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Haley Newton
Accounts Assistant

First and foremost, we welcome our new staff member Haley to the CRC. Hayley's role will be Accounts Assistant one day per week. Be sure to say Hi when you pop in on a Monday.

From Thursday 7 May to Saturday 9 May, the CRC was in full garden renovation mode. We welcomed 11 third-year medical students from Curtin University, along with their supervisors and a wonderful group of local volunteers, all working together on the front and back gardens of the CRC.

The aim of this initiative is widening the experiences of the students, giving them hands on involvement, and having them interact with local community members. It has to be said they did a huge amount of work, and as a result the CRC garden area looks as good as it has ever been.

May is the month for visitors it would seem, because we have also had Helen Morton from Pingelly, a big wig in the land of Staying in Place (SIP) in WA. She popped in as part of a road

trip that she is conducting to SIP locations in the Wheatbelt. Helen advised our SIP concerns are much the same as our fellow WA Hubs and the interstate providers. Next to visit will be Tony and Nick from InCasa dropping in to chat the SIP Staff and any of their clients.

A big thank you to the community members that have replied to our surveys of late. We have had our Workforce Ready Survey and the survey enquiring as to the need for a further workshop. Those few minutes spent completing a survey are great benefit to us.

As always, we look forward to seeing you in the Centre or at one of our upcoming functions.

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



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.



Gingin District
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection



CONTACT US
9575 1253
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 - Gingin CRC Garden

From Thursday 7 May to Saturday 9 May 2026, the Gingin community came together for a hands-on community project that was about far more than gardening. The Therapeutic Garden Community Engagement Event gave Curtin University third-year medical students the chance to experience rural community life firsthand, while helping develop the therapeutic garden space at the Gingin Community Garden.

The three-day project was delivered through a partnership between the Curtin University Rural Health Campus, the Gingin Community Resource Centre, Muchea Tree Farm, Gingin community groups, and generous local volunteers.

From the moment the students arrived, they were welcomed into the community and paired with local volunteers, who worked alongside them throughout the project. Volunteers from Gingin CRC, the Gingin Garden Group, Country Women's Association Koorunga, and the wider community shared local knowledge, gardening skills, stories, and plenty of laughs over the three days.

The project quickly became as much about connection and conversation, as it was about garden work.

For many of the students, the weekend offered a glimpse into parts of rural life they had never experienced before. One unexpected highlight was a trip to the local tip, with several students excitedly admitting they had never visited one before, and jumping at the chance to see how it all worked.

There were also a few memorable "welcome to the country" moments along the way, including the centipede that caused a brief stir after making a surprise dash over someone's boot during garden work.

Between removing old plants, mulching, moving soil, landscaping, and planting out new garden beds, conversations naturally flowed throughout the weekend. Locals shared stories about what had brought them

to Gingin and why they had stayed, while students talked about where they were living, what had drawn them to medicine, and what they were learning through their rural placements.

The relaxed environment gave students an opportunity to slow down, get their hands dirty, and spend time with locals in a way that simply doesn't happen in a lecture theatre or hospital setting.

The project was coordinated by the Gingin Community Resource Centre, which oversaw planning, volunteer coordination, safety management, catering, and on-site supervision throughout the event.

Support from local businesses and organisations also played a major role in bringing the project together. Muchea Tree Farm generously donated plants for the therapeutic garden, in addition to those purchased through project funding, while the Shire of Gingin donated mulch used across the garden beds.

Keeping everyone fed quickly became another important part of the weekend's success. Sharon worked tirelessly in the kitchen across the three days, making sure students, volunteers, and visitors were always well looked after with morning teas, lunches, and afternoon tea, with many of the students commenting that it was some of the best food they had eaten in ages.

Rosanne's Thursday night camp oven dinner, followed by delicious ice-cream cones around the fire, became a standout moment of the event. Students, volunteers, and locals gathered together to share stories, meals, and plenty of country hospitality.

On Friday night, the group visited the local St John Ambulance Sub Centre for a tour and an insight into the invaluable service provided by local volunteers. Following the tour, everyone headed to the Gingin Hotel for a relaxed community dinner together.

Saturday brought out everyone's playful

side, with wheelbarrow rides featuring the event's littlest volunteer quickly becoming one of the weekend's favourite moments, and drawing plenty of laughter from participants and spectators alike.

By the end of the weekend, the therapeutic garden had seen significant improvements, but the lasting impact reached much further than the physical work completed on site.

