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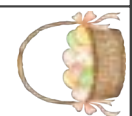
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Thursday 23rd April



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Well... how did that happen? The year is already flying by, and it feels like we've barely had time to catch our breath. With the new year comes fresh faces, exciting events, and plenty to look forward to.

First up, a big warm welcome to Bindi Groves, who is joining us for the year as part of her traineeship. Bindi will be studying her Certificate III in Business, and we're so excited to have her on board, be sure to say Hello when you see her around!

In other news, one of our favourite events is just around the corner. Our annual Easter Trail is hopping its way back on the Sunday 5 April. It's always a fantastic day filled with fun, so make sure you're booked in and ready to join the festivities.

The excitement doesn't stop there; we will also be heading along to the Shire of Gingin's Youth Expo on the Wednesday 15 April. If you're attending, keep an eye out for Lauren, who will be there representing us and connecting with the

community.

Just when you think things might slow down, think again! Once the Easter fun wraps up, it's straight into preparations for our annual British Car Day in May. Another great event to pop in your calendar.

So, as the year keeps racing ahead, make sure you jump in, get involved, and make the most of everything coming up. It's shaping up to be a busy and fun few months ahead.

Carrie



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Our Staying in Place Team

Ash and Julie are your local contacts for 'Staying in Place' at the Gingin Community Resource Centre Inc..

Please contact us on 08 9575 1253 or email sipcc@gingin.net to arrange a suitable time to speak with Ash or Julie.

Passionate about supporting our community, they are here to guide you through the program, answer your questions, and connect you with the services you need to continue living safely and independently at home.

Friendly, approachable, and committed to making a difference, Ash and Julie are here to help every step of the way.

Have questions about 'Staying in Place'? Ash and Julie are here to help.



Ash Martinez
Staying in Place
Client Coordinator



Julie Riches
Staying in Place
Client Coordinator



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'Staying in Place' is now available in the Shire of Gingin.

Through a partnership between Mable, the Gingin Community Resource Centre Inc. and our homecare service providers, local residents can now access tailored support services designed to help them remain living at home as they age.

First developed in Pingelly, this proven initiative is now successfully operating within our community. 'Staying in Place' is about independence, dignity, and ensuring our residents can continue to call Gingin home.

To learn more, access support, or explore partnership opportunities, please contact sipcc@gingin.net. Supporting our community to live well, right where they belong.



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IF YOU HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES

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Do you have a story you'd like to share with the community?
Perhaps you're celebrating a special milestone, anniversary, or birthday.
If you would like to submit an article, story, or advertisement for the next edition
of The Buzz, please email gcn@gingin.net

Front Page - Red Cross Masquerade Dance

The recent Red Cross Masquerade Dance was a fantastic night, with around 90 people attending in masks and creative outfits. There were plenty of children, many proudly wearing masks they had made themselves, all looking very smart. The Granville was beautifully decorated, with many comments on how wonderful it looked. Zac, the DJ, kept everyone on their toes with a great range of music throughout the night. The photo booth was a huge hit, with Seb and Celina doing a wonderful job, making sure everyone went home with their photos while also contributing to a keepsake guest photo book. We are so grateful for the positive feedback from attendees, who all had a super night dancing, eating, making new friends, and enjoying themselves. A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, including Bendigo Bank, for your generous support. Thank you also to our wonderful community for making the event so special, and to everyone who helped with the setup. Finally, thank you to the Gingin Red Cross Committee, you are an awesome group. The Red Cross also hosts a morning tea on the second Friday of each month. On April 10th, we will be enjoying a "story time" themed morning filled with laughter and connection. Come along to 3 Horan Street and find some companionship to lift your spirits. All are welcome.





Gingin Uniting Church

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

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

Email: ginginuniting@gmail.com

Phone: Sharon 0428 557 057

Gingin Garden Club

Gingin Garden Club's March meeting was held at Gloria and Murray Hynes' house. We enjoyed some respite from the 40° heat with lovely catch-ups and really interesting speakers who shared a summary of their worlds. It was a fabulous way to find out more about our members and something to look forward to throughout the year. Thank you, Julie and Margaret. It was a very moving presentation.

she has had with the succulent "Silver Spoons". Another lovely day, thank you everyone. T.R.



Irene spoke of lots of plans for the coming year, including hosting Toodyay in November, so keep track of her emails. She also highlighted a lovely pink flowering statice... yep, can't remember the botanical name, but it's available at Bunnings. Jenny and Jean turned on a yummy afternoon tea and there were plenty of chuffed raffle winners. Gloria was very generous with her garden plants and hopefully I will have the same gorgeous success



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CWA Koorunga

The spirit of CWA is certainly alive within our community. Remaining relevant, improving the well-being of all and strengthening the positive impacts in the community through friendship and advocacy, the adaptive, collaborative Koorunga Branch demonstrates how much they care for the community.

Feedback we have received about our Association.

"Thank you for the Christmas "shoe box" gift donation. I was privileged to receive one. Congratulations on a wonderful gesture".

"We certainly appreciate all you do, the work and love you put into everything you make, is making someone's day very special" CWA Community coordinator thanking for feelie hearts, dolls, fiddle rugs and muff.

Some fun Koorunga facts from 2025

- 2 Koorunga members received the newly introduced Branch Legend Award which recognizes members who have provided exemplary, loyal and exceptional service to the Association, their branch and community.
- 2 Koorunga members appeared on TV and the ABC Radio.
- 3 times Koorunga members dressed up in fun, novel, entertaining clothes and created plenty of laughter.
- 20 different wildflowers were painted on our spreading "The Seeds of Friendship Pallet Christmas Tree".
- 23 local functions/activities were supported. WOW, that is 2 a month.
- 37 rugs and teddies were affectionately knitted and crocheted for Wheelchairs for Kids.
- 38 Christmas parcels provided Christmas Cheer to the town's residents.
- 602 "feelie hearts" provided comfort and reminded people they are loved. They are valued hugely by the three School Chaplains we support.

