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Young WA Riders - Heidi & Jake Brown

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JUNE ISSUE CUTOFF

Friday 22nd May



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It's lovely to have some rain after the summer we've had.

Here at the CRC we've been busy removing the contents of the library so the flooring could be replaced, and then of course placing it all back again. There have been a few changes, and we've also gained some more space and freshened everything up. Pop in and have a look when you're around next.

In the second week of May, we will have a team of third-year Curtin University medical students visiting to engage with local community members for a Therapeutic Garden Project. Let's all show them what a great community we are and help encourage future medical staff to our region.

Then on Thursday 21st May we will host our Biggest Morning Tea event, a long-table morning tea on the back veranda of the CRC. We'll have a few raffles and activities as well, of course.

No doubt you have all heard that the decision was made to cancel this year's Gingin British Car

Day due to the bridge works. The more I see the impact of the busy times on that bridge while it is under repair, the more certain I am that we made the right decision. It was also very kind of people to suggest alternative locations and offer ideas for this year's event, but without knowing all the facts, it can appear very simple. It is not.

Also coming up on 28 May, we are hosting a low-tox (or better still, toxin-free) home workshop. We'll be making effective, natural alternatives to a few of the expensive and very toxic everyday cleaning products. More information is emerging about the chemicals in common household products, and their effects on both our health and the environment. There is a wealth of knowledge around alternative, natural, toxin-free cleaning and personal products that can be made at home, and it's a very satisfying thing to do.

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



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Staying in Place
Client Coordinator



STAYING IN PLACE GINGIN

- OUR SERVICE :**
- ✓ Locally coordinated home care packages.
 - ✓ Local workforce
 - ✓ Advocacy by a local team to ensure you receive the maximum from your home care package.



'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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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 - Young WA Riders - Heidi & Jake Brown

Young WA Riders shine at National Championships in Dubbo, New South Wales. Local riders Heidi and Jake Brown have returned home with impressive results after competing at the RSNCA Australian National Championships. The prestigious event drew competitors from across Australia and internationally, with riders travelling from as far as America and France to take part.

Facing a highly competitive field, both Heidi and Jake took on one of the sport's toughest challenges, competing on borrowed horses they had only the briefest opportunity to practise with just before their runs. This added layer of difficulty, tested not only their riding ability, but also their adaptability and composure under pressure.

Despite these challenges, both riders delivered outstanding performances. Competing against a large field of 76 runs, Heidi and Jake each secured a place in the finals, an impressive achievement in itself.

Jake showed consistency throughout the competition, earning two runs in the finals. Unfortunately, in his final run, a minor error saw the nose of the wrong cow cross the line out of order, ending his campaign earlier than he had hoped. Nevertheless, his performance demonstrated strong skill and determination against top-level competition.

Heidi's journey to the finals was a story of resilience. After a difficult start where she "busted" her first run, she regrouped, worked closely with her horse, and came back with focus and determination. Her efforts paid off as she sorted seven head in a standout run, securing her place in the finals in second position.

In the final, Heidi delivered a clean and confident performance, holding onto her position to claim Reserve National Champion in her division, missing the top spot by just one cow. Notably, she was also one of the youngest competitors in her class, making her achievement even more remarkable.

Both riders should be commended, not only

for their results, but for their ability to draw unfamiliar horses and partners throughout the event, an aspect of the competition that demands quick thinking, adaptability, and strong horsemanship.

Beyond the arena, the championships were marked by an electric atmosphere, with strong camaraderie among competitors and supporters. The Brown family also enjoyed cheering on fellow Western Australian riders who made the journey to Dubbo, adding to a memorable and inspiring experience.

Heidi and Jake's achievements highlight the strength of young talent coming out of Western Australia, and their performances at a national level have made their local community proud.

By Rachel Brown



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.

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Gingin Art & Craft

Gingin Community Shows Its Heart at Epilepsy Awareness Morning Tea

Gingin Art & Craft hosted a successful and heartfelt Purple Epilepsy Awareness Morning Tea on 27 March, bringing the community together for an important cause.



With strong support from locals and businesses, the event raised an impressive \$824, contributing to epilepsy awareness and support initiatives.

Attendees enjoyed a warm and welcoming morning, with many also supporting the

event by purchasing specially prepared morning tea boxes. Local businesses played a key role in the day's success through their generous orders and encouragement.

A highlight of the event was the raffle, made possible by generous community donations. Prizes included a stunning necklace donated by Mark Cox Jewellery, won by Lisa; a second jewellery prize was donated by Theresa Elsworth and won by Joyce.



Gingin Art & Craft extends its sincere thanks to everyone who attended, contributed, and supported the event. The morning was a wonderful reflection of the Gingin community spirit, people coming together to support one another while raising awareness for epilepsy.

Events like these continue to show the strength, generosity, and compassion that make Gingin such a special place to live.



Where Gingin Art & Craft All Began

In 1976, Gingin was a town where creativity was part of everyday life. Sewing, knitting, embroidery, painting and other handmade skills were quietly practiced in homes across the community, at kitchen tables and on verandas, forming a strong but often unseen creative tradition.

At that time, conversations began to emerge about creating a shared space. Not for celebration, but from a simple community idea, a place where people could come together, share skills, learn from one another, and build connections through creativity.