The project strengthened connections between the students and the Gingin community, showcased the welcoming nature of rural towns, and highlighted the

value of volunteering and collaboration. For the students, it was a chance to experience the heart of a regional community in a genuine and practical way. For local volunteers, it was an opportunity to share their town, their knowledge, and their way of life with the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Most importantly, the weekend proved that sometimes the best learning happens not in classrooms, but through shared work, shared meals, and shared community experiences.

By Lauren Samata



Left images - Before
Right images - After



Left images - Before
Right images - After





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 Canine Collective

BARK IN THE PARK - GINGIN

The Gingin Canine Collective is inviting the community to come together for a fun-filled day at the upcoming Bark in the Park event on Sunday 14 June from 10am, it is being held at the Gingin Dog Park on Weld Street.

The family-friendly event will feature market stalls, a sausage sizzle, an obstacle course for dogs, with a range of local organisations and businesses supporting dog health, wellbeing and rescue.

The event is also helping raise awareness and support for an enclosed off-lead dog area in Gingin, giving local dogs a safe place to run, play and socialise while strengthening community connections.

A special collaboration between the Gingin Canine Collective and the Gingin Care Group will see one of the dead trees at the dog park painted blue as part of the Blue Tree Project, highlighting the importance of mental health awareness and community support.

Community members attending the event will be invited to help paint the tree, with

organisers hoping people will bring along a paint brush if they would like to participate.

Several community groups and businesses will be attending the day including Perth Canine Massage, Precious Pups and Staffy and Bully Breed Rescue Inc., offering information, support and merchandise.

The Gingin Canine Collective said the event is about more than dogs, it's about bringing the community together in a positive and supportive environment.

Everyone is welcome to attend with or without a dog.

For more information visit the Gingin Canine Collective Facebook page.



Gingin Art & Craft

Mother's Day Market Success

What a wonderful morning we had at the Gingin Arts & Crafts Mother's Day Market! A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our local makers, growers and community groups. From the beautiful handmade crafts and plants, to the delicious sausage sizzle, popcorn, fresh vegies and raffles, the day was filled with great community spirit and support.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and the community, the market was a fantastic success, raising valuable funds for our group, while also supporting our talented local members.

A very special thank you goes to the Gingin Men's Shed for attending and supporting the day. We truly appreciate the time and effort you put into helping make community events like this such a success. It's wonderful to see

local groups working together to create such a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere for everyone.

We would also like to thank all our members who helped make the day possible, from setting up, cooking, selling raffle tickets and packing away, every contribution was appreciated.

We are very lucky to have such an amazing community behind us.



Gingin Art & Craft Celebrates Successful Crochet Workshop Weekend

Gingin Art & Craft enjoyed a wonderful weekend of creativity, learning and community connection during its recent Crochet Workshops held over Saturday and Sunday.

With strong interest from the community, the workshops attracted participants of all skill levels, from complete beginners to those returning to crochet after many years. Across the weekend, attendees learned the basics of crochet techniques, stitches and patterns while creating their own handmade projects in a relaxed and supportive environment.

The workshops were led by “Crochet by Brewer”, whose friendly and patient teaching style helped participants quickly gain confidence with their new skills. Laughter, conversation and plenty of colourful yarn filled the Art & Craft Centre as participants enjoyed the hands-on sessions.

The workshops also highlighted the growing popularity of craft-based activities within the community, bringing together people of all ages to learn, socialise and enjoy a shared creative experience.

Gingin Art & Craft would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended, as well as the volunteers who assisted with organising, refreshments and setting up throughout the weekend. Their support helped make the event such a success.

Following the positive response, Gingin Art & Craft hopes to continue offering creative workshops and community activities in the future.

For updates on upcoming workshops and events, follow the Gingin Art & Craft Facebook page.



Gingin Care Group

Our group continues to meet each 2nd Monday for a fun morning of good company, delicious morning tea and a wholesome lunch with an entertaining activity in between.

Recent activities have included the game of Mexican Train Domino's and the life stories of peoples fascinating lives.

If you are new to Gingin (or not) and would like to meet people in a relaxed atmosphere, please join us at the Recreation Centre on the 1, 15 or 29 June. If you need a lift, we might be able to arrange that too. Ring 0438575254 for more details, or to put your

name down for catering purposes.

Sponsored by Bendigo Bank.



Emergency Service Volunteering

In rural communities, volunteers are more than helpers, they are the backbone of emergency response.