•880 pancakes were greatly enjoyed at the Breakfast Club at GDHS

•Hundreds of tears were shed during the "Just a Farmer" movie. A movie that brought together over 140 people to support our farming community, to discuss the challenges and resilience of rural life, and to promote mental health awareness.

•Thousands of random acts of kindness by our members have made a difference

•27,863 words from the heart, were printed in nominations for awards, recognising the value of so many people in community.

•4356.50 volunteer hours were happily provided by Koorunga members for the benefit of our communities. This equates in value to \$108,912.50.

Sharing new ideas and skills, brainstorming how we can make a difference in our communities while fostering friendship and laughter, were elements of our last meeting. Congratulations to Ruth Loudon who received a CWA Loyal Service Badge recognizing her valuable contribution to the branch over the past ten years. She is acknowledged as a much-loved asset, being such a strong and talented lady.

Learning to crochet and make material poppies for our ANZAC Wreath were skills shared. Prospective new member Julie delighted everyone with her amazing temperature control crocheted blanket, which she first started when she moved to Wannamal. One row represented the temperature over two days. White was for 10 degree and under days, with silver indicating days it rained.



Koorunga Branch meets alternatively between Gingin and Wannamal. To know more contact Felicity 0400505656.

Gingin Scouts

Gingin Scouts Leap into 2026 with Adventure, Kindness and Community Spirit

Did you know Scouts are 6% more likely to feel they're doing pretty well?

Recent national research by Resilient Youth Australia compared 47,000 Scouts (aged 8–18) with 110,000 of their peers, revealing remarkable insights into the positive impact of Scouting. The findings highlight how Scouting empowers young people to take responsibility, build confidence, and develop a positive mindset by tackling challenges and stepping outside their comfort zones.

This strong foundation is clearly reflected in the incredible start to 2026 for the Gingin Scout Group, who have launched into the year with energy and enthusiasm, welcoming a wave of new young members across all sections.

The year began with a creative tribute to Australia's Winter Olympic athletes, featuring a range of fun and engaging activities including cross-country skiing challenges, ski jump rockets, snow-making, toboggan Lego creations and iced medallion biscuits.

The group was honoured to welcome Shire President, Linda Balcombe, who attended the opening parade and presented certificates to youth members transitioning between sections. District Commissioner Mika Henman also joined the celebrations, with both guests thanked for supporting the Scouts' Olympic-themed experience.

Continuing the positive momentum, the following week focused on the theme "It's Cool To Be Kind", aligning with National Acts of Kindness Day. Joeys and Cubs welcomed new members, introduced them to the Scout Hall, and took part in activities centred on kindness and inclusion.

Midweek, Scouts embraced both challenge and leadership, welcoming a new youth member before tackling a high-energy

obstacle course and planning their term program together.

The excitement didn't stop there, with the group recently hosting their "Never 2 Cool 2 Camp" weekend, an action-packed adventure involving 29 Joeys, Cubs and Scouts, seven cars, and plenty of food.

The weekend saw participants explore playgrounds, visit AQWA, test their problem-solving skills in challenge rooms, and burn energy on ninja courses. However, the most memorable moment came when the group united to clean up a local park.



"The teamwork, effort and pride shown by our young people was truly inspiring," a group leader said. "We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them."



As Term One draws to a close, with just two weeks remaining, excitement continues to build across all sections. Joeys and Cubs are eagerly looking forward to an upcoming visit to the local Men's Shed, where they will spend time with experienced members and learn a range of new hands-on skills. The visit offers a valuable opportunity to connect with the community while gaining practical experience in a fun and supportive environment.

Meanwhile, the Scout section is already setting its sights ahead, currently planning a much-anticipated camp down south in Term Three, affectionately known as "2 Camp." With youth members taking the lead in organising the adventure, it is set to be another highlight in an already action-packed year.

With strong growth in membership, Gingin Scout Group is now calling for additional adult volunteers to support their expanding program. Community members interested in getting involved are encouraged to reach out to the group's leaders.

From adventure and friendship to service and personal growth, the Scouts continue to embody their mission, building confident, capable young people who are ready to take on life's challenges and make a positive difference in their community.

The group extended heartfelt thanks to their dedicated support team, Gecko (Rebecca), Skipper (Shannan), Quokka (Martin), Pumpkin (Thanh), Sharon and Rhyllie, whose efforts made the weekend possible.

We would also like to sincerely thank The Carramar Scout Group for letting us stay at their amazing hall, and to Borrello Beef who donated the burgers for our dinner. This kept costs low and allowed us to stretch the budget further.

Gingin Treasure Trove

The Treasure Trove at Gingin will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April, and Easter

Saturday 4 April. The shop will be closed on Good Friday 3 April and Easter Monday, 6 April.

Gingin Care Group

The Gathering Place

Our Gathering Place was full of happy faces on 9 February when our group got back together after the Christmas and New Year break.

We made a list of everyone's favourite activities from last year and added a few new ones to have this year.



Our second get together was a fortnight later in 23 February. A generous and committed participant of our group organised and donated lovely name tags for all our regular friends. Another participant provided welcoming music on arrival at 10am. After lots of chatter and laughter with morning tea we had a Rock and Roll session and danced to the 'Old Time Music'.



Another favourite activity is hearing peoples' life stories. So far we have heard 3 very different stories and it's a great way to get to know people better and totally entertaining.

The group is made possible due to support from the Bendigo Bank.

If you would like to join us, but need a lift,



call 0438575254 and we will try to arrange to pick you up for a fun morning followed by a healthy lunch at midday for \$15 and finishing at 1pm.

Margaret Massam - Gingin Care Group.

Mainroads - Bridge 661

Works to replace Bridge 661 over Gingin Brook on Weld Street will begin after Easter and are scheduled for completion towards the end of 2026.

Main Roads are managing the project and have contracted Fulton Hogan to do the bridge works.

Western Power works are scheduled for 31 March 2026 as electrical lines need to be covered to move the piling rig in.