At the same time, the historic Granville building stood as an opportunity. Rather than remaining unused, the community recognised its potential. With a central location and multiple rooms, it offered the perfect setting for workshops, meetings and creative collaboration, breathing new life into a piece of Gingin's history (now home to CU @ Park).

From this, the concept of a Gingin Community Craft Group took shape. It wasn't just about craft, it was about community, learning, and creating a space where knowledge could be passed on and new skills discovered.

Although these ideas began in 1976, the

group itself did not formally establish until 1979.

What started as a simple idea became something meaningful, a place built on connection, creativity, and shared purpose.



Santa's Elf - Belated Update

The local community came together in a heartwarming way over the holiday season, ensuring that everyone could share in the joy of Christmas. Community Christmas hampers were generously prepared and distributed, bringing smiles to many recipients. The Shire contributed vouchers for the Gingin butchers, adding fresh options to the hampers, while the Giving Tree at the CRC provided a wonderful selection of presents. A special mention goes to Christine and her family, whose efforts resulted in an abundance of "bumper hampers," as well as to the many kind and caring community members who contributed

their time, donations, and support. Thanks to this collective generosity, all recipients were delighted and deeply appreciative, highlighting the strong spirit of giving that defines the community.



Gingin Garden Group

The April meeting of the Gingin Garden Club was held at Terry and Loraine Green's property, where we were fortunate to enjoy beautiful weather. Their home offered a fabulous vista from the back veranda, and as always, it was clear that a special effort had been made by the hosts, so a sincere thank you to them both. Irene ran the day in her usual efficient way, organising raffles, a not-so-silent auction of a beautiful rose, and thoughtful gifts for the



hosts and speakers. Special thanks also to Theresa and Michelle for stepping up and sharing with the group. Irene's idea to include these monthly personal snapshots has been wonderful. It's quickly becoming my favourite part of the day, at least until it's my turn! It really does create a lovely, safe, and bonding experience for everyone. T.R.



Gingin Chattering Lions

Celebrating 50 Years of Gingin Chattering Lions

This year marks a very special milestone for the Gingin Chattering Lions Club—our 50th anniversary. We recently came together to celebrate this incredible journey, reflecting on the people, projects, and moments that have shaped our club. While our charter members were unable to attend, they were very much in our thoughts and fondly remembered throughout the occasion.

Over five decades of service, we have been proud to recognise three Life Members who have made outstanding contributions to the club: Charlie Turner, a charter member; Brian Barlow, also a charter member from Wyndham with many years of dedicated service; and John Thompson, well known as the builder of our beloved Lions train trailer. Our club's impact on the community can

be seen in a range of meaningful projects, including:

- The redesign and donation of Chandi's Walker by John Skevington, presented to the Ability Centre along with \$5,000
- The construction of the playground at Bindoon
- The Centenary Rotunda at Bindoon
- The Sound Shell in Granville Park, Gingin
- The restoration of the Gingin Railway Station
- Ongoing fundraising and appeals to support families facing difficult times

Of course, it's not just the achievements but the memories that truly define our club. Among the many highlights are:

- A spectacular debutante ball in 1988 with over 200 participants

- Assisting at the Barbagallo VIP racing event
- Our continued involvement in the Avon Descent
- The heartbreaking loss of our hall to fire in 1978, including all our regalia, followed by an overwhelming show of support from Lions Clubs across Australia, who sent bannerettes in solidarity
- Becoming the proud owners of the Lions Den on Horan Street in 2012, now shared with community groups such as the Red Cross

and Koorunga CWA, an enduring example of community supporting community

- And, of course, our famous Lions train, bringing smiles to faces at fetes and events wherever it goes

As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to continuing our work in the community for many years to come.

Next Meeting:

Join us on 11 May at 6:30 pm for a shared dinner, followed by our business meeting. New faces are always welcome!

Gingin Red Cross

Thank you.

Last month we had our Masquerade dance, and we would like to thank the following for helping us have a successful event: Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin - Bendigo Bank, Adam Shields Realty, Autism Horses Australia, P E Beauty Salon, Poppys Beauty Clinic, Country Values Real Estate, Gingin Hotel, Gingin Chiropractic - Evospine Chiropractic and Wellness, Gingym, Cellarbrations Gingin, Shire of Gingin, Gingin IGA, Gingin Butcher, Gingin Trading Home Hardware, Honeycomb Nail Bar, Luxxe Hair Studio, Lorna Owen Beauty, Gingin Pharmacy,

Sweetness Dreams Dream Catchers, Your Serenity Massage, W & J Greenwell, Gingin Dental Clinic, Bibi Biscuits, Robyn Cooper. The winners of the money boards were Brett Fyfe and Brooke Saric

Monthly Morning Tea

We are not having our regular morning tea this month. We are having an outing the following Wednesday 13 May to the Horse Therapy Place. Please RSVP for details as we have limited spaces so you need to be quick.

Call Helen 0424 272 827 ASAP to secure your spot.

Gingin CRC

The 2026 Easter Hunt was a fantastic day, and it wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful volunteers from the Gingin/ Chittering Lions Club. The event simply wouldn't have been the same without you all.

The hunt kicked off at 10am, with Lauren at the registration table handing each child a bag that would soon be filled with prizes. She also ran a guessing game featuring a large glass jar filled with paper swirls. Children had the chance to guess how many were inside, and the lucky winner, Logan, walked away with a box of 10 Easter eggs for his guess of 123 swirls. Before heading to the first station, parents were able to

grab a much-needed coffee from the coffee van, giving them "fuel" to keep up with their children.