When someone suffers a heart attack, when a boat breaks down offshore, when a bushfire threatens homes, or when an accident happens on a lonely country road, it is often volunteers who answer the call first.

Across regional Australia, organisations like St John Ambulance Australia, volunteer fire crews, and Marine Rescue are facing a growing challenge: not enough people are putting their hands up to help.

The reality is simple. Rural emergency services cannot function without volunteers.

Many people assume emergency responders are always full-time professionals. In major cities that may often be true, but in rural towns the system depends heavily on ordinary locals, farmers, tradies, retirees, office workers, teachers, and young adults, who volunteer their time to protect their community.

Right now, some services are stretched thin, particularly St John Ambulance and Marine Rescue units. Fewer volunteers mean fewer trained responders available when emergencies happen. It means longer wait times, heavier workloads, and increased pressure on the small number of dedicated people already serving.

But there is good news.

You do not need to give up your life to make a difference.

Even sparing just one day a month can help save a life.

One training shift. One standby roster. One weekend patrol. That small commitment could mean there is an extra ambulance volunteer available during a medical emergency, another crew member on a rescue vessel during dangerous weather, or another firefighter ready when a bushfire starts.

In regional areas, emergencies do not wait for someone else to step in. The people who respond are often neighbours helping neighbours.

Volunteering also offers something increasingly rare in modern life, genuine community connection, and purpose. Volunteers gain valuable skills, confidence, teamwork experience, and lifelong friendships. Many describe it as one of the most rewarding things they have ever done.

Importantly, emergency service organisations provide training and support. You do not need prior experience. You simply need a willingness to learn and a desire to help your community.

There are many ways to get involved depending on your interests, skills, and availability.

With St John Ambulance Australia, volunteers may serve as Ambulance Officers responding to emergencies or Support Officers assisting operations, administration, training, and community events behind the scenes.

At Lancelin Volunteer Marine Rescue, volunteers can join the boat crew responding to incidents at sea or assist as radio monitors, helping coordinate communications and keep local boaters safe.

Across the region, volunteer fire and emergency service crews respond to bushfires, road crashes, vehicle fires, hazardous material incidents, and storm damage emergencies that impact local families and properties. The Gingin Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service is one of the key local volunteer groups helping protect the community.

Rural towns have always been built on people looking after one another. That spirit still exists today, but it needs new generations to carry it forward.

The next emergency could affect anyone, a friend, a parent, a child, or even yourself.

If you have ever considered volunteering, now is the time. Even a small commitment can make an enormous difference.

Because in a rural community, one volunteer can help save a life.

By Lauren Samata

Interested in Volunteering?

Chittering Gingin St John

Roles include Ambulance Officer and Support Officer.

Email: chitteringgingin.subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au

Phone: 9575 3420 or 0436 868 248

Gingin Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service

A key local contact for those interested in volunteering in fire and emergency services across the region.

Email: ginginvfes@bigpond.com

Phone: 0429 152 129

Gingin Bushfire Service

Roles include Active Firefighter and Auxiliary/Support Member

Eight Brigade Locations: Red Gully, Gingin South, Beermullah, Guilderton, Gingin West, Ledge Point, Ocean Farm and Cowalla

Contact details: <https://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-contacts-resources>

St John Ambulance Lancelin

Roles include Ambulance Officer and Support Officer.

Email: lancelin.subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au

Phone: 0400 195 885

St John Woodridge

Roles include Ambulance Officer and Support Officer.

Email: lancelin.subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au

Phone: 0475 953 914

Lancelin Volunteer Marine Rescue

Volunteer as boat crew or assist as a radio

monitor supporting marine communications and rescues.

Email: lancelinvmrs@bigpond.com

Phone: 9655 1289

Radio Office: 0447 551 289

Your community needs you, even one day a month can make all the difference.



Please note these images are from training scenarios not real accidents.

Gingin Chittering Lions

ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast with the Gingin Chittering Lions

ANZAC morning was cold and crisp, as always, and the Lions members arrived early to prepare the traditional Gunfire Breakfast. A wonderful crowd attended this year, and the morning was made even more special with members of the Shaw family, descendants of a local Yued Noongar serviceman, joining the community for the service and breakfast. Our team stayed busy serving hot bacon and egg rolls along with tea, coffee, and

Milo, all very welcome on such a chilly morning. A big thank you goes to IGA and the CWA for generously supplying the ANZAC biscuits enjoyed by everyone. We also have a supply of Christmas cakes and puddings set aside for upcoming Christmas in July celebrations. We are hoping to hold sales outside IGA during June, or you can call 0400 505 656 to arrange a purchase. Our next meeting will be at the Lions Den, 3 Horan Street, Gingin, on Monday 8 June. We share a meal from 6.30pm and then get on to business.