During the works :

- There will be a single lane closure on the bridge which will cause minor delays. Traffic lights will be manually managed by a Traffic Controller.

- The rest area to the south of the bridge will be partially closed. There will be no restrictions to the access of CU@Park Café.

- The footpaths on both sides of the bridge will be closed for the duration of the project. However, the footpath near the weir will remain open to ensure continued public access.

- Construction noise and dust will be generated throughout the duration of the works.

Please be assured that Main Roads and Fulton Hogan will do everything possible to minimise impacts.

For general enquiries and complaints, contact Main Roads on 138 138 or email wheatbelt@mainroads.wa.gov.au.



Gingin Brook Catchment Group

More weeds to watch for in damp areas

Brazilian Pepper

Brazilian Pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolia*), although tolerant of drought and drier areas, is more often a problem in wetter areas such as around lakes, streams and wetlands and along roadsides. It is an aggressively invasive species. Large plants are able to tolerate inundation for several months and are tolerant of semi-saline as well as fresh water.

It is a large, single or multi-stemmed, spreading shrub, often with tangled branches which create a dense thicket. The heavy shade which results displaces native understory vegetation in natural areas. The leaves are divided into 5 to 13 broad leaflets and have a turpentine-like smell when crushed. When damaged, the stem and twigs exude a resinous sap, which can cause swelling, rashes, welts and eye damage in humans and animals. Consumption of the plant by horses and cattle can result in intestinal problems, and in some cases death.

The flowers are small and whitish, but presented in branched inflorescences which are quite showy. The main flowering time is autumn but there is often a second smaller peak in spring. There are usually separate male & female plants but some plants produce bisexual flowers or separate male and female flowers on the one plant. The fruits are slightly fleshy and are red when ripe. Fruit is spread by fruit-eating birds and mammals and ants, and by water in riparian areas.

Brazilian Pepper is also known as Japanese Pepper, Broad-leaved Pepper or Florida Holly. It is a member of the cashew



family and native to tropical and sub-tropical parts of South America. It was planted as an ornamental in many parts of the world outside its native range and has become invasive in areas where the climate is warm and rainfall is moderate to high. It was first officially recognised as naturalised in WA in 1980, and in Queensland in 1948, but was probably first planted in Australia in the mid-1860s.

Seedlings can be hand pulled or sprayed. Large shrubs can be cut down but the stumps need to be either painted with herbicide or removed completely, as if left alive they will regrow from the stump or by root suckers. Burning the plant or the debris created by pruning or removing it is best avoided. Many airborne irritants are released when it burns and skin, eyes and lungs will be affected with an effect similar to "pepper spray".

Fig

Common or Edible Fig (*Ficus carica*) is often planted in gardens for fruit or as an ornamental plant. It has escaped gardens to become established as an environmental weed around wetlands, streams and rivers in many parts of the south west of WA, including in the Gingin area. Although it does not set fruit for several years from seedling germination, the plants produce root suckers and will also establish by layering of intact or broken stems and branches. In favourable conditions this could create a dense thicket displacing native vegetation before the original plant has produced fruit. Common Fig is deciduous but readily recognisable when actively growing by its large lobed leaves. Figs also have invasive root systems so can damage nearby infrastructure and if unmanaged can harbour fruit fly to become a source of ongoing re-infestation of nearby orchards.

There are about 45 species of figs native to Australia, of which about 18 species occur in Western Australia. Native figs occur mostly

mostly in tropical parts of northern WA and the east coast of Australia. Some of them are available through nurseries as garden or park plants and can also be used as potted indoor or bonsai specimens. Port Jackson Fig (*Ficus rubiginosa*) is an eastern Australian species available in the nursery trade which has a recorded naturalised occurrence on Rottnest Island, so care needs to be taken when using other species of figs also.



Control of figs in the environment can be by hand pulling of seedlings and stem injection or basal barking of more mature plants. Stem injection with follow up spraying of regrowth is suggested for very large plants while basal barking is suitable for those with stems up to 30cm in diameter.

Amazon Frogbit

The upper and lower boundaries of the Amazon Frogbit infestation in Gingin Brook in the Neergabby area have been confirmed and barriers established. The first herbicide application has been completed and is showing good results. A second spray will be required at a later date. Everyone is reminded to remain vigilant and report any Amazon Frogbit seen outside the recognised containment area to the Shire of Gingin to allow prompt action to be taken to prevent another infestation becoming established elsewhere.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group's next meeting will be a Community Information evening and AGM to be held Tuesday 21 April at the Gingin Golf Club. The results of the second year of water quality monitoring of the Gingin Brook catchment will be presented. There will also be information about the Pest Parrot and Cockatoo Strategy which is being developed.

We hope to see you there.

In the meantime, you can contact us [info@](mailto:info@gingincatchment.org.au)

gingincatchment.org.au, see our webpage or follow us on Facebook.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group

Gingin Brook Catchment Group Inc

Community Information
and
Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 21st April 2026 6pm
Gingin Golf Club, Dewar Rd, Gingin

Presentations:

1. Water quality of Gingin Brook
2. Pest Parrot and Cockatoo Strategy

New Members welcome.

Light refreshments will be provided

Further information
info@gingincatchment.org.au.

Wildlife-friendly rodent control

Some rodent baits have been removed from sale due to risks of poisoning pets, birds of prey and native wildlife, either directly or by eating poisoned rodents. Rodenticides are anti-coagulants in two types: first-generation (multi-dose) and second/third-generation (single-dose). First-generation baits (e.g. warfarin, pindone) require repeated feeding, break down faster, and have an antidote, making them less risky to non-target animals. Single-dose baits are lethal after one feed but persist in the body, increasing the risk of secondary poisoning of predators. These are the products now removed from sale. Where possible, use non-bait methods. If baiting is needed, use first-generation products carefully, place baits to prevent access by other animals, and dispose of dead rodents promptly.

