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Friday 23rd January



Gingin is looking wonderfully festive thanks to the Christmas Angels, what a fantastic job they are doing bringing cheer to our community.

On 20 November, we hosted our Farmsafe Course, which received very positive feedback from participants. We hope the valuable skills learned on the day will be shared with others who were unable to attend.

On 26 November, we held our Create with Canva course, delivered online by IPS. The presenter was extremely knowledgeable, although a little fast-paced for those of us with limited experience. Fortunately, she is also happy to provide one-on-one sessions, and several attendees have already expressed interest in taking up this offer.

Looking ahead, on Friday 5 December, we are running our Cards for Community workshop, where participants can make beautiful, personalised cards. These are lovely to give on their own, and also perfect for presenting vouchers as a thoughtful gift.

We also have Christmas Craft in the Library planned for Monday 22 December. Activities will include wooden pop-stick decorating, biscuit decorating, and some fun lawn games for families to enjoy.

I take this time to thank all those who assist us with articles, advertising and circulation of the Gingin Buzz, as well as all of our lovely CRC community members.

We wish you all some quality time with people you love over the festive season.

Carrie



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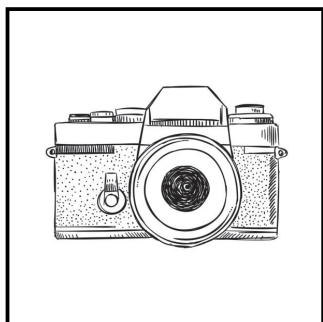
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GINGIN BUZZ



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 - Gingin's Got Talent

Over the past four months some amazing talent has been showcased by the Gingin community through performance, art and creativity.

One Big Voice

In August a group of students from the Gingin District High School's Year 3 – 6 participated in the One Big Voice Festival at the RAC Arena, singing alongside thousands of other voices from over 110 schools – public and private – from throughout the State.

The school has participated in this programme for three years and is the brainchild of the One Big Voice Committee, a group of mainly music teachers whose aim is foster musical participation and appreciation in schools.

The matinee programme was a huge success, the students having had to learn 10 songs with accompanying choreography prior to the event.

The Gingin School Choir was led by local "Ginginities" and school employee, Mrs Jill Allen - Brown, who volunteered her time and expertise, and was assisted by Mrs Susie Dale for the performance.

The theme of the songs chosen by the Committee this year were to be joyous and uplifting for the students to sing – and by all accounts they did just that. Our local students were in fine voice and gave an amazing performance.



The Jungle Book

October 22 – 23 saw another magnificent display of talent from our local High School students, in the production of Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book. There are many themes to this story - abandonment, respect for authority, obedience and the freedom to move between differing worlds.

As the programme stated, "Prepare to embark on an amazing journey into the heart of the jungle where adventure, friendship, and courage come alive on stage" and the performance, costume design and sets truly lived up to this promise.

Special mention must go to the Year 10 class who played a major part in the planning for the production: making props, costumes, painting, finding scripts and designing the program.



The production also had the incredible support and hard work of many individuals and community organizations. It was truly a team effort, with countless people contributing in a variety of ways to bring this production to life.



Sewing costumes, painting sets and even finger knitting to create the jungle vines were lessons learned by the students from many community volunteers.

It is speculated from the student profiles in

the programme that WAAPA (the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts) will not be short of applicants for their performance programmes in a few years' time!!

Congratulations must especially go to work of Mrs Susie Dales for providing the concept and direction to this production. To have a "House Full" for two nights is no mean feat.

The community is now wondering what will come to light as a Performance next year!!

Palettes and Plates.

The Annual Gingin Art Exhibition came under the banner of Palettes and Plates this year and likewise displayed the amazing talents of local artists through various mediums - paint and pastel, photography, sculpting, and recycling to create fabulous images for all to enjoy. Lasting over two days the exhibition goes from strength to strength and clearly demonstrates that Gingin's Got Talent.

A Blast from the Past.

This production was held in Two Rocks at the Phil Renkin Centre on Friday/ Saturday November 7 – 8. The production was underwritten by John Young who is the owner developer of Gingin's new Shopping complex. It featured local performers, including our own songbirds, Jill Allen Brown and Niamh Allen Brown, who sang titles from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

The programme also included interpretations of iconic dances, plays and events from days gone by.

It was a night of comedy, farce, dance and song.

John Young also trod the boards and is an adept performer. The audience were treated to performances from Lilly Lightingale, the Shitterton Dance Company, Penelope Pissdown and the Two Rocks International Dance Academy who would have rivalled the Folies Bergere with their performance of the Can Can!!

It was noted there were many Gingin residents in the audience, not only to support the Two Rocks community, but two support Jill and Niamh.



These productions do not happen overnight, and rehearsals commenced in April. All credit to this wonderful group of people, and to John Young for making this annual event happen.

Christmas Townscape Makeover

Currently happening is the makeover of Gingin with bunting, Christmas pallet trees, and a "big reveal", the lighting up of the town's new Christmas Tree in Granville Park on December 5. Again, the event displays that Gingin's Got Talent.

