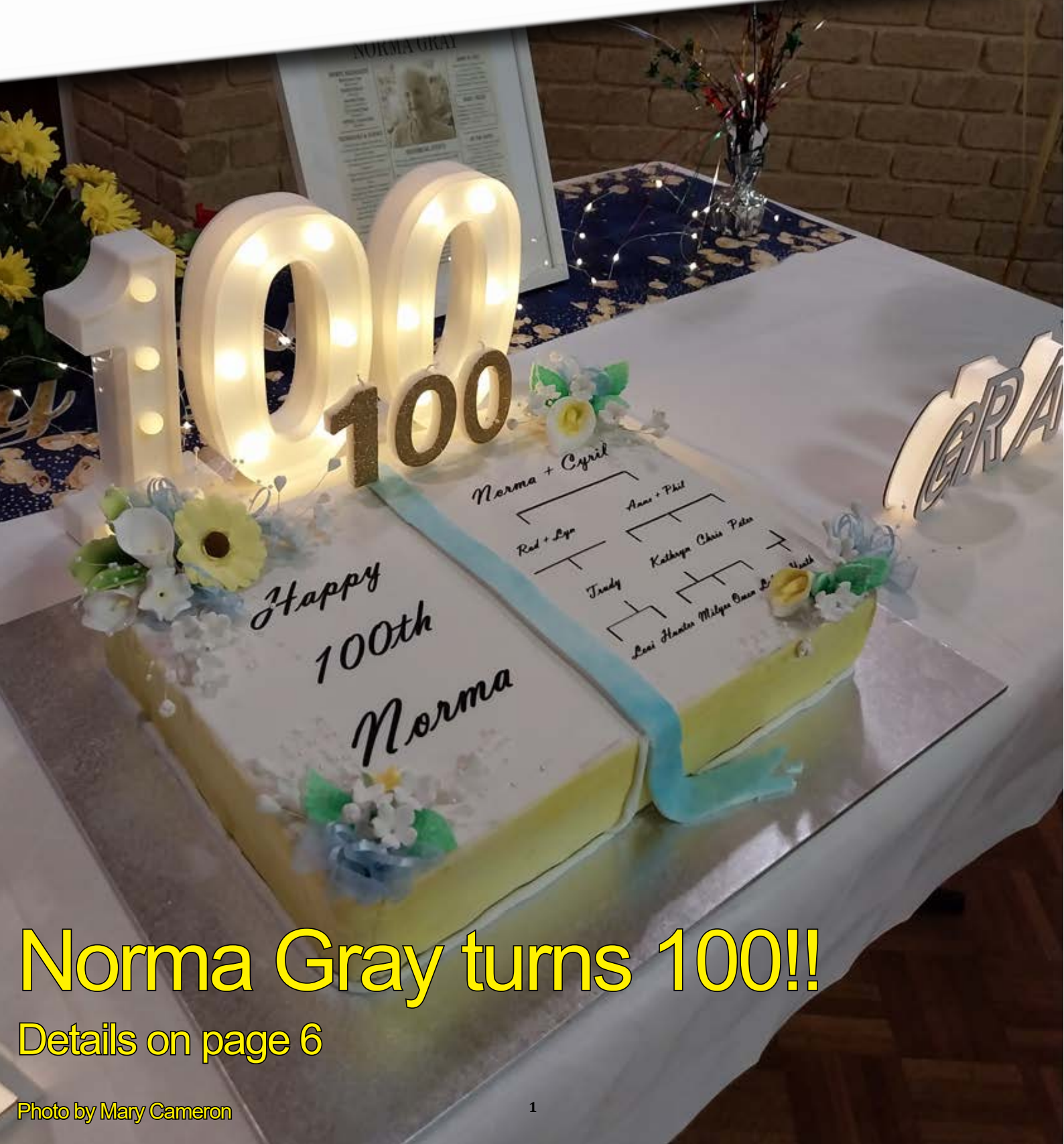


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April 2024



Norma Gray turns 100!!

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GINGIN COMMUNITY FORUM

Let's talk about issues that are important to you.



24 May, 2024
5:00PM - 7:00PM

CU@Park, Gingin



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How it works

1. Contact the Gingin Community Resource Centre to speak to the Program Coordinator via
 - phone: 9575 1253 or 0418 691 957
 - 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.
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4. Execution of the Home Care Agreement and other relevant documents with InCasa 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

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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

"Drop into the CRC on Tuesdays and Thursdays to chat about how your skills can translate into paid work supporting your community!"

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The 2024 Art Exhibition & Rock N Arts event were again wonderfully supported by the community. We had hundreds of people viewing the artwork over the 2 days and once again there were numerous comments in regard to the high standard of works on display. We are excited to announce going forward we will be integrating the Art Exhibition with the Flavours of Gingin Event which will enhance both events.

Easter in the park registrations are now full and with a bit of luck we will have some nice mild weather on Easter Sunday when the kids are roaming around the park orienteering as per their maps. Its so great we have Gingin Lions Club working with us again for this years event.

To all of our Gingin Library members can you please check that we have your current email address as these will be used in the new Spydus library system when we move over.

I would like to point out to our community that Mable workers can be used by anybody – you simply select `Find support` and that your method of payment will be `pay privately` as opposed to payment by a `Home Care Package`. If you would like assistance to set this up please let us know and we will assist you.





Have a safe and Happy Easter everyone.

Carrie

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7	8	9	10 *YOUTH FUNDAY - WOODBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL 10AM-2PM *GINGIN ARTS GROUP 9.30AM	11	12 *RED CROSS MORNING TEA 10AM - LIONS DEN 3 HORAN ST	13
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GINGIN BUZZ



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

Norma Gray turns 100!!

Congratulations Norma Gray – A Party for the Centenary.

A magical afternoon and evening were had by all to congratulate and celebrate one hundred years of life for “our” Norma Gray at the Granville Hall on February 24.

Commencing at 3.30 pm and going well into the night, it was an event that will be long recalled as a spectacular occasion.

Not many people can say their Birthday was attended by two Freeman of the Shire of Gingin, 5 former Councillors and one currently serving Shire President and with family and friends travelling from the Northern Territory, the ACT, Queensland and many parts of Western Australia and locally. In total there were approximately 150 guests in attendance.

Norma is of the generation that believes occasions and things don't “just happen by luck but by good management”, so in mid-2023, she set about organizing her significant day, her way.

She booked the Granville Civic Centre, discussed her menu with her chosen Caterer, with a speculative number of 160 guests, drew up a list of guests for a mail out of invitations, booked the local Florist and chose the colour theme for the flowers and decorations, decided on what music she would like to have and who was to play and the format of the night.

The function was to be held on a weekend in order that it would not clash with interstate travellers, or those who were working. Important also was to choose the right person to make the evening flow smoothly – the Master of Ceremonies. Finally, the Dress Code was to be formal, and the meal sit down served by “wait staff” with an Entree, Hot Roast Meal, Dessert and Birthday Cake to follow.

So much for this sound and early preparation by Norma – but the “fickle finger of fate” was not going to let all go to Norma's original plan!

It is difficult to organize a grand event by remote control and with the relocation of Norma to assisted residential care in Perth in December last year, the organization of her party started to become problematic, through the tyranny of distance and “communication hiccoughs”.

The invitations were delayed in arriving and some were misaddressed. By mid-January it was clear to all something was seriously wrong. The question was being asked – “Have you got an invitation to Norma's Birthday?”