Gingin Chittering Lions

Record Sausage Sizzle and Square Dancing Fun

More than 8,000 sausages sold and a new Australian record was set, it was a huge challenge for the Whitford Lions Club at Bunnings Joondalup from 22 February - 2 March. The 102 hour continuous sausage sizzle raised an impressive \$50,000 for their Health Bus project, far exceeding their original goal and setting a new national record.

Gingin Chittering Lions member Daphne Barlow was part of the event, attending a Square-Dancing exhibition while representing both the Lions Club and the Square-Dancing community. Daphne dances with the Northern Stars group at Muchea Hall, where new members are always welcome. Contact number 0407 389 948. Square Dancing is a fun and social activity, with supportive groups encouraging anyone to give it a try.



If you haven't booked for the annual Easter activities organised by the CRC, get your registrations in now. We look forward to seeing you down at the park for fun and games

We will be serving up The Gunfire breakfast on ANZAC day after the Dawn March and ceremony at the Gingin Soundshell

Our next meeting will be on 13 April at "The Den". Call 0411 231 985 for information.



Closer to home, and we celebrated Pat Elliot receiving her 30 year and Paul Moulding receiving his 10 year member badge. Our gratitude for all your years of service and for the fun memories attached.



Do you have questions for the NDIA?

Visit us at the Mobile Service Centre in Gingin

The NDIA will be on board the Services Australia Mobile Service Centre. Connect with our NDIA team and discover how we can support you

 **Thursday 23rd April 2026**

 **9.00am to 3.00pm**

 **Gingin**
Gingin Post Office car park, Brockman Street



Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- 8 Motions from the Annual Electors Meeting.
- Draft Strategic Community Plan 2026-2036.
- Customer Service Improvement Project Plan.
- Initiation of Draft Local Planning Policy 1.9 - Sea Containers.
- Planning Applications - 2 applications considered.

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

Upcoming/Works In Progress Update

Project Complete - Installation of Accessibility Ramps

Works to install three accessibility ramps on Robinson Street in Gingin were undertaken to improve accessibility and pedestrian safety within the area, we are thrilled to announce these works have now been completed.

Road Closure - Part of Wannamal Road South:

Due to severe deterioration, Wannamal Road South between Wannamal Road West and Cullalla Road will be closed effective immediately. This closure will be in place until emergency repair works can be completed. Please seek an alternate route.

Upcoming Works - Cowalla Road Reconstruction:

Road construction works on Cowalla Road in Wanerie have commenced. These works will take place between the intersections of Nabaroo Road and Millbank Road on Cowalla Road, Wanerie and are anticipated to take approximately 4-5 weeks to complete. During the construction period, a temporary detour will be in place for light vehicles. Light vehicle traffic will be diverted via Millbank Road and Nabaroo Road. Local traffic and heavy vehicles will be permitted to travel through the work site under traffic control. Motorists should expect minor delays.

Playground Installation - Guilderton:

The installation of the new playground at the Guilderton skate/amusement park (outside the Guilderton Community Hall) was rescheduled to commence earlier, in time for the April School Holidays. The final playground design was chosen by the Guilderton Community Association Committee and local families.

Further updates will be provided as these projects progress via our social media and website. We thank the community for your understanding as we deliver these works.

Connecting Youth Expo - 15 April 2026!

After the success of last year's event, we're excited to bring the Connecting Youth Expo back to our region in partnership with the Shire of Chittering, Munderoo Foundation and Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin.

The expo will connect young people with:

- Local industries
- Career pathways
- Training and education opportunities
- Community organisations and services

It's all about helping young people discover what's possible and building stronger connections between youth, industry and community.

Stay tuned for more details on participating organisations and event announcements.



Health Alert - Human/Bat Interactions

The Wheatbelt Public Health Unit are alerting the community to a developing issue involving human and bat interactions. In 2026, there has been an increasing number of human/bat interactions reported to the Wheatbelt Public Health Unit in towns across the Wheatbelt including Lancelin.

Bats pose a human health risk for severe illness from viruses such as Australian Bat Lyssavirus. If you see a bat, do not try to capture it or interact with it and avoid contact with sick bats in particular. If you are bitten, scratched or licked by any bat, immediately seek medical advice from a doctor. If you see a sick, injured, or dead bat report it immediately to DPIRD on 1300 374 731.

Further information is also available from DPIRD here: www.dpiird.wa.gov.au

Join the Crew that Protects You!

We are expanding our team of dedicated Bush Fire Brigade Volunteers across the eight brigades in the Shire of Gingin: Beermullah, Cowalla, Gingin South, Gingin West, Guilderton, Ledge Point, Ocean Farm and Red Gully.

Being a volunteer is an incredibly rewarding experience that provides everyone, regardless of age or background, with the opportunity to give something back to their local community. Want to find out more? visit gingin.wa.gov.au



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Gingin Aquatic Centre - End of Season Opening Hours/Closures

As we near the end of summer, we are starting to wrap up the season at the Gingin Aquatic Centre.

Final Early Morning Swim:

The final early morning swimming session will be Friday 27 March where the pool will be closed from 8:00am due to a swimming carnival.

April Hours:

- Monday - Friday: 12:00pm to 5:30pm
- Saturday - Sunday: 9:00am to 5:30pm

Upcoming Closures:

- Closed Good Friday
- Closed Easter Monday morning and open for the afternoon from 12:00pm to 5:30pm
- Early Closure on Wednesday 15 April at 4:00pm
- Final Aquatic Centre Closure date: 19 April



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.



What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

SPACE Weekly Meetings

Every Monday, 2:00pm - 5:00pm, Ocean Farm Community Hall.

Easter Trail

Sunday 5 April, 10:00am - 11:30am, Granville Park, Gingin.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 April, 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Shire of Gingin Council Chambers, Gingin.

Connecting Youth Expo

Wednesday 15 April, 10:00am - 3:00pm, GOAS & Granville Civic Centre.

Anzac Day - Public Holiday

Monday 27 April, 5:00am - 10:00am, Anzac Day Dawn Services.