Hours and hours of work have gone into making the bunting and the decorations, let alone the concept design, by a small group of volunteers who have named themselves the Gingin Christmas Angels.

The aim of the group is to bring cheer, colour and conversation to the town while helping local businesses and community groups showcase their organizations. This is the second year for the display and clearly it will become part of Gingin's Annual Calendar of Events as time goes by.

So, in conclusion what does this indicate? That Gingin has an amazing group of talented residents, whose talent could be brought together as a collective whole.

Maybe the forming of an Amdram Society. Just putting it out there as food for thought!!

Merry Christmas to all.

Mary Cameron



MEDIA RELEASE

SHANE LOVE MLA

Leader of The Nationals WA

Member for Mid-West

Shadow Minister for Regional Development; Mines and Petroleum; Electoral Affairs

14 November 2025

Nationals WA Party Room Vote Against Labor's Unrealistic Climate Policies

The Nationals WA party room has voted against the Federal Government's unrealistic emissions policies, saying it is time to restore the special covenant between people and the land.

Nationals WA Leader, Shane Love, says while the Nationals WA continue to support the principles of the Paris Climate Change Agreement, the Federal Government's pursuit of climate targets has proven unrealistic and unsuccessful.

"We believe in the science which proves global warming, and we believe in playing our part in reducing it - but not with policies that make everyday life harder for families, businesses, and regional towns.

"We are suddenly in a situation in which we are destroying the environment to save the environment."

Mr Love says although the issue is a predominantly federal one requiring a realistic national response, the eight Nationals parliamentarians could not support an unsustainable approach which is literally making it harder for people to exist.

"The burden always seems to swing back in regional communities, and they are now hurting alongside everyone else. As the voice of reason for rural WA, we have a responsibility to do the right thing.

"Power bills are going through the roof; thousands of people are being laid off and huge tracts of bushland and farmland are being cleared for renewable energy zones which threaten regional livelihoods."

Mr Love says latest research makes a compelling case for walking away from Labor's unachievable targets:

These are:

- Wholesale power bills have spiralled to be higher than other comparable nations.
- Australia has lost more than 7000 heavy industry jobs since 2020.
- 95 per cent of Australia's emissions reductions have been generated by land use restrictions and changes.
- Productive farmland is being converted into subsidised energy estates, and wildlife corridors are being re-zoned by random renewables energy projects.
- Australia, which delivers just one per cent of global emissions, is now delivering CO2 reductions at nearly twice the rate of comparable economies.

Mr Love says every country should do its fair share to reduce global emissions but not their own detriment.

"If we continue to accept Labor's targets, Australians will only feel more pain."

"We believe in an agnostic energy approach which accepts all decarbonisation solutions – renewable and technological.

"But we do not accept net zero targets which deliver net nothing to our economic future."

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LOCAL SUPPLIER & JOB SEEKER BREAKFAST SESSION



Come along and learn more about the Muchea Battery project, including opportunities for local contractors, and job seekers.

Thursday 4 December
Muchea Recreation Centre
48 Archibald St, Muchea

7:00am
Breakfast

8:00am
Project Introduction
& Opportunities

9:30–11:30am
Networking



RSVP by 27 November:
shorturl.at/uFKOq

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 Art and Craft

The Gingin Art & Craft Group would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Shire of Gingin and Melissa Price MP for their generous grants that made it possible for us to purchase new chairs for our craft rooms.

These sturdy and safe chairs are a wonderful addition, replacing our very

old ones and making our space more comfortable and welcoming for everyone who joins our activities and workshops.

Your support helps us continue to provide a creative and enjoyable environment for our community, thank you!

Gingin Garden Club

The Garden Club meet for November was at Swan Valley Station, 60 Forest Road Henley Brook. Oh, my goodness there was a lot to look at, and the weather was perfect. Families with little kids put it on your list with its extensive playground areas and little goats and donkeys to look at. Even some Marron fishing was on the list. A significant array of plants, some of which did travel back to Gingin and an even more humongous array of things to put in your garden and yes, I did weaken too. I keep saying that at least they can't die, and you don't have to feed or water them. How's that for justification?

It was lovely to see a few red poppies purchased in time for Remembrance Day too.

By Terasa



Christmas Church Service

St Luke's Anglican Church, Weld St, Gingin.

Sunday 21st December 2025 9:30am

Holy Communion with Carols. All welcome, enquiries to Marion Bird 0458 523 334

St Catherine's Church, Constable Rd, Gingin.

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) 5:00pm.

Gingin Uniting Church, 9 Weld St, Gingin.

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) 7:00pm.

Divine Mercy Shrine, 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering.

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) 7:00pm.

St Anne's, 6549 Great Northern Hwy, Bindoon.

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day) 7:30am.

Divine Mercy Shrine, 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering.

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day) 9:30am.



