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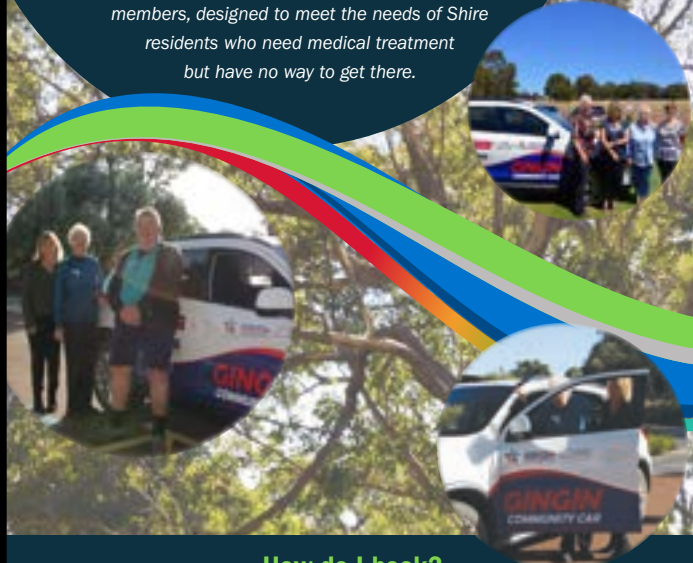
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GINGIN COMMUNITY CAR

Community caring for its own

DO YOU NEED TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?

A community volunteer initiative run by community members, designed to meet the needs of Shire residents who need medical treatment but have no way to get there.



How do I book?

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



Gingin Community Car

BECOME A VOLUNTEER DRIVER

Community caring for its own



Are you a caring community member?

Can you commit to approximately one day per month?

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Reservations are essential on all services and can be made up to three months in advance.

Bookings can be made from anywhere in Australia on 1300 662 205 (Local call cost) from 6.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday 6.30am to 5.30pm Saturday and 7.30am to 5.30pm on Sunday (WST) or at Trans WA booking centres or accredited agents.

Bookings can be made online at www.transwa.wa.gov.au. concession fares cannot be booked online.

Bookings from Gingin MUST be made at least 24 HOURS in advance.

Please call at Gingin Community Resource Centre Inc. for further information or phone 9575 1253



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At our Access Points you can:

- use our computer to access my.gov.au and other government programs and services and to search for jobs
- use the telephone to access our self service options or to speak to us
- access free Wi-Fi 24/7 to connect to government services—no password required
- scan, print, fax and photocopy documents
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- pick up brochures.

Your local access point is:

Gingin Community Resource Centre
1a Lily King Place
GINGIN



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Monday 25th August



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Case Coordinator



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Staying in Place
Client Coordinator



Mikayla
Centre Trainee

It's fair to say we have had some very cool mornings, but so far we are still having some nice sunny afternoons.

It's also good to see we have an ever-expanding list of Electronic sign advertisers. This is great, and people are getting to know the requirement for effective promotion on the sign, that is not having too much text or too many images.

The CRC staff and Committee are delighted to advise our new Staying In Place Care Coordinator commencing with us in August will be Julie Richies. Many of our SIP clients already know Julie from her nursing capacity, and we are very happy to have her working locally to further assist our wonderful community.

We have been seeking interest to bring a Farm Safety workshop to Gingin, and to date we have had a few people show interest, so an application for funding will be made to set a date to have the course run locally.

Just another reminder the CRC staff have End of Life Information and Advance Health Directives resources and would

be happy to assist anyone with either or both of these important documents. Feel free to chat with us anytime in regard to either of these subjects.

See you all soon

Carrie

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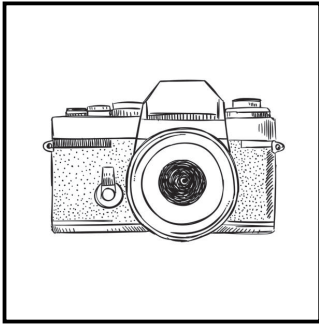
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GINGIN **BUZZ**



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

Front Page - Digital Sign

The digital sign is now live, with new membership adverts being added weekly!

For your advert, "Less is more" is especially effective and meets all safety guidelines.

We offer memberships for both not-for-profit community groups and local businesses. For enquiries, feel free to email us at crc-service@gingin.net or drop by for a chat, we are always happy to help!

Stay tuned for an information session on how to make your advert design.



Gingym - Million Moves

We are excited to be part of Million Moves, a statewide physical activity campaign designed to get more Australians moving and feeling great! This is an initiative to encourage everyone along with their friends, family and communities to complete 75 moves a day for 21 days, starting on the 1st of September.

Why 75 moves for 21 days? 75 represents the alarming statistic that 75% of Australians don't meet the recommended physical activity guidelines. Twenty one days is the time it takes to build a consistent healthy habit. Your daily moves can be anything: big or small, seated or standing, high energy or low impact. It's about finding what works for your body.