The first station, "What's in the Box," challenged children to use their sense of touch to guess mystery items hidden inside cardboard boxes. From hole punches and umbrellas to animal-noise buttons, there was no way to know what was inside until they reached in. Keeping with the theme of surprises, the prize here was a lucky dip.

At the next station, children used ladles to rescue plastic eggs containing stamps from a large taped-over tub. Then, at station three, in front of a beautiful mural, they met the one and only Easter Bunny, (our past trainee

Mikayla) for some happy snaps.

After the excitement, children burned off some energy in a three-legged race before heading to the craft station, where they could wind down and get creative with potato stamps, paintbrushes and rollers; everything they needed to create their own masterpieces.

Next up was the crowd favourite: the Gingin Chittering Lions Train. It was such a hit that a few children couldn't resist sneaking in an extra ride or two. Following that was "Prize Pong," where participants bounced ping-pong balls into cups to win Play-Doh prizes.

The final station featured the CRC's very own

Carrie, bravely wearing an oversized pair of granny pants while children attempted to toss small beach balls into them to win their last prize. And yes, Carrie was definitely a willing participant!

The hunt concluded back at the Sound Shell, where Lauren handed out bags of Easter goodies to wrap up the day.

A special thank you goes to the Treasure Trove for their support, all of our incredible volunteers, and the families who joined us. This event wouldn't have been nearly as successful or enjoyable without each and every one of you.

By Bindi, CRC Trainee



Gingin Bus Trip to the Perth Garden Show

Perth Garden Show Report – Saturday 18 April

Judging from the happy faces and comments on the trip home from the Perth Garden Show the event may become a “must do” on the town’s social calendar of events.

This is the second year the outing was organized through the CRC and one of its volunteers. A total of 15 passengers (plus driver) boarded the Community Bus at 9.30am – a 100% passenger increase on last year’s numbers in a bus that has a 22 seat capacity. The slightly lesser than capacity number gave a comfortable feel, with space for a mobility walker and any homeward bound purchases.

This outing “ticked” all the boxes on the day.

- Prebooked tickets via the CRC, so no waiting in a long queue at the entrance of the Show.
- A discounted ticket price.
- Convenient central location for pick up in Gingin, with nearby parking to leave your car during the day.
- Drop off point directly in front of the entrance to the Show, with parking under shade for the Bus, which was also immediate to the entrance. This also allowed for an early return to the Bus if you desired, and no long walk involved.
- A mobile phone contact number was given to the passengers by the organizer of the trip, should anything untoward occur during the day, and contact was required.
- Great social interaction and meeting of new residents to the town, both to and fro, on the bus.
- The combined outing in one vehicle meant overall fuel usage was less in this time of shortages and high costs – with an intrinsic environmental benefit to all.
- The Weather Gods provided a perfect day, not too hot and not too cool.
- McCallam Park has lovely shaded and

grassy areas, with seating for the weary and the “people watchers”.

- There were plenty of stalls for all interests and tastes, not only plants (basic to exotic) but gardenalia, garden equipment, to displays and information on larger type machinery and water tanks for those involved in the horticultural industry; and of course the Garden Gurus and experts were there to give a range of interesting talks on gardening layout, being water wise, and how to grow all manner of plants from orchids, to zygocactus to mushrooms.

- An amazing occurrence of “Coals to Newcastle” also occurred with the presence of one stall at the Show. A small local Gingin nursery owner had been invited to participate in one of the major groupings of stalls – so those of us who bought at her stall returned Gingin propagated plants to their home soil !! Her stall also indirectly promoted our lovely Shire and what it has to offer as a gardeners’ paradise.

- Finally an important box ticked, was the safe and helpful driver, who did a minor detour on the way home for a more convenient drop off for one passenger. We departed Gingin on time and left for return on time, arriving back by 4.30pm. Thankyou once again Colin.

The day proved so successful that the participants and others have asked that consideration be given to a trip being organized to the Kalamunda Garden Festival, Stirk Park, Kalamunda on Sunday 7 June.

This is a ticketed event that occurs the first weekend of every new season, and because it is so popular ticket sales are limited by the organizers. Ticket charge is \$10.00

To make it a viable trip from Gingin there must be a guaranteed number of 18 passengers.

More information will be available through the CRC, the Electronic Notice Board and the CRC Facebook page. The Kalamunda Garden Festival organizers also have a comprehensive Website to view.

Footnote

The Garden Show outings are not only for women; one husband who “dissuaded” his wife from buying any more plants for their already jam packed and beautiful garden, managed to spend \$500 on garden equipment. “Her indoors” has been told she can use the tools !!

So it can be said a good day was had by all.

Written by M.H. Cameron



Gingin Library

The Gingin Library has recently undergone an exciting makeover. Visitors will notice fresh new carpet, newly painted interiors, and updated furniture, all contributing to a more welcoming and comfortable space. We're also thrilled to introduce our brand-new 3D printer, opening up creative opportunities for the community, you may have even seen it in action at the Shire's recent Youth Expo. This transformation would not have been possible without the generous support of the State Library grant, along with the dedication and hard work of the Shire of Gingin's maintenance team, Scott, Simon, Danny, Bec, and Ross. A special thank you also goes to our CRC volunteers, Alison, Jenni, and Sharon, who assisted with the packing and moving of stock. Without their help, the move out and back in would not have been nearly as smooth.