Gingin Red Cross

This June the Gingin Red Cross group will be having our "Story time" themed morning tea on Friday 12 June 10am. This will be full of fun and laughs so come along for a scrumptious morning tea, and make your winters day bright and cheery. Bring a friend or make a friend. Gold coin donation

In July we will not meet at the Den but will be going out for Christmas in July lunch on 24 July, to avoid the school holidays. We will car pool. Details of where it will be held to come so just save the date.

All welcome

Enquiries to Helen 0424 172817

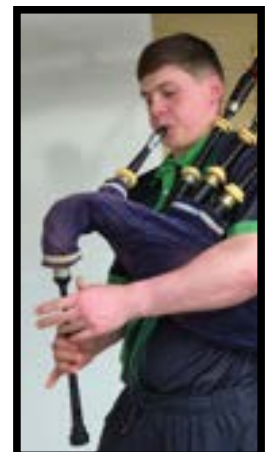
CWA Koorunga

Koorunga CWA members are always on the lookout for opportunities to connect with the community. Working alongside the Gingin CRC and ten third year medical students from Curtin University to transform the CRC gardens was a great connection project. Koorunga members attended all three days assisting with delicious homemade goodies, gardening skills, knowledge and support, along with plenty of laughter.

Spreading kindness and saying NO to bullying, Koorunga members dressed in blue for their May meeting supporting "Do it for Dolly". While enjoying blue iced biscuits with coffee, members raised awareness through conversations, while helping create a kinder and safer world for our young people.

A very special visitor to our meeting was Tyson and his bagpipe. Anyone attending the ANZAC services at Gingin will have heard

Tyson, as he piped at both the GGDHS and the Dawn service. Tyson enthusiastically explained how he learns new tunes, the parts of the bagpipes and breathing techniques. He then had all members wanting to do the Highland Fling, as he piped two amazing tunes. A delightful, talented, confident young person, Tyson certainly impressed the CWA members and uplifted the room with his skilled performance.



Gingin Garden Group

The Gingin Garden Group outing for May saw 16 of us head to Wanneroo area for the day. The day featured a fabulous private tour of an exhibition which was done collaboratively with the British Museum and the City of Wanneroo presenting "The Botanical World of Mary Delany" A captivating and extraordinary display of a female artist born in 1700, and was 72 when she created her Flora Delanica. This refers to a series of 985, highly detailed botanical collages created by this 18th Century English artist. Her method created paper mosaics by layering hundreds of pieces of colored paper to represent flowers and plants with scientific accuracy. It was truly spectacular to look at.



We then went onto the Wanneroo Regional Museum which has captured so much history of the region. It wasn't hard to lose significant time there too. After that we had lunch at the Dome Cafe and then most of us ended up on Gnangara Road at a huge garden pots place (A place I had

enjoyed before) with the most extraordinary array of pots to choose from.

All in all a great day out and helped with the inclusion of a couple of new members too.

Thanks Irene. TR.



Welcome Haley Newton to the CRC Team

Hi! I'm Haley, the newest recruit to the Gingin CRC team. My role is to assist in accounts but being a 'jack of all trades' I feel sure you will find me giving all positions a try.

I moved to Gingin 18months ago for my kiddo to attend high school. We chose Gingin for its sense of community, having grown up in country WA myself, I wanted my child to experience the freedom and safety of a small but growing town.

Although I have only been in town a short time, I feel like Gingin has welcomed us with open arms. Many of you would have seen me around, either helping out at the Treasure Trove, volunteering with the P&C, working

at the school and medical centre or perhaps walking our crazy little dog.

I feel honoured and grateful to be part of such an important and inclusive service in the community.



Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- Reimbursement of Travel Expenses Outside of Council Policy.
- Lease - Portion of Lot 160 and 166 Constable St, Gingin.
- Differential Rating 2026/2027.
- Community Funding Program 2026/2027.
- New and Amended Council Policies.
- Platform Transition Altus SynergySoft.
- Neergabby Old Junction Bridge - Emergency Works.