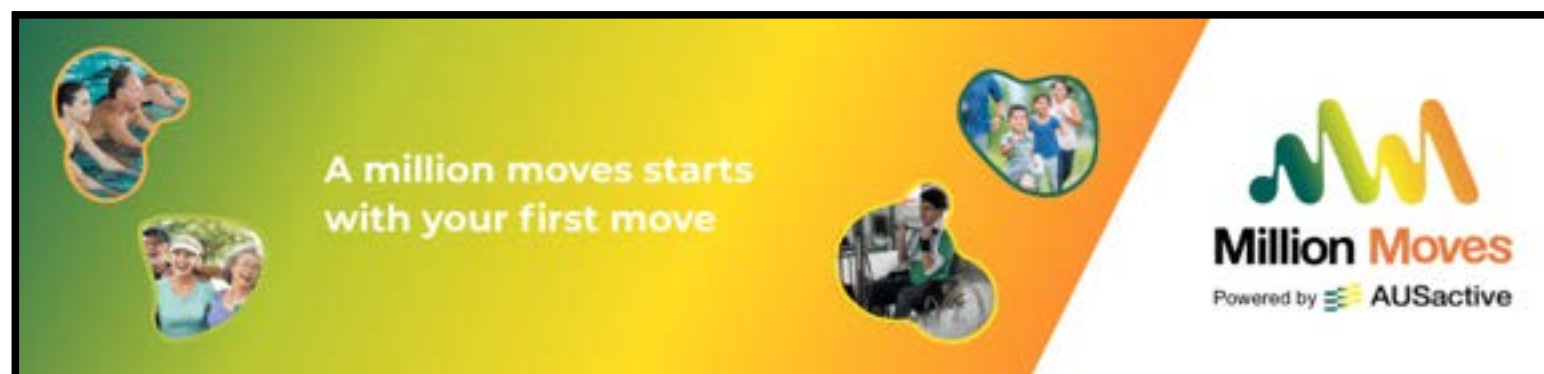
Get involved in three easy steps: · Sign up at www.millionmoves.org.au

· Join our team: just search for GINGYM when prompted

· Start moving from the 1st of September!

Together, let's motivate each other, track our progress, and support healthier habits. When you've registered you will have access to an activity calendar showing all classes/events etc available throughout the twenty one days for you to book in advance. On days when there are no events you can complete one of our mini workout suggestions or walks. Let's make every move count!

Please contact 0429358927 if you would like more information or help with registering.



REJUVE HAIR AND SKIN CLINIC



Jason ensures his team stay at the forefront of industry advancements. His wife, Meagan, and daughter, Isabella, continuously expand their skills in hair colouring, cutting, and salon management.

Rejuve offers non-injectable cosmetic dermal therapies, including micro needling, IPL laser photo-rejuvenation, chemical peels, acne & rosacea treatments, medi-facials, radio frequency skin tightening, LED light therapy, and medical needling. The clinic is also an authorised Environ stockist.

New customer offer: enjoy a style cut, colour and blow dry for the introductory price of \$140.

EXPERTS IN HAIR & SKIN

Rejuve Hair and Skin Clinic, located in the Gingin countryside just minutes from the post office, has grown from its origins as a humble hairdressing salon into a first-class destination for advanced skin therapies and expert hair care. Founded over 20 years ago, this family-owned and run clinic is led by Jason Cassidy, a Joico-recognised stylist and cosmetic skin aesthetician.

Jason and his team embody a philosophy summarised in their tagline: restore – refresh – renew. Personalised hair and skin packages are crafted for each client, and the team pride themselves on offering professional, industry-leading services without the city salon price tag.



0438 453 618
560 Cheriton Rd, Gingin
#rejuvehairandskinclinic

Community Pantry Drive

The recent community pantry drive was truly heartwarming, with incredible support from our local IGA and our generous community members.

In response to ongoing need, we're now

introducing a hamper system to support those experiencing food insecurity.

If you could use a little help, simply drop into the CRC, our friendly staff are here to assist.

Gingin Uniting Church

Gingin Uniting Church, 9 Weld Street, Gingin. Services held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10am. All are welcome.

Website: <https://gingin.ucwa.au>

Email: ginginuniting@gmail.com

Phone: Sharon 0428 557 057

Gingin Garden Club

Gingin Garden Club meet was at 8 Cruden Place, Terasse Rutherford's place... (Haha yes, my place.)

We were again blessed with a magnificent day, so that was a good start. Then, Irene in her usual genius way came up trumps with some stimulating tasks for us all. It started off with a quiz of questions, and then with specimens on the table, we had to identify and record with a partner what 8 or 9 herbs were and other garden flowers. Well, that took some earnest time and much conversation. I felt a little sorry for my partner, I wasn't much help and fuffed around doing other things. The winning team was Anne and Jenny who looked pretty pleased with their chocs.



A generous table for share plants was also provided and again Irene sorted a fabulous raffle that resulted in lots of smiles. The afternoon tea was really substantial, (lucky because it was my breakfast and lunch) and we finished with a walk around a garden created by Wan, which over 2 years ago I purchased and have done some massaging since. I feel really blessed to have fabulous bones to work with in this garden, and it's

been giving me so much joy. It was also great to see a couple of new members in our group. Thankyou everyone, it was a lovely day. T. R.



Keane - Worlds Greatest Shave

On behalf of our family, we would like to extend a warm hello and a sincere Thank You to our beautiful Gingin community. Keane recently had his haircut with the wonderful Kylie at Luxxe Hair Studio, to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. It was a special moment, made even more meaningful thanks to the incredible support we've received from so many of you. From generous donations that helped Keane reach his fundraising goal, to the kind words

and uplifting messages, every gesture has meant the world to us. We would also like to thank Lauren from Gingin Buzz for featuring Keane's story in the July edition. Keane has been surrounded by support, not only from our wider community, but also from his amazing friends at school and their families. We feel truly blessed to call Gingin home. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. From Team Guru



Gingin Playgroup

Exciting News from Gingin Playgroup!