Gingin Brook Catchment Group

Emerging Weed Alert

The Gingin Brook Catchment Group held its AGM on Tuesday 21st April. A brief report on the results of the 2025 water quality monitoring in the Gingin Brook Catchment was presented. More on that in a future column.

Also received was an update on the progress of the Amazon Frogbit control program. The upper and lower extent of the infestation has been confirmed and barriers installed at the lower end of the infestation to prevent it travelling further downstream as streamflow increases with winter rain. The full length of the infestation has now received two herbicide applications. Most has been by spraying, with some badly infested sections, where conditions were suitable for its use, being treated by the tablet in water method. This method is more effective but can't be used in all areas. A further herbicide treatment is to be carried out in the worst affected areas this year. Continuing control is required and efforts will be made to source funding for this. The community is encouraged to remain vigilant and report any suspected new infestations.

As those who have been following the story of the Amazon Frogbit will be aware an infestation can quickly become a major exercise to control if it is not detected and control measures commenced quickly. With this in mind an alert has been issued asking the public to be on the lookout for Noogoora Burr (*Xanthium strumarium*)

It is a widespread and very serious weed in large parts of the world and is a declared pest in the whole of WA. In the Kimberley it is category C3 (must be managed). In the rest of the state, it is listed in category C2 meaning eradication of all infestations is required to prevent it becoming established. There have been infestations detected in the Pilbara, Perth and near Denmark in the past. In the Perth area it has been found at Yanchep, Lake Joondalup and Lake Gwelup and most recently at Carine Open Space.

Noogoora Burr is a shrub to 2.5m tall (sometimes to 4m). The stems are hairy but do not have spines (a similar plant, Bathurst Burr, has similar burrs but has narrower leaves with spines at the base of the leaves). The leaves somewhat resemble grapevine leaves and are 50-150mm long and wide. They are darker on the upper surface than the lower and have 3 prominent purplish veins. The flowers are yellow or green and in clusters on the end of the branches and/or in the leaf axils. Burrs form in February to May. The burrs are 10-25mm long starting out green and turning brown when mature. They have many hooked spines on the surface which attach to clothing, fur and feathers and are transported this way to new locations. Spread can also be in soil, mud and roadmaking activities. The burrs also float and are often spread by water along waterways and across floodplains.

Noogoora Burr is a problem because the burrs contaminate wool, seedlings are toxic to animals particularly horses and pigs, and the plants compete aggressively with pastures and crops. The preferred habitat of the plants is moist soil. Dense thickets can form around wetlands, excluding native understorey and therefore reducing biodiversity.

If you find any plants which you think might be Noogoora Burr please report them promptly. Include date, time, location and, if possible, photos in your report. If in doubt about ID take some photos and report anyway. Report online to mypestguide.agric.wa.au or via the MyPestGuide reporter app or email to padis@dpird.wa.gov.au.

You can contact us info@gingincatchment.org.au, see our webpage or follow us on Facebook.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group.

Noogoora Burr plant and mature burrs Photo: DNRD



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YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

18-24 MAY 2026



MARINE
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RESCUE**



St John



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES AFTERNOON

MOORE RIVER BREWERY, 558 CARABAN RD
3PM - 6PM, SAT 23 MAY 2026

**Celebrate our Shire's dedicated emergency services personnel,
most of whom volunteer their time to serve our community!
Meet the crews, find out how you can join, and take part in
activities for the whole family to enjoy!**

ICE-CREAM, COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- Bushfire Risk Mitigation Plan (2026-2028).
- Change of Commencement Time for Council Meetings.
- Lease of Gingin Incident Control Centre - Lot 99 Weld St, Gingin.
- Sublease Proposal - Lot 500 Jones Street, Gingin (Gingin Railway Station).
- Lancelin Coastal Erosion Update.
- 5 Motions of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given
- Planning Applications - 2 applications considered.

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

Strategic Community Plan - Available for Public Comment!

The Shire of Gingin has prepared a draft of the Strategic Community Plan (2026 - 2036), and we want your feedback before 22 May!

This is your opportunity to ensure what we heard at the Strategic Direction Community Workshops and in the Community Perception Survey results, are reflected in the draft SCP.

There is still time to provide feedback:

1. Complete a short survey via the QR code below.
2. Send your feedback via email to mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Public comment is available until **22 May 2026**.

WAYS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

**ONLINE SURVEY**

**EMAIL THE SHIRE**



SCAN THE QR CODE
To read the Draft Strategic Community Plan, or provide your feedback, please visit our website (gingin.wa.gov.au) or contact us via mail@gingin.wa.gov.au

Public comment available until **22 May 2026**

Upcoming/Works In Progress Update

Drainage Management Works:

Side entry pit and soak well drainage works throughout the Shire have commenced. These works are essential to improve stormwater management and reduce localised flooding ahead of the winter rains.

We kindly ask residents and road users to please be mindful of workers when driving past and adhere to all temporary signage in place.

Upcoming Survey Works - Road Condition and Asset Survey:

Road condition and asset survey works across our sealed road network has commenced and will continue for the next couple weeks. Specialised vehicles will be travelling throughout the area to capture pavement condition data, road surface assessments, and images of road assets.

These surveys help us plan future maintenance and ensure our roads remain safe and well-maintained for everyone.

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.