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

Download the Emergency WA App

Did you know the Emergency WA app can help you stay informed about planned burn-offs in your area?

As cooler weather brings an increase in planned and prescribed burns across the region, smoke may sometimes be visible nearby. Checking the app before becoming concerned can help you understand what's happening in your area and allow you to plan ahead, whether that means bringing in the washing, closing windows, or simply avoiding unnecessary alarm.

The app provides real-time information and is a useful tool for keeping up to date with incidents and alerts across our Shire.

Residents are encouraged to download the app and enable notifications to stay informed.

For more information, visit: dfes.wa.gov.au/emergencywa/how-to-use-the-app

To download the app, head to the **Apple Store** or **Google Play Store**.



Celebrate 20 years of the Guilderton Community Library!

Join us in celebrating a significant milestone as the Guilderton Community Library marks its 20th Birthday with a special Gala Morning. This event will recognise two decades of connection, learning and community spirit, while celebrating the volunteers, members and supporters who have helped make the library such a valued local space.

The Shire of Gingin is proud to support this event and acknowledges the important role the Guilderton Library plays in bringing people together. Residents and visitors are encouraged to come along, celebrate this milestone and enjoy a wonderful morning with the community.

Date: Saturday 4 July

Location: Guilderton Community Library

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

For more information and bookings, visit our events calendar: gingin.wa.gov.au/events/



Found a lost pet? Report 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**.



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Strengthening Community Resilience

The Shire of Gingin is continuing to strengthen local emergency preparedness through the expansion of the Commonwealth Governments STAND program, with the initiative set to be introduced at three additional community locations across the Shire.

Developed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, STAND sites are designed to support communities during emergency situations by installing Community WIFI (powered by NBN and Sky Muster) at designated community buildings. This initiative aims to improve community resilience and help communities remain connected during challenging circumstances.

The Shire has already seen the value of the program through existing installations and is pleased to support the continued rollout of this important infrastructure.

Expanding the network represents another positive step toward improving emergency preparedness across our district and supporting safer, more resilient communities.



Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsor Acknowledgements

Meat & Dairy Level Sponsor:

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

KB Riley Sons Pty Ltd trade as Lancelin Sands and Lancelin Liquid Salvage and are a WA family owned and operated transport and earthmoving company established in 1981. The company is located at 20 Masters Way, Lancelin.

Their machinery is serviced regularly to ensure projects run smoothly and machinery remains in excellent working order.



Seafood Level Sponsor:

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.



What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

SPACE Weekly Meetings

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

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 June, 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Shire of Gingin Council Chambers, Gingin.

Meet NDIA in Northam

19 June & 8 July, 10:00am - 2:00pm, The Village Green, Fitzgerald St, Northam.

Guilderton Library 20th Birthday

Saturday 4 July, 9:00am - 12:00pm, Guilderton Community Hall.

Workforce Ready Workshop

Date TBC, 1A Lily King Place, Gingin.

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

Upcoming/Works in Progress

Upcoming Drainage Works - Walker Ave & King St, Lancelin:

Please be advised that upcoming drainage works on the corner of Walker Ave and King St in Lancelin are scheduled to commence within the coming weeks.

Footpath Works - Vins, Atkinson & Riley Streets, Lancelin:

Please be advised that footpath works on Vins, Atkinson and Riley Streets in Lancelin commenced on Monday 18 May and will continue for the next few weeks (weather permitting).

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.

For more information on upcoming works/works in progress throughout the Shire, visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/your-shire/projects-development/upcoming-projects.aspx

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The Gingin District Community Resource Centre Hosts Successful Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The CRC proudly hosted an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 21 May, bringing the community together for a relaxed and enjoyable morning in support of a great cause.

With the weather holding just right for the occasion, guests were able to fully enjoy the welcoming atmosphere. Approximately 50 people attended, creating a lively and friendly gathering filled with conversation, laughter, and community spirit.

The event featured a range of activities, including a 'guess whose baby photo' featuring the members of the CRC committee, and a food themed trivia quiz that kept guests entertained throughout the morning, alongside a generous spread of delicious food. From sweet treats to savory bites, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to the generosity of attendees and the success of the fundraising activities, the event raised approximately \$814.70. A highlight of the morning was an additional \$500 donation from the Treasure Trove, bringing the grand total to \$1,314.70. The raffle was also made possible through the kind contributions of local businesses, whose support played a significant role in the event's success.

The CRC extends its sincere thanks to everyone who attended, donated, and contributed to making the morning such a positive and memorable occasion.