Gingin Chittering Lions Club

The Lions Skin Cancer Bus visited town for its biannual check-ups. This year, 56 people were screened. Five were found to have lesions, including one potentially life-threatening case. Please remember that all lesions remain only suspect until confirmed by further investigation. We sincerely thank everyone for their generous donations on the day. Many children and adults on low to middle incomes, both in Australia and overseas, benefit greatly from recycled prescription glasses. For some, it may be the first time they experience corrected vision, allowing them to attend school, pursue further education, and build productive working lives to support their families. Thank you to those who have already donated old prescription glasses. We are continuing to collect them and will confirm a dedicated drop-off point soon. In the meantime, please call Felicity on 0400 505 656 or leave them outside the Lion's Den. Carols in the Park is once again one of the highlights of the Gingin calendar. Join us

at the Soundshell in Granville Park from 5:30pm, with Santa arriving at 5:45pm. Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy a sausage in a bun, along with tea, coffee or milo from the urn. Please bring your own cup if you can; disposable cups will be available. Candles will be handed out for a gold coin donation. Lions Christmas cakes are available for \$20 and puddings for \$16. You can purchase them from the Gingin Post Office, CRC, Home Hardware, Gull Service Station, the butcher, the Shire front desk, CU @ the Park, Gingin Fuel and Tyres, the Bindoon Post Office, and Bendigo Bank Bindoon. Here's a great recipe for the pudding: roughly crumble it, sprinkle with a little alcohol or juice, then mix through one litre of softened vanilla ice cream and refreeze. Delicious! Support your local Lions Club this year and enjoy a tasty pudding or cake as part of your Christmas celebrations. The Gingin Chittering Lions members wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, and the very best of health for the New Year.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group

Gingin Brook Catchment Group's project "Ecological improvements for endangered species in Moondah Brook" is continuing. Poplar control was undertaken in mid-November. The third mussel and rakali survey along Moondah Brook was scheduled for 24th November. Seedlings for planting in winter 2026 have been ordered. Plant lists have included a good selection of species providing food for the threatened Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, for which the Gingin area is important foraging and roosting habitat.

The project on three adjoining properties is due to be completed at the end of next year, by which time landholders will have also installed fencing to exclude stock from a buffer area along the brooks and from the revegetated areas. A third year of surveying for Carter's Freshwater Mussels and rakali and further weed control will be undertaken in 2026.

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.

With warm weather now here, Amazon Frogbit will be spreading rapidly so please be on the lookout for it, 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, European House Borer, Rainbow Lorikeets and Sulphur Crested Cockatoos. It is important any sightings of these be reported to protect our agriculture, horticulture and lifestyle activities, and the 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 9th February 2026. Unlike previous meetings, which were held in the mornings, this year meetings will be held at 4pm. The venue will remain the Gingin CRC.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group.



natural resource
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Gingin Red Cross

The Gingin Red Cross participated in the Great Garage Sale Trail in November and we thank those who came to view our jumble sale. We made a few hundred dollars. This will be used for our Masquerade Dance in March 2026. We will be having a free community dance on the 21st of March with a DJ and a photo booth. We will have prizes and raffles on the

night. Keep your eyes open for a mask, or make yourself something over the summer, great activity for the children in the holidays. We would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Our next morning tea will be on Friday, February the 13th.

Gingin Treasure Trove - Christmas Holiday Closure

Last day open: Saturday 20th December

Reopens: Monday 19th January 2026

We wish all our wonderful donors and shoppers a very happy Christmas and a stress free New Year.

N.B. We are NOT taking any donations from Friday 19th December until Monday 19th January 2026.

The shop area, including drop bin, will be fenced off; anything left outside the fence will be reported as illegal fly tipping.

Koorunga CWA

Two Koorunga CWA members have recently been recognised for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Joan Bathgate was presented with a Branch Legend Award by Sara Kenny, Honorary Life Member of CWA of WA. Joan's contribution over more than 60 years has been extraordinary. A dedicated and hardworking member of the



Yearling, Jerramungup, and Koorunga branches, she has served in numerous office-bearing roles and remains as astute as ever in all matters financial. Over the years she has baked biscuits, produced hundreds of jars of jam, and managed the Koorunga annual fundraising event at the British Car Day. She never misses a meeting, always providing tea, coffee, and a delicious homemade cake or biscuits, often using prize-winning recipes from the Bindoon Show. Joan has also maintained the Koorunga Branch history and delighted audiences with her original poems, skits, and costumes at Choir and Drama Days. Always positive and thoughtful, she has given 66 years of exceptional, tireless service to all things CWA. Annette Howard was recently named one of three finalists in the WA Seniors Awards

Regional, nominated by Scouts WA. Annette has devoted more than four decades to serving her community through the CWA, Scouts WA, the Wannamal Community Centre, and the Mogumber Outback Club, earning life memberships and widespread respect. She has championed grandparents raising grandchildren, supported young leaders through scouting and CWA camps, baked for socially isolated seniors, and organised h a l l m a r k c o m m u n i t y events such as the Wannamal Australia Day Long Table Dinner, which



brings more than 120 people together each year. Tireless, generous, and deeply committed, Annette embodies the true spirit of volunteerism, enriching her community for generations.