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

Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsor Acknowledgement

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

Midwest Building (WA) is a second generation family owned and run building company. With a combined 70+ years experience in the building and construction industry.

Based in Gingin and building in surrounding areas, MidWest Building (WA) specialise in residential, single and double storey builds, commercial, mining and industrial projects, and any custom designed needs.

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Gingin District High School

Another busy term has wrapped up, and students at Gingin District High School have certainly kept themselves active! Highlights this term included the faction swimming carnival, with Athena taking out first place, Poseidon coming in second, and Apollo giving it their all to finish third. Selected students from all factions then went on to compete at the interschool swimming carnival held at the Perth High Performance Centre. Gingin placed third overall and was awarded the Meritorious Award, recognising the school with the highest participation points per number of students on the day. An outstanding achievement! Champions on the day were Lacey Borwick and Blayze Pritchard, along with 5 runners up champions, Marley Thorpe, Samuel Maloney, Annah Chapman, Leo Poole and Talia Trew. We are so proud of our swimmers and their amazing efforts.

In other news, I am excited to introduce our inaugural Eyes on Nature Photographic Competition. Gingin is home to a diverse range of native species and habitats that make our community a truly special place. At school, students have been learning about endangered animals and the impact of introduced predators. This competition aims to raise awareness of the unique plants, animals and birds we often take for granted.

We encourage entries that capture the beauty of our local environment - think sunsets, rivers, lakes, ocean, landscapes, insects, and native flora and fauna. This competition has been made possible through a grant from the Tronox School Partnership Program, supporting our newly established Wildlife Cadets. Entrants must currently live in the Shire of Gingin

The competition is open across several categories:

- Junior Primary: 1st prize \$25 gift voucher, 2nd prize \$10 gift voucher, 3rd prize \$5 canteen voucher
- Middle Primary: 1st prize \$50 gift voucher,

2nd prize \$25 gift voucher, 3rd prize \$10 canteen voucher

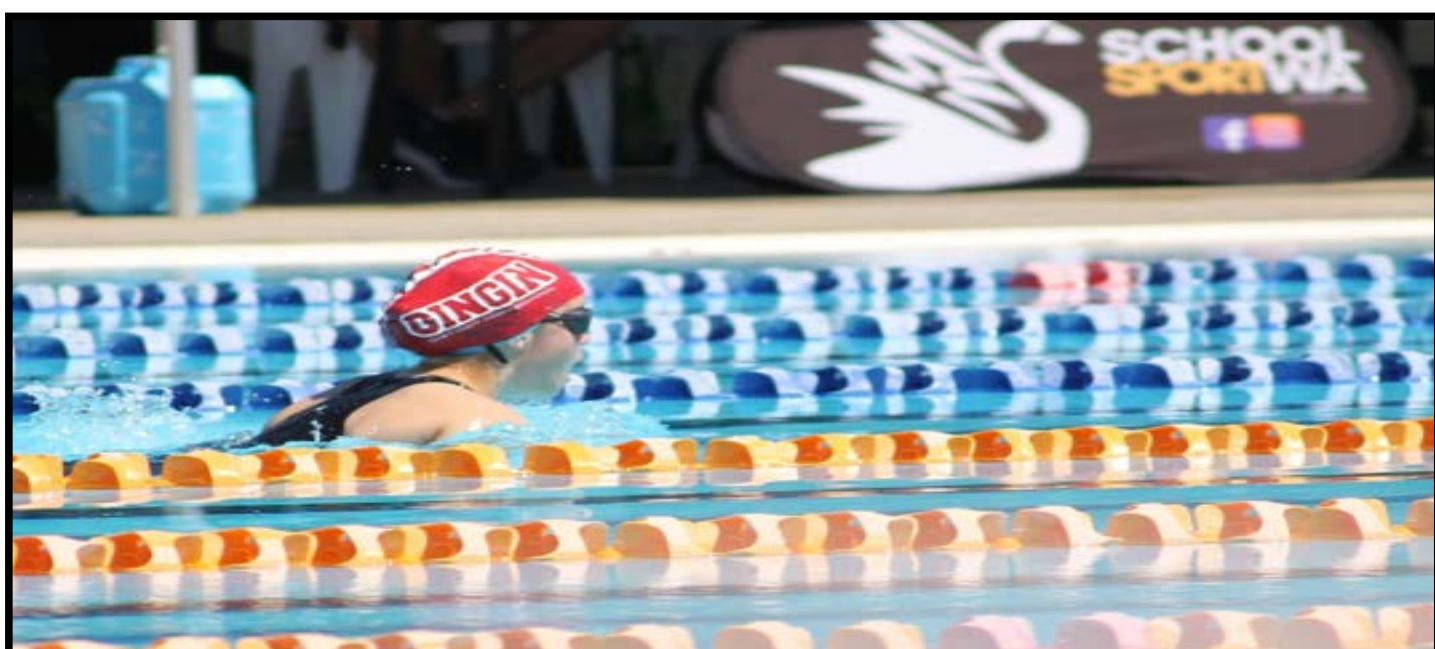
- Secondary: 1st prize \$100 gift voucher, 2nd prize \$50 gift voucher, 3rd prize \$10 canteen voucher

- Open Category (staff and community): A framed A4 print of the winning photo

So, get snapping and send your entries to marisa.burton@education.wa.edu.au. Please include your name, phone number, and a title for your photo.

Entries close Friday, 3 July, with winners to be announced in Term 3.





THE GINGIN CHRONICLE

*A Call to Preserve Our Past
for Future Generations*

We are a group of people who have an interest in the Shire of Gingin's history, but wait - there is a lot more to this than you think.

Have you thought about the photos we all keep on our phones? Who gets to enjoy them as well, where are they kept safe (the cloud is not as secure as we think)

Have you wondered about what might be in a search by one of your ancestors looking for family history, connections or just information about where we came from?

Can you consider that what happens today is your history tomorrow? Sometimes nothing happens, sometimes things happen that we would rather forget and then there are those memorable days you wish you could recall every detail.