Then in stepped one of the two “Fairy Godparents” - Taryn Harris, Norma's Great niece. With perseverance and determination, she networked tirelessly over the last few weeks before the set date to obtain a comprehensive list of all those Norma wished to invite to her special day. However, each time someone spoke to Norma she would mention yet another person she had forgotten to ask!!

In the end, an amended RSVP date was decided upon, and many invitations would ultimately be received by word of mouth. (Sadly a few people were unable to attend, as by this late stage they had previous commitments.)



Taryn is also to be congratulated for bringing together the colour scheme of blue and gold with wall banners, streamers, balloons and lights throughout the Hall.

The uncertainty surrounding the guest list was making it difficult for Caterer Selga to plan quantities of food, wait staff and how to fulfill Norma's original menu. The question arose – a smorgasbord Norma? “No, I want a sit-down meal!” was her response.

Delays in knowing the acceptance numbers also flowed to the setting up of the Hall - the number of tables and the configuration of these tables within the Hall, with the Florist Sylvia being in a quandary on the colour scheme for the table decorations and major arrangements – finding blue and gold flowers is not an easy task at the best of times – but this was Norma's wish.

Norma's invitations had become the most talked about “item” of the year. Potential tickets to Taylor Swift, or an Eagles vs Dockers Grand finale have nothing on the conversation around these invites. Who was going, what was happening, who was setting up the Hall, how many will be there, what about the music – the speculation was endless within the town.

The other Fairy Godparent to step in was the “Collective of Team Gingin”, consisting of members of the Gingin Carers Group, and individual people who over many years had been involved with Norma through sport, book reading, outings, or just chatting to her in the street.

A fortnight before the event, a small group of Norma's nieces and nephews, and Team Gingin met at the Hall to plan decorations, format and layout – given that numbers attending were still somewhat “rubbery”.

On the day preceding the event, the 23 February, “Team Gingin”, Team Chitty and the Master of Ceremonies, under the direction of Team Leader, Taryn, came together in full force, setting up and decorating the Hall, and to discuss the format of the afternoon

and evening, with a further tweaking on the morning of the party – D-Day/Norma's Day!!



All good, but the Lady luck had three more cards to play – Caterer Selga arrived, having been advised two wait staff were not available, there was no power to the ovens to cook the all-important roast meat and a major Bowls Tournament, which had not been factored into the original plans – would be affecting guest attendance.

Fortunately, at the crucial moment when it was being decided an alternative venue may be required to cook the all-important meal, a White Knight arrived in the form of Shire President, Wayne Fewster, who managed an “alternative arrangement” for power and the show was on the road.

And what a show!!!!

Norma arrived at 3.00pm for family photos. A professional photographer had been engaged and was there throughout the night for group and individual photos – organized by daughter Anne, who also was responsible for the safe arrival of a beautiful Birthday Cake. Background music was provided by a series of performances by Rob Arthur and Francis White on piano, Ray on piano accordion, a group of Vanuatuan farm workers who sang a selection of songs in English and Creole and a compilation of music provided by granddaughter Katherine and from Fewster Band tapes.

A “grazing table” enabled people to mingle in the early part of the gathering – and what mingling took place. Norma looked resplendent in a beautiful dress and greeted all her guests with much laughter and a few tears. No event can be without a tiara, a sash and a throne – this was her night of nights.

The guests all queued to wish Norma Happy Birthday, some having not been directly involved with her for years – and as they waited, they in turn, also met with other fellow guests they may not have seen for 50 years or more and these reconnections continued throughout the night.

At 5.30pm Master of Ceremonies, Robert Brodie–Hall, called everyone to order with the usual housekeeping announcements and the planned format for the evening. Following this he outlined significant and interesting moments of Norma’s life, which he described at the end as “This is Your Life Norma”. These words were interspersed with music, a presentation of flowers and a speech on behalf of the Shires of Gingin and Chittering from Shire President Wayne Fewster and a recollection of some events in Norma’s life by her younger sister Dot Chitty, keeping us all entertained.

Rob, Robert, Brodie, or Brodie-Hall included a delightful poem on Aging, then concluded the formal part of the evening by calling upon all in attendance to sing Happy Birthday to Norma, followed by a rousing Three Cheers and cutting of the Birthday Cake.

Norma in her response to the occasion and who is not usually short of words, decided on this occasion that “less is more” thanking everyone for coming and to those “behind the scenes” who had put the evening together. As she said, “In naming a few persons she would miss out on many – Thank you to all.”

It was time for her to take to the floor for the first dance of the night with her nephew, Stephen Chitty, others followed including some of her great grandchildren and nieces to show us their moves – not strictly ballroom - but they

were up on the floor for the occasion.

It was a memorable night to thank her, to honour her and congratulate her on her memorable life.



Footnotes.

*Granville Hall is notorious for having poor acoustics. Thank you to “Sound Technician” Wayne for providing a reliable sound system.

*“Brodie” calling us to order with the words “You are a rowdy lot” was also very effective.

*Thank you to Brodie for “The Birthday Times” which was placed on all tables. Copies can be obtained from the CRC.

*Selga “magicked up” extra helpers for the kitchen and wait staff. Thank you to Renae, Simone and Selga’s daughters.

*Thank you to Teams Gingin, Harris and Chitty who stayed behind at the end of the night to help clear away the trestle tables and main decorations and for coming together once again on Sunday morning to wash up dishes etc and tidy the Hall.

*Thankyou to Meryl and the Bush Telegraph for a remarkable job in matching names, phone numbers and new addresses in order that a final guest list could be compiled.

* Photos can be obtained from Naureen Taylor’s Photography (Hamersley). Viewing of images and ordering is done on-line or through phone contact.

*** Norma was one of first to arrive at the Hall at 3.00pm and was one of the last to leave

after 10.00pm; a magnificent effort from our Centenarian and the celebrating was still not over.

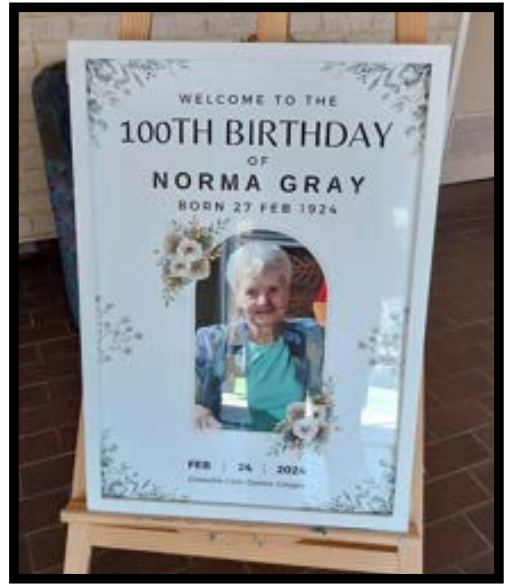
On Tuesday 27 February, there was another celebration at Madeley Brightwater – with a coming together of friends and family for more food, singing around the piano with the City of Wanneroo Mayor, Linda Aitken and presentations of Congratulatory Cards and messages from the King and Queen, the Governor General of Australia, the Governor of Western Australia, the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of W.A. and her local member of Parliament. As niece-in-law, Colleen Harris said, Norma was in top form and loved every minute of this second time round to celebrate her day on the day.

Norma received Congratulations for her Birthday on the main Channel 7 News that evening, with an image of her on the dance floor which has featured on Facebook, received congratulatory messages in the Western Australian newspaper and was interviewed by the Editor of the Northern Valley News.