16 Days in WA Campaign

Did you know that one in three women and one in five men have experienced at least one incident of violence from a current or former partner since the age of 15? Almost 10 women every day are hospitalised for assault injuries caused by a spouse or domestic partner. You may have noticed an orange theme appearing across businesses in Gingin.

This is part of the WA Government's 16

Days in WA campaign, which this year carries the theme “Play Your Part.” The program aims to drive change in the culture, behaviours, and attitudes that contribute to violence against women and children. One of the most powerful ways to help is simply by starting conversations, and Gingin has embraced this wholeheartedly. The Koorunga CWA members have been busy decorating the entry to the Gingin CRC and Treasure Trove in vibrant orange, sparking plenty of discussion about the importance of stopping family and domestic violence. Staff at both facilities have offered wonderful support, and community members have also pitched in enthusiastically. A huge thanks goes to Gingin Police for providing Care & Share packs.

As the 16 Days in WA campaign continues, everyone is encouraged to wear something orange to spark conversations and show support for ending family and domestic violence.



Welcome to Staying in Place

We are pleased to welcome Ash Martinez as the newest Care Coordinator for our Staying in Place program. Many community members will already recognise Ash, as she has proudly called Gingin home for the past 17 years. Her strong connection to the area and genuine passion for community support make her a wonderful addition to our team. Ash is looking forward to working closely with residents and local organisations to help ensure the program continues to run

smoothly, and deliver meaningful support to those who need it. With her friendly nature and deep local knowledge, we're confident she will be a valuable asset to both the program and the wider community.



ARE STABLE FLIES BITING IN YOUR AREA? REPORT IT NOW

Stable Fly - *Stomoxys calcitrans*



Stable Fly Action Group
Facebook Page



Stable Fly Reporting Tool
www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au



The Stable Fly Action Group Inc (SFAG) has been active for over 20 years with the aim to reduce the impact of stable flies where rural communities and horticulture coexist.

SFAG's primary objective is to pro-actively advocate for strategies to minimise the stable fly problem in WA through lobbying, publicity, education and collaboration.

SFAG's current focus is:

- Supporting LGA officers to investigate and mitigate stable fly outbreaks
- Supporting affected community members and reporting outbreak data to DPIRD
- Supporting further scientific research and trials to reduce stable fly outbreaks
- Lobbying government for meaningful reforms to current legislation (BAM Act)
- Lobbying for enforceable changes to reticulated horticulture management practices to reduce stable fly breeding sites
- Lobbying for a simple waybill system for all raw manure shipments
- Highlighting current biosecurity risks and helping avert potential future diseases

**SFAG is a volunteer organisation that relies heavily on
community support and membership.**



Please visit the SFAG website to join.
www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au



Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

Early Rates Incentive Scheme 2025/2026

On Wednesday 12 November, the Shire held its annual Early Rates Incentive Scheme Prize Night at the picturesque Moore River Brewing Co where 10 lucky early ratepayers participated in a 'mystery' prize presentation and social networking event.

Our congratulations once again to the following winners:

- Mr David Gaylard
- Mr Simon Barrett & Mr Nicholas Barrett
- Mrs Kym & Mr James Morton
- Mr David & Mrs Lana Lefroy
- Ms Grace Moodle
- Mr Stanley Walker
- Mr Paul & Mrs Sylvia Galpin
- Mr Neil & Mrs Cindy King
- Ms Norah Barrett
- Mr Michael & Mrs Fleur Dix

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following local and regional businesses who

sponsored this year's Early Rates Incentive Scheme:

- Bindoon Hill Gravel Supply
- Lancelin Sands
- Carrington's Traffic Services
- Avon Waste
- M.R. Mulching
- MidWest Building WA
- Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin
- Chittering Pest and Weed
- WCS Concrete Pty Ltd
- Nutrien Harcourts WA-Adam Shields Realty
- A1 Fire Risk Services
- Moore River Tree Services
- Lancelin Trade & Rural Supplies
- AMP Waste Facilities
- Hersey Safety

We would also like to thank our local florist Sylvia Kelly for the beautiful flower bouquets, and Neil and Cindy and the team from Moore River Brewing Co for hosting us and catering for the event - what a great addition to our Shire!



Prohibited Burning Period Commenced

The Shire of Gingin entered its Prohibited Burning Period on Sunday 16 November at 12:01am. During the Prohibited Burning Period, **NO** burning is permitted for any reason. This includes open cooking and campfires.

Total Fire Bans/Harvest, Hot Works & Vehicle Movement Bans

Under the Bush Fires Act 1954 local governments and DFES have the power to place a fire ban. In the Shire of Gingin there are two types of bans that can be implemented:

Total Fire Bans - which are set by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

Harvest, Hot Works & Vehicle Movement Bans - which are set by the Shire of Gingin.