Restricted Burning Period

1 May 2026 - 15 May 2026 (midnight)

The Shire of Gingin is in its Restricted Burning Period. Permits are now available for:

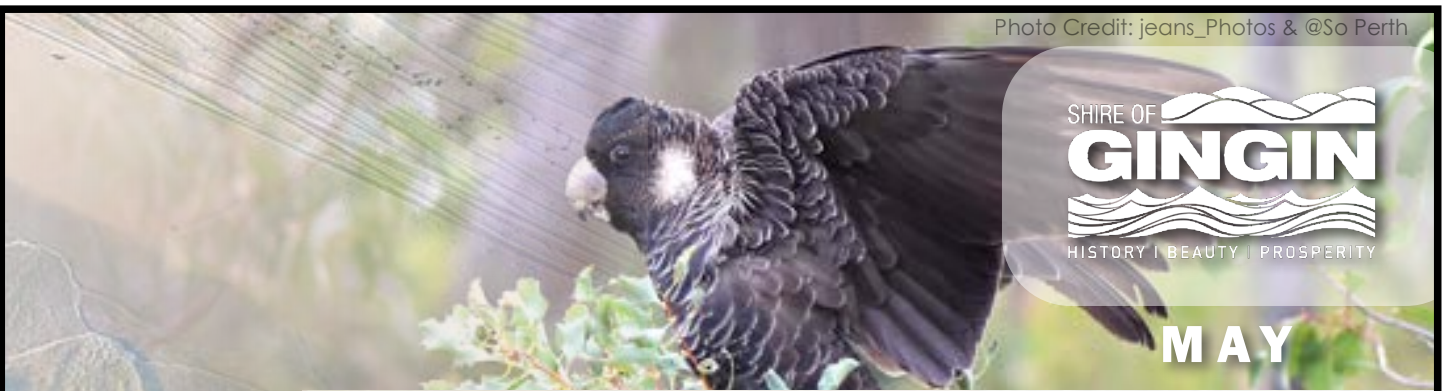
- Agricultural burns;
- Pile burns; and
- Bush blocks

Reminder, it is your responsibility to:

- Obtain a permit
- Check weather conditions and fire danger rating (FDR) the day you burn
- Call DFES on (08) 9395 9209 to register your burn
- Have three or more people supervising the burn

To obtain a Permit to Burn, please visit: gingin.wa.gov.au

For more information on permissions during the Restricted Burning Period, please refer to your Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information booklet (that you will have received in your annual rates envelope). Alternatively, you can view the Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information booklet via: gingin.wa.gov.au



MAY

Community Emergency Services Afternoon!

Join us for an afternoon to celebrate our incredibly dedicated emergency services personnel who serve our community!

From 3:00pm - 6:00pm at Moore River Brewing Co, you'll have a chance to meet the crew, learn about volunteering or working at various emergency organisations in our Shire, and take part in some games.

This family friendly event is proudly sponsored by Volunteering WA, Lotterywest and the Minderoo Foundation as part of the National Volunteer Week.

Thank you to Lancelin Marine Rescue, Gingin Volunteer Fire & Rescue, St John WA - Lancelin, Gingin DHS and Gingin Police for supporting the Shire with this project. Thanks also to the Shire of Gingin Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and Gingin Red Cross for participating.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES AFTERNOON

MOORE RIVER BREWERY, 558 CARABAN RD

3PM - 6PM, SAT 23 MAY 2024

Found a lost pet? Report it! Don't post it...

If you spot a wandering pet or witness a dog attack, you should contact our Rangers immediately, rather than posting it on social media.

Quick reporting helps prevent incidents and escalation and keeps our community safe. Contact our Rangers on **9575 5140**.

What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

SPACE Weekly Meetings

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

Makers & Growers Mother's Day Market

Sunday 9 May, 9:00am - 12:00pm, 11 Constable St, Gingin.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 19 May, 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Shire of Gingin Council Chambers, Gingin.

Community Emergency Services Afternoon

Saturday 23 May, 3:00pm - 6:00pm, Moore River Brewery, Caraban.

Lower Coastal Community Bus - Senior's Lunch

Saturday 27 May, Hillary's Yacht Club.

Workforce Ready Workshop

Monday 1 July, 1A Lily King Place, Gingin.

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

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Gingin District High School

Busy Term of Learning, Leadership and Community Connection at Gingin DHS

It has been another busy and rewarding term at Gingin District High School, with students embracing opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

Several of our students recently attended the Connecting Youth Expo 2026, which was once again a fantastic success for the region. The expo gave students the opportunity to connect with local organisations, explore support services, and learn more about future pathways in education, training and employment. Our students represented the school with maturity and enthusiasm, making the most of everything the day had to offer.

Our Year 9/10 Wildlife Cadets continue to make a positive impact through their involvement in the Perth Zoo Habitats for Wildlife Program. Working alongside Emily from the program, students have been investigating ways to enhance habitat opportunities within our school grounds. One exciting project currently underway is the planning and design of a possum box for a local possum that calls our school home. This has been a wonderful hands-on learning experience, allowing students to combine environmental knowledge with practical action to support native wildlife.