Due to increased demand, we're adding a brand new session!

NEW! Mums and Bubs Session - Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

A relaxed and welcoming space for parents with babies.

Jiggle and Jam - Mondays at 10:30 AM

A fun music and movement session for little ones.

Playgroup - Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Join us for a morning of play, learning, and connection.

Interested in becoming a member?

Email us at: ginginplaygroupinc@gmail.com

We can't wait to see you there!



Gingin Scouts

Community involvement is very much part of the scout program. During the school holidays members of the Gingin Scout group attended the Gathering Place, teaching knots, some campfire songs and involving everyone on a Lego Challenge, together with the Chittering Landcare they also planted trees.

The Gathering Place is for people of all ages to gather for social connection, to enjoy food and build the community together. There was certainly plenty of conversation and interaction, with some scouts learning new knots. The Lego Challenge was to design and construct a 50cm bridge that would hold weight. The Lego bridges were tested with two large filled water bottles, all bridges passed this test. Next people stood on their bridge, which saw some clever techniques used. Only one bridge survived this challenge. A fun morning that was greatly enjoyed by the scouts.

1400 trees were planted at the old Wannamal School site. These were used to fill in gaps from previous plantings. It was very interesting to learn about the type of trees being planted and the variety of birdlife that will be attracted to the trees. As always Chittering Landcare provided a yummy lunch for all participants in

the Wannamal Hall.

A great deal on what to do if you are lost has been in the news recently. This is a topic covered in great depth at scouts. The Gingin Joeys recently participated in a day called Lost. They learnt how to signal SOS, how to get clean water from muddy water, the value of having Vaseline covered cottonwool balls to start a fire when there is no dry kindling around, and how to make a shelter from a space blanket.

If you would like to know more about Gingin Scout contact Gloria 0409103700



Gingin Red Cross

The Gingin Red Cross will be unveiling a plaque for the late Margaret Vallentine in the Council gardens.

We will be having this ceremony on the special day of 10 August at 2pm, and would like to invite community members to attend. After the unveiling, we would be pleased for you to come up to the Lion's Den, 3 Horan Street for an afternoon tea.

RSVP by the 5th for catering.

Please text 0400 505 656 or flicka63@bigpond.net.au

Our normal Morning tea this month has been cancelled for this event.



Gingin Brook Catchment Group

The second year of planting on Moondah Brook Estate as part of the Gingin Brook Catchment Group's "Ecological improvements for endangered species in Moondah Brook" was undertaken on July 14. Just under 3,300 seedlings were planted. These included Banksia and Hakea species suitable as food for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, a threatened bird, for which the Gingin area is important foraging and roosting habitat. Weed control has been undertaken along Moondah and Wowra Brooks with riparian species planted in treated areas where needed. The project is on three adjoining properties and is a three-year project with only weed control being undertaken on the other two properties this year. Further weed control will occur later this year and next year, with further revegetation planned for next winter.



The landholders have or will be fencing to exclude stock from a buffer area along the brooks and from the revegetated areas. In

addition to the weed control and revegetation, a second year of surveying of Carter's Freshwater Mussel (an endangered species) and rakali in Moondah Brook within the properties will be undertaken to monitor the health of these species. Surveys last year confirmed the presence of both these species in Moondah Brook. This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program and we thank them and the landholders for their support.



natural resource
management program



Don't forget to be on the lookout for Amazon Frogbit, particularly in the Gingin Brook in the Neergabby and nearby areas. It poses a threat to the environment, irrigation and recreation and could spread to the Moore River. Report any sightings to the Shire of Gingin, as it will be managing this weed. Also report to mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au/reporter or via the MyPestGuide Reporter app which can be downloaded free from Apple or Google. Reports can also be sent to us at info@gingincatchment.org.au but please let us know whether or not the report has been sent to the Shire and/or MyPestGuide.

Also be on the look-out for Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer, Rainbow Lorikeets and Sulphur Crested Cockatoos. It is important any sightings of these be reported to protect our agriculture, horticulture, lifestyle and natural environment. Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD) has a program in place to prevent these pest species becoming established outside the known infestations in the metropolitan area. Report to mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au/reporter or via the MyPestGuide Reporter app.

The next Gingin Brook Catchment Group meeting will be held Monday 11th August at 9am at the Gingin CRC.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group.

Koorunga CWA

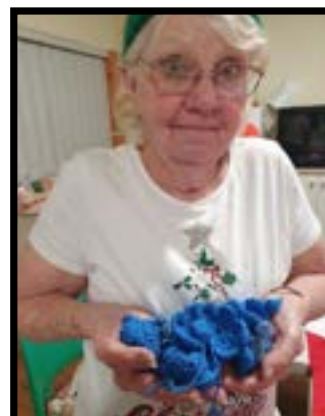
Adding fun to our monthly meetings, Koorunga members enjoyed Christmas in July. Encouraged to wear something Christmassy, there were plenty of T-shirts, earrings, hats and some pyjamas. The Christmas in July shared lunch was like all Christmas functions - a feast to behold; prawns, ham, Christmas cake, rum balls without rum, and a home made Christmas pudding. A Christmas movie quiz provided a few challenges and some very novel answers.