You would be very welcome to become part of the Gingin Historical Society to ensure that today's history is not lost to the cloud. That there is a record somewhere that says you lived, went to school, worked and played in the Shire of Gingin.

Skills that you need - just a desire to make sure that there is a record of Gingin today. Surely the pioneers and others that went before us did not think about how important historical records can be (which makes it hard to put names in photos).



WHY YOU COULD TALK TO US ABOUT JOINING

Not everyone in the group wants to research just one family tree, there are other reasons.

We have a website that might need some skills you may have - research, design, publication writing, media liaison and more! We hope to have a museum to display an amazing array of artifacts which will require a lot of work in presentation.

Talk to us about maybe a young people's group to gather the more recent history of the shire and how best to present this to the world.

If you would like to learn about or to get help in learning more about research or preserving history, please join us and start a new adventure by emailing

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- and lots more*



The Guardian of Destiny by Alan Gent

There was definitely something quite unusual about him. I'd been reading my paperback while I waited for the bus on my usual seat in the bus shelter and occasionally glanced in his direction. He simply sat there, bolt upright, staring straight ahead. Only not staring exactly, just ...looking. He was quite smartly dressed, as if for work, like me, but his clothing seemed just a little too smart. He sported a small goatee, and his hair was fairly short and combed to one side. It looked as though he'd just come out of the barbers.

The bus was late, which was a bit unusual. I was always way too early for work anyway, so it didn't bother me. Eventually, the lack of movement by the man invaded my concentration for some reason, and I simply had to say something.

"Bus is a bit late." I stated.

At first, the man didn't respond, then seemed to be computing my comment. He turned his head slowly towards, me, regarding me intently, as if seeing me for the first time. It was then that I noticed his eyes. Perhaps it was a trick of the light, but they seemed to... glow!

He said: "Bus?"

"That's what I'm waiting for," I said.

"Are you sure?"

I was a little irritated. "Well, I wait at this bus stop every day of the week, so yes, I am pretty sure that's what I'm waiting for."

He turned his body around so that he was more square-on to me and fixed me with an appraising look. "But what are you really waiting for, in the whole measure of your existence?"

I shifted uncomfortably. I really didn't want a philosophical argument this time in the morning. He was obviously a bit demented, so I decided to be safe, and humour him.

"OK. I'm waiting for the World to stop being uncivilised. I'm waiting for brother to stop fighting brother. I'm waiting for the serenity

and worry-free existence that we could so easily have with World peace. I also look forward to pigs flying." I added and made to return to my book.

He hadn't given up. "Are you alone in these hopes?"

I gave up and closed my book, forgetting to put the bookmark in. I inwardly cursed. "No. I'm certainly not alone. Many, many people have the same hopes, but there doesn't seem anything we can do about it. Many have tried, but it seems a fight we can't win. It's just human nature that..."

He cut me off. "Human nature? Do you mean that when human beings were first allowed to populate this planet, they had the same violent tendencies to which you refer? I think NOT my poor fellow. Yes, I certainly think not!"

"How would you know? How could anybody possibly know. Cave men fought one another apparently – and killed one another. They sacrificed their fellow man to try to appease their supposed Gods and ..."

He stopped me again. "Gods?" A slow smile flickered across his face. "I'm going to tell you who I am, if you'd like to know. I am the Guardian of Destiny!"

Now I was quite sure he was mad. When would this stupid bus come, and get me out of this? "Oh, really? Guardian of Destiny, eh? And there was I thinking you were just an ordinary bloke!"

Suddenly his whole countenance changed. His face became grey and forbidding, and when he spoke, it was as if there was some sort of massive amplification to his voice.

"Mark my words well, my friend. You are here because I wish it. Your planet exists because I used to have hope!"

He seemed to check himself suddenly and resumed his affable demeanour. "Your words earlier indicated that there may still exist some hope. Perhaps the Earth could be

spared.” He saw me looking at my watch. “And no, your bus will not arrive until I wish it, and I haven’t finished with you yet.”

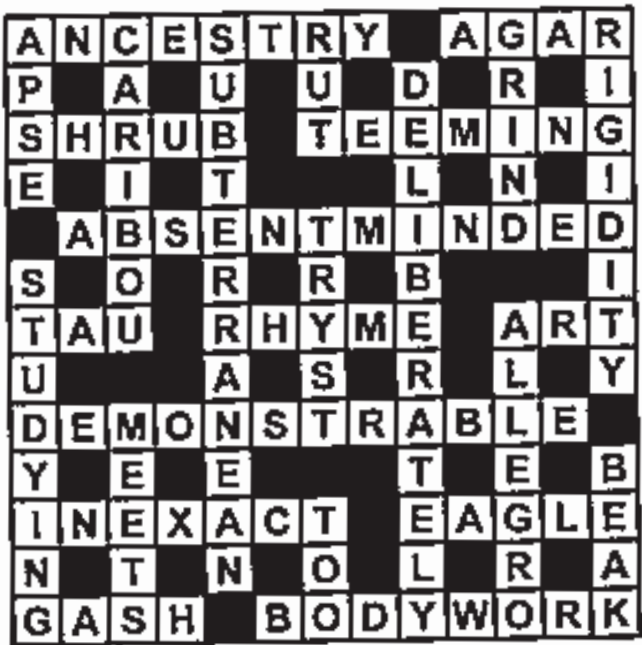
By now I was really quite terrified. I was actually starting to believe this madman. Or was he? The bus had never been this late before, and there had always been several people, like me, on the seat by now. There was not another soul around. It was as if the World had simply stopped. There was no wind. I’d only just realised it, but clouds seem to simply hover...

He continued: “I’ll demonstrate. Look up...”

I did. What I saw changed my whole attitude to this ... person. First all I saw were several black specs, but as they got closer I made out their shapes. There was a mother pig, and six small piglets flapping pig-like wings as they swooped to within several metres of me. I couldn’t take my eyes off them, until they disappeared into the distance.