We were also proud to hold our annual ANZAC Day service, bringing together students, staff, dignitaries and community members to reflect and remember. We thank our guest speakers, Ms Caitlin Mathews, Able Seaman Marine Technician (Retired), and Sergeant Katie Smith, Senior Medical Technician from RAAF Base Pearce, for generously sharing their time and experiences with our students. Their words added depth and significance to the occasion. We also extend our thanks to Bob Hendry on the bugle, whose rendition of the Last Post and Rouse brought dignity to the ceremony and inspired quiet reflection among those in attendance.

A special flyover during the service provided a powerful and moving moment, adding to the significance of the occasion and leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

We have many exciting events coming up this term that we look forward to sharing with you. Don't forget to come along and support our students at the annual Cross Country Run on Thursday 14 May.





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STRATEGIC **DRAFT** Community Plan



The Shire of Gingin has prepared a first draft of the Strategic Community Plan (2026 - 2036), and we want your feedback!

This is your opportunity to ensure what we heard at the Strategic Direction Community Workshops and in the Community Perception Survey results, are reflected in the draft SCP.

WAYS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK



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To read the Draft Strategic Community Plan, or provide your feedback, please visit our website (gingin.wa.gov.au) or contact us via mail@gingin.wa.gov.au

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A Piece of Poetry by Joan Sherman 1935

It was a cosy room with a large fire burning three huge logs and sending flickering shadows over the old furniture. I was writing poetry by the firelight, lying full length on the big, bearskin rug. The attempt pleased me, for I had just thought of the last line. All the evening I had 'poured' over poetry books to find a word rhyming with "worm". This proved too difficult, so I decided on a four-line verse with only two rhyming. All day, it had been pouring with rain as it generally does, holiday time. The maid had just lit the big glass oil lamp when my host, Mr Weller appeared, pipe in hand.

"What are you doin' lass?" he inquired, filling his pipe while he stood with his back to the fire.

"Making poetry. Would you like to hear it?" I said, for I was rather proud to find I could make poetry.

"Bein' I've got five minutes or so, I'll listen, only mind you, I'll not hol' with it if its ought to do with fune-rulls. It - it 'ud min' me o' me poor mother, if I 'eard of another fune-rull."

"Oh, no, Mr Weller," I hastened to assure him. "Of course I wouldn't write about funerals. This is about blackbirds. You listen and -"

"I know a bit 'bout blackbirds. In me youth I learnt it. I believe I made it up, too. Poetry is in me family. Something 'bout bein' in a pie all baked with a king it were. All 'is robes an' crown on 'e 'ad. 'Baint respicable for royalty to be in a pie with a lot of birds. 'E ought to have known better, that 'e did. Get on my dear".

"The Blackbird", I began.

"The blackbird -"

"You doesn't say blackbird twice in one line. 'Taint right. I knew a chap as made one like that and he was 'ung. 'Ung dead 'e was an' all."

"No, Mr Weller. The first time was the title and the second time, the beginning of the verse."

"Silly to 'ave 'em beginnin' the same any 'ow," he reproved, puffing his pipe, "Still, you might grow more brains when you're as old as me. Begin again and leave out the first bird, it puts me off me stroke."

"The blackbird is a is a dainty bird -"

"Baint dainty nor me or you," interrupted Mr Weller, "tail all straggeldy, nest untidy, and the babies -," he lifted his hands, indecent I call it. Nuthin' on an' all the folks a-passin' and lookin' in on 'em -."

"You see, as it is poetry, you have to put things in like that." I interposed, trying to reason with him.

"The blackbird is a dainty bird,

It flies from tree to tree, -"

"Does it now?" interrupted my host, "I only seed 'em fly in one tree. Not two at once.

"It leaves one to go to another," I explained.

"Why? I bet they're all women. Always ajawin' and visitin' trees when they should be at 'ome."

"I wanted it to rhyme with tea," I said.

"Tea? They don't drink tea. I knew a cat as drank tea, and a dawg but not a bird.

You'll pisin them 'an 'ave the police arter you, that's what."

"I don't intend to," I said. "I want it to rhyme with tea in another line, like this, listen -"

It always eats fat garden worms, -"

"Gardin worms? Don' you b'lieve it. Them are my flower seeds. You shoo 'em off next time you set eyes on the scoundrels in me gardin. Can't even keep your gardin free from the thievin' wretches, 'an what happens to the tea? Thye don't drink tea with worms. Wicked it is ---."

"No, no. Listen a minute,

It always eats fat garden worms

For breakfast, dinner, tea.

See, tea rhymes with tree, and it comes

sensibly.”

“What sensibly? Never mind, you’ll learn what’s sensible later on. Yes, later on. Alright, alright.”

“This is the second verse now.”

“Second? ‘Ave you finished the first? Good. I mean er - it was good. It needed brains to think of all that, I should think. Rhymes fine ‘an all.”

“There is one more verse to it, -

Its song is sweet sounding music --- ”.

“Sweet sounding? Music? ‘Ave you ever ‘eard them things outer your winder on Sunday morning? Terrible. Awful din. Never seed an ‘orse race with such a row as they makes. When Betsy does ‘er scales and sings at the same time she’s not so worse as them birds on Sunday mornin’ outside the bloomin’ winder - ”

I was rather tired of his comments, so went on,

“Its song is sweet sounding music,

Wafted down on the breeze --- ”

“Woft? What’s wofted? Some silly newfangled invenshun used by them schools I’ll lay. Stupid ideas nowadays. Never mind, Can’t be ‘elped. What you stopped for? Get on,” he said, sliding his pipe between his teeth again

“And that’s the song you always hear - ”

“I’ve never ‘eard a song. They’s always atwitter, but never sing, not as I’ve ‘eard any rate. Nor’s anybody else I’ll be bound. Don’t you b’lieve it, me dear? Don’t b’lieve it.”