One member, Pam, is a very creative knitter. She recently knitted an adult Icelandic jumper featuring horses, for the CWA Conference in Albany. These unique round yoke jumpers are knitted from the bottom up with the body and

sleeves joined in to feature the circular yoke, which is often in geometric designs. Pam created the amazing knitted Critters CRTR's, used by GGDHS. We were delighted to see on the school Facebook page "Responsible Rex and Trevor Try" traveling the world during the recent school holidays.

Pam's latest knitting endeavor is blue knitted poppies. These are used at the Police Memorial for officers who have taken their own life, or died during the line of duty, or now have passed away.



With a strong focus on community development and support Koorunga CWA members happily provided over 7000 volunteer hours in 2024. We meet alternately between Gingin and Wannamal. Contact Felicity 0400505656 if you would like to know more.

Expression of Interest - Lite N' Easy Meals

Interested in receiving Lite n' Easy meals delivered to Gingin? We're gathering interest from locals who would benefit from healthy, ready-to-eat meals as part of a support program. Whether you need help with meals, are recovering from illness, or just want convenient, nutritious food. We'd love to hear from you!

Let us know by email crc-service@gingin.net, give us a call on 9575 1253 or pop in and see us!

Please note: delivery is not yet arranged. Final numbers will need to be confirmed before any service can be organised.



COMMUNITY SCREENING

JUST A FARMER

HOSTED BY:
KOORUNGA CWA
MOGUMBER OUTBACK CLUB

AUGUST 16TH
WANNAMAL HALL
FROM 6PM

LIGHT DINNER & SUPPER INCLUDED

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FREE TICKETS



Just a Farmer isn't just a film — it's a heartfelt tribute to the real people who feed the nation, navigating mental health, family pressures, and the changing face of rural life. It's raw, honest, and deeply moving.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:
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WANNAMAL COMMUNITY CENTRE



For ticket inquiries contact
koorungacwa@gmail.com OR Felicity 0400505656

Parenting Connection WA

Anxiety Coach

Reduce Anxiety & Build Resilience in Children Aged 4 - 12

This interactive three-week program will provide parents with a greater understanding on why children experience heightened anxiety and the role they can play in managing it.

The program supports parents to:

- Have a greater understanding of the brain and how anxiety originates.
- Practical strategies to help build resilience in children.
- How to identify anxiety & counter its progress.
- Simple techniques to help children manage worries.

Free morning tea (bookings essential)

GINGIN
Starting Weds 6 August 2025 (for 3 weeks) | 9:30 - 11:30am
Gingin Community Resource Centre (CRC), 1a Lily King Place
To book: 08 9575 1253 | E: gcn@gingin.net



LEDGE POINT

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 5th of October

If you would like a stall, please register with LPCA by Monday 15th of September at lpca5043@gmail.com or phone 0427 413 154.

Adults: \$5
Children: \$2
Kids under 5: FREE
CASH ONLY ENTRY

BUCKING BULL!
SHOW BAGS!
FRESH VEGGIES!
TRAIN RIDES!
FOOD VANS!
BUCKING BULL!
BUNGEE TRAMPOLINE
ANIMAL FARM!
REPTILE PARK!
MELTDOWN MADNESS!
INSTRUCKTA (BIG PURPLE TRUCK)
AND LOADS MORE!

WANTED FOR DISPLAY
• Vintage cars, tractors & motorbikes
For more information call 0427 413 154



This is a fundraising event by the Ledge Point Community Association



What do you know about Advance Care Planning support in your community?

Advance Care Planning is something many people avoid or feel daunted by, but it is important in all communities. Linkwest wants to know about your familiarity with Advance Care Planning and the information or support available to you in your community.

Whether you have started Advance Care Planning or haven't even thought about it, we want to hear from you.

Please complete this survey using the url or QR code to contribute to this research.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/C9R8XK2





PALETTES & PLATES

in the park!



11 OCTOBER 2025
a celebration of art & flavour

Granville Civic Centre, Gingin

For more information and to register your food stall, call **9575 5100** or email community@gingin.wa.gov.au



Entries Close: 4pm
Thursday 2 October



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Art Exhibition Award Categories

Drawing: \$800

Painting: \$800

3D: \$800

Digital Art & Photography: \$800

Recycled or Repurposed: \$800

Depict Gingin Award: \$1500

Gingin Resident's Award: \$500

Realism: \$1000

People's Choice: \$250

Entries close 4pm Thursday 2 October

Granville Civic Centre, Gingin

For more information and to register
your artwork, call 9575 1253 or email
crc@gingin.net.



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Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

Shire of Gingin Features on Destination WA!

We were thrilled to see the Shire of Gingin featured on Season 16, Episode 24 of Destination WA highlighting some of our inland tourist attractions.

If you missed it, you can view the Shire of Gingin feature here: <https://www.destinationwa.tv/story.php?country=0&id=1488>



Ordinary Council Meeting - Change of Venue

Please be advised, the venue of the August Ordinary Council Meeting (to be held at 3:00pm on 19 August) has been changed to the **Ledge Point Country Club on 381 Turner Street, Ledge Point**.

Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsor Acknowledgement

Thank you to **MidWest Building (WA)** for your generous sponsorship of the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme.

Midwest Building (WA) is a second generation family owned and run building company. With a combined 70+ years experience in the building and construction industry. Based in Gingin and building in surrounding areas, MidWest Building (WA) specialise in residential, single and double storey builds, commercial, mining and industrial projects, and any custom designed needs.

