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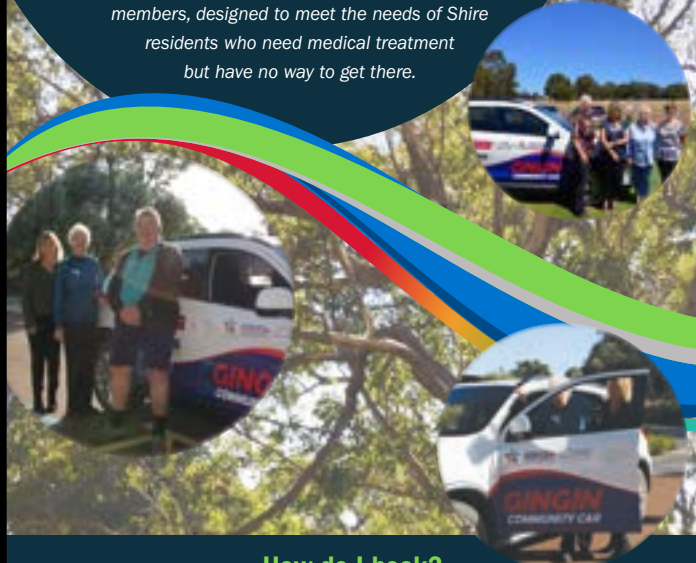
Gingym Hyrox Team
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GINGIN COMMUNITY CAR

Community caring for its own

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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

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Community caring for its own



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



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Friday 24th October



Moore River Region
Gingin Visitor Centre

Not long until the Palletes & Plates event with our Annual Art Exhibition. We have some awesome entries this year, as always to be honest, and really look forward to the Saturday night event.

On Thursday 16 October we have the crew from SafeFarm WA coming up to deliver a Farm Safety Workshop, covering what you need to know regarding the new legislation. This includes maintaining compliance, working with contractors and/or children or visitors on the farm. The crew will also be around for one-on-one discussions that may be of benefit after the presentation.

Then of course, we have Halloween at the end of the month, love it or hate it, its coming regardless. It is nice to see all the kids in the neighbourhood out and about in the street. This is the only time we do now. The days of playing in the street are over so that's one positive I take from it. The CRC will again provide a locality map for those engaging in the event, and we can print posters for those homeowners who do not wish to be involved.

Thank you to all of the business

owners who have replied to my Trainee survey. This has assisted us to identify the most beneficial Certificates we can offer in 2026, leading to secure local future employment for the our next Trainee.

As always, we hope to see you soon, all going well it will be when you view the local Art Exhibition in a few days' time.

Carrie

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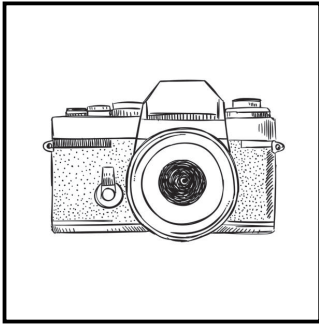
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GINGIN **BUZZ**



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 - Gingym Hyrox Team

GINGYM HYROX Team's Achievements at the Perth HYROX Event

Perth Convention Centre | 5th–7th September

What is HYROX?

Not everyone is aware of what HYROX actually is yet, but I believe over the next few years its popularity will grow rapidly, and it will become familiar to many, either as a training method, or for competition.

HYROX is a global fitness race that combines functional strength exercises with endurance running. Every event follows the same format: 8 x 1 km runs, each followed by a functional workout station. The exercise stations are: skierg, sled push, sled pull, burpee broad jumps, rowing, farmer's carry, sandbag lunges, and wall balls.

It's designed for all fitness levels, with competition categories for individuals, doubles, and relay teams. Often called "the fitness race for everybody", HYROX bridges the gap between endurance events and functional strength competitions.

HYROX events have been established in Europe and Asia for several years. My first taste of HYROX training came during a trip to the UK just over a year ago. Inspired, we began hosting weekend HYROX-style classes at GINGYM in February, and they quickly became popular.

When tickets for the Perth event went on sale in May, a group of us decided we would commit, and we reserved our places early, as tickets sold out very quickly.

Our competitors:

- Individual Men's Open: Vish Patel, Nick Smith, Luke Crowe
- Mixed Doubles Open: Anastasia & Matt Howe
- Individual Women's Open: Sam Birkle, Sophie Hargreaves, Karen Grant, Neree Martinez, Joanna Mitchell, Sam Vaughan
- Women's Doubles Open: Stacey Smith & Melissa Crowe, Natalie Shelabear & her cousin Julia, and Mum and daughter team

Michelle & Tahlia Kabelka

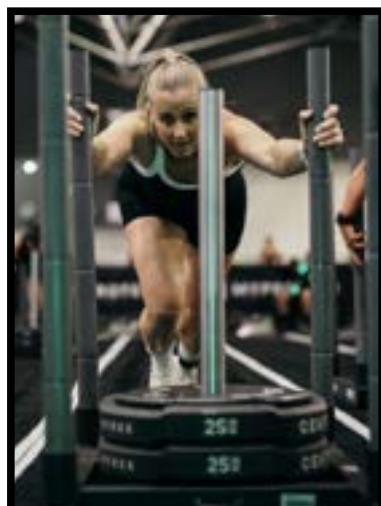
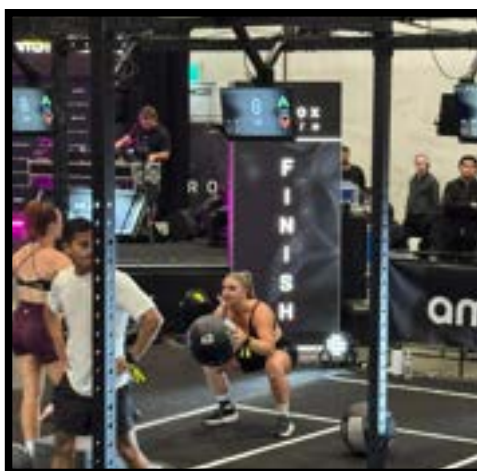
On the day, the support from both our GINGYM family and the Gingin community was incredible. Seeing familiar faces in the crowd gave us a huge boost as we ran around on each 1km run and at each station. These faces especially were needed as we pushed through those final 100 wall balls.

