Sunday 30th

BYE - Calingiri

Sunday 7th

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11th - 12th July

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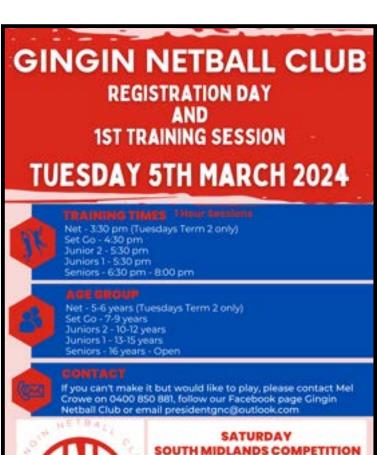
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Neergabby Fireworks

Last sunday of September

Organiser: Denise Kowalk







is our local competition, games are played in Gingin, Bindoon and Muchea however includes

teams from Gingin, Bindoon, and Immaculate Heart Community

Gingin CRC Easter Hunt

Organiser: Gingin CRC

Easter Sunday













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Letters to the editor

Gingin Handmade Soap: Crafting Natural Soap made from Local Ingredients.

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With a commitment to harnessing the purity of nature, Gingin Handmade Soap prides itself on using locally sourced ingredients, such as rich olive oil, creamy goat's milk, and golden honey. Every bar is handcrafted, ensuring the highest quality and care in every batch.

What sets Gingin Handmade Soap apart is not only our dedication to using natural ingredients but also our innovative approach to creating new variations with each batch of soap. Drawing inspiration from the bountiful surroundings of Gingin, we are continuously experimenting with different combinations to offer a diverse range of options for our customers.

Moreover, by sourcing ingredients locally, Gingin Handmade Soap not only supports the community but also reduces their carbon footprint, contributing to a more sustainable future.

As the demand for natural, handmade skincare products continues to rise, Gingin Handmade Soap stands at the forefront, offering a refreshing alternative to mass-produced options. With our dedication to quality, sustainability, and the beauty of nature, we invite customers to experience the difference that handmade soap can make in their skincare routine.





THE GINGIN RECREACTION GROUP community grants are open they will close on the 31st of March for more information or an application form please email.

ggrecgroup@hotmail.com

Past Gingin News

Over the years the pictured building has had multiple uses, recently popping up on community member Alicia's facebook from the State Library's post the following comments were made from fellow community members on what they remember.

"Bill John, ran the pottery classes approx 40 years ago, I still have some of the masterpieces created there."

"Guides and Brownies used the building for our weekly meetings. I also remember a Sunday school ran by Mrs Willaims."

"Ivy Prince lived there with her family some seventy years ago, her daugther is Wayne Fewster's mother."

Once home to locals, Bevan and Margaret Gresele

Today the building is still in use as the CU at the Park Cafe.

Do you have any past Gingin News you would like to share, email us at gcn@gingin. net.

Picture taken from the State Library Western Australia website: 314432PD: Granville Cottage Arts and Crafts Centre (formerly the Granville Hotel), Gingin, October 1986





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Visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/cervicalscreening

Complete the cervical screening in the Wheatbelt community feedback survey.





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EASTER HUNT

SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2024 10AM - 11:30AM GRANVILLE PARK, GINGIN MEET AT SOUNDSHELL TO BEGIN

Embrace the joy of Easter with fun activities and unleash your creativity!



For more information

Email: crc-service@gingin.net

Phone: 9575 1253

Scan the QR Code to RSVP



















Country & Coas Shire of Ginain News & Information

Welcome to Country & Coast!

monthly newsletter! After Davies 13 years as "Council to Community" we decided "Country & Coast". it was time to review the layout of the newsletter to make it a more attractive. easier-to-read experience, as well as give it a name that reflects and brings together the country and coastal elements of our region.

about from suggestions we page. received from community members, and a Shire staff "Name that Newsletter" competition for the best, most appropriate new name. We received lots of terrific suggestions from the staff who got to vote for their favourite. The top four most popular names were then provided to Council who made the final

Welcome to the new decision. Congratulations look Shire of Gingin to staff members Jarrad and Burt who both suggested

Country & Coast Shire news will continue to be published in the Northern Valley News, Coastal Courier, Gingin Buzz, and Moore River News each month. In addition, a digital version can be emailed to subscribers or viewed on The new look has come our website and Facebook

> One of the suggestions we received was making printed copies available at locations around the Shire each month for anyone preferring this option we are in the process of making this happen and we'll provide an update on where you can pick up a copy soon.