Midwest Building (WA) has a long and proud heritage backed up by an impeccable reputation for building relationships with clients and building outstanding homes.



Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsorship Invitation 2025/2026

There is still time to become a sponsor of our Early Rates Incentive Scheme! Local and regional businesses are invited to become special prize sponsors for our annual Early Rates Incentive Scheme - a popular initiative that encourages early payment of rates so we can deliver key projects and services to the community sooner.

By sponsoring a prize, your business will not only be helping us reward 10 lucky early ratepayers with exciting prize packages (made up of cash, vouchers and/or services), but you'll also receive valuable promotion across our platforms and networks.

For more information, visit: <https://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/rates>

All enquiries can be directed to the Shire's Rates Department on **9575 5126**.



Palettes and Plates in the Park!

Join in on the fun at Palettes and Plates by hosting a stall - if you are a local grower/producer, local food business, artist or craft seller, we want you!

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with the community and showcase/sell your product.

Main Event: Saturday, 11 October 2025

Location: Granville Park, 2pm - 9pm

Art Exhibition: Granville Civic Centre, running from Monday, 6 October through to the big event on Saturday.

If you're keen to join us, please complete the Stallholder Application Form located on our website via <https://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/news/palettes-and-plates-in-the-park-calling-for-stallholders!/934?c=5> or reach out to the Community Development and Services Team via community@gingin.wa.gov.au / **9575 5100**.



Demolition of Hinchcliffe Street Lookout and Removal of Memorial Plaques

Due to the ongoing and severe coastal erosion affecting the coastal dunes in Lancelin, the Shire of Gingin has made the difficult decision to remove the Hinchcliffe Lookout.

The demolition commenced on Friday 18 July 2025 and included the entire Hinchcliffe Lookout platform and the stairs down to the Lancelin Sands Hotel.

The Shire has attempted to contact the original applicants for each memorial plaque - using the contact details provided at the time of application - to inform them of the removal and to offer the opportunity to reclaim their plaque. If you have previously arranged for a plaque at the Hinchcliffe Lookout and would like to have it returned, please email us at mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Any plaques not reclaimed will be stored by the Shire. The Shire will explore the possibility of a new location for the plaques to be displayed.

Waste Facility Pass Reminder

Last year, we rolled out our reusable Waste Facility Passes. These passes are convenient, easy to use and importantly reusable. The passes are designed to last for years to come, so please keep yours safe – if lost, we can supply you with a new one for a replacement fee.

Please note, the Waste Facility Passes will automatically reset every year, so you don't need to do anything. This year, your pass will reset on **1 September**.

Lost your Pass? You can order a replacement by calling us on **9575 5100** or emailing mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Tip Pass FAQs:

- Keep your pass – it will automatically update once Council endorses the new Fees and Charges.
- Any unused visits from the current year won't carry over to the next year once the new allocation starts.

Keep your pass safe and use it responsibly.

Need some clarification? Contact us on **9575 5100**, or email mail@gingin.wa.gov.au, or visit our website.

Council Decisions

The following matters were considered by Council at the Shire's **July** Ordinary Council Meeting:

- Determination by Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation of Local Laws.
- Endorsement of CEO KPIS - June 2025 to July 2026.
- Consideration of Renewable Energy Local Planning Policy.
- Planning Applications - 3 applications considered.

For details of additional items resolved by Council and for more information please go to the July Council Meeting minutes which are available at gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

Gingin Red Cross - Monthly Morning Tea

Friday 8 August, 10:00am - 11:00am,
The Lions Den, 3 Horan Street, Gingin.

Lunch at the Gathering Place

Monday 11 August & Monday 25 August, 10:00am - 1:30pm, Gingin Recreation Centre.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 19 August, 3:00pm - 5:00pm,
Ledge Point Country Club, 381 Turner Street, Ledge Point.

Palettes and Plates in the Park

Friday 10 - Saturday 11 October,
Granville Park, Gingin.

John Wood & Dave Allen - Our Rock 'n Roll Journey (Seniors Week Event)

Wednesday 12 November.

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

Organising an Event in the Shire of Gingin?

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Gingin Golf Club

MENS GOLF

Whilst stroke play represents the real game of golf those of us with high handicaps enter the fray with some trepidation. I say this because every blunder, mis-hit, lost ball or an inadvertent adventure into the brook all count as part of your score. Whilst saying this, all is not lost, for us would be winners, as we can be competitive and fortunate to have an impact on the novelty prizes. These include longest putt, best third shot, nearest the pin from a pre-determined area and on occasions nearest drive to a target planted on a fairway.

Bearing the above in mind it was no surprise that one of our better players, Colin Zappelli (Zapp) opted to have a stroke competition as his sponsored day on 28 June. Following the deduction of their respective handicaps from their gross scores the winner was Paul Kelly, 69 points, runner-up Brendan Fewster, 70 points, and in third place Thys Gorter with 71 points. Some of the novelties were carried away by high handicappers giving them something to crow about on a day when they had little chance of winning. As usual the clubhouse camaraderie was most enjoyable, and the playing conditions noted as perfect.