The commitment and dedication shown by everyone over the past 8 months of training has been nothing short of inspiring. I am extremely proud to have been part of this team, and its success.

Some of us just can't wait until the Perth Hyrox in September 2026, so we are already planning for more competitions. Melbourne is in December, and that is tempting, but we'll definitely be in Brisbane next April, and one person is doing the Bangkok event in March.

GINGYM is now officially an affiliated HYROX Training Club, and we're excited to launch training sessions again. Anyone can join in, you don't need to compete to join in the training. It's a great way to maintain fitness throughout the off season for footy, netball or any other activity.





Welcome Julie

Hi, I'm Julie, a Registered Nurse living and working in Gingin. Originally trained in the UK as both a Registered Nurse and Midwife, I continue to work at Joondalup Health Campus in the Emergency Department and After-Hours GP service. I've also been involved in extensive community care work through Mabel, with a strong focus on supporting elderly clients. I'm passionate about helping older people remain in their homes safely, with dignity and the right support. I look forward to meeting many of you around town and working together as part of the Staying in Place team.



Gingin Arts & Craft

The talented ladies of the Gingin Arts & Craft group have been busy with their needles and hooks, creating beautiful baby rugs and tiny preemie jumpers.

These handmade treasures have been lovingly donated to King Edward Memorial Hospital, bringing comfort and warmth to the tiniest little ones and their families.

Just another wonderful way our group gives back and shows care for the wider community.



Gingin Garden Group

September Garden Club meet didn't exactly go to plan. We were all looking forward to catching up since we skipped August. However the heavens well and truly opened up, and the planned Julimar Forest walk had to be scratched. The consolation prize was to catch up at our town's café CU@Park. Great food and chat, and even extra cake thanks to Michelle. Well at least weeding is easy when the ground is this wet!! Fingers crossed for next month.



Koorunga CWA

Koorunga CWA welcomes any ladies who would like to come and visit our next CWA meeting on Thursday the 9 October. We will gather at 9.30am at 3 Horan Street for a 10.00am start. Generally, we alternate meetings between Wannamal Hall and Gingin, with the occasional outing.

9.00am on Wednesday 22 October we invite community members along to a morning of "Fire Awareness and Preparedness". Have you ever handled a fire extinguisher?

Have you a plan and do you know what to pack for a hasty exit? Is your dwelling and property fire ready? Do you know how to access information in an emergency? This free session is designed for people that are new to town and rural areas, and for anyone to come and ask questions and learn some facts. Please advise Felicity if you require the creche and any dietary requirements for morning tea. Email koorungacwa@gmail.com.au or phone 0400 505656

Gingin Canine Collective

Community Call to Support Gingin's Enclosed Off-Lead Dog Park

The Gingin Canine Collective is working towards an exciting goal – establishing a safe, enclosed off-lead dog park in the township of Gingin.

This dedicated space will provide local dogs with the freedom to run and play, while giving owners peace of mind knowing their pets are secure. Beyond the benefits for dogs, the park will also serve as a meeting place for the community, encouraging connection and responsible pet ownership.

The group is calling on community support to help bring this project to life. There are several ways people can get involved:

- Make a donation – contribution tins have been placed in businesses around town.
- Support fundraising events – each event directly helps fund the project.

• Spread the word – share the vision with friends and neighbours.

• Join the cause – new members are welcome to be part of the Gingin Canine Collective.

“The dog park will be a wonderful addition to our community – a place for dogs to socialise safely and for people to connect,” a spokesperson said.

For more information, or to find out how you can contribute, email: gingincaninecollective@gmail.com.

Together, the community can make this much-needed facility a reality for Gingin.



Gingin Chittering Lions

The Gingin Chittering Lions have been having fun taking the children and parents for rides at the various events in the Shires of Moora, Chittering and Gingin, and have more to come at this busy time of the year. Give us a wave as we go by. We will at the Palettes and Plates, with a fresh shipment of delicious Christmas cakes and puddings for sale. Come to our stall to get prepared for Christmas. Cash is preferred as we lose a bit on every transaction, but we do have an Eftpos machine available.

A reminder to place the Lions Skin Check Bus on your calendar for Saturday 1 November. The venue has changed, you will find us up at the Bendigo Complex, New Street Gingin. This is located up past the pool near the hockey fields. A skin check is quick and easy and could save bigger problems down the track. We will be opening up online bookings from the 4th October. All you need to do is go to the Website for the Lions Skin cancer screening and press 1 to make a booking. Otherwise give Felicity a call on 0400 505 656

and I can make a booking for you.

One of our Gingin service projects is the Local Christmas “Carols in Park” at the Sound Shell in Granville Park. This year it will be held on Saturday 13 December. We will be having a free sausage sizzle and Christmas cake. Tea, coffee and milo will be provided and why not bring your own mug to make it nicer to drink, rather than a disposable cup. The man in red will come to say Hello. Place the event on your calendar for a nice evening out with your community.

These events couldn't happen without volunteers. The local Lions are not getting any younger and we need help with our service. If you think you could do a little bit come along to a meeting. The Gingin/Chittering Lions meet on the second Monday of the month for a shared dinner at 6.30pm. The Lion's Den is situated at 3 Horan Street Gingin, Our meeting are quick and enjoyable, find us here on Facebook, or call Colin on 0411 231 985 , bandito@bigpond.net.au

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 Treasure Trove

Celebrating 13 Years of Giving Back – The Treasure Trove Story

Thirteen years ago, The Treasure Trove @ Gingin opened its doors as a humble op shop, built on the simple belief that one person's unwanted item could be another's treasure, and that small acts of kindness could add up to big change.

From those early days, our mission has remained the same: to serve and uplift our local community. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, shoppers, and dedicated volunteers, The Treasure Trove has grown into so much more than just a second-hand store. We've become a community hub, a place of connection, and a reliable source of support for those in need.

Over the past 13 years, we've proudly donated over \$110,000 back into the community, helping local groups, families, and individuals

with everything from school supplies and groceries to emergency relief and project funding, supporting those who need it most. While also saving enough money to completely transform the old fire station into the 'proper shop' we enjoy today.