Council Decisions

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

- Replacement of Air Conditioner in Lancelin Sporting Complex - Carried.
- Application for Alistair 'Sid' Mclean Memorial Seat, Lancelin - Alternative Motion Carried.
- Release of Reserve Funds for Ambulance Purchases (Unbudgeted Expenditure) - Carried.

in addition, 25 other items were 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/councilmeetings, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

CU@Park Cafe Temporary Closure

4 more weeks so that completed.

CU@Park Café in Gingin will remedial works to the inside be closed for approximately flooring and walls can be

Moore River Bacteria Update

Moore River have returned signage is in place. to normal.

Rocks (rope swing) area hot and river usage is high. preliminary the results have detected the potential presence of an amoeba which may pose a

The Shire can advise that health risk for swimmers and the most recent samples requires further testing, and taken from the mouth of Health Department Safety

Testing will continue on a We have also commenced weekly basis for the next few testing at the Caraban weeks whilst the weather is



Japanese Entomologists Visit Gingin

Monday 22 that stable fly entomology January The Stable research being carried and eight entomology Kyushu University on a nineday stable fly study tour in WA. The delegation was formally welcomed at the Shire Council Chambers by Hon Shane Love MLA, Shire President Cr Wayne Fewster, and SFAG Chairman Bob Wilson. Attendees also included representatives from DPIRD and Vegetables WA, Shire staff and Councillors, and SFAG Committee members. The visit provided a rare opportunity to share stable fly science and management for both

Fly Action Group Inc out at Kyushu University (SFAG) and the Shire of concentrates mainly on Gingin were delighted biological control of the fly. to host a delegation of whereas here in WA where two Japanese professors the fly is endemic in the environment, the focus is science students from on management of the fly's breeding source, such as in vegetable crop residue under irrigation.

SFAG Chairman Bob Wilson commented after event: 'The SFAG committee would like to thank all the people that made the Japanese delegation's visit to Australia such a positive experience'.



Woodridge Bore Operational

We advise the Woodridge community lawns has now providing water to the inservice again.

community that the bore been replaced and is back







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Meet Your Councillors!

Cr Jason Weeks

ongratulations Jason on your election to Council last October. How long have you lived in the Shire of Gingin? I've been a regular since the late 1980s and lived in the Shire for around 16 years. Can you tell us a bit about your background? I joined the RAAF straight out of school, then worked in television, sales, tourism, marketing, and mine site and wind farm construction. I also compete and commentate at various national surfing competitions.What Shire issues are you passionate Preserving about? and enriching the unique lifestyle options in the Shire. I want to retain the uniquely "country" feel. I am a strong advocate for animal welfare, and am proud of



work our commercial fisheries have done to develop and maintain a world class sustainable rock lobster fishery. What do you appreciate most about the Shire? I love the fact that we are able to drive along the beaches to enjoy our leisure time. Another major appeal to me is the diversity of landscapes and lifestyles contained within our borders. How do you envision the Shire of Gingin to look in 10-20 years? My vision is to have controlled growth, so we may share with others and make room for new residents to enjoy and appreciate all that the Shire has to offer, without sacrificing those attributes which make it the unique jewel that our Shire is.

Granville Park Lawn Restoration

have been and Gingin Brook.

to establish. This means progress.

ur Operations team extra watering is required busy and temporary additional with lawn restoration and reticulation will come on planting works in Granville between 6:00 - 6:30am, Park between the church 10.30-11.00am, 3.00-3.30pm and 5:30-6:00pm daily.

They have now finished We ask everyone to please planting the runners which avoid using the lawn area will take about 8 weeks while the restoration is in

Project Updates

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

- Constable St. Gingin footpath upgrade.
- Scout hall ablution block asbestos roof removal and replacement.
- Mooliabeenee Road reconstruction.
- Granville Hall power board upgrade.