Gingin Brook Catchment Group

Water quality in the Gingin Brook 2025

At the Gingin Brook Catchment Group AGM in April there was a presentation of the results of water quality monitoring undertaken by the Chittering Landcare Centre in the Gingin Brook catchment in 2025. Thank you to Sam Grigsby for his presentation and to the Shire of Gingin for funding support to enable this work to be carried out.

This is the second year of monitoring in the Gingin Brook Catchment. As in 2024, there were seven sites tested, three on the Gingin Brook (Edgar St, Three Bridges and Neergabby Old Bridge) and one on each of Moondah Brook, Mungala Brook, Red Gully Creek and Quin Brook. Parameters measured at each site were pH, salinity, total suspended solids, nitrogen and phosphorus. Each site was tested four times (June, July, August and September).

The Three Bridges site was also tested for hydrocarbons in June and September. Water ways within town sites are at risk of contamination by these chemicals from vehicles and industries. As last year, hydrocarbons detected were below the limit of concern but should continue to be monitored. They have a relatively high volatility and can be an environmental risk

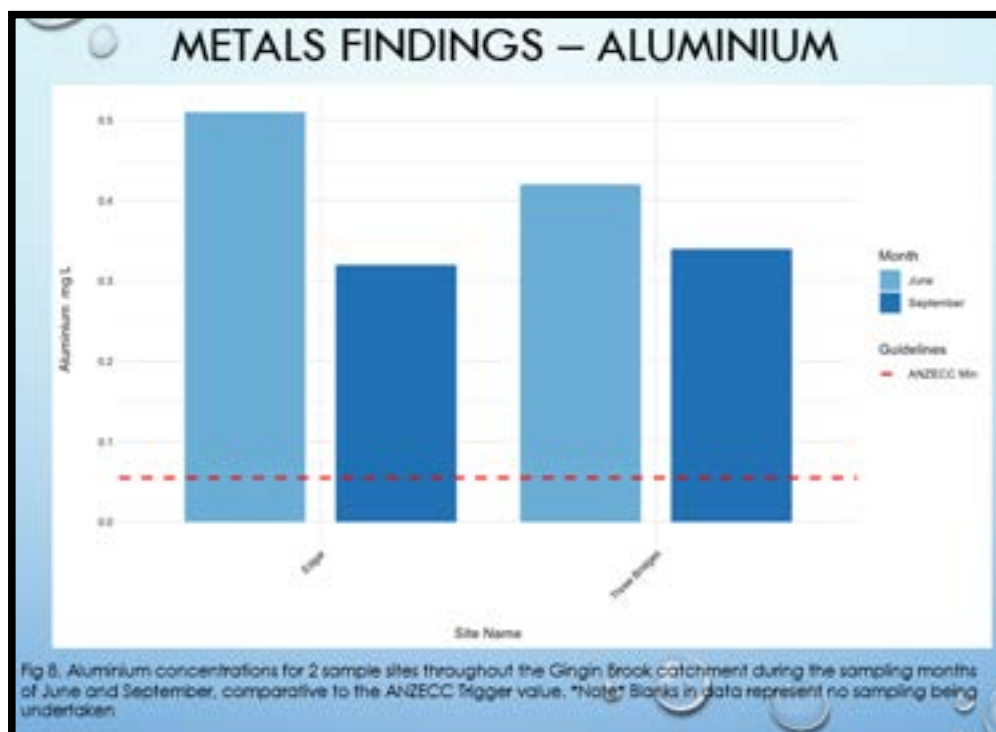
at higher levels.

The Three Bridges and Edgar St sites were also tested for heavy metals in June and September. Edgar St site (upstream of town) was included in metal testing this year to allow a judgement to be made as to the possible source of metals. The findings for aluminium at the two sites are shown in the attached graph (S. Grigsby).

Trigger values (red lines on graph) are ANZECC 2000 values for lowland streams in the southwest in moderately disturbed areas. The trigger value indicates the concentration at which a contaminant has the potential to cause environmental harm and needs to be monitored, further investigated or managed. Aluminium was high at both sites in both June and September. Aluminium in acid habitats is toxic to fish, phytoplankton and amphibians and is most toxic at a pH of approximately 5. In June, pH at both sites was slightly acidic (close to 6), which is below the ANZECC acceptable range. In September both sites were in the acceptable pH range.