A long way from her days in Beermullah, one of eleven children, who went to school in bare feet and rode a horse bare back – triple dinking!!

Congratulations Norma – Your Hundredth Birthday was an event to treasure and remember.

Written by Mary Cameron. 3 March 2024





Happy 100th Norma



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY NORMA GRAY

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Melbourne Cup

Backwood

Sheffield Shield

Victoria

Australia Open

James Anderson

VFL Grand Final

Essendon

NSWRFL Premiership

Balmain

TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

- Hourly time signals from Royal Greenwich Observatory are broadcast for the first time.
- John Logie Baird sends rudimentary television pictures over a short distance.
- Václav Holec designs the ZB vz. 26 light machine gun for Zbrojovka Brno.
- The earth inductor compass is developed by Morris Titterton at the Pioneer Instrument Company in Brooklyn, New York.
- Louis de Broglie introduces the wave-model of atomic structure, based on the ideas of wave-particle duality.
- The first inactive tetanus vaccine (tetanus toxoid, TT) is discovered by Gaston Ramon.

POPULAR FILMS

The Sea Hawk
Girl Shy
Secrets
The Thief of Bagdad
Hot Water



HISTORICAL EVENTS

- The word scofflaw entered the English language in 1924.
- Wyoming was the first US state to elect a woman, Nellie Taylor Ross, as governor.
- Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin was first performed in New York City at Aeolian Hall, by Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra.
- The Wrigley Building in Chicago, Illinois, United States was completed.
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held on November 27th, in New York City.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

- The Australian Automobile Association was formed to lobby for federal road finance and a national traffic code.
- 3AR, Victoria's first radio station, begins broadcasting.
- The Australian Loan Council meets for the first time.
- Royal assent is given to the Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Act 1924, allowing women to stand for parliament in Victoria.
- The 1924 NSWRFL season culminates in Balmain's victory over South Sydney in the final.
- The inaugural Better Farming Train commenced a tour of Gippsland, Victoria.

BORN IN 1924:

Marlon Brando, Jimmy Carter
George H. W. Bush
Don Knotts, James Baldwin
Cicely Tyson, Black Dahlia
Lauren Bacall, Truman Capote

NOBEL PRIZES

Physics - Manne Siegbalm
Chemistry - Not awarded
Medicine - Willem Einthoven
Literature - Wladyslaw Stanislaw Reymont
Peace - Not Awarded

ON THE RADIO

George Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue
Isiam Jones - It Had to Be You
Al Jolson - California
Paul Whiteman - Linger Awhile
Paul Whiteman - Somebody Loves Me
Isiam Jones - Spain
Paul Whiteman - What'll I Do?
Marion Harris - Jealous

POPULAR NOVELS

The Man in the Brown Suit
by Agatha Christie
The Boxcar Children
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
We
by Yevgeny Zamyatin
A Passage to India
by E.M. Forster

1920'S SLANG

Ankle - to walk
Bank's closed!
Bearcat
Bee's Knees

Community Groups

Gingin Playgroup

Term 1 over already and we've had a few new families join us which is great as a few of our existing families moved onto school this year! We've had our weekly Jiggle and Jam session on a Monday and then on Wednesday this month we've had; Road Safety, Clean & Hygiene, Outside Adventures and Easter theme. The kids have been enjoying learning while playing and meeting our new friends.

We have the British Car Day coming up on Sunday 19th May where we will be having our fund raising "Sausage Sizzle". If any community members would like to help us and volunteer some time to cook up and serve, feel free to contact us on ginginplaygroupinc@gmail.com



Gingin Chattering Lions Club

Do you have a big idea? A vision to make Gingin more fun, make the future Gingin great! Share your ideas with us and how you feel it could be implemented. How you could contribute to make it happen, what skills are needed. We are interested in listening and together we can explore the possibilities of an exciting event.

Our next meeting is on April the 8th at the Lions Den in Horan Street. For more details call Colin on 0411 231 985 Find us on Facebook at; <https://www.facebook.com/GinginLions>

The Lancelin Monster fete was held on a rather warm and windy morning. There were a lot of great stalls and the equipment for the children to use was many and varied as usual. We had a busy time driving the children around and they were all well behaved.

Also, the Gingin football club borrowed our BBQ trailer for the recent bull sale which is

one of the services we have to support our community, and the Gingin/Chattering Lions has purchased a defibrillator machine for Gingin District High School.

Looking forward seeing you all at the ANZAC ceremony on the 25th.

Lest we forget



Gingin Scouts

Everyone associates Be Prepared with scouting.

With the fires in our local communities, this was a great opportunity for the Gingin Scout Group to reinforce the need for being prepared in any emergency.

Martin Aldridge, a scout parent, fire fighter and local politician, brainstormed with the youth what you need in an emergency plan, where is the safest place in your house and the bushfire warning system. It is probably not surprising, that devices were the top of the list of things to take, although not many thoughts about chargers. Having recently had to evacuate their own home, Marty along with Casper and Dom, had real life experiences to share. Each youth member was given a pack to take home and encouraged to prepare an emergency plan with parents/carers.



The arrival of Ash, and two Chittering Wildlife Carers created a spellbound effect. Ash's mother had been euthanised after the fire, one of over 200 kangaroos to be euthanised. Ash is one of 75 kangaroos being cared for by the Chittering Wildlife Carers after the fire. Photos and equipment for the recent Black Walk created much interest and many great questions. As funds are desperately needed, the youth members were asked to contemplate suitable fundraising activities to assist the Chittering Wildlife Carers.

Thanks to the Chittering Wildlife Carers!



Red Cross

Gingin Red Cross will have the pleasure of Wendy playing the harp at our morning tea on Friday the 14th of April. Wendy played for us on one of our first gatherings and will be relocating to the coast soon. She would love to entertain us again as a farewell gesture. Hope to see you there at 10am.

The lovely students from year 9 + 10 VET class at Gingin District High School made some biscuits and sticky date pudding for us to distribute to some of the older citizens. These prompted some happy faces and

were very much appreciated. Thank you for being such kind citizens.

Save the date, October 19th on your calendar. The Red Cross plans to have a spring dance as a memorial for Margaret Vallentine.



Gingin Museum & Historical Society

At a recent committee meeting we had the opportunity to discuss our Virtual Museum website that is now established. The site is active for the committee only at this stage and the first instalment towards the cost has been paid.

As a reminder the website will display content, written or pictorial, of the history and culture relative to the Shire of Gingin. In addition to the material that we have already accumulated we are seeking contributions to enhance the various categories in a meaningful and historical way. We have a responsibility to ensure that any ideas or proposed content for the website is

reviewed by the committee to ensure that it is appropriate and inoffensive. To avoid disappointment with any contribution it is appropriate that contact be made via one of the committee members as noted below.

There are numerous stories and information that could be of significant or personal interest to visitors to our website and we look forward to hearing from you with anything you may wish to contribute.

Contacts:

Debbie Bandy - ctts13@bigpond.com

Kerry Fewster - kuyan@iinet.net.au

Gingin Garden Group

The March Garden group meeting was an informative talk on geraniums given by Irene Neville at her home. Irene took us through the process of taking cuttings and caring for geraniums which are easy care colourful plants that are renowned for being tough and hardy. Love them or hate them they are able to brighten your garden beds or pot them up and move them around. Plant breeders have been able to produce more compact plants with bigger blooms so check garden centres for those.