“As it flits between the trees,” I finished hurriedly (and with great relief).

“You said flits then ‘an flies just now,” complained my host, but my patience had gone. Muttering a suitable excuse, I snatched up my treasure and left the room while Mr Weller was left still standing in front of the dying fire complaining of “the younger generation”, “blackbirds” and “wrong ideas”.

Note: Joan Sherman is Alan Gent’s mother.

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Bowling Club

The 2025–26 summer season at the Gingin Bowling Club is drawing to a close after several weeks of exciting and competitive play across all divisions.

In the Moore District Bowling League Men's (MDBL) Pennants, Gingin enjoyed a strong showing, with three teams finishing in the top four. The elimination final saw Gingin Black face off against Guilderton, who were making a welcome return to finals action after many years. In a closely contested match, Gingin Black prevailed in a tight finish to advance.

In the major semi-final, Gold defeated Red to secure a direct place in the Grand Final. This left Gingin Black and Red to battle it out for the remaining Grand Final berth. A large crowd gathered on the club's new deck to watch the action unfold, cheering on both sides with plenty of good-natured banter adding to the atmosphere.

The match showcased high-quality bowling, with skippers carefully directing play and often needing to produce decisive final bowls to win ends. In a dramatic conclusion, the result came down to the final rink, where Red secured the crucial points to claim the 2025/2026 MDBL Men's Pennant title. Congratulations to all involved on a fantastic season.



The day concluded with players, spectators, and families enjoying a shared casserole meal, rounding off a memorable competition.

The Club's ladies have also had a busy and

successful period, competing in Women's Country Week, as well as State and Club Championship events. Congratulations to Kathy Gobbart and Julie Watson, who claimed the Country Week Pairs title with a win over fellow Northern Bowling Zone players from Dennison in the final, held under cover at Stirling Bowling Club after a demanding week of competition.

Following their success, Kathy and Julie contested the Club Ladies Singles



Championship, where Kathy's experience and determination saw her take the title with a 21–17. Congratulations Kathy.

In the Ladies Club Triples Championship, Julie Watson, Carolyn Brodie-Hall, and Kath Bulters combined well to secure a win. The Ladies Pairs Championship is scheduled to be played, weather permitting.



Best wishes are extended to all club members playing in the upcoming State Mixed Fours Championships.

The season will officially conclude with the Wind-Up and Presentation Evening, to be held at the club on 8 May.

Members and anyone interested in playing bowls are encouraged to keep an eye on the club's social media for details on the upcoming social winter bowls season.

Gingin Golf Club

GOLF OPENING DAY – SUNDAY 2 MAY 2026

Join us for a fun Ambrose Opening Day with random pairings on the day, perfect for all skill levels!

Schedule

- 9:30am – Breakfast
 - 11:00am – Hit off
 - After play – Nibbles provided
- \$15 per player

No handicap needed! New players and partners are strongly encouraged to come along and give it a go.

Membership Fees

- Full (incl. Scroungers) – \$200
- Non-home club – \$130
- Social – \$50
- Juniors 15–18 (with Golf Link) – \$70
- Juniors 15–18 (no Golf Link) – \$20
- Sub-juniors under 15 – \$15

Weekly Competitions

Wednesdays

- Ladies: 9:30am hit off (9 & 18 holes)
- Afternoon Scroungers (9 holes): ~3:30pm

Saturdays

- Men's 18-hole comp: 12:00pm hit off
- Ladies welcome

Junior Golf

Coaching and competition details TBA, keep an eye on social media and town noticeboards for updates!

ALL WELCOME AT

Gingin Golf Club

2026 SEASON OPENING DAYS

Wednesday 29th April
Men Scroungers 9 holes 3pm start

Club Opening Day - Saturday 2nd May
Champagne breakfast 9:30am
11am tee off - Mixed Ambrose