And here's the most remarkable part: The Treasure Trove is entirely run by volunteers. A passionate, hardworking team of community members who give their time, energy, and hearts to keep the shop running and the support flowing.

We couldn't do any of it without YOU, our community of supporters, donors, and customers. Whether you've donated items, shopped with us, or spread the word, you are part of something truly special.

Here's to 13 years of giving, growing, and making a difference, and to many more to come.

Gingin Red Cross

The Gingin Red Cross had a delightful outing at the Local Goat in September. Julie and Gerald run a small goat farm in Coonabidgee. We learnt how the farm operated and the process of making cheeses and gelato. Their products are available in town and from the farm gate Thursday to Sunday, and are so delicious. Do yourself a favor and give them a try.

Next month we will be going out to the Moore River Brewery for lunch on Friday 17 October.

We will be participating in the Garage Sale Trail this year in November, 15-16. If you had a garage sale on your agenda for the future this may be the weekend to join in. You need to register online at Garage Sale Trail site.

Call Helen for more information 0424172817 or email flicka63@bigpond.net.au



Gingin Museum and History Society

Gingin Museum and History Society (GMHS) Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 4.00pm at The Men's Shed in Gingin. This is an opportunity to hear about the progress we have been making with the website and pursuing a physical museum space, and to become a member.

All Committee positions will become vacant at the AGM, and we need a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and at least 3 general committee members. Please contact us via our website <https://historyofginginwa.com.au/contact/> if you would like more information to nominate yourself or someone else.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group

The four planned sampling runs on the brooks which make up the Gingin Brook catchment have now been completed for this year's water quality monitoring program. Keep an eye out for a summary of results in a future edition.

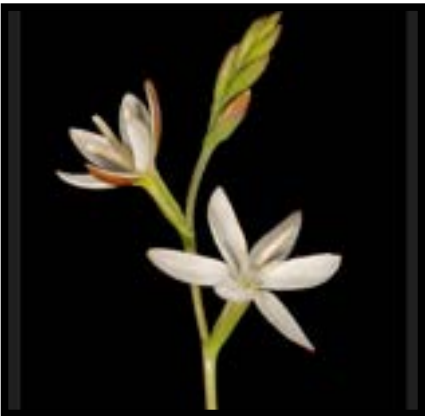
Good rainfall has resulted a good display of wildflowers this spring, although some species started flowering later than usual. Unfortunately, good rain also helps the weeds. A bad infestations of Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*) has been reported in the Shire of Chittering. Paterson's Curse has some biological control agents, which usually keep a bit of a lid on infestations, but there is a delay between when the Paterson's Curse first appears and the insect numbers increasing sufficiently for any noticeable control to be observed. Where the amount of Paterson's Curse has been low in preceding years there may not be a noticeable amount of suppression for a couple of years. The Chittering Landcare Centre (email admin@chitteringlandcare.org.au) would be interested in hearing from anyone who has noticed good biocontrol activity on Paterson's Curse in their area this spring.

Cape Tulip (*Moraea flaccida*) has been noted flowering profusely in recent weeks. Another weed flowering profusely in some areas in the last week is *Hesperantha falcata*. It, like Cape Tulip is a member of the iris family, growing from a corm. Also, like Cape Tulip, it favours

wetlands and damp areas. Like a number of other members of the iris family which are weedy in SW of WA both of these are native to southern Africa and are thought to be garden escapes. *Hesperantha* flowers are white inside with purple-brown on the outside. There may be many flowers on each stem but often only one or two will be open at once. They don't open until the late afternoon and close by morning hence sometimes being called Night Flowers. They are environmental weeds given a moderate concern rating as they are capable of invading undisturbed bushland and wetlands and have invaded the "Shrublands and Woodlands on Perth to Gingin Ironstone" which is a critically endangered ecological community in the Gingin area.

The next meeting will be November 10th. We hope to see you there. In the meantime, you can contact us info@gingincatchment.org.au or see our webpage or follow us on Facebook.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group.



GINGIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE INC.

AGM

20/10/2025

3:30pm CRC Boardroom

All CRC members welcome



Fresh off the Press New books added to our Library Collection

Fiction Tenderfoot By Toni Jordan	Thriller - Fiction The Hallmarked Man By Robert Galbraith	Fiction Picture Imperfect By Jacqueline Wilson	Young Adult A Guide to Falling of the Map By Zanni L Arnot	Junior Paws, Claws and Jaws (Horrible Histories)	Kindy Bin Chicken Lights Up The Night By Kate & Joel Temple
Wait for the boxes to open, wait for the race to begin. Wait, and your greyhound will cease to be the dog you know and become an entirely different kind of animal. Brisbane, 1975: Andie Tanner's world is small but whole. Her mum is complicated, but she adores her dad and the kennel of racing greyhounds that live under their house. Andie is a serious girl with plans: finish school with her friends, then apprentice to her father until she can become a greyhound trainer, with dogs of her very own. 	A dismembered corpse is discovered in the vault of a silver shop. The police initially believe it to be that of a convicted armed robber - but not everyone agrees with that theory. One of them is Decima Mullins, who calls on the help of private detective Cormoran Strike as she's certain the body in the silver vault was that of her boyfriend - the father of her newborn baby - who suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. 	An adult sequel to beloved fan-favourite children's novel The Illustrated Mum. 'Sorry to wake you in the middle of the night, but we have a lady here who's not very well. She says she's called Marigold, Queen of the Sky.' 	A funny, tender, messy, and authentic story about two teens who fall in love on the precipice of things falling apart. Vinnie Smith has her future mapped. She and her best friend, Lilah, have been busy manifesting post-graduation lives in NYC. Making plans helps Vinnie avoid thinking about losing her mum to multiple sclerosis, and other problems weighing on her mind 	Discover all the amazing and awful facts about barmy beasts and cagey creatures across history. From gory stories of animal sacrifices in the Stone Age to murderous games held in arenas in the Roman times. Read the fascinating tale of the clever baboon that was given the job of railway signal man in the Victorian era, and how the inventors of sonar were inspired by bats. This brand new Horrible Histories book is a fresh take on the classic style and is ideal for fans old and new. 	Bin Chicken's been flying, feeling quite spent, when ... 'Hey! What's that marvellous scent?' Spices fill the air, rice and curries simmer. 'Delicious,' she says. 'That's my dinner! It's Diwali, and ibis has crash-landed in a colourful and bright festival of lights ... now is her time to shine! 