For the Bruno DeBonis sponsored Stableford day, 5 July, we had an influx of players from outside the club who were mainly work associates of Matthew DeBonis. From an entry in the Men's Captains log the playing conditions were described as "magnificent" and set the mood for a good day on the course. In order to expand the attendance and inclusiveness on days nominated in the Men's fixture list this event was declared open to our Ladies. Winning the day with 41 points was Karen Pollard, second place Brendon Fewster with 37 points beating Rob Whaley on a countback also with 37 points. As some of the visitors did not have a Golf Link number they played in a separate competition with Alex Newton the winner on 33 points, followed by John Sorensen 29 points. It was good to

see that visitors were also well represented in the novelty element of the competition.

On 12 July it was the Beekeepers Invitation Day, and as the name implies, was sponsored by our local Beekeepers including Brendon Fewster, Brad Gresele, Paul Fewster, Max Fewster and Jack Watson. The game was a four person Ambrose and open to both Club Ladies and Men together with visitors, 56 players attended. Because of the numbers involved the fourteen teams were spread around the course to various starting tees. A team handicap has to be established for this type of event and is calculated by adding all four handicaps and dividing the total by eight. Results for the day were:

•Winners: J. Edwards, M. Collard, T. Stephens, P. Heasman

•R/up; P. Fewster, C. Kelly, T. Gresele, C. Gresele

•Best Gross; B. Fewster, C. Fewster, S. Greenwell, J. Langlands

•3rd Nett; N. Houghton. W. Tardrew, F. Neves, R. Brodie-Hall

•4th Nett; C. Bell, B. Carter, S. Haywood, T. O'Connell

•5th Nett; A. Fewster, J. Bayliss, W. Rowe, L. Matthews

•=5th Nett; P. Kelly, A. Serman, B. DeBonis, R. Ashworth.

There were eighteen novelties, one on every hole, giving a chance for every individual to win something. Thirst was catered for by Brad doing the rounds of the course in the Toro Workmate as the mobile barman; he was in great demand dispensing the essential beverages. It was a real pleasure to have the clubhouse full and buzzing with excitement (no pun intended) as the games concluded and the fellowship commenced. The presentation ceremony was extensive, rowdy, and good fun.



A change of pace with a more sedate Stableford event was held on 19 July and sponsored by Mick Emmanuel. Playing conditions were absolutely ideal and the course was playing exceptionally well with numerous comments as to the condition of the sand greens. It is anticipated that with a Stableford event the winner would have a score of around say 37-39 but not today. In first place with a score of 46 points was Paul Kelly, a fantastic score, runner-up was Glenn Taylor 40 points, also a good score, and in third place Mark Sanders with 36 points. There is no doubt that the score achieved by Paul will have the effect of reducing his handicap somewhat. Another pleasant wind up in the Clubhouse that included cheese toasties, prepared and served up by Paul.

We are most grateful to all the sponsors as mentioned and our thanks are extended to them for making every event something different and special.

LADIES NEWS

It has been a very busy few weeks with the ladies at the Gingin Golf Club competing not only in the local events each week but also attending numerous Regional Open Days and GolfWA events. Congratulations to the following members:

- Kaye Bingham and Robin Higgins who came Runners Up competing at the Cunderdin Open Day.
- Robin Higgins Winner Shattock Cup at Quairading Open Day 39pts and Kaye Bingham Winner Vets 36pts, Friday 18th July
- Robin Higgins Winner Gross at Northam Open Day 23pts, Tuesday 22nd July
- Special mention to the ladies who attended the Rural Bronze Championships in Dongara, 28-29th June and the Provincial Championships in Moora 11th-13th July.

Recent results from ladies fixtures are:

June 25th Stroke event sponsored by Gingin Roadhouse. Winner Karen Pollard Nett 69, Runner Up Robin Higgins Nett 74

July 2nd Stableford event sponsored by Chris Haywood. Winner Kathy Gobbart 39pts, Runner Up Karen Pollard 32 pts.

July 7th Jubilee Fours event sponsored by Bev Moxham and Marnee Pearse. Winner Robin Higgins and Kaye Bingham 31pts

July 16th Stableford event sponsored by Gingin Pharmacy. Winner Karen Pollard 38pts, Runner Up Wendy Geary 37pts

The Junior holiday program was run over two weeks and an encouraging number of juniors attended. Thank you to Kerry Fewster who organised the event and ran the four days alongside Marnee Pearse and Karen Pollard. Term 3 commences Tuesday 22nd July and is open to boys and girls. Older players will be playing holes and may go to 5pm or later, weather permitting. To register please go to Mygolf.org.au

We encourage and welcome new players regardless of ability, beginners included. Enquiries can be made via our Facebook page or by emailing us at gingingolfclub@gmail.com.

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Gingin Eagles Hockey Club

Gingin Eagles Hockey Club have 2 sides competing in the Mortlock Hockey Association in season 2025, one in the Juniors and one in the women's Senior grade.

The junior side has not competed for several years and the club is delighted that we are able to field a side this year, and hopefully for years to come. Club stalwart and senior player Alicia Gomersall has done an amazing job coaching this group, ably assisted by Ben and Lisa McCarthy who have 2 kids in the side. The parents are an amazing group who have been very supportive, appreciative and encouraging!!

Despite not having yet recorded a win for the Season (2 draws), the team has been very competitive and the amount of improvement they've in every player is a credit to everyone involved!!

The senior team is being coached by Steve Balcombe who returns after a long absence, coaching the side for an 11th season all up. The playing group is the largest the club has possibly ever had with over 20 registered players, and it's a real juggling act for Steve to try and give everyone a fair go and keep the team competitive!!