I looked around. I was alone. The Sun finally came from behind a cloud, which scudded across the sky. The noise of a motor came to my ears.

It was the bus. Why was it only then that I realised what the initials of the man’s title spelled out?



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GINGIN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION GRAND FINAL



Gingin Basketball Association held its grand final matches on the 6th of March. We would like to congratulate all of our teams who competed in these games for the level of sportsmanship they showed to not only each other, but also the officials and referees.

The winners for the 2025/26 season

Sub-Juniors - **Dragons (53)** vs Centaurs (20)

MVP - Levi Pascoe



Juniors - **Panthers (32)** vs Pumas (30)

MVP - Charlie Fitzpatrick



Seniors - **Hazards (47)** vs Eagles (37)

MVP - Noah Schlaghecke



Also a big
congratulations to all of
our individual award
winners

Sub Juniors

Coaches Awards

Dragons - Quinn Smithyman

Centaurs - Casper Aldridge

Phoenix - Katarra Watson

Banshees - Lucas McCallum

R/Up MVP - Nikola Cavaric

MVP - Levi Pascoe

Juniors

Coaches Awards

Panthers - Theo Camiller

Pumas - Corey Smith

Bobcats - Charlie Hyme

Lynx - Liam Davidson

R/Up MVP - Braxton Kalajzich

MVP - Keanoe Glover

Seniors

Most Fouls - Tayben Underwood

R/Up MVP - Lachie Green

MVP - James Weckert



We are looking forward to an equally successful 2026/27 season!

Gingin "REDS" Cricket Club

The Gingin Reds were again successful in the South Midlands Cricket Association Grand Final, defeating the Dandaragan Bears at Dandaragan Oval. The Reds were victorious by 51 runs after a hard-fought game played in great spirit. Led by captain Lewis Roe, who batted brilliantly, scoring 117 runs, it proved to be a match-winning performance. He was ably supported by Jacob Edwards (56 runs), Frederic Roe (32 runs), and others who contributed to the winning total of 249. Dandaragan were gallant in defeat, and the Player of the Final was awarded to Dekan John-Furnace, who made 155 runs and also took 3 wickets. The Reds' bowling was spearheaded by Will Roe with figures of 9 overs, 2 maidens, 3 for 21. Other wicket-takers were Col Fewster

(2 for 47) and Joshua Dale (2 for 64).

The club this year has been able to resurface both our practice wickets and the main cricket wicket, all completed with grants from Bendigo Bank Gingin and the Shire of Gingin, along with significant contributions from the club. The introduction of "Blast Cricket" this season was an amazing success, with as many as 25 girls and boys up to 12 years old involved on a weekly basis. It will be back again next year. There are far too many people to name individually, but the club cannot operate without the assistance and commitment of many local businesses, family members, and supporters. To each and every one who contributed, our sincere thanks.

Gingin Bowling Club

Congratulation to our Ladies Captain Julie Watson, on her selection to play in the Inter Zone event recently held in Jurien Bay and then to be chosen to play in the Country All Stars side.

The Moore District Ladies Pennant Finals were contested between Gingin and Lancelin Blue. Following a closely fought competition, Lancelin earned their place in the final by securing more points in the last round against Bindoon.

It was wonderful to see a display of great sportsmanship on the day and to watch all the new players from both teams performing well under finals pressure. Well done to all.

A special mention must go to Gingin's brand new player who has not played sport since her school days, (always watched her children and grandchildren) Sue celebrated her first ever grand final win. What a fantastic achievement. A



day she will always remember.

The day wound up with everyone enjoying lunch at CU@Park. Thank you to Dan Bam our Umpire for the day, and Steve McLean for preparing the 'Greens' and all the spectators who came along to support the players.

Some fantastic bowls were played in the recently held Men's singles. Congratulations to Stephen Beckwith, our new Club Champion, and Steve McLean who defeated Rod Reynolds in the Plate final. Well done to our Novice Singles Winner Murray Cassidy who defeated Ray Levitt in a very tight game.



Announcements

Happy 89th Birthday Diana Dewar

Happy 89th Birthday to Mum, we wish you a fantastic day and can't wait to celebrate it with you! and services offered.

Diana is now residing at Bethanie Beachside Yanchep, where she is enjoying the facilities

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

VALE Elizabeth Chewter 24/04/1938-26/03/2026

Elizabeth Chewter was a deeply loved mother, grandmother, and partner whose warmth and kindness touched all who knew her. She was a proud life member of the Gingin Art and Craft Group and held "Legend" status within the CWA, reflecting her dedication, creativity, and community spirit. Elizabeth will be remembered for her generous heart, her friendships, and the lasting impact she made in her community. A memorial service will be held after Easter. Please check with the CRC for further details.



Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Stacey Smith, Amy Connell, Daniel Knight, Luke Crowe, Kari-Anne Slater, Mark Tanguyan, Oliayr Krywko-Cozhen, Ann Thom, Samantha Foster, Connie Walker, Shay Rall, Amy Devantier, Catherine Connelly, Sharna

Del Borrello, Paul Moxham, James Bayliss and Michelle Crossley

Happy Birthday!

Welcome Bindi Groves

Hello, my name is Bindi, I've lived in Gingin for most of my life.

I recently graduated from high school and have been given the opportunity to do the traineeship with the CRC for 2026.

I enjoy spending time with my cats; I love art and making stories to go along with my scribbles.