PALETTES & PLATES

in the park!

11 OCTOBER 2025

2pm - 9pm, Granville Park, Gingin

EAT AND DRINK

Local produce picnic boxes, woodfired pizza, spit roast, food trucks and a bar.

STALLS

Local producers fresh produce pavilion, arts and crafts.

ENTERTAINMENT

Paint by Storm, Perth Hills Symphony Orchestra and local musicians.

ACTIVITIES

Pony rides, face painting, sensory play and more.

For more information call **9575 5100** or email community@gingin.wa.gov.au.



**NATIONAL
SENIORS WEEK**

SHIRE OF GINGIN CARERS' & SENIORS' ROCK&ROLL MATINEE

 **12PM - 4PM | 12 NOV 2025**

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08 9575 5100

PALETTES & PLATES

in the Park!

10 - 11

OCTOBER 2025

a celebration of art & flavour



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

Council Decisions

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

- 2025 Community Survey.
- Gingin Railway Station Lease - National Trust of Western Australia.
- Shire of Gingin Cats Amendment Local Law.
- Planning Applications - 2 applications considered.

For details of additional items resolved by Council and for more information please go to the September 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.

Time to Get Your Firebreaks Ready!

Owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Gingin have a legal requirement under the Bush Fires Act 1954 to install and maintain their firebreaks from **1 November** to **15 May** every year. Don't leave your firebreaks until the last minute, start maintenance tasks now. Rangers will be commencing their routine firebreak inspections as of 1 November. For more information on firebreak requirements, refer to your Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information booklet that you would have received in your annual rates envelope. Alternatively, you can view the Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information online via gingin.wa.gov/fire-information

Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsorship Acknowledgement

Thank you to **Stirling Asphalt** for your generous sponsorship of the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme.

Since their establishment in 2001, Stirling Asphalt has built an outstanding reputation as premium asphalt contractors in Perth and beyond, including the Wheatbelt.

They are proud providers of quality asphaltting, resurfacing, maintenance and commercial paving solutions. Their work with commercial contractors is built upon major investment in the latest road building equipment, trucks and other vehicles. They also focus heavily on the skills and experience of their team members, all of whom hold Operator Certificates for their equipment and Certificate III in Civil Construction.

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Palettes and Plates in the Park!

Join us for a celebration of local food, art and community on **Saturday 11 October** at the Granville Civic Centre, Gingin for Palettes and Plates in the Park.

Food & Produce - Discover the best from our region with a local fresh produce pavilion, pre-ordered picnic boxes by Tiffany Polette, takeaway woodfired pizza from CU@Park Cafe, Spit Roast by the Gingin Butcher, food trucks, and a bar hosted by the Gingin Golf Club.

Entertainment & Fun - Enjoy live music (including the Hills Symphony Orchestra), acrobatics, pony rides, face painting, art stalls and more – the perfect day out for the whole family.

Save the date and bring the whole family along to celebrate our local producers, artists, and makers. For more information, contact community@gingin.wa.gov.au / 9575 5100.



PALETTES & PLATES *in the park!*



11 OCTOBER 2025
a celebration of art & flavour

Public Notice to Amend Fees and Charges

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995, that the Shire of Gingin intends to impose amendments to the 2025/2026 financial year Fees and Charges due to these existing charges being missed in the Initial Fees and Charges document that was adopted at an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 5 August 2025. These amendments will be imposed from **1 October 2025**. Please see proposed changes below:

Fee	Proposed Fee
Lancelin Hall - Weekend Hall Only - per hour (includes basic kitchen use e.g. urn/fridge) - Commercial or Non-Ratepayer or Non-Resident	\$27.00
Lancelin Hall - Weekend Hall Only - maximum charge (6 hours or more use) [includes basic kitchen use e.g. urn/fridge] - Community/Not for Profit/Other	\$92.00
Lancelin Hall - Weekend Hall Only - maximum charge (6 hours or more use) [includes basic kitchen use e.g. urn/fridge] - Commercial or Non-Ratepayer or Non-Resident	\$124.00
Planning Fees - Change of use	\$295.00
Swimming Pool Annual Membership - under 5 years old	\$42.00
Waste Fees - Bin Hire for Third-Party Events - Hire of 240 litre bins (per bin) for events only	\$24.00

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Speak Up Mate, For The Shire Of Gingin's Sake! - 2025 Local Government Elections

The 2025 Local Government Elections are coming up on Saturday 18 October, this is a chance for you to shape the future of our community.

Local Government Elections only come around every two years, with 4 election terms expiring this year.

Optional preferential voting is the voting system used in Local Government elections. This means you have the choice to number the candidates in the order of your preference. You do not have to number all the boxes if you don't want to.

The more votes received, the more results truly reflect the values and priorities of our whole community.

If you choose not to vote, it doesn't make the decision go away, it simply makes someone else's vote count more. That means fewer voices are shaping the future of Gingin.

By taking just a few minutes to cast your vote, you're making sure your perspective, your family, and your part of the community are represented. So Speak Up Mate, For The Shire of Gingin's Sake.

For more information, visit: <https://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/local-government-elections>

SPEAK UP MATE



FOR THE SHIRE OF GINGIN'S SAKE

Restricted Burning Period

Please be reminded that on **1 October**, the Shire of Gingin will enter its Restricted Burning Period. You will need a permit to burn grass/bush land, paddocks, garden refuse piles greater than 1m x 1m, or 1m x 1m piles outside stipulated burn times, or multiple 1m x 1m piles.

For more information on permissions during the Restricted Burning Period, please refer to your Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information booklet, or visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-information.

Register Your Burn

Please remember to register ANY burn you plan to undertake at ANY time of the year with DFES on 9395 9209. By notifying DFES, you will assist in preventing unnecessary call-outs of our local fire brigades when members of the public call 000.