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to find out if there is a fire ban in place. Subscribe to the Shire's SMS service to receive free notifications when either ban is placed. To subscribe or for more information visit gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-breaks-bans-information.



Shire of Gingin Receives Film Friendly Accreditation

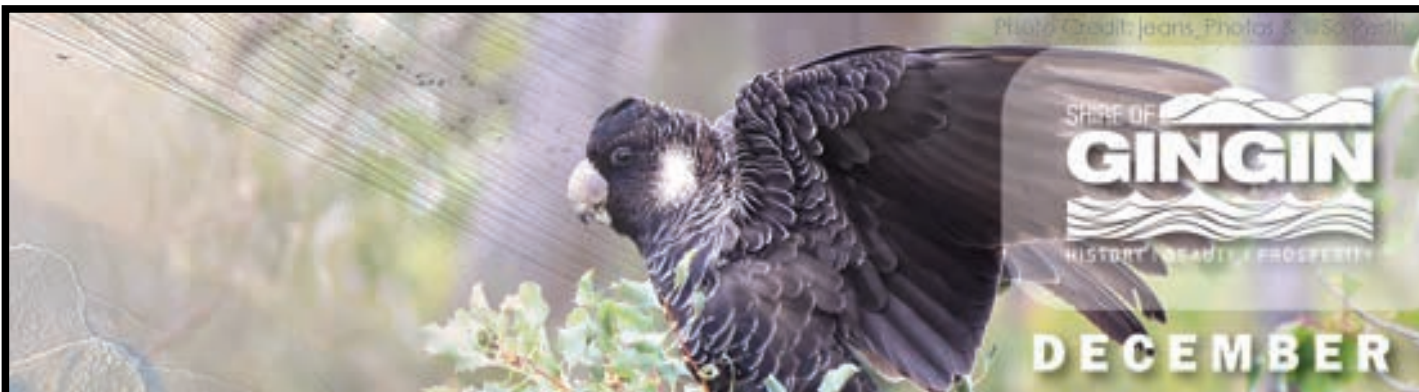
The Shire of Gingin is excited to receive our Film Friendly accreditation through Screenwest's Film Friendly Western Australia program.

This accreditation makes us the sixth local government in Western Australia to achieve Film Friendly status, a proud milestone that celebrates our region's incredible beauty, offerings and commitment to supporting the creative industries.

Becoming Film Friendly means the Shire of Gingin is ready to roll out the red carpet for film and television productions of all sizes. From our pristine coastlines and sweeping dunes to charming townsites and rugged rural landscapes, our region offers rich and diverse film locations, with one of our key drawcards being our proximity to Perth.

View the full media statement on our website: gingin.wa.gov.au/news/

Learn more about the announcement via Screenwest: screenwest.com.au/news/latest-news/shire-of-gingin-joins-western-australian-councils-as-film-friendly



Council Decisions

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

- Work Health and Safety Policy.
- 2026 Council Meeting Dates.
- Cheriton Road Speed Zone Reduction.
- Motions of which previous notice has been given - 4 motions.
- Planning Applications - 5 applications considered.

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

Seniors and Carers Week 2025!

Last week (10 - 14 November), we celebrated Carers Week and Seniors Week with two events in our Shire, the Carers' and Seniors' Rock and Roll Matinee in Lancelin and Chair Dancing in Gingin.

The Carers' and Seniors' Rock and Roll Matinee was hosted at the 3 Emus Restaurant (thank you Glen) with lunch and a live performance from Logie winner John Wood (Blue Heelers) and Dave Allen (musician and comedian)!

It was a wonderful afternoon that brought community members from across the Shire together, with the help of free transport provided by the Gingin Community Bus and Lower Coastal Community Bus.

The Chair Dancing was held at the Granville Civic Centre and facilitated by Chair Dancing Perth, despite low numbers, the feedback was great and all attendees thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Thank you to Department of Communities, Advocare, Lotterywest, Carers WA and Lancelin Community Resource & Visitor Centre for supporting these events.



Shire Facility Closure Dates - Summer Holidays

Please note the following Shire facility closures throughout the summer holiday period:

5 December: Gingin and Lancelin Office **EARLY CLOSURE** at 1:00pm.

24 - 25 December: Gingin Aquatic Centre **CLOSED**.

24 December: Gingin Public Library **EARLY CLOSURE** at 12:00pm.

25 December - 2 Jan January: Gingin and Lancelin Shire Offices and Public Libraries **CLOSED**, back open on 5 January.

25 December and 1 January: Gingin, Seabird and Lancelin Waste Facility Centres **CLOSED**.

Note, the Gingin Aquatic Centre will be open from 12pm - 6pm on Public Holidays including Boxing Day, New Years Day, Australia Day and Labour Day.

What's on

In the Shire of Gingin?

Lunch at the Gathering Place

Monday 1 December, 10am - 1:30pm,
Gingin Recreation Centre, Gingin.

Launch of Ngoongar Seasons Backpacks

Wednesday 3 December, 10:am - 11am,
Lancelin Library, Vins Way, Lancelin.