What's on

n the Shire of Gingin?

Laps for Life Challenge!

1 March - 31 March, Gingin Aquatic Centre, Gingin,

Lancelin Primary School Monster Fete

3 March, 9am - 1pm, Lancelin Primary School, Lancelin.

Arts in the Park Exhibition

15 & 16 March, 10am - 4pm, Granville Civic Centre, Gingin.

Arts in the Park

Saturday 16 March, 4pm - 9pm, Granville Park, Gingin.

Easter Art Show & Sales

Saturday 30 March, 9am - 2pm, Guilderton Community Hall, Guilderton.

Moore Men's Shed Open Day

Saturday 30 March, 9am - 2pm, Wedge Street, Guilderton,

Easter Egg Hunt & Live Music

Saturday 30 March, 10am - 1pm, Gabbadah Park, Guilderton.

Gingin Easter Hunt

Sunday 31 March, 10am - 11:30am, Granville Park, Gingin,

Lancelin Arts Festival

Saturday 6 April, 10am - 3pm, Wangaree Park, Lancelin.

Youth Fun Day

Wednesday 10 April, 10am - 2am, Woodridge Community Hall, Woodridge.

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

Do you have a community event to promote in the Shire? If so please email our Community Development Officer

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The Last Day

Alan Gent

The soft voice emanated throughout the bedroom: "Time to get up now", then was repeated a few minutes later.

I leaned over and stroked the arm of my lovely wife. Celeste was beautiful in repose. Exactly what I wanted. Dark, shoulder length hair, intelligent hazel eyes, perfect chin... But then again, I could have had any model I wanted. For myself, I'd chosen the classic 'Greek God' style, with narrow hips, a pleasantly muscular body and an age of about 35. The soft voice of Mary (It seemed an appropriate name for a maid) interrupted my thoughts. "Would you like your clothes brought in?"

"Yes, please Mary."

Later we all sat at the breakfast table eating our delicious meal of cereal with fresh strawberries, followed by perfectly made toast and jam. It was good to see that Celeste had prepared the children for breakfast, and they both sat impeccably dressed in casual attire quietly chewing their toast with perfectly formed teeth in unblemished, beautiful faces. Mark had chosen to study early languages, and he would be involved later with ancient Greek and Roman. It was better to allow him to build up knowledge it kept him more occupied during the day. Megan would spend some time re-organising her doll's wardrobe and helping Celeste with her craft work. Yes, we had a wonderful life.

Just as we were finishing breakfast Mary walked into the room and announced: "Begging your pardon Mr Brown, but today is the last day."

The children stopped eating; Celeste and I turned an amused gaze upon Mary.

"Please explain, Mary. What is the 'last day'?" "It is the last day", she repeated, "The last day for all mankind."

My first thought was that there was some

mistake in Mary's program. True, she had been very reliable for all the years we'd used her, but perhaps she was in need of replacement.

"Please clarify, Mary. I have no knowledge of this. Are you certain of your facts?"

"I am a Beta model 6 home assistant Mr. Brown. There is no mistake. I communicate via the Network with Central Control and the Master Unit in London. I cannot question the facts. Today, all life on this planet will cease."

I was still a little amused, believing it to be some form of malfunction. "How and when will this take place, Mary?" I smirked across at Celeste, who maintained a blank expression.

"At precisely 8 pm this evening." Mary said impassively. "Will there be anything else?"

"Wait a second, Mary. Tell us exactly how and why this will happen."

"I have no further knowledge of this, Mr. Brown. It is simply fact. The only other information I have is that you should tidy up your affairs and prepare your family for the inevitable termination. I was advised to let you know. That is all."

We watched Mary as she left the room. She would be back to tidy up as soon as we had retired to the living areas, as usual.

As Master of the house, it was my responsibility to try to make some sense of this information. Was it true? Robots don't lie. Mary didn't seem to be having a breakdown.

"Celeste," I said, "I'll see if I can get some information from Central Control. Now don't worry about this, children, I'm sure it's some sort of misunderstanding."