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Gingin District High School

Over the past few weeks, Gingin District High School has been buzzing with excitement as students across both the primary and secondary school have taken part in a variety of activities celebrating creativity, teamwork, resilience, and community spirit.

One of the biggest highlights was the vibrant and messy Paint Storm incursion, where students had the opportunity to express themselves through colour, creativity, and movement. From splashes of paint to bursts of laughter, students fully embraced the experience and worked together to create collaborative artworks in a fun and energetic environment. It was fantastic to see students stepping outside their comfort zones, getting involved, and simply enjoying the moment.

Secondary students also enjoyed the entertaining Poetry in Action incursion, which brought poetry to life in a way that was engaging, humorous, and highly interactive. Through live performances filled with drama, storytelling, and comedy, students explored both classic and contemporary poetry while discovering that literature can be far more exciting than many first expect!

Our annual Faction Cross Country Carnival also brought plenty of energy, determination, and faction pride to the school grounds. Students gave their all as they competed for their factions and encouraging one another every step of the way. This year's event was especially exciting, with several long-standing records broken throughout the day, an incredible achievement by our students.

Congratulations to Athena, who raced their way into first place overall after a fantastic team effort. Poseidon followed closely behind in second place, with Apollo finishing strongly in third. The cheering, encouragement, and positive sportsmanship on display throughout the carnival made the day a wonderful celebration of participation and school spirit.

Students and staff also recently came together to support Dolly's Dream; an organisation

focused on raising awareness around bullying and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people and families. This year's theme focused on kindness, with lunchtime fundraising activities including cupcakes for sale, biscuit decorating, face painting, and plenty of blue hair spraying around the school! Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our school community, an impressive \$362.50 was raised for the cause.

Adding to the growing sense of school spirit, our school band has also been coming together beautifully, with students continuing to build their confidence, teamwork, and performance skills during rehearsals. It has been wonderful to see students supporting one another, and getting involved across so many different areas of school life.

Gingin District High School is incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, talent, and positivity our students continue to show. We look forward to sharing many more exciting achievements and events with the community throughout the term.

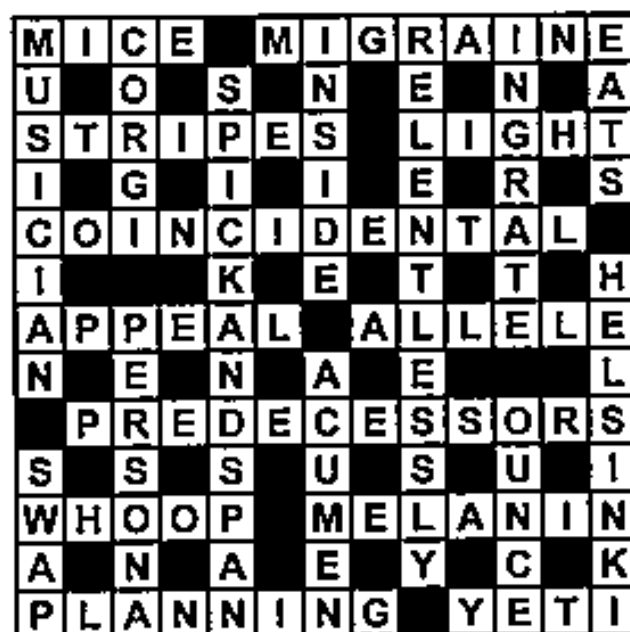


Gingin Scouts

Community involvement is very much part of the scouting program. In the past month the Gingin Scout Group has been involved with the community on two occasions.

Picking up rubbish in the Gingin town site not only prevents pollution and protects ecosystems, it is also raising the importance of proper waste disposal and reduction. Armed with vest, gloves and rubbish bags, the enthusiastic Joey scouts, Cub scouts and Scouts set off in different directions around Gingin, to collect rubbish. An astounding 35 bags of rubbish were collected around the sporting grounds, Granville Park, the Board Walk, the Cemetery and Nullilla Reserve. For many years the scouts have picked up rubbish prior to the British Car Day, assisting to make the entry and town site clean and tidy. It's no surprise that the rubbish consisted mainly of cans and food wrappers, with Nullilla Reserve being a pollution hot spot. Rubbish blown from the building site into the Cemetery was something not encountered before. It is so inspiring to see young people taking pride in our community to make a difference.