What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

Ledge Point Family Fun Day

Sunday 5 October, 10:30am - 3:30pm,
Ledge Point Oval, Ledge Point.

Lunch at the Gathering Place

Monday 6 & 20 October, 10:00am -
1:30pm, Gingin Recreation Centre.

Gingin Red Cross - Monthly Morning Tea

Friday 10 October, 10:00am - 11:00am,
The Lions Den, Gingin.

Palettes and Plates in the Park

Friday 10 - Saturday 11 October,
2:00pm - 9:00pm, Granville Park, Gingin.

Rural Fire Awareness Workshop

Saturday 18 October, 9:00am -
11:00am, Red Gully Bush Fire Brigade
Shed, Red Gully.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 October, 3:00pm -
5:00pm, Council Chambers, Gingin
Administration Centre.

Advocate Biscuit Tin Project

Wednesday 22 October, Lancelin
Community Resource Centre.

Fire Awareness Be Prepared Morning

Wednesday 22 October, 9:00am -
11:00am, Gingin Emergency Services
Complex.

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

Wednesday 12 November, 12:00pm -
4:00pm, 3 Emus Restaurant, Lancelin.

For more information on events in the
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at gingin.wa.gov.au.

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Gingin Golf Club

LADIES NEWS

Our season has ended now for the ladies at Gingin Golf Club and leading up to the closing day we still had plenty of golf to give! The Club championships were held over 2 weeks and fortunately the weather proved to be good on both days. We had a good turn out on both days, 9 members participating in the championships and 2 and 5 members participating in a Stableford event. Congratulations to our Ladies Champion for 2025, Robin Higgins (167) who took out the title unchallenged this year. However the title for Runner-up was a much closer battle with Kathy Gobbart prevailing over the field (191). Robin also took out the Nett Champion Award. We would like to recognise and thank our generous and regular sponsors for this event, Country Values Real Estate and The Brodie-Hall family.

Country week was also held during September with Robin Higgins and Kaye Bingham participating in the Jubilee Fours playoffs at Mt Lawley and Marnee Pearse playing solid golf at Lakelands and Rockingham to receive the Runner-up 36 hole nett Bronze division trophy.

Results for the last fixture events were:

- August 27th, Stableford, Kathy Gobbart Trophy, Winner Karen Pollard 36, Runner Up Robin Higgins 34.
- 3rd September, Stableford, Irene Neville Trophy, Winner Robin Higgins 40, Runner-up Kathy Gobbart 39.
- 10th September, Ambrose Pairs, Jean Latto Trophy, Winners Jean Latto and Karen Pollard, 71.75, Runner Up Wendy Geary and Kathy Gobbart 74.5
- 17th September, Stableford, Marnee Pearse Trophy, Winner Wendy Geary 33 pts, Runner-up Kathy Gobbart 32 pts.



Gingin Golf Club Junior Coaching

A 6 week program "Introduction to golf for all ages" All new participants receive a MyGolf cap on the last day. Special thank you to Coaches Mrs Pearce, Ms Pollard, Kerry and parents for assisting.

The Junior coaching program will run again during the school holidays commencing 29 September, please refer to our Facebook page or call 0409 575 206.



MENS GOLF

Despite Reg Caldwell being incapacitated he was still good enough to sponsor a Stableford competition on 30 August. The event was well attended, and two rising stars came first and second. In first place was Futri Neve a twelve-year-old with considerable potential followed by Tye Gresele another young member, the older contingent was represented in third place by Ray Ashworth.

The Men's Championship took place on 6 September and was combined with the Brodie-Hall nett event. The championship was held over twenty-seven holes of stroke and the nett event over eighteen. The Club Champion for the season was Cameron Yates scoring 121,

Paul Fewster was runner-up with 122 and in third place was Colin Zappelli with 125. The result of the Brodie-Hall event was Chris Bell the winner with 105, runner-up Brian Carter 109, third place Thys Gorter 114 and the best nett score was achieved by Ray Ashworth with 70. There is always considerable interest in the championship, and the event was well attended and played in good weather and course conditions. The club wishes to thank and acknowledge WCS Concrete for their generous sponsorship of the championship and the Brodie-Hall family for their continuous financial support of their event.

It was inevitable that the event on 13 September, sponsored by Rob Whiley and ¹⁹Thys Gorter, was going to be different and we

were not disappointed. It was decided to play American Foursomes, a game composed of two teams, each team composed of two players. On each hole all four players tee off then each player hits their partner's ball. It is then decided which ball is in the best location and is struck by the person whose ball is picked up. The game continues with the ball being struck by alternate players of the team until it is holed out. There was a secret draw for partners, and the winning team of Paul Fewster and Simon (from the Solomon Islands) were the winners, Rob Whiley and David Roe were runners-up and in third place was Colin Zappelli and Trevor Phillips. Many thanks to Lou for organising and preparing a meal after the game, it was most enjoyable.

Earlier in the year there was some contact with Alex Von Horn who expressed interest in sponsoring a Memorial Day for his late father David. It was agreed that our closing day on 20 September would be a fitting occasion for this event and that it would take the form of an individual Stableford competition. We were aware that Alex would be accompanied by some friends, but it was a real pleasure to meet his partner Zoe and for us to be reacquainted with Brenda, David's partner. The other friends were known to us i.e., John Cabassi with Ash and Steve Martin. The men's event was won by Cole Fewster with 41 points, runner-up Paul Fewster on a count back from Duncan Hackman both with 39 points and fourth spot was Bruno DeBoni on a countback from Thys Gorter both with 37 points. The winner of the Ladies section was Kathie Gobbart with 31 points. There was a very pleasant hamburger meal after the game with a selection sweets and President Brian gave an address that included thanking the Von Horn family for sponsoring the day and anticipating that it may be repeated in next year's fixtures. Our thanks are also due to Adam Martinovich who donated all the hamburger patties for the meal.

Our season is now officially closed but golf will continue on Saturdays and Scroungers on Wednesday as social events for as long as the weather is conducive.

We encourage and welcome new players regardless of ability, beginners included.²⁰

Enquiries can be made via our Facebook page or by emailing us at gingingolfclub@gmail.com.

Keep your eyes on our FaceBook page (Gingin Golf Club – Inc), for all Golfing news and events.