Gingin Christmas Angels - Lights, Camera, Action!

Friday 5 December, 5:30pm - 9:30pm,
Granville Park, Gingin.

Gingin Red Cross - Morning Tea

Friday 12 December, 10am - 11am, The
Lions Den, Gingin.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 December, 3pm - 5pm,
Council Chambers, Gingin Administration
Centre.

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

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Gingin Bowling Club

Scrungers will continue through the summer on Friday afternoons, with the club closing briefly over the Christmas period. We are starting at 5pm as there are no lights, but you can always join in later if you can't make it so early. It's a great opportunity to come down for a roll and build up your skills for next year's corporate bowls. The bar will be open to quench your thirst. We have some bowls available if you don't have your own set, and flat-soled shoes are recommended. At just \$5, it's a great price for a great time, so grab some friends and give it a try! You don't have to commit every week; just come when you can. Bowling has no age barriers, from 9 to 99, making it a fantastic family activity. New bowlers are always welcome!



Come down to the Gingin Bowling Club for **Scrungers** every Friday night!

Currently starting at 5pm, as our lights are broken.

\$5 gets you a great fun night out!

Gingin Golf Club

The Gingin Golf Club held a very successful Melbourne Cup Luncheon for 91 invited guests from as far afield as Dandaragan. Our ladies excelled with the clubhouse decorations, table settings, and a fantastic buffet meal. Guests were enthusiastic and generous, purchasing Race Sweep and raffle tickets, and participating in the Table

Quiz with much convivial comment. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the local businesses and producers who supported the day, especially Jeff Chriso, Borrello Beef, The Gingin Butcher, Gingin Cellarbrations, Bogdanich Farms, Brookrise Fresh Produce and Monti Farms. Well done to all volunteers and guests for a great day!



Australia Day

**WHAT'S ON IN
THE SHIRE OF GINGIN**

MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026



Neergabby Breakfast Ceremony

FREE ENTRY - Gold Coin Donation Breakfast at 7:30am, official program commencing at 9am (Citizenship Ceremony & Australia Day Awards)



Gingin Aquatic Centre Pool Party

FREE ENTRY - 12pm -6pm - Sausage Sizzle - Pool Inflatables - Raft Race



Lancelin Sunset Movie

FREE ENTRY - 7pm outdoor screening of family friendly movie 'Blueback' at Wangaree Park, Lancelin.

For more information, contact our Community Development Officer on **9575 5100** or email **community@gingin.wa.gov.au**



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Letters to Editor

How to know you are growing older

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work! The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals. You feel like the night before, but you didn't go anywhere. You get winded playing chess. Your children begin to look middle aged. You finally reach the top of the ladder and find its leaning against the WRONG wall. You join a health club and don't go. You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions. You look forward to a dull evening. You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going. Your knees buckle but your belt won't. You're 17 around the neck, and 105 around the golf course. You just can't stand people who are intolerant. Your back goes out more often than you do, you stop looking forward to your next birthday. You burn the midnight oil after 9.00pm. you sink your teeth into a steak and they stay

there. You regret all those temptations that you resisted. The little old grey-haired lady you help across the street is your wife. You get all your exercise being pallbearer for your friends who exercised. You remember today that yesterday was your wedding anniversary. You start a sentence but forget what you.....

**good friends
are like stars.
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Merry Christmas!

and Happy New Year!

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A Little Miracle-Do by Alan Gent

I like miracles. Who doesn't? Most of us, though, don't realise how many miracles occur every minute of every day. "It's just lucky..." or "A real coincidence that..." I suppose it could be argued that things we take for granted today, would appear to be 'miracles' a hundred years ago. But there ARE things we simply can't explain, beyond physics, beyond imagination and probably straight out of the 'Twilight Zone'. The little story I'm about to tell is one of them.

It was the usual mad season of Christmas, and at the Bentley household, nothing was left to chance. Santa would definitely be calling for the two children, Mark and Daisy, and he'd already wrapped the X-Box for Mark and the Doll's house for Daisy. Aunts and Uncles, cousins and Grandparents had added their tribute to Santa, and the children were going to be very well catered for. After the terrible year they'd had, it would be a very welcome relief that would hopefully, help them to forget. Mark's asthma had put the little fellow in hospital for some time, and it was touch and go for a while. Daisy had just got over a very bad skin infection from some bug she picked up and Sheila Bentley – Mum – had a very bad cancer scare in June. Even Peter Bentley hadn't survived the year unscathed. His forced redundancy in March had put quite a strain on their finances, only recently resolved by his being able to secure a good job as a teacher in a local secondary school.

The centrepiece of any family Christmas, as far as children are concerned, at least in Western society, is the Tree. It has to be bigger than them, with lots of sparkly decorations. Peter and Sheila had made sure that this tradition was well and truly upheld. The tree was about six feet tall, with lots of tinsel and baubles hung from the branches, and automatic LED flashing lights that you could almost read by, they were so bright.