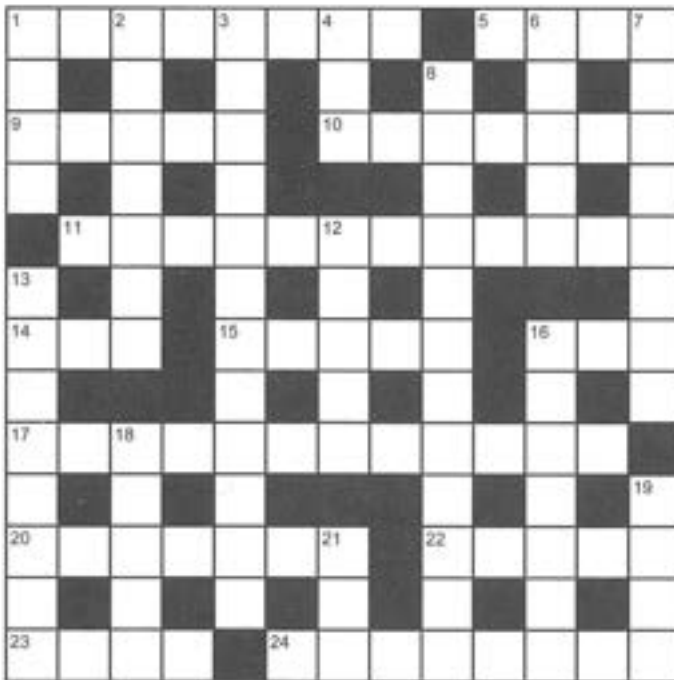
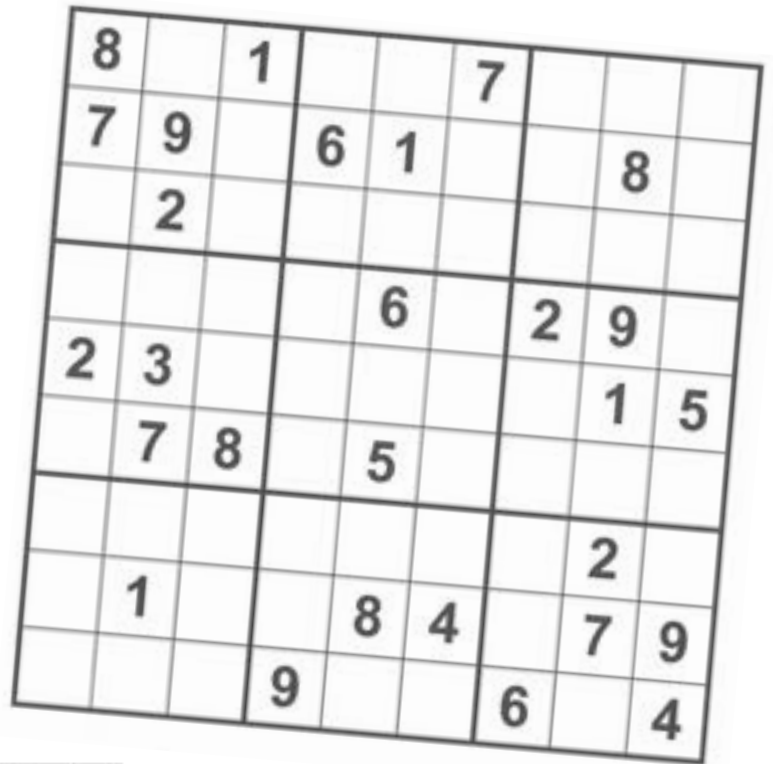
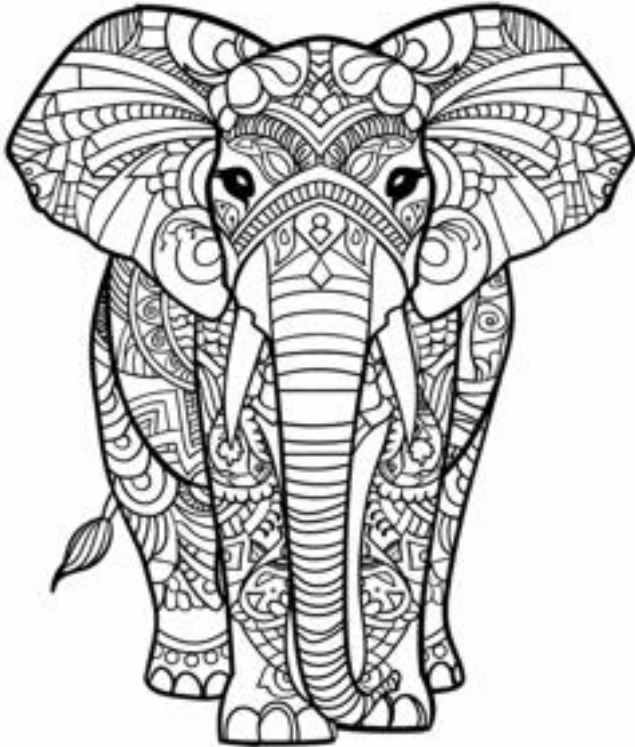
I look forward to trying to help the Gingin community to the best of my ability.



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

BRAIN BUZZ



Across

1. The origin of something (8)
5. Jelly or culture medium (4)
9. Small woody plant (5)
10. Abounding (7)
11. Lost in thought (6-6)
14. 19th Greek letter (3)
15. Type of verse (5)
16. What a painter creates (3)
17. Clearly evident (12)
20. Imprecise (7)
22. A score of two under par on a hole (golf) (5)
23. Lesion (4)
24. Exterior of a motor vehicle (8)

Down

1. Peas (anag.) (4)
2. Reindeer (7)
3. Underground (12)
4. Mud channel (3)
6. Crunch; wear down (5)
7. Lack of flexibility (8)
8. Intentionally (12)
12. Secret rendezvous (5)
13. Reading carefully (8)
16. Quick musical tempo (7)
18. Confronts (5)
19. Bill (4)
21. Also (3)



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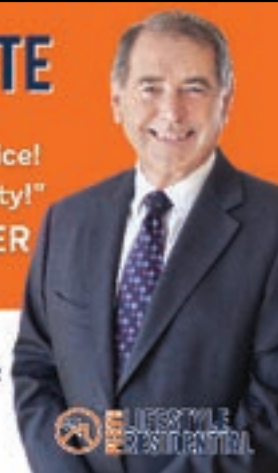
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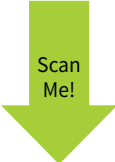

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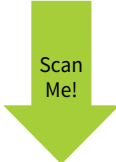
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