It had been months since I'd used the communicator, and I was a bit 'rusty'. I got through, though, and found myself talking to a very pleasant sounding fellow who announced himself as 'Dorial'.

"Oh, yes, Mr. Brown. I assure you there's no mistake. Life will be erased at 8 pm tonight your time."

"Is there nothing that can be done? Perhaps my family could shelter somewhere..."

Dorial laughed. "It's not that simple, I'm afraid. It has been decided that a radical new form of life has to be installed on this planet, one that is in keeping with the wishes of the Grand Council."

"What is wrong with the life we have here? Are we not doing right by the planet?"

"Mr Brown," said Dorial patiently, "The decision has been made. It's not for you or I to question it. Instructions will be sent to you concerning your preparation at 7.45 pm your time tonight. Goodbye."

I sat staring at the dead communicator.

The children were engaged in their activities, just like a normal day. Celeste was working on her craft, and I.... I was supposed to be studying for another qualification. While something inside said this is what I should be doing, the incredible revelation that 'all life would cease' made any work of this nature pointless. I made a decision.

"Celeste! Children! We're going out!"

Celeste was followed into the room by Megan and Mark. "We never go out!" said Megan. "We're going on a picnic by the river. That'll be nice, won't it?"

I liked the way they never questioned me. I was the acknowledged 'Master' of the house. They didn't even ask about 'the last day'.

We spent a very pleasant day by the river, with Megan and Mark throwing little sticks in the water, and Celeste and I talking about many things, always avoiding the subject of the 'last day'.

The picnic lunch prepared by Mary was superb.

In the late afternoon, we ambled back up to the house that we'd occupied for how many years? It was hard to say. I simply couldn't remember.

We had a beautiful tea in the dining room, and once again, life seemed to be prefect.

Precisely at 7.45 pm. Mary came in and gave

me a sheet of paper. It had the promised 'Instructions' on it.

I settled the children into bed they never said a word about the time. I told Celeste we had to have an 'early night'.

I got the key from my bedside drawer and walked down into the basement and across to the small grey box on the wall in the corner. I opened the box with the key for the very first time. Inside was a red button and a digital display. My finger hesitated for a moment, but remembering what Dorial had said, I sighed, gave a mental shrug, and pushed the button.

Immediately the digital display started counting down. I noted that I had less than five minutes. I walked up the stairs into the bedroom and lay down next to my beautiful wife. I knew that Mary had retired to her room and was similarly disposed.

At 8 pm a signal was broadcast, and all 'life forms' ceased. Of course, it was easy. Simply a matter of turning off the electrical signals enabling this robot World to function.

It would be a long process, but the clean-up of all the 'old' models had already begun. Some of the parts would be re-used, and who knows, perhaps there'd be a 'Robert and Celeste Brown' as part of this strange new World, where humanity had managed to destroy itself millennia earlier.



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Robert Brodie- Hall & Ron Pollard Turned 80!!

Happy Birthday and Congratulations to two of our most energetic and contributory residents and thank you for your ongoing and wonderful contributions to Gingin and the District over many years.

The two very well-known Gingin residents have been awarded a local Birthday Honour by the Gingin Men's Shed – The O.B.E* (Over BI***y Eighty).

Robert Brodie – Hall celebrated his birthday on January 11, 2024.

Robert was the instigator and organizer of the Gingin's British Car Day some 25 years ago and carried on as sole organizer until recent times. The success of his project has grown to such a capacity he now runs it in conjunction with the Community Resource Centre.

He is also currently the President of the Gingin Men's Shed, having had many years of involvement with this organization; is a member of the Management Committee for the Community Resource Centre, and currently the Course Manager for the Gingin Golf Club.

Robert is an entertaining raconteur at any function that he is asked to attend and is a "dab hand" at Bush poetry.

Ron Pollard – celebrated his birthday on February 1, 2024

Ron came to the district with his family in 1956 and has been both a beekeeper and farmer.

He was a founding member of the Bendigo Bank in Gingin and remained as a committee member on the Board for 18 years.