Wednesday 6th May
Ladies 9am for 9.30am start

Gingin Golf Club welcomes new members to the Club

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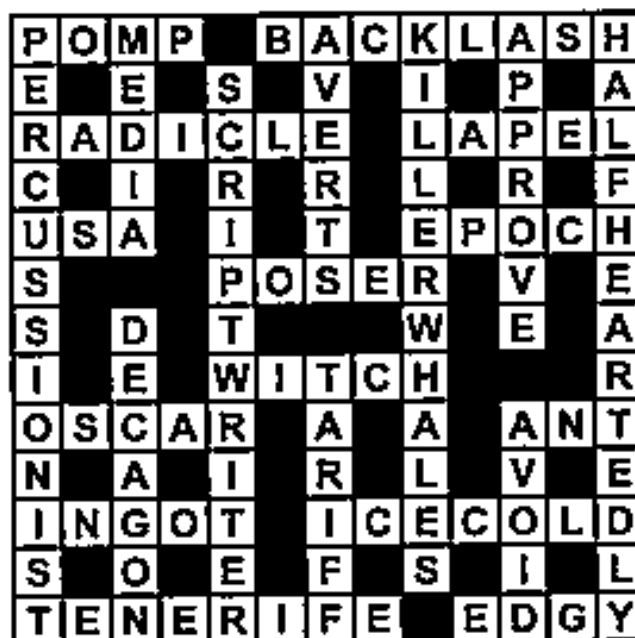
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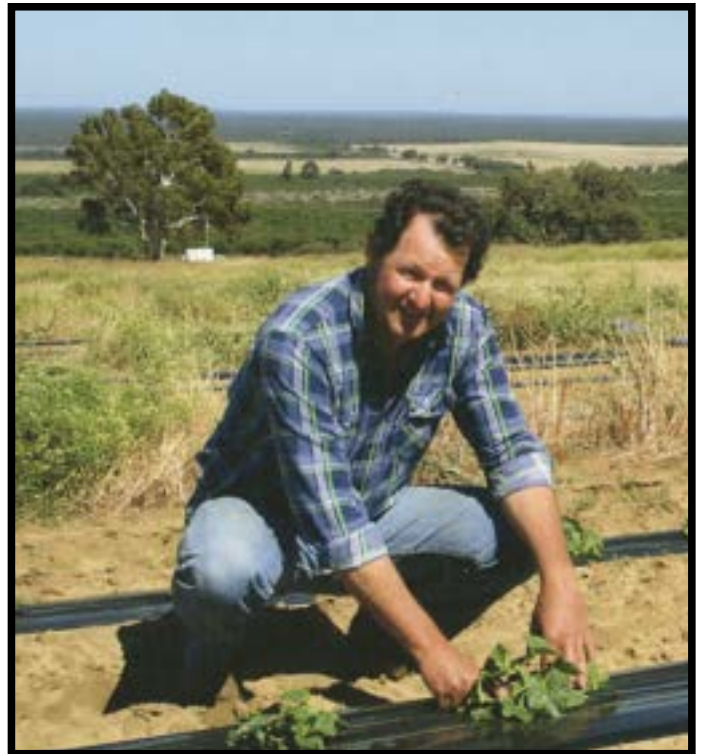
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Announcements

VALE Philip Norman Yukich 01.10.1959-19.04.2026

The community extends its sincere condolences to Phil's wife, Ineska, and his children, Andrew, Nicholas and Alanah, at this very sad time. Phil will be remembered as a loving husband to Ineska and a proud and devoted father to Andrew, Nicholas and Alanah. He was always there supporting his children's dreams, whether travelling far and wide to follow Alanah in her competitions or getting the boys out to the farm to lend a hand. The Yukich family has long been part of the district, farming their property on Brand Highway north of Gingin, and Phil will be fondly remembered for his contribution to the community. A man of strength, hard work, love and cheeky humour. Phil leaves behind memories that will be cherished always. He will be deeply missed.



Congratulations Vish Patel and Sophie Hargreaves

Congratulations to Vish Patel and Sophie Hargreaves on their recent engagement! The couple have become familiar faces in the community. Sophie is well known through her work at the local Bendigo Bank, while Vish is also a recognised presence around town, often seen with Sophie at the GinGym. Wishing them both every happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter together.



Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Ziggy Edwards-O'Connor, Martin Aldridge, Sue Smith, Naomi Brown, Scott Hennings, John Puglia, Nadine Lang, Steph Stevens, Paxton Williams and Brenton Kay



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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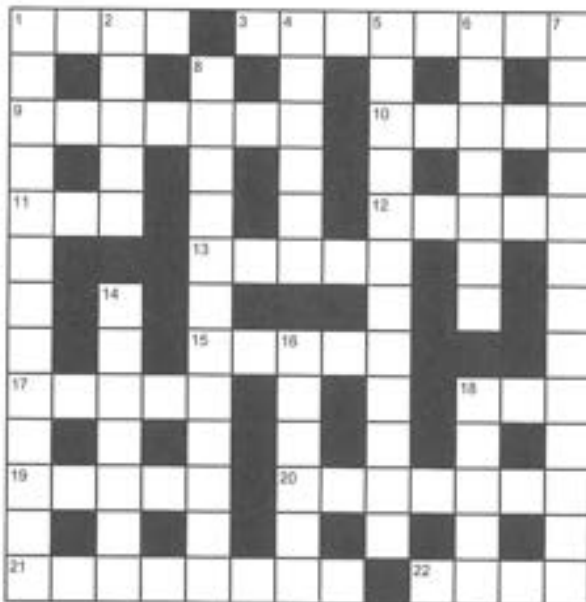
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3. Adverse reaction (8)
9. Embryonic root (7)
10. Folded back part of a coat (5)
11. North American nation (abbrev.) (3)
12. Period of time in history (5)
13. Show-off (5)
15. Sorceress (5)
17. Academy Award (5)
18. Small social insect (3)
19. Gold block (5)
20. Freezing (3-4)
21. Largest of the Canary Islands (8)
22. Nervy (4)

Down

1. Musician (13)
2. Amide (anag.) (5)
4. Wards off (6)
5. Orcas (6,6)
6. Sanction (7)
7. Unenthusiastically (4-8)
8. Author of screenplays (12)
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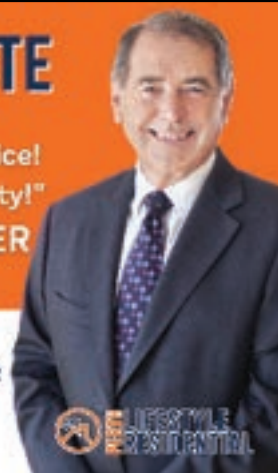
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