Our seed bank will now be the responsibility of a different member each month to take home and care for and bring back to the next meeting for another person to do the same.

Saving seeds is fun and interesting and seeds that have been harvested from our own area seem to establish more resilient than the parent plant. So, check your garden and see what you can save to keep our seed bank filled with a variety of fresh seeds for all to share.

We all, I believe, are thankful for the cool change in weather and just looking for some rain now. I can see a change in my garden already, looking much happier. So, time to get some winter veg in now and get a head start, maybe give the garden a good feed to boost them up to go through winter. Whatever you do, enjoy your garden and see you all at our next meeting.

Gingin Treasurer Trove

Gingin Treasure Trove

Please note, that from **April 2024** all mail for the *Gingin Community Op Shop T/A The Treasure Trove @ Gingin* must be addressed to;
13 Robinson Street,
Gingin,
WA 6503.

The PO box has been discontinued.

Gingin District High School P&C

The P&C is back in full swing for the new school year ahead, we've already had two sausage sizzles stalls to start the year off, one at the football scratch match and one at Arts in the Park Exhibition.

For those of you who are new to town and not sure who we are, the GDHS P&C help to fund upgrades and wish lists of the students and staff at our local school. We work hard with fund raising events and grant submissions to make this possible. We are open for new members to join at any time throughout the year, are always grateful of offers of help with our fund-raising events or

even if you just want to make a monetary donation of support if you don't have the time to commit to helping.

For more information you can email ginginpcsecretary20@gmail.com



Koorunga CWA

Generous with their time and talents, Koorunga members bring huge benefits to local communities while consistently displaying the values of the Country Women's Association of WA.

Koorunga Branch has always looked for where there is a need, and then set about with much enthusiasm, to fulfill that need. Working alongside Gingin District High School gives us opportunities to create positive changes. Helena, the school Chaplain needed large cuddly scatter cushions for her new room. These interactive cushions were very quickly made and greatly appreciated by the students. Soft hearts that provide comfort and support, known as feelie hearts, are available for all students at the school. The Koorunga team produced 1000 of these hearts in 2023, 3000 for GGDH. These greatly assist school chaplains dealing with issues relating to behaviour, anger management, grief and loss, sense of purpose, self-esteem. Homemade pancakes at the school Breakfast Club, are always a hit and much anticipated. It doesn't take long for 300 pancakes to be devoured. In celebrating 100 of CWA in WA, Koorunga members are delighted to have such a close working relationship with the school.

Koorunga Branch meets on the second Thursday of each month, alternating meetings between Gingin and Wannamal. The next meeting on April 11 will coincide with a visit to Moore Clothes at Gabbadah. New members very welcome, contact Annette 0437686896 for more information.



Gingin Brook Catchment Group

Following a long hot dry summer many plants in local bushland are looking very poorly. If plants in your bush are looking dead don't be too hasty in declaring them so and removing them. Wait to see if they recover over the winter and spring. We are familiar with exotic deciduous trees and shrubs losing their leaves in autumn and reshooting in spring. These become dormant as an adaptation to survive inhospitable winters in their natural range. WA native plants similarly have adaptations to survive the inhospitable periods, in our case the dryness and fires of summer. Although some may be killed and need to re-establish from seed others will survive and reshoot from epicormic buds on the stems, or from the rootstock.

Those of you who saw the December 2023 edition of this publication may remember the report of Amazon Frogbit having been detected in the Gingin Brook in the Neergabby area in November. That occurrence, being only 1 or 2 square metres at that time, has now spread to 1.5 km of the creek line, demonstrating how quickly these water weeds can spread.

Amazon Frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*) is also known as South American Spongeplant due to the sponge-like bulge on the underside of the juvenile leaves. The floating plants produce stolons which develop new plants

on the end. The resulting dense mats clog waterways and impact native species, water quality, irrigation equipment and recreational activities. Although generally thought of as a freshwater plant needing sun, research by the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare indicates the plants are also able to live in brackish water and when shaded by other plants.

If you find anything you think might be Amazon Frogbit or other aquatic weeds, or any unusual plants you think might be weeds please report them to mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au/reporter or on the MyPestGuide Reporter app.

To find out more about MyPestGuide Reporter and new pest plants and animals to be on the lookout for in the Gingin area come to the Gingin Brook Catchment Group meeting at the Gingin Golf Club on Monday 15th April at 5.30pm. There will be a short presentation on these topics followed by the AGM. Current and prospective members welcome. A reminder - you need to be a financial member to be eligible to vote at the AGM. See www.ginginbrookcatchment.org.au or email info@ginginbrookcatchment.org.au for further information and to renew or become a member.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group.



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2024

Commemorating the Australian Merchant Navy

The Pensioners Social Club Gingin and volunteers are again conducting the Dawn Service at the War memorial and Granville Sound Shell. We will be assembling at the Gingin Craft Rooms at 6am on Thursday 25th April, unfortunately we will not be hosting a gun fire breakfast this year.

Pensioners Social Club Gingin Inc

GINGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Service commences at 9.30am.

The staff and Student Council would like to extend an invitation to you.

Please visit our website for more details.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service 25th APRIL 2024

Lancelin and Districts Returned Services League invite you to attend the Lancelin Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast. Muster at the memorial in Harold Park at 05.45 hrs.

The Service:

The service will commence at 06.00 hrs.

Members of the public wishing to honour relatives by wearing their medals, may wear them on the right-hand side above the breast.

The March:

The march will commence at 06.30 hrs approximately and proceed to the Endeavour Tavern Car Park.

All able attendees are invited to join the march at the rear of the Service and Ex-Service Personnel.

Endeavour Tavern - Gunfire Breakfast:

Breakfast which will be served at 0715 hrs courtesy of Paul Ferguson and his wonderful staff.

Traditional Breakfast	\$ 15.00	
Free flow beer	\$ 35.00	0700 to 1000 hrs
Breakfast & Free flow beer	\$ 50.00	ditto

Flypast expected between 0700 and 1100 hrs

Drink responsibly, nominate a skipper!

Any enquiries to Michael Cardy on 0406 787 070

"LEST WE FORGET"

GUILDERTON



Thursday 25th April 2024

Guilderton Country Club Flagpole

DAWN
SERVICE
7.00AM

*They shall not grow old,
as we grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
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and in the morning
We will remember them.*

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ANZAC DAY 2024

Services around the Shire

GINGIN

Gingin District High School Anzac Day Service

Wednesday 24 April, 9:30am, Gingin District High School.

Pensioners Social Club Gingin (Inc) Anzac Day Service

Thursday 25 April, 6:00am, assemble at Gingin Craft Rooms, Gingin.

SEABIRD

Seabird Anzac Day Dawn Service

Thursday 25 April, 6:00am, Seabird Hall.

GUILDERTON

Guilderton Anzac Dawn Service

Thursday 25 April, 7:00am, Guilderton Country Club.

LANCELIN

Lancelin Dawn Service & Gunfire Breakfast

Thursday 25 April, 5:45am, muster at Harold Park, Lancelin.





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Past Gingin News

Mr Norman Fewster wrote a number of articles that he labelled "The Police Paddock". These writings document the creation of the "Horseshoe" and the people who resided there. Many of them mentioned still have family that reside in the district and contribute to our growing town.

With Mr Fewster's descendants' permission, we include his writings in the next 3 editions of the Buzz.