Currently he is Secretary of Project Gingin, which was established after the very successful 150th (Sesquicentenary) Celebrations. Its aim being to provide ideas for development projects and the enhancement of streetscapes within the town, in partnership with the Gingin Council.

Ron is also Secretary / Treasurer of the Gingin Men's Shed, having had many years of involvement in this enterprise, and is a Gingin Museum & Historical Society Committee member.

Robert and Ron have had their life stories written as Biographies, which can be found in the Gingin Library.



Robert Brodie-Hall



Ron Pollard

Norma Gray Turns 100!!

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Children's

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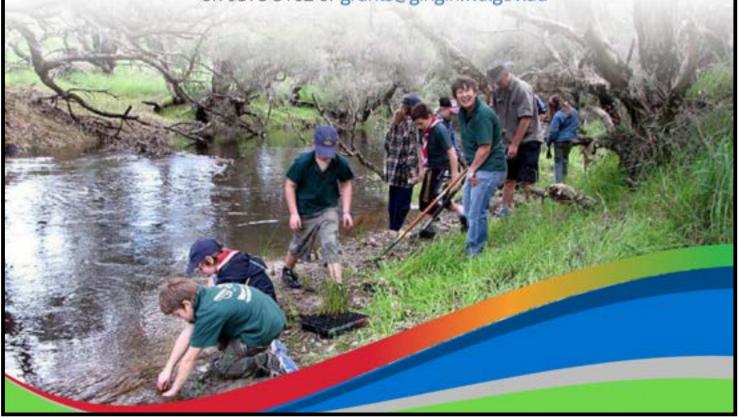
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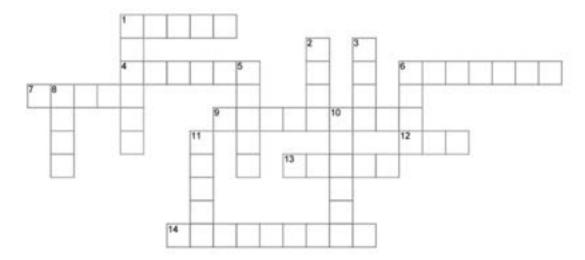
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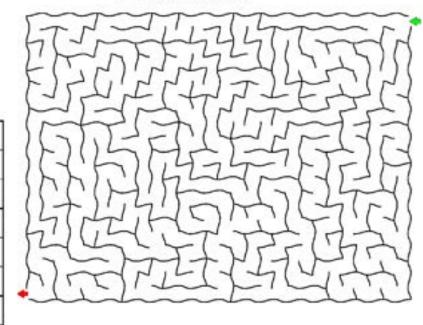
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- 4. The season after Winter.
- 6. Bloom from plants.
- 7. Hatches out of a real egg.
- Small, round brightly colored candy shaped like a bean.
- 12. A coloring material.
- 13. Kids eat lots of this on Easter.
- 14. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!

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- 1. You need this to collect your eggs.
- 2. Easter flower.
- 3. Put or keep out of sight.
- 5. Color of grass.
- 6. A discovery of something.
- 8. To search for something.
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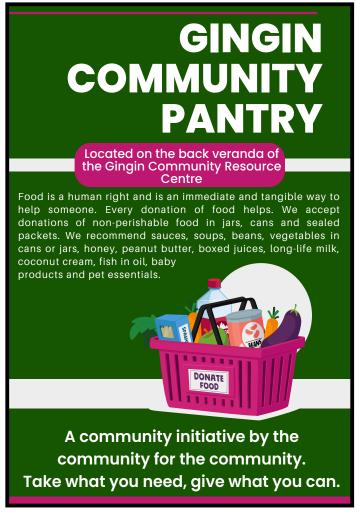