There is a real mix of age and experience in the team, and the way the players have gelled is awesome to see. Like the junior side, the teams improvement has been amazing to see, and has set the club up for a real tilt at finals in the coming years.

Co captains Simone Hyne and Courtney Lind are terrific leaders on and off the field and the experience and knowledge of those two plus veteran players Cheryl Watson, Ali McVee and Alicia Gomersall has ensured the rapid development of some of the junior players. Vice captain Sophie Robinson is a fantastic pick up for the club, and her positivity and enthusiasm are inspirational to all around her. Sophie also currently sits equal third on the association leading goal scorer list, having scored half of our goals for the year!!

The improvement of the team can be gauged by some of the results with two draws, one ²¹

against last years Premiers and the other against quality side Dowerin. This improvement culminated in the team celebrating its first win for the season recently, prevailing 4-3 in a thriller against Wongan Hills.

The club is going from strength to strength and is a great position going forward!! Bring on season 2026!!



Just another day at school by Alan Gent

George Baker said good-bye to his wife after his usual muesli for breakfast, picked up his small case and headed for the door.

“Good luck, darling”, said his wife.

“Thanks”, said George. He hoped he wouldn’t need it.

George had been a relief teacher since he decided to resign from the Education Department about six months previously, after over ten years in the job. He often wondered why he’d ever become a teacher. He really hated the job, but they really needed the money. He’d tried for other jobs, but in the electronics industry, it was on-going knowledge that was needed. When George was at school, there was discipline. Teachers were always right, and any answering back would be dealt with severely. It had taken him some time to realise that things had changed. A lot! No more being kept in after school, and even homework was optional. School buses ferried the little darlings backwards and forwards, and giving ‘lines’ for punishment was considered demeaning. ‘Homework’, it had been decided, wouldn’t be necessary if the teacher did his job in the classroom. The cane, of course, had gone by the board. George used to spend almost half the lesson simply ‘putting out fires’ as he called it. This referred to behavioural problems with ‘the usual suspects’ – the small group of students hell bent on disruption. He had become bitter with the Education Department, who’d made rules for teachers that basically took away any disciplinary powers they might have had.

As a relief teacher, since students would habitually ‘play up’, he had to try to keep one step ahead all the time. At least he didn’t have to plan lessons or mark papers – except on rare longer term assignments, like this one. He arrived at the new school for his 6 week stint there, about half an hour before he was required. He knew from experience that quite often, the teacher on leave quite often didn’t leave enough work for the students, so he had prepared an ‘emergency kit’ of puzzles, quizzes and other activities that extended over a number of curricula. Luckily, in this case, he

found that Mr. Smiggins, the maths teacher, had left a folder with on-going work.

The deputy, Sandra Holshaw, a middle-aged stocky woman with bright red hair and too much make-up, took him around to 5C, the room where he would spend most of his time as maths relief teacher. The opposite side of the classroom bordered the recreation yard. When he looked at the desks, George immediately saw a problem. Some schools had the strange idea that students should learn in groups, so had organised the desks that way. About eight students could sit in a group around a set of tables. His experience was that some students would then not be immediately facing him, which would make behaviour monitoring more difficult. He did nothing, though, deciding to see how it would turn out on the first lesson.

To his surprise, the first two lessons went quite well. The year 9 class and the year 12 class following were remarkably well behaved. George realised it could have been what he called ‘the honeymoon period’, so he didn’t start jumping for joy straight away.

After the break, there was a whole different story. The year 10 class came in like charging rhinos, and it was several minutes before the cacophony of chairs and talking had died down enough for them to appraise their new teacher. What they saw was an athletic looking ‘old’ man in what looked to be his 40’s with greying hair and a severe look on his face. This was going to be fun, they thought. What George saw was a thoroughly belligerent looking crowd of teenagers, intent on mischief.

The attendance roll was the first challenge. Many of the students either refused to answer to their names the first time, or somebody would answer for them. George picked out a quiet girl from the back of the room and asked her to come to the front. He sat her down on the single desk he’d put there for ‘naughty’ kids, gave her a piece of paper, and asked her to write a plan of the room including all the students’ names. Amazingly, it worked! Armed with the list, he was then able to address the²² students by their names – an essential part

of behaviour management. It was only half the battle of course. It seemed that there was the usual small group led by a heavily built boy named Bruno Loffwitz. All the students seemed a little afraid of him, and took his lead in any disruptive activity, like deliberately scraping the chair backwards and forwards, or slamming books closed, throwing pencils or pens across the class or simply calling out to one another. When Bruno left his seat to confront another student, George had had enough.

“Bruno! You’re out of your seat!”

“So what?” the boy said.

“Sit down, or come out to the front of the class and sit here!” George indicated the ‘naughty seat’.

“Make me!” said the boy.

George called the girl out that had helped him with the seating plan, and quietly said to her: “Please will you go to the office and fetch the deputy?”

The girl disappeared out of the room before anybody realised what was going on. There was a quick scuffle, and Bruno sat down in his seat. “And take your hat off, Bruno!” said George.

Not a move. The deputy appeared at the door, and George explained why he had sent for her. “And he won’t remove his hat, either”, he said.

“Well...you got him to sit down, and that’s a win, don’t you think?” George was astounded, but suddenly realised how frightened she was of this young hooligan.

The rest of the lesson was a little better, but Bruno refused to do any work at all, climbing out of a window at the end of the lesson, to loud appreciation from his ‘gang’.