The Police Paddock articles were spread across several editions of the Gingin News in 1984 and 1985.

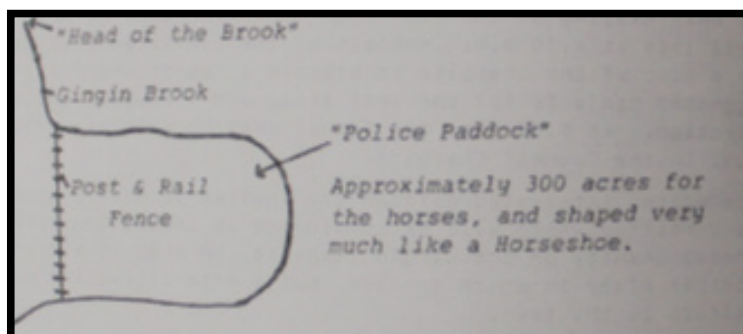
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The "Police Paddock" as remembered by Mr Norman Fewster

There is much to be written about this small choice piece of ground in our Gingin Townsite. I have called it the Police Paddock; others know it as the "Horseshoe" both names are linked with the Gingin Brook.

The term "Police Paddock" is traced back to the early history of Gingin when a very large area of the Midlands, especially north of Gingin was administered by the Police Department from Gingin.

Naturally their work was carried out on horse back and in order to make a suitable paddock, large enough and well-watered, (covering about 300 acres), a post and rail fence was erected across the neck of the horseshoe. The Brook itself was too boggy for horses to cross so a cheap, excellent paddock was created.



The head of this great stream of water that has made Gingin so productive commences approximately eight miles north of the Gingin Townsite. The Water Shed of this brook is mainly porous sandy country. From the brook source, the hills rise up and surround it on three sides. All the rain that falls is caught as there is no run off and hence it all sinks immediately into the sand and nature releases it in this lovely hollow. From there its millions of gallons of water commence to flow through a rich fertile valley and passing through the Gingin Townsite and then wanders its way out to the sea about 28 miles away – the new name for the mouth of this stream is called Guilderton.

Let me now turn to this piece of land that became known as the "Horseshoe" or "Police Paddock". All the land running from Lefroy Street and Robinson Street to the Brook was sold mainly in five or six acre lots. The high land that lies between those two streets were sold on the 99-year Lease system in approximately two acre blocks they have now been made Freehold.

The early settlers that moved onto these bigger blocks with the Brook frontage came with the idea of fruit and vegetable growing, also running a few cows, some had pigs and poultry. Not many acres you may think some settlers bought two or three blocks and farmed them as one.

As I had been born at Muchea, a small mixed farming community, I had got to know quite a few of the settlers that lived in that particular spot at Gingin. I had a few years away from Muchea after I left school at a small wheatbelt place called Baandee. I stayed there for five years and came back to live in Gingin in 1934. I bought a small piece of land, 12 acres in all - one six-acre block on the Brook and three, two-acre blocks on the top side of the road on a 99-year lease.

The property I bought was developed by a

Mr F Wells, years later sold to Mr E A Benefield who used it for a market garden.

I will now give the names of the principal land owners situated in the "Police Paddock" and in later issues write something about them all and the part they played in the development of our town, their occupations and various little items of interest about these independent, industrious people.

Starting at the turn of the Brook when it entered the "Horseshoe" were the Misses Horan – Lily and Eileen and Mr Horan, Mr and Mrs Joe Riley, Mr and Mrs C G Riley, Mr and Mrs Hughy King, Mrs Butler and her son Bill, Mr and Mrs Alex Collett, then the property

I had purchased from Mr Benefield. Then came Mr and Mrs Charlie Dewar, Mr and Mrs Paddy Butler, Mr and Mrs Bob Collett, Mr and Mrs Martin Mullins and son Ted, Mrs Riley (mother of Joe and Cyril), Mr and Mrs Dick Jones, Mr and Mrs Bill Cotterill, Mr and Mrs Alf Collett, Mrs Shaw, Mr and Mrs George Butler, Mr and Mrs Tom Hatch, Mr and Mrs Bill Anderson, Mr and Mrs Jack Hudson. Then at the turn of the road where the school is now were Mr and Mrs Pierce Herbert, Mrs Mortimer, Frank Hewston, Mr and Mrs Ralph Hill and Mr and Mrs Fred Hill. That gets me down to the Gingin Police Station.

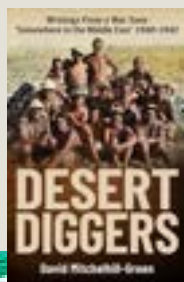
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Bibliographical

Desert Diggers
by David Mitchelhill-Green

Desert Diggers: Writings from a War Zone 'Somewhere in the Middle East' 1940-1942 draws upon hundreds of soldiers' letters in a fresh and captivating narrative of the war in North Africa.



Thriller

Ten Seconds
By Harlan Coben

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After a tense birthday celebration in Haddley, journalist Ben Harper watches his boss, Madeline, get into the car that has come to collect her. He walks home, never imagining that by the next morning, Madeline will be missing.



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By Amy Chua

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Junior Fiction

The Girl Who Wasn't There
By Jacqueline Wilson

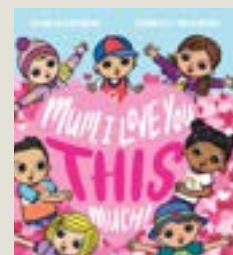
A A brand new, ghostly middle grade story about siblings and friendship from the bestselling Jacqueline Wilson.
'And we're going to live here, happily ever after, just like a fairy tale.' When Dad tells Luna and her little sister Aurora that they're moving to live in a real tower, it's almost like they've stepped inside a fairytale



Children's

Mum, I Love you this much!
by Colin Buchanan

How much do I love you, Mum? I wonder, do you know? How much do I love you, Mum? Ready, steady ... Go! A book that celebrates the love between mother and child.



Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information



Extension of the Prohibited Burning Period

Pursuant to section 17 (7) of the *Bushfires Act 1954*, it is hereby notified that the Prohibited Burning Period within the Shire of Gingin has been extended until midnight **Sunday 15 April 2024**. During this time NO BURNING is permitted for any reason. This includes open cooking or campfires. For further inquiries please contact the Shire of Gingin on **9575 5100**.

Anzac Day Services

This year, there will be several Anzac Day Services held throughout the Shire. Please see the list below to find one near you:



Gingin District High School Anzac Day Service - Wednesday 24 April, 9:30am, Gingin District High School, Gingin.

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See the Events Calendar on gingin.wa.gov.au for more details on each Anzac Service.



Project Updates

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

- CU@Park Remedial Works nearing completion.
- Shire of Gingin Administration Office - landscaping project phase 1 completion.
- Mooliabeenee Road reconstruction nearing completion.
- Extra mowing duties throughout the Shire.

Dog Containment & Safety

If you spot a wandering dog do not hesitate, contact the Ranger immediately. Together we can prevent potential incidents and keep our neighborhood safe.

Here's how you can help:

- **Report Wandering Dogs:**

If you see a dog roaming without supervision, contact the Rangers. Your quick action could prevent a potential attack and help safeguard our community. Rangers can be contacted on **9575 5140**.

- **Check Fences Regularly:**

Ensure your property's fences are in good repair to prevent dogs from escaping. By maintaining secure boundaries, you not only protect your pet but

also contribute to the safety of your neighbours. Keep your furry companions safe within your property, and secure them to prevent accidental escapes and potential conflicts with other animals or people.