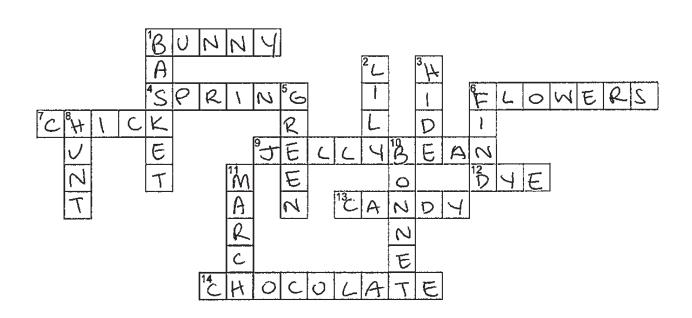


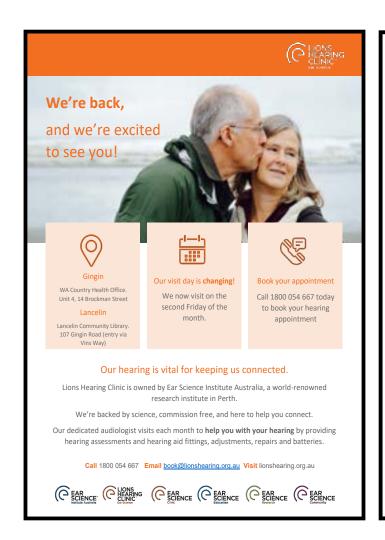














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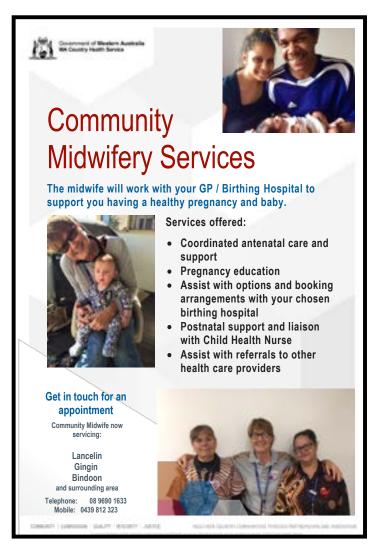
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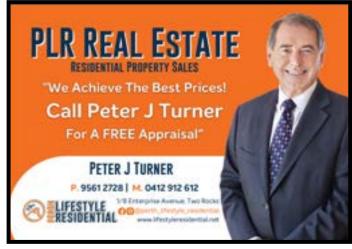


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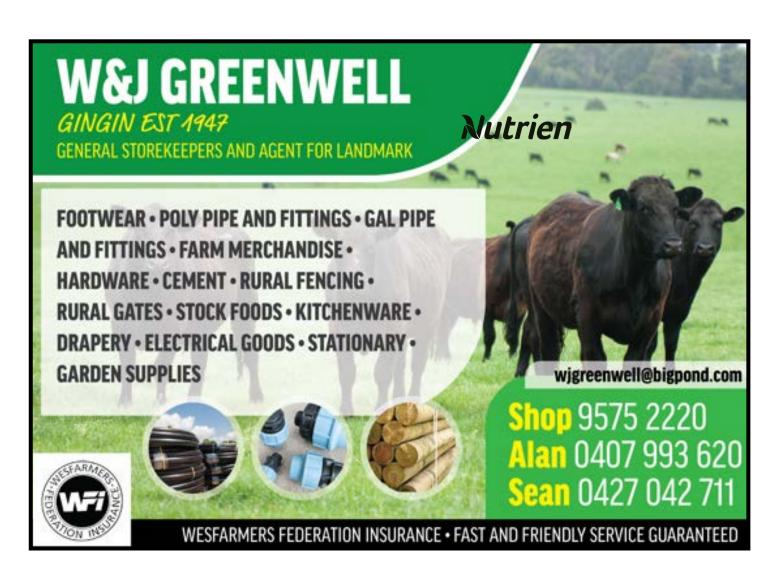
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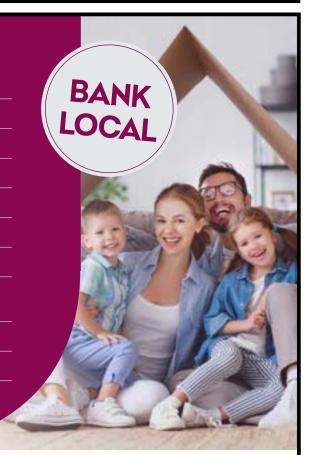
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