The most amazing 'bauble' on the tree was a beautiful angel that Sheila Bentley

had found at an 'op-shop' stuck in a dusty corner of 'sundries' and 'bric-a-brac'. One of the large wings was slightly bent, but it was very easily straightened, and the angel took pride of place at the very top of the tree, seeming to gaze benignly down on her small kingdom and all those that gazed up at her in awe. She had a beautiful white sequined dress that flared out from her slim waist, and a silver crown on the top of a profusion of golden hair that cascaded down to her waist.

The bush fire that had started on the far side of the valley had been burning slowly away from all the houses on the ridge on which the Bentley's had made their home. There was no threat, since the wind was only slight, and the volunteers seemed to have it under control. Safe enough, thought Peter and Sheila to make their annual Christmas Eve pilgrimage to see Sheila's parents about 50 km away. They had put the children in the car and quickly moved all the Christmas presents to their place under the large tree, ready for Christmas morning when the children would see that Santa had indeed been good to them. Bob and Alice had made them a lovely lunch, and they were relaxing in the lounge with the children playing outside. It wasn't until about 4pm, when they were getting ready to leave for home that Bob had turned on the television and caught some 'breaking news'. A large bush fire had flared up and with a sudden wind change and increase in intensity, had raced back across the valley. Residents were warned to leave immediately – and the area that was most at risk? The ridge upon which the Bentley's house stood!

The hairs on the back of Peter's neck suddenly stood up, as he realised the possibility that they could lose their house. He'd had the foresight to cut down as many of the surrounding trees as he could, and in normal circumstances, it should have been enough.

They quickly loaded the children into the

car and after a quick goodbye, raced off down to the main road back home. As they got closer, they could see the huge pall of smoke and several helicopters and planes flying back and forth carrying water and fire retardant. About 5 km from their house, they were stopped at a roadblock. Despite Peter telling the burly officer that their home was 'just up there', he was adamant that they could not proceed.

They sat in the car with a number of other cars and trucks, children crying, clutching one another, fearing the worst, as were all the other residents.

Night fell, and the children eventually slept in the back seat. Peter and Sheila were given tea and buns by a Red Cross lady from a volunteer's food truck that had stopped. As tired as they were, there was no sleep for them that night.

As the Sun rose in the morning, another policeman walked over to the residents and told them what he understood the situation to be. It was not good. Most of the houses had been lost. About an hour later they were given the OK to return to their homes – or at least to where they used to be.

Peter drove the car up over the hill and onto the road to the ridge. The devastation

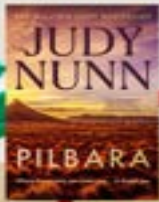
by the violent bush fire was frightening. Debris littered the road and there was not a tree left unscathed. A short while later they came upon the houses. The Smithers' home was gone, as was the Prendergast's. All that was left of the beautiful two storey home the Wilkinson's had built was the remains of a garden shed and a collapsed water tank.

They rounded the corner and got the first glimpse of their own house. At first sight, it seemed to be completely burnt, but as they got closer, they realised that only the southern facade had suffered. The front veranda was gone, but the fire appeared to have stopped as it touched the house. It was as if an unseen hand had simply halted the fire in its tracks. The houses either side were completely gone.

They got out of the car and picked their way across the stubble that had been the front garden to the front door. It was scorched, but otherwise untouched.

In the front room there was the six-foot Christmas tree surrounded by all the children's presents, untouched.

At the very top of the tree stood the Christmas angel, wings spread wide, gazing down on the little family below. Was that a smile on her beautiful face?

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Widower Charles Burton arrives in this forbidding corner of the world with his three young children. They've travelled half the globe, from the lush, rolling hills and dales of Yorkshire, on a mission to save their family's sheep and cattle property. Rebuilding the fortunes of Burton Station will ask everything of Charles and his children, particularly his daughter, Victoria, who will at times threaten to bring about their downfall.	They're good people. Why shouldn't they get what they deserve? When Lou sees an ad for a long-abandoned mining town up for sale, it doesn't take her long to convince her sister and their oldest friends to go in on the idyllic property buried in the bush – a place where the four families can hide away on weekends, get back to nature and unstick the kids from their screens.	Alessio's a pedantic, uptight former chef of a renowned Australian restaurant who has vowed to never set foot in a commercial kitchen again. Francesca's a passionate free-spirited Italian cook who lives and breathes pasta, and happens to be in desperate need of a knight in shining chef whites. A centuries old pasta battle. A little white lie. And a whole lot of chemistry. Will they be able to handle the heat in the kitchen?	If any man can do the impossible it's Richard Sharpe ... The year is 1813. France is a battlefield, and winter shows no mercy. Amidst brutal conditions, Major Richard Sharpe finds himself saddled with an unexpected burden: Rear-Admiral Sir Joel Chase, dispatched by the Admiralty with sealed orders, unshakable confidence, and a frankly terrifying enthusiasm for combat.	It's the night of Christmas Eve. In the most famous toy shop in the world, a robbery is underway. The shop's Santa and his son are locked inside with the baddies. Can our heroes stop them using just the toys in the shop as weapons? Pogo sticks! Bouncy balls! Remote-controlled helicopters! Bubble guns! Slime! Slinkies! Stink bombs! Santa & Son is a hilarious action adventure and sure to become a Christmas classic.	Take a journey through words and drawings in this magical adventure as the children of the Royal Children's Hospital wonder where everyone at the hospital might go – the doctors, the nurses, the teachers, and even themselves. With a lyrical text and additional artwork from much-loved creators Jane Godwin and Allison Lester (<i>The Silver Sea</i> , <i>Sing Me the Summer</i>), this unforgettable collaboration explores the magic of imagination and celebrates the joy of coming home.
					