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Old Derring-Do by Alan Gent

Rob had been a bad boy for most of his teen years, and it had finally come to his hour of reckoning. It was touch and go whether he'd be put in jail or have to do community service. Luckily for him, it turned out to be the latter, although the 240 hours he was given seemed excessive. Since his offences generally involved stealing from older people, he was told that he must attend an old people's home for several hours a week until his order was expunged. There was no getting away from it – it would be gaol for any serious breach.

The Sunny Hills Home for the Elderly belied its appearance. Rob thought it looked like one of those old houses like 'The House of Usher' when he saw it. It was drab and grey, nearly 100 years old, and whose thick front door was framed by huge gothic columns. He tugged the rope bellpull and heard a distant chime sound somewhere in the depths of the old house. The massive door opened to a very efficient looking and stocky middle-aged woman in a nurse's uniform.

"Ah. You must be Robert. I'm Alison," she said as she ushered him in. Rob said: "It's Rob".

'I may as well get this over with', he thought. He was led into a large sitting room with elderly people engaged in various activities. He noticed two men playing chess in the corner, a couple of old ladies knitting, several people watching TV, and most of the others sitting by themselves reading or simply staring into space. There was a small group playing some sort of board game. His arrival caused a stir though, and about twenty pairs of eyes regarded him appraisingly. Alison explained: "This is Robert – I mean Rob. Rob has volunteered to keep one or two of you company for a while. He'll call in three times a week about this time for a while." Rob groaned inwardly. 'Perhaps gaol wasn't such a bad idea', he thought.

He was introduced to an old man sitting by himself on the far side of the room. "This is Alfred. He likes to tell stories. Don't you Alfred?" she said. Alfred looked sullenly at her, not saying a word. "We're in one of our moods, are we Alfred? I hope we took our

medication this morning". Without waiting for a reply, she swept away imperiously. Alfred regarded Rob dispassionately. "What did they get you for, son?" he said. Rob hesitated but then made a decision. Something in the old man's eyes warned him to tell the truth. "Pinching handbags and stuff," he said.

"Not a good idea, son. Then you got caught – two mistakes."

Rob was gobsmacked. He regarded the old man with interest. Before he could comment, the old man continued: "I knew a bloke like you, a long time ago..."

Rob had sat down in an armchair next to the old man, and was about to interrupt, as the old man appeared to have drifted off into a World of his own. His eyes stared into the distance, and a slight smile flitted across his wrinkled face. Alfred continued: "You can call him... Don. He started off like you, stealing little things from people who weren't too careful. He was lucky most of the time and didn't get caught often enough to put him off. He gradually got bolder, and set his sights higher, so to speak. He must have had a way about him, partly because of his looks, but mostly because he was careful. Ladies were his speciality, and he found them the easiest to part with their money. Of course, they never suspected, until... Well, let's say, Don's luck ran out. He found himself, like you I suspect, in front of the Law. The only difference was that he'd fallen foul of some pretty powerful people, and they wanted some sort of recompense, if you see what I mean. They offered him a deal. It was back in the Cold War times – you remember? Well, maybe not. Anyway, the Russians had got hold of a letter that a very well-known VIP – don't worry about the name – had written to the wife of the Russian Foreign Minister. They'd had some sort of 'thing' going on. It was pretty explosive stuff and had the potential to bring down the British Government, if revealed at the right time. Don had a choice. He was facing going to gaol for quite a long time, or he could do this one job getting – stealing – the letter. I know it seems a bit drastic, but they were desperate times, and the Secret Service

had lost two agents already trying to get that stupid letter back. You see, the Russkies knew what was going on, and they'd get a handle on all the agents that were likely to be sent over. The two had been nabbed as soon as they crossed the border. Don's mother was German, and he spoke the language like a native. Otherwise, they wouldn't have considered him. Anyway, he got over there, through 'Checkpoint Charlie', as they used to call it, and spent a few days just becoming part of the furniture. He made friends with all sorts of people very quickly – He was a quite likeable chap – and finally worked his way up to be very good friends with the German girlfriend of one of the guards where the letter was kept in a safe over there. It was tricky, but with a fair bit of audacity and charm, he not only got the safe combination, but he got access. Amazing what some of those Russkie guards will do to get their 'leg over' to relieve the boredom..." He appeared to drift off again, but then: "Well, where was I? Oh yes. Well, Don got the letter and was able to bring it back. He had to do some stuff that he hadn't done before, like killing a couple of people, but the Goons in Britain told him he'd have to do that, if necessary – even trained him for it."

Just then, Alison arrived to take Alfred to his lunch. Rob was a little disappointed. He had been quite enthralled and really wanted to hear what happened to Don after that.

As she showed Rob back out to the large entrance hall she said: "Oh, he's been telling you one of his stories, has he? Well, take it with a pinch of salt. We call him 'Old Derring-Do'. We reckon he should write a book, but it is a bit far-fetched, isn't it?"

The next time Rob went round to Sunny Hills, he was quite anxious to hear the rest of the story. He found that the fictitious 'Don' had had many adventures after that. The British Secret Service had 'recruited' him for a number of assignments and paid him quite well. Alfred was a bit cagey about some of the details, but it seemed that the Don was a very accomplished thief who became a top agent. It reminded Rob, in a way, of James Bond. "I reckon that's where he gets²³

his stories from", he mentioned to Alison on one occasion. "Oh, yes", she said, "I mean, can you imagine anybody doing the things he talks about. He should definitely write a book!"

One day, just before the end of his 'sentence', Rob arrived to find that Alison wasn't her usual cheery self. She led him into the office and asked him to take a seat. "I'm afraid I have some bad news for you, Rob", she said. "Alfred passed away last night." Rob realised he would miss the old fellow and his stories and was visibly shaken. "I've spoken to your probation officer," continued Alison, "and he has agreed to allow an early cessation of your community service order, in the circumstances, so it looks as though you're free to go. You'll still need to see your P.O. though. Now, there is one thing I need to talk to you about. Alfred expressed a wish that you should be allowed to take anything you want from his room – he's effectively left all his belongings to you. He has no family left apparently – you were his only visitor. I think he really appreciated your visits. He always looked forward to them."