- **Register Your Dogs:**

Please ensure your dog is registered with the Shire of Gingin and your contact details are up to date. This will ensure that in the event of an escapee we can quickly reunite you with your fur baby.

Let's work together to create a safer environment for both humans and animals in the Shire.



Council Decisions

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

- 2023 Compliance Audit Return – carried unanimously.
- Establishment of CEO Selection Panel and appointment of independent consultant - carried by absolute majority.
- Lancelin Community and Sporting Club Transfer of Funds Request – carried by absolute majority.
- Shire of Gingin Local Planning Scheme No.9 - Proposed Scheme Amendment No.23 - PT Lot 9501 Cheriton Road, Gingin – carried unanimously.

In addition, 7 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/council-meetings, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.



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Meet your Councillors! Cr Nikki Woods

Congratulations Nikki on your election to Council last October.

How long have you lived in the Shire of Gingin? I moved to Gingin from Quinns Rocks 23 years ago.

Can you tell us a bit about your background? I have 2 adult children and 2 beautiful grandchildren. I have been a member of Gingin Fire and Rescue Brigade since 2008 and have been Captain for the last 12 years. I have also been training the Gingin District High School Cadets for the last 5 years. I have a passion for photography and have recently become a DFES Incident Photographer. I've had the pleasure of taking photos for many Gingin residents. My husband and I run a couple of small businesses within the Shire.



What Shire issues are you passionate about? Aged care and youth. Keeping the aged in their own homes with the care they need. Our youth are our future and we need to provide them with opportunities to grow within the Shire.

What do you appreciate most about the Shire? The fact that we are so close to the city, but we are still able to keep the country feel along with beautiful parks, beaches, and River. We are truly very lucky!

How do you envision the Shire of Gingin to look in 10-20 years? A lot of growth but maintaining its natural beauty.

Aquatic Centre Opening Hours Changing!

The Gingin Aquatic Centre opening hours have changed. From 25 March, the new opening hours will be 12:00pm - 6:00pm, 7 days a week.

Morning swims will continue as usual on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6:00am - 8:00am until further notice.

As we head into autumn, the Aquatic Centre will be closing over the cooler months. The approximate date for closure is **Sunday 14 April**.



What's on

In the Shire of Gingin?

Lancelin Playgroup Movie Night Wednesday 3 April, 4:30pm - 7pm, Lancelin Hall, 63 Gingin Rd, Lancelin.

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



Youth Fun Day Wednesday 10 April, 10am - 2am, Woodridge Community Hall, Woodridge.

Free Community Legal Information Sessions Friday 12 April, 10am - 12pm, 106 Paperbark Avenue, Redfield Park.

Woodridge Social Night Saturday 20 April, 6pm - 11pm, Woodridge Hall, Woodridge.

Free Breast Screening Bullsbrook 15 - 29 April, Ethel Warren Community Centre, Bullsbrook, book online.

Anzac Day Services See previous article for information on Anzac Day Services throughout the Shire.

 **Gingin British Car Day 2024** Sunday 19 May, 10am - 3pm, Granville Park, Gingin.

Community Champions Movie Night Saturday 25 May, 6:30pm - 9:30pm, Granville Civic Centre, Gingin.

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 at cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au and we will include it on our Events Calendar, and promote it on our Facebook page and in the Country & Coast.

Shire Office Closures

Please note, both the Gingin and Lancelin Administration Offices and public libraries will be closed on Easter Monday 1 April and Anzac Day 25 April. Rangers will still be on duty and contactable on 9575 5140.

Join Our Team!

Environmental Health Officer

Contract 3 years, package up to \$112,856.

Visit the Employment page of gingin.wa.gov.au for more details on this position.

Closing date **Friday 12 April**.

Gingin Arts in the Park Exhibition Winners

MOST OUTSTANDING ARTWORK

Winner: Sammy McAleese – Postcards from the Shire

Sponsored by Robyn Cooper

A delicate, beautifully painted work which highlights the diverse landscapes of the Shire. This work uses pared back colour and detailed brushwork to draw us in. What could have been a kitch, stereotyped

collection has rather a personal and gentle persuasion.

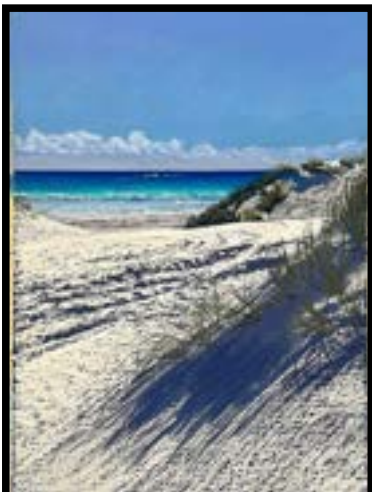


REALISM includes a painting and/or drawing that is an accurate, detailed, unembellished depiction of nature or of contemporary life (photography excluded)

Winner: Trudi Biocich – Back Beach

Sponsored by Robyn Cooper

This landscape shows a masterful use of pastel. While the scene is accurate, detailed and unembellished it also achieves a poetic resonance. It not only describes the local Back Beach but also reminds us of its beauty and wildness.



CELEBRATE GINGIN AWARD for the most outstanding artwork that represents Gingin in content.

Winner: Nina Burnham - Firefighter

Sponsored by Image Resources

This very personal response to the constant threat of bushfires in the local area also represents the feelings that many others in the Gingin community may experience. The loose style of the artist brings to life the unpredictability of the fire and both the darkness and heat of the experience.



3D includes any medium - sculpture, jewellery, textiles, mixed media, 3D objects, furniture and ceramics (includes but not limited to)

Winner: Andre Van Niekerk – Strange Family

Sponsored by Robyn Cooper

The love of the material (wood) is so apparent in this work. The diversity of woods used amplifies the theme of 'Strange Family'. The humour of the work is balanced by the skill in shaping the material and by the careful composition. It's a deceptively complex work and beautifully constructed.



PHOTOGRAPHY - digital or analogue photography (Analog photography, also known as film photography, refers to the traditional method of capturing and processing photographs using photographic film and chemical processes, as opposed to digital photography, which uses electronic sensors and digital image processing). Includes digitally manipulated images.

Winner: Bev King – Emu in the Sky

Sponsored by Robyn Cooper

This stunning photograph uses great technical skill to capture background (sky) and foreground (grasstrees) in a way that is not didactic, but fresh and dynamic. It invites us to consider the juxtaposition of

the past and the present (and perhaps the future?). It also locates itself in both the cosmos and the local area.



GINGIN LOCAL ART AWARD - awarded for best artwork to a resident of the Shire of Gingin.

Winner: Marion Parker – ‘Jelly and I Scream’

Sponsored by Image Resources

The more one looks at this artwork the more interesting it becomes. There has been some intense ‘looking’ at the subject to describe – not only the jellyfish – but the experience of the jellyfish! The style is delicate but ‘free’ and the result is truly creative and unique while describing a common local experience.



A massive thank you to Jo Darbyshire for judging the 6 awards for us.

Jo Darbyshire is a West Australian artist, based in Fremantle. She studied Fine Arts at Curtin University (1981), a Post-Graduate Diploma at Canberra School of Art, ACT (1991) and a Master of Creative Arts in Cultural Heritage, at Curtin University of Technology, WA in 2004.