Announcements

Gingin Stockfeeds - Specialised Small Business WINNER!

Gingin Stockfeeds has been announced as the Specialised Small Business winner at the 2025 Australian Women's Small Business Champion Awards in Sydney. Selected from thousands of entries nationwide, the business stood out among 21 outstanding finalists in its category. The award marks an impressive milestone for the local business, which began as a small stockfeed store and has grown into a thriving multi-department destination. Today, Gingin Stockfeeds provides livestock, pet and poultry supplies, as well as a popular country clothing and giftware showroom, supporting rural and regional customers across the region. Although the owner did not expect to take home the trophy, she expressed immense gratitude for the recognition and for everyone who has supported the business along its journey. She also shared a special mention for the fellow Western Australian finalists at her table, who helped make the awards night even more memorable.

Congratulations to Gingin Stockfeeds, Pet Supplies & Country Clothing on this well-deserved national achievement.



Danielle Maguire accepting the Award.

Nikki Woods - AIDR National Awards Melbourne

Nikki's photo was one of only six selected as national finalists. She recently travelled to Melbourne for the Awards Ceremony, and although she didn't take home the win, it was an incredible experience for her. I have no doubt she'll be nominated again next year. Huge congratulations to all the winners!



Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to...

Haider Al Marshadi, Aaron Crofts, Kelsie Squiers, Megan McCallum, Larry Edwards, Ashleigh Brown, Lauren Crofts, and Rob Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 18th Birthday Mikayla Groth

Wishing you the happiest of birthdays on this amazing milestone! It has been such a pleasure having you as our trainee, your positive attitude, willingness to learn, and the bright energy you bring to the team never goes unnoticed. We hope the day was filled with celebration, laughter, and everything you love. Here's to exciting opportunities ahead and a wonderful year as you step into adulthood. Enjoy every moment, you deserve it!



Happy 90th Birthday Colin Fewster

On November 19th, long-term Gingin resident Colin Fewster celebrated his 90th birthday. Colin enjoyed a wonderful morning catching up with friends and family as they marked this special milestone together. Colin would like to extend his heartfelt thanks to everyone for their phone calls, cards, and visits. Your kindness helped make his day truly memorable. Happy Birthday, Colin, wishing you continued health, happiness and many more joyful years ahead!



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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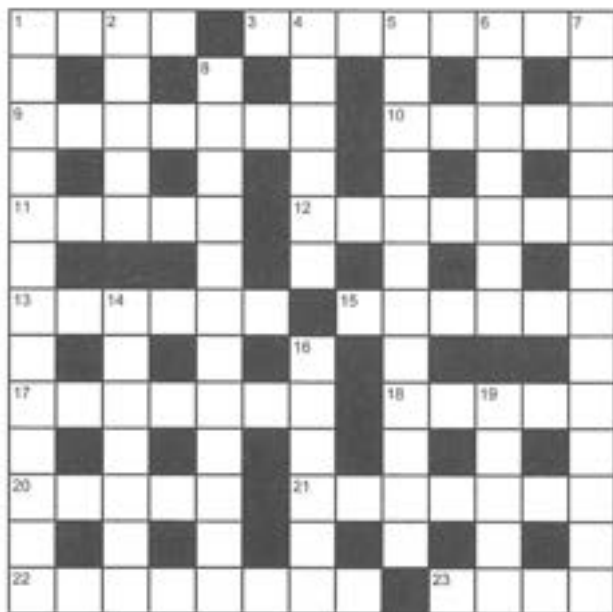
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3. Lover (8)
9. Fortification (7)
10. Warning of danger (5)
11. Opposite of a winner (5)
12. Coal miner (7)
13. Pointed projectiles (6)
15. Wear away (6)
17. Create a positive feeling in a person (7)
18. Money (5)
20. Ticked over (of an engine) (5)
21. Dilates (anag.) (7)
22. Submissive (8)
23. Unattractive (4)

Down

1. Lack of dependability (13)
2. Curbs (5)
4. Join or fasten (6)
5. Quality of being at hand when necessary (12)
6. Musical wind instrument (7)
7. Pitilessly (13)
8. Lacking tolerance or flexibility (6-6)
14. Decide firmly (7)
16. Introduction (4-2)
19. Remain very close to (5)



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Supporting Ageing Parents

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