Rob was taken to Alfred's room and left alone. He looked around and sat down at the small desk next to the bed. It had a single drawer, and he opened it to find an envelope inside with his name on it. He opened it, and read the very neatly written note:

"Hello Rob. I thought you'd like to know that I was very happy to tell you my stories when you paid your visits. I think you have a fine future ahead of you as long as you use that head of yours and don't get into any further trouble – or at least, don't get caught. You'll find some press cuttings in the drawer you may like. All the very best, Alfred D. Beckinshaw".

The cuttings showed a much younger Alfred shaking hands with a man outside 10 Downing Street, Alfred receiving a medal under an American flag, Alfred with two really beautiful girls on his arms, and many more similar. Next to the cuttings was a velvet lined box containing a 'Congressional Medal of Honour' and a letter saying, "Presented to Alfred Donald Beckinshaw for outstanding service to Britain and the USA".

Announcements

Vale Margaret Ann Mighall

Passed away peacefully on 6th September 2025.

Beloved wife of Des (dec), cherished mother, nanny, and special "Little Nanny" to many. Our deepest sympathies to Michael, Leanne, Beverley, and their families.

Margaret and Des settled in Gingin in the 1995, first residing on Roe Street before purchasing a home on Weld Street.

Margaret was a quiet homemaker who loved her garden, books and poetry. She had a remarkable memory and could readily recite the poems learned during school days –

particularly those of Banjo Patterson.

Margaret and Des were both members of the local Lions Club and St. John Ambulance and acted as phone despatchers for Ambulance call outs.



Francine McCarthy turns 80!

Francine McCarthy quietly celebrated her 80th birthday on 21st September, marking the occasion with a well-earned trip through Central Australia and Kakadu. A long-time contributor to Gingin, Francine is involved in a range of community activities. She volunteers as a Community Car driver, supports the Gingin Care Group, and recently joined the Treasure Trove volunteers. She's also an active member of

the Arts and Craft Group, with past entries in Arts in the Park, and takes part in both the Gingin Book Club and the Garden Group. Belated birthday wishes to Francine, and sincere thanks for all that she continues to do in and around the town.



Betty & Ron Pollard - Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Sincere congratulations to Betty and Ron Pollard who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. May you be able to create many more happy memories together.



Sandra Williamson (nee Turner) - 60th Birthday

Special happy birthday wishes to Sandra Williamson (Nee Turner) from Beermullah who celebrated her 60th Birthday in September. Every good wish is extended to Sandra for

many more happy returns of the day.



Michael Harris - Happy Retirement

On Saturday 20th September, a group of family and friends gathered at the Gingin Bowling Club to celebrate the retirement of Michael Harris after many years of dedicated

service to the Shire of Gingin. We wish you a long and happy retirement doing the things that make you happy Michael.

VALE Barry Dobra

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the sudden passing of Barry Dobra on 18th September 2025. Barry was a beloved husband to Maureen, devoted father to Kevan, Deanne, Simone and Peter, and father-in-law to Rebecca, Jannie, the late Alistair, and Laura.

He was a proud grandfather to ten cherished grandchildren, a loving brother to Glenn, and a loyal friend to many. A valued member of the community, Barry worked alongside his family in the Loose Leaf Lettuce business, where his commitment, generosity and quiet strength left a lasting impact, not only on the industry, but also on the many individuals and families he supported through the years.

Barry will be remembered for his warm presence, his steady guidance, and the deep love he had for his family and community. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the family he leaves behind. He will be deeply missed.



VALE Alexander Murray Edgar

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Edgar families on the passing of Alexander Murray Edgar on 22 September 2025. Murray (as he was known locally) grew up on the family farm in Beermullah and was a former resident of

Lancelin before leaving the area. Rest in peace Murray



Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to...

Julie D'Amico, Dennis Sevilla, Jade Hamlyn, Annette Slater, Alarna Richards, Kerry Jean Butler, Zeike Martinovich, Jill Skevington, Leanne Phillipson, Annalese, Steve Nickolai, Marc Gillard, Nikki Woods and Stephen Fewster.