IRENE DEWAR PEOPLE’S CHOICE

Winner: John Ned Kelly - Backroads

Sponsored by the Gingin Arts Group & CRC

This stunning acrylic piece from John Ned Kelly certainly caught the eye of everyone throughout the two day exhibition.

It captures the Australian outback colours of deep browns and tones of orange perfectly



2024 Gingin Arts Exhibition & Rock `N Arts Event

The 8th Arts in the Park Art Exhibition graced the hall of the Granville Civic Centre on March 15th and 16th, showcasing a plethora of skilled and imaginative artists. With an impressive array of 107 submissions spanning various mediums, the exhibition presented a vibrant tapestry of artistic expression. Gratitude is extended to the Treasure Trove @ Gingin and our esteemed prize sponsors: Robyn Cooper, Image Resources, and the Gingin Art Group, whose generous donations made the following awards possible:

- **Most Outstanding Artwork:** Sammy McAleese
- **Realism:** Trudi Biocich
- **Celebrate Gingin Award:** Nina Burnham
- **3D:** Andre Van Niekerk
- **Photography:** Bev King
- **Gingin Local Art Award:** Marion Parker
- **Irene Dewar People's Choice Award:** John Ned Kelly

Drawing in approximately 400 attendees, including families and art aficionados, the exhibition captivated audiences with its remarkable pieces. The People's Choice Award presented a delightful challenge for many, reflecting the abundance of exceptional artwork on display. Notably, the children in attendance revelled in selecting their favourite pieces, hinting at a promising future generation of local artists. Furthermore, the generous donation of prints by John Ned Kelly, (as it turned out-the 2024 recipient of the People's Choice Award), contributed to fundraising efforts supporting the exhibition.

Beneath the surface, a dedicated core of volunteers and organizers worked tirelessly to ensure the seamless execution of the event. Special recognition is owed to Di Miller for her invaluable assistance in

curating the artworks, together with Ali McVee as well as to the committee of the Gingin District Community Resource Centre for their unwavering support throughout the exhibition's duration.

In summation, the 8th Arts in the Park Art Exhibition triumphed in honouring local talent and fostering community engagement with the arts. As we eagerly anticipate future events, our commitment to nurturing creativity and artistic expression within our community remains steadfast.

Turning our attention to the evening festivities, it is worth noting the resounding success of the event. Hundreds gathered in the picturesque park, illuminated by the gentle glow of twilight, revelling in the melodic tunes of Warwick Trant followed by Afterglow. Children frolicked amidst games, while the queues at the food truck and bar flowed steadily. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to our event sponsors, Bendigo Bank and the Shire of Gingin, as well as to the Department of Primary Industry Regional Development, whose invaluable support made the evening possible.





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The Ghost of Adrian Farnsworth

Albert Davies didn't believe in ghosts. Not only that, he was openly antagonistic to those who said they did. "What rot!", he used to say, "If there were ghosts of all the dead people since the beginning of the World, where would they all fit in? Hey?"

His long-suffering wife just said: "Yes dear", at the appropriate times when the subject came up. But when the discussion was raised in her sewing group, it was a very different story. Mabel agreed with the other ladies that "Of course there are ghosts. So many people have seen them. All those stories and so many important people too. They couldn't all be making it up, could they?"

Of course, this is quite common between married couples. It's rare to agree with one another on everything. And Albert wasn't the sort of man you could have a sensible argument with, as Mabel would say. "He's so opinionated."

This stalemate would probably have continued if it hadn't been for the darts match. Albert loved his darts, and fancied himself a very good player. Once a year, the darts club members would travel to some venue with other clubs to take part in a darts competition for the day. It usually meant a late night after celebrations or commiserations and a long drive home in the dark.

It was on one of these trips home, in the pouring rain, that the old Morris that Albert always insisted would "go for years" decided that it had had enough, and sputtered to a standstill in the middle of nowhere. Albert tried his phone, and of course, he'd forgotten to charge it. It wasn't his fault; of course, it was simply that Mabel hadn't reminded him. Luckily, he saw the lights of a house across the fields, and told Mabel that he'd try to phone the road service from there. "You're not leaving me here!" said Mabel, and they both trudged over the muddy field to the house that

looked larger and more ominous the closer they got. It was lucky that Mabel kept a little torch attached to her house-key ring.

About a hundred yards from the place, they found themselves on a little used gravel driveway and made better progress to the forbidding front door.

There was no bell, but a huge intricately carved knocker hung in the centre, and the booming echo it made in the old house after Albert had swung it against the door made them both step back in alarm. Nothing. Albert swung it again. Then, very faintly, they heard the sound of footsteps approaching the door. It swung open, and a sombre-faced old man peered around it. "Yes?" he said. Albert explained the situation, and asked if he could use a phone. "Not working", said the old man, "Storm's got it." and made to close the door. "Look, old chap, it's a filthy night," pleaded Albert, "Not fit for a dog out here. Can we at least come in for some shelter?"

The man gave him an appraising look, then at Mabel, and finally swung the door wider and allowed them inside.

"May as well stay the night", he said, "we get a delivery in the morning and you can get a ride to the local garage. Maisie'll fix you up with some supper if you like."

"That's jolly decent of you, old chap," Albert enthused, but the old man was already walking off down the huge entrance hall.

'Maisie' appeared to be even older than the man, but made them a welcome supper with hot tea, then showed them to their room on the first floor, muttering to herself all the while.

Albert made to thank her for the hospitality they'd been shown, and she gave a rare smile. "You don't want to be thanking me just yet awhiles. Oh no, not just yet. I 'opes you 'ave a good night." And she chuckled to herself as she closed the door behind her.

Neither of them had any sleeping clothes of course, and Albert wasn't offered any by the maid. He slept in the favourite shirt he always wore to darts matches, with big silver buttons, and Mabel slept in her petticoat.

Albert listened to his wife sound asleep in minutes it seemed. Her sonorous snorts were something he'd never really got used to all his married life. The bed was an old four-poster but the mattress was comfortable enough. Despite himself, he drifted off....

He was woken by what sounded like his name being called. His wife stilled snored on. The voice was like a laboured breath: "Aaalberrrr" - as if wind was blowing through trees and making it just sound as if his name was being spoken. He waited. The sound didn't go away—became more insistent. "Aaalberrrr" It seemed to be coming from the landing outside their room.

Albert tiptoed out of the room onto the landing. There was a railing over which he could see the large entrance hall in the brilliant moonlight that streamed in from the upper skylight, and he realised the rain must have finally let up. He looked along the landing and saw a white shape in the gloom. As he concentrated, he realised that this was where the strange sound had come from. Now it was accompanied by a crooked finger, beckoning to him. Thinking it might be the old man for some reason, he walked slowly over. As he got closer, he realised that it wasn't the old man, and it wasn't Maisie. He could see through the apparition quite clearly and could make out the rails of the upper landing beyond! He started to back away. There was a sudden movement, and the being advanced upon him quickly. It grabbed his shirt before he could get away, and it was just his sheer desperation and abject terror that enabled him tear himself free and rush back to his room, where he slammed the door. He dived under the bedclothes and lay there shaking, unable to move, expecting at any moment to see the thing advancing upon him again.

It was strange that Mabel had not stirred through any of this commotion, and still snored on. Albert wasn't aware of it, but the next thing he remembered was Mabel shaking him awake. Light streamed in past the thick curtains, and Maisie had arrived with two cups of tea for them.