George had just about got over the traumatic lesson by the middle of the afternoon, and was half way through a lesson of year 9 maths, when there was a knock at the door. It was the principal and deputy, looking very concerned.

“Please lock your door, Mr. Baker. The whole school’s in ‘lockdown’ – Bruno’s got a

knife, and he’s after one of the students in your class. He’s outside somewhere. We’ve locked all the outside doors, and we’ve called the police and his parents.”

After they’d gone, it took a while to settle the class down. There was a change in the air. The students knew all about Bruno and they were very quiet. They must have realised, thought George, that this was very serious.

He got on with the lesson as best he could, keeping an eye out every now and then, in case Bruno passed by the windows overlooking the yard.

When it came, it happened very quickly. George had turned to the board to clean it, there was a scuffle at the window, and suddenly there was Bruno, standing at the back of the class, his arm around a spotty faced boy who he’d hauled out of his seat. George cursed himself for forgetting to close the casement windows. Bruno held a very large knife just under the boy’s throat. Several of the girls screamed.

“Put down the knife, Bruno”, said George, “and we’ll all feel a bit safer”.

“Nothin’ doin’ old man. He’s got it comin’”.

And George could see the glazed look in Bruno’s eyes. Drugs. He was going to do it.

One of the things George Baker had been well respected for in a previous life, was being captain of the cricket team at Billing’s Electronics. His bowling was second to none. It was this skill that probably saved the spotty faced kid’s life.

Quick as a flash, the wooden board eraser left George’s hand, shot through the air, and caught Bruno right above his left eye. He went down as if he’d been pole-axed.

At that point, the door burst open and several policemen rushed into the room.

It was all over.

Later, as he walked through his front door, his wife kissed him and asked him, as usual, how his day had been.

“Just another day at school”, he said. No point elaborating. It would be in the papers.

Announcements

Birth of Elsie Lou Abbey Sanchez 03.07.2025

Larry and I are delighted to announce that on Thursday 3rd July our beautiful granddaughter Elsie Lou Abbey Sanchez was born 9.4lb. Elsie is named after Gingin local Joan Elsie Edwards (dec) who would have no doubt spoilt Elsie rotten (as she did to Tristyn and Frederick) had she still been here. Clearly Larry and I will now have to carry out that role.

Congratulations to our daughter/baby mother Rachael (still can't believe you had a bigger baby than me) and baby father Paul. Most importantly thank the high heaven you are all in your own house now!



Frank Butler turns 100

Former long-time Gingin resident and Shire of Gingin employee, Frank Butler, turns 100 years of age on Sunday 3 August 2025.

On behalf of the community and his many relatives who still reside in Gingin, we extend special happy birthday wishes to Frank on this momentous occasion. Enjoy your special day with family and friends..



Birth of Daisy Justine Green 15.07.2025

Welcome to the world, Daisy Justine Green, born 15th July 2025, weighing 2.99kg! A huge congratulations to the proud parents Bianca and Ricky, on the arrival of your precious baby girl. Wishing your family endless love, laughter, and unforgettable moments together.



VALE Margaret Dobra

Sincere sympathy is extended to Barry and Maureen, Glenn and Barbara and your families on the sad loss of a dearly loved Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother and Great Grandmother on 29th June 2025.

Margaret reached the wonderful age of 101 and she will always be remembered with love by those she has left behind.

Rest peacefully Margaret.



Margaret's Shortbeard Recipe

Ingredients

8oz butter

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1/3 cup plain flour

Method

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Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to...

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

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

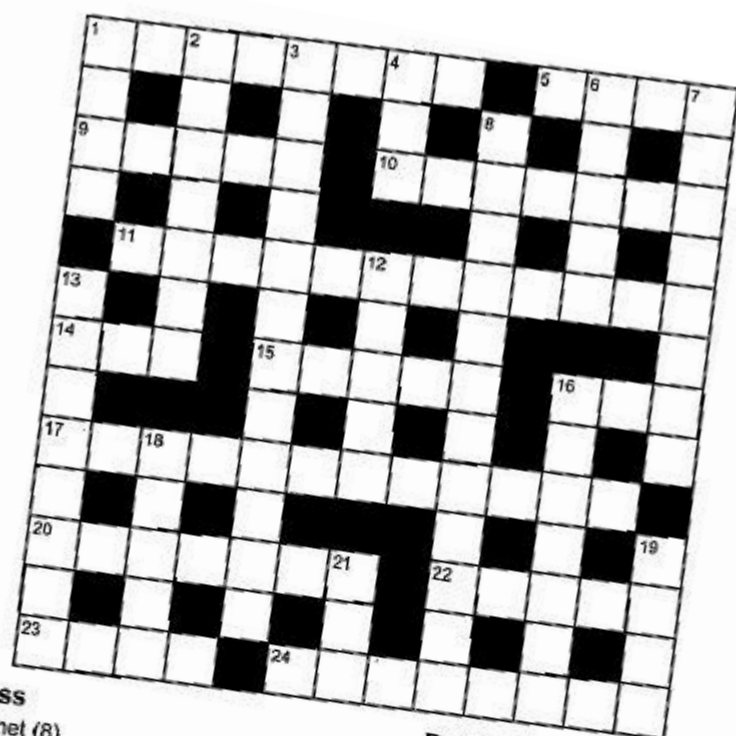
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