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

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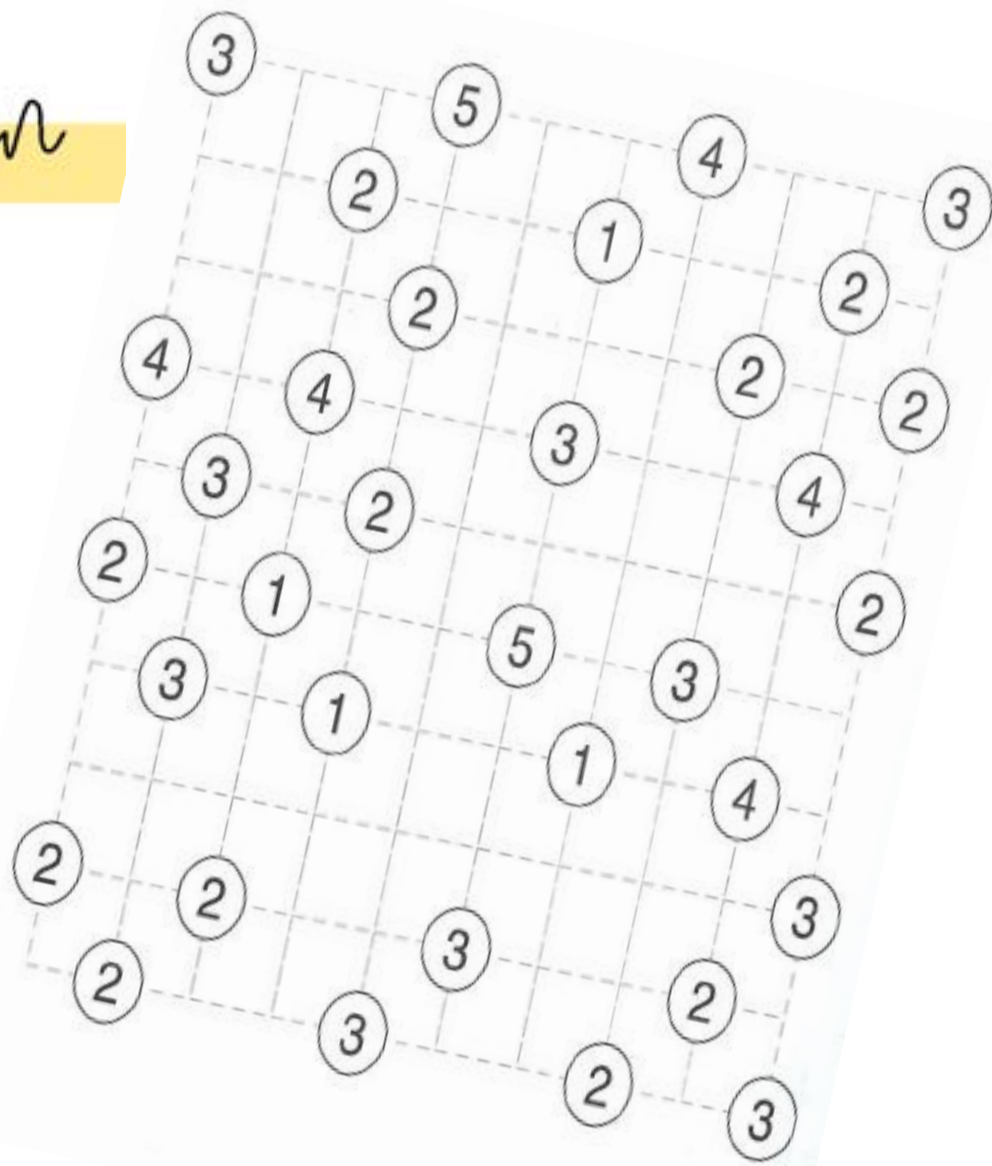
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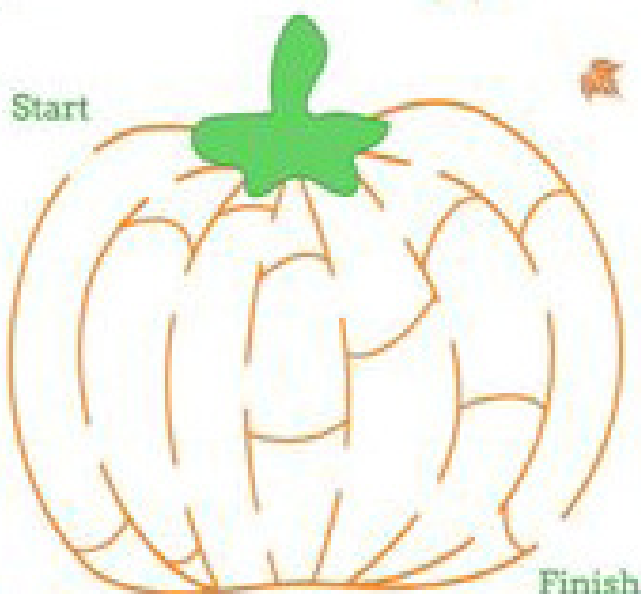
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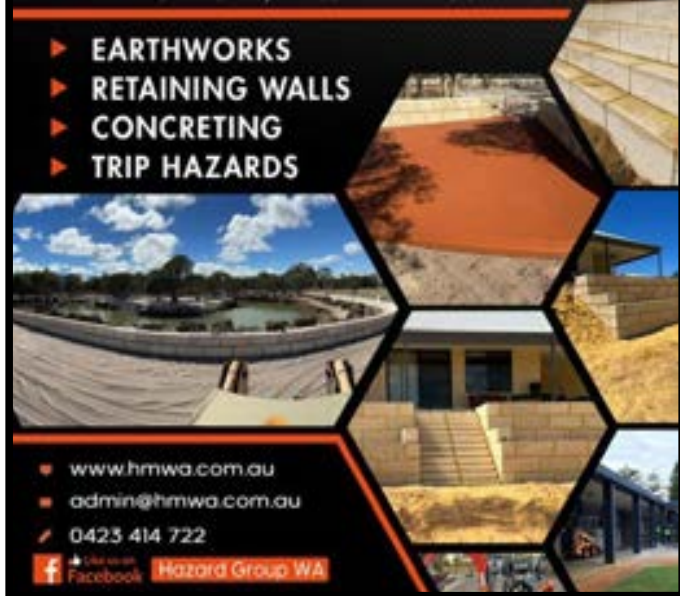
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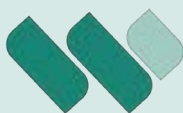
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Creating or updating a will with a lawyer ensures your wishes are clear and legally binding. It helps your loved ones avoid delays, outlines who gets what, and ensures powers of attorney and estate matters are in order – protecting your family and giving you peace of mind.

FOR
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"Bidaminna Homestead" 45acres, 4x2 homestead, sheds and more!

- 4 bedroom & 2 bathroom homestead
- Solid double brick & iron
- Country style kitchen & meals area
- Separate lounge & dining rooms, plus an extra living space for the family
- Master with built in robe & ensuite
- Wide verandas with farm views
- Double garage
- New electric storage HWS
- Freshly painted interiors, ready for you to move in and make it your own
- Cosy slow wood combustion fireplace
- Two large machinery sheds
- 28,000L rainwater tank supplying the homestead
- Titles are in order for dealing, offers can be made subject to the new title being issued (due October)

Lot 54 Cowalla Road, Cowalla

Land Size:
18.54ha/45.81ac

For Sale:
Offers from \$,300,000

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Gum View Retreat on Moore River!

This remarkable lifestyle property is where peace, privacy and nature all come together. Whether you're looking for a retreat, weekender or lifestyle investment, this has everything you need for family fun, relaxation and making memories!

- 3 Dwellings
- Lean-to with double carport
- Patio with fire pit & garden/treetop views
- Pizza oven
- Separate shed with shower & storage room
- Large dam
- 2 water tanks (overflow into dam)
- 2 bores (1 electric, 1 solar)
- 9m x 6m shed with lean-to on both sides
- Workshop & shearing shed
- Sheep yards
- Approx. 400 olive trees

Lot 11 Woodbine Road, Regans Ford

Land Size:
40.46ha/100ac

For Sale:
Offers from \$850,000

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