It had all been a dream! The old house, the decrepit old man, the big wooden door and the creaky stairs had obviously built up a picture in his mind. He was going to say something to Mabel about it, but thought better of it.

They had their tea, washed and got back into their clothes. As Albert put his shirt on, he noticed a button was missing. He cursed. I'll have a devil of a time matching that up, he thought.

They walked out onto the landing to go down for the breakfast Maisie had promised, and Albert, despite himself, looked towards the spot where he'd dreamt he'd seen the apparition. Nothing there, of course—but wait! Something shone on the floor a few yards from his door. He picked it up. It was his missing silver button! Albert began to wonder....

Over breakfast, Maisie was talking about some ghost that haunted this old house. (What a lot of rot! he thought.) "Oh yes", said Maisie, "They say that Adrian Farnsworth who owned this 'ol place in the fourteenth century or some such, caught his wife with a lodger—went and murdered both of 'em—'e throw'd 'em off of that landing onto that there marble floor below. 'E got the gallows for it. You're lucky. Some folks that stay 'ere reckon they see'd him on that top landing, all ready to do murder!"

Albert had turned very pale.



Rachael & Daniel Hall - 10 Year Wedding Anniversary

Gingin residents Rachael and Daniel Hall celebrated 10 years of marriage this month. You may know Rachael from Gingin Playgroup and Daniel from HallMech Mobile mechanics. They have 3 young boys together and have been enjoying raising them here in Gingin since moving here in 2019. Here's to many more happy years together enjoyed in Gingin!



Welcome to the world Floyd Stephen Hill!

'Congratulations to Melissa, Brendan, and Eliza on the arrival of Floyd Stephen to the family! Born on the 28th of March 2024, weighing a healthy 3048 grams. What a joyous occasion! Wishing your family all the love and happiness as you welcome this precious new addition to your lives'



Many thanks to our community members that share their notices with us.

If you have an announcement to make, please let us know at gcn@gingin.net

Vale Florence June Wallace - 1931 to 2024

Mother of Garry, Barbara and Terrell.

Grandmother and Greatgrandmother

Wife of Norman (Norm).

Born in Wagga Wagga, NSW, one of 10 children.

June came to live in Gingin March 1960, having lived in Trayning and Perenjori prior to the appointment of her husband, Norm, to the position of Roads Board Secretary/Shire Clerk/later retitled CEO Shire of Gingin.

June became an integral part of community life and was a long time member (Life Member) and handy player for the Gingin Golf Club. June had been an excellent sportswoman in her teenage years and played hockey for the local Wagga Wagga team, and went onto become Captain the Riverina District Team for a NSW Country Week. Sadly a sports injury ended her participation in this sport.

June lived the last few years of her life in assisted care in Ellenbrook.

“Now with her dear Normie”.

Deepest sympathy to all the family and thankyou for the memories.



Vale Kenneth Keeffe 17/10/1936 - 15/03/2024

Ken passed away surrounded by family on the 15th of March.

He was the loving husband to Noeleen, and father to Graeme and Kylie and a beloved grandfather and great-grandfather.

The family moved to Gingin around 25 years ago from Mullewa, after being a farmer there and switching to the life of a hobby farm in Gingin. Where he had his beloved chickens, which he simply loved!

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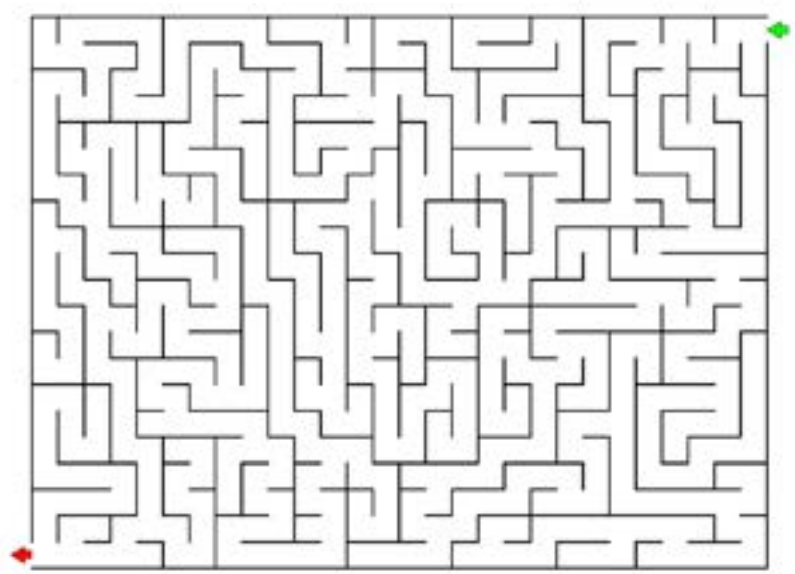
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Whitefly woes



Close up of adult whitefly on leaf, mango leaves in home garden with evidence of whitefly, eggs and adults on underside of leaf (photo: left & right: DPIRD, centre: MyPestGuide report)

In the intricate world of plant pests, whitefly, from the family Aleyrodidae, have a misleading name, given they are not flies at all. Instead, they belong to the order Hemiptera, sharing kinship with other sap sucking insect pests like aphids, scale, and mealybugs.

In their juvenile form the nymphs bear a resemblance to scale, while in their adult stage they take on the appearance of small moths. The only part of their name that is accurate, is the 'white'. This is particularly obvious when adult whiteflies are abruptly disturbed and take flight. The result is a large white plume or cloud of these tiny insects around their host plant. This behaviour is often referred to as 'flushing'.

Biology and lifecycle

Whiteflies are a tiny insect with a rapid and prolific lifecycle. Females lay between 30 to 40 near-microscopic eggs on the underside of leaves. Upon hatching, the 0.3 mm nymphs actively seek a feeding spot. Once found, they stay put, feeding, and moulting until their final form reaches 1 mm. The nymph then transforms into a winged adult, approximately 1.5 to 2.5 mm in size, completing the lifecycle in about one month. In spring and autumn, this lifecycle may be completed in as little as 18 days for some species. This efficient reproduction results in multiple overlapping generations each year, making the management of whitefly populations challenging.

Whiteflies are not fussy eaters and have a broad host range of horticultural plants including tropical fruits,

citrus, and solanaceous vegetables, plus many ornamental species, trees, and weeds. They are relatively weak flyers and rely on wind and human assistance for transportation, hitching rides on clothing, gardening equipment, and plant material. Three of five important species of whitefly in Western Australia were introduced this way. The other two, citrus whitefly and the native strain of *Bemisia tabaci*, are both native to Australia.

Impacts and management

Like other sap sucking insect pests, feeding damage caused by whitefly, in both its adult and nymph stages, can result in cell or leaf death (necrosis), impacting plant growth. Certain whitefly species are also able to transmit plant viruses. Virus symptoms include irregular ripening in tomatoes and blanching in carrots and broccoli.

The key to effective whitefly management is early detection. Check the upper surface of leaves for signs of feeding damage such as yellow mottling, silvery, wilting, curling, or distortion and check the underside of leaves for a sticky excretion (known as honeydew) or sooty mould. If found in the early stages, whiteflies can be reduced by removing infested leaves, hosing down with water, or even vacuuming (suitable for pot plants). If insecticides are needed, there are a range of products available. If treating vegetables or fruit trees, ensure you read the label and abide by any withholding periods. For most products, repeated treatments will be required, and remember to pay special attention to the undersides of those leaves!



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