Visiting the WA Museum Boola Bardip, via the train from Ellenbrook, was also an activity of discovery and learning. With so many fascinating exhibits and incredible interactive displays, it was hard to decide where to go next. Standing in dinosaurs footprints, making waves, designing houses, being inside a termite mound, sorting biscuits at the Arnotts biscuit factory or discovering sea creature, there was plenty of fun, involvement and excitement all day.



Gingin Golf Club

MENS GOLF

It was the official opening day for the Club on Saturday 2 May with twenty-nine attendees made up of twenty-four men and five ladies. To get the day underway and off to a good start we had a cooked breakfast on our BBQ with champagne to enhance the fellowship. The game was a two person Ambrose with partners chosen at random, and a tee off time of 11am.

Winners of the event were Paul Fewster and Fred Roe with a nett 61.25, the runners-up were Brendon Fewster and Ben Williams with nett 66.5 and in third place was Cole Fewster and Jack Watson with nett 69.25. There were prizes awarded for nearest the pin on several holes and the longest putt on two holes. We are indebted to Eagleye Technical Services for generously sponsoring this opening event.

Our club members are always ready to step forward and sponsor an event, and on Saturday 9 May our thanks go to Ray Ashworth who was happy to contribute to a Stableford Competition. As it turned out the winner of the event on a countback was Ray with 37 points followed by Paul Kelly also on 37 points and in third place was Duncan Hackman with 36 points. Duncan has generously made a contribution whereby the player each week with the best gross score is awarded a cash prize and on this inaugural occasion the winner was Mark Sanders with a score of 87. As usual there were numerous prizes nearest the pin, longest putt etc.

A change of approach for the Trevor Phillips sponsored day where every competitor was to tee off from the red tees, formally known, but now out of fashion, as the Lady's Tees. All the men playing had their handicaps adjusted accordingly to suit the tee positions and it gave them a new perspective and an insight into playing on an amended layout. There were three players with 34 Stableford

points but on countbacks the positioning was first, Chris Bell, runner-up Albi Sermon and third Robert Brodie-Hall. The Duncan Hackman best gross score was awarded to Colin Zappelli.

Scroungers is still being played over nine holes on Wednesday afternoons starting at 3pm, all are welcome.

LADIES NEWS

What a brilliant start to the season for the ladies at Gingin Golf Club with a good turn out and everyone coming in with great scores. We have played 3 fixtures now, congratulations to the following members.

- May 6– Stableford – Winner Kaye Bingham, Runner Up Carolyn Brodie-Hall. Thank you to our sponsor for the day, Gingin Butcher.
- May 13 – Stableford – Winner Wendy Geary 38pts, Runner Up Irene Neville 37pts. Thank you to our sponsor Gingin Post Office.
- May 20– Stroke – Winner Nina Faulkes-Taylor Nett 76, Runner Up Wendy Geary Nett 77.

A very warm welcome to our new member Samantha. We encourage and welcome new players regardless of ability, beginners included. Enquiries can be made via our Facebook page or by emailing us at gingingolfclub@gmail.com. Keep your eyes on our FaceBook page (Gingin Golf Club – Inc), for all Golfing news and events.



The Happy Bug By Alan Gent

The tiny bug crawled out of the hollow under the tuft of grass and made its way along a dead leaf without pausing. Jimmy's big round eyes focussed on its tiny feelers waving around in the air, looking for danger, and he scarcely breathed. He watched it without moving a muscle as it moved off the leaf, back into the grass and disappeared from sight.

Jimmy had always been interested in bugs. He would lie in the grass for hours watching a grasshopper moving through the blades, or the passage of tiny ants with their apparently random journeys to and from their nests. He was a happy boy. It was rare to find him with anything but a smile on his face. His laugh, for all of his six years, was infectious. His mother would often say: "You've been bitten by the Happy Bug!" On the rare occasions he was miserable, she would say: "I'll have to find you another Happy Bug!"

Once in a while, his parents would take Jimmy to see his grandfather at the 'Sunny Palms' nursing home. The old man was as grumpy and miserable as Jimmy was happy and joyful. He would see Jimmy's happy smiling face and just scowl: "What's he smiling at? Can't he see I'm in pain? What's he want anyway?" and so on.

Jimmy wasn't too bothered by the old man's comments. He realised that he must be sad to be cooped up in bed instead of being able to run around and enjoy himself. He would often try to cheer his grandfather up by bringing him things he's found. Like the stone he found that glistened when it caught the light, or the flower that looked just like an eagle's head. He would even bring his grandfather some of the toys he had for his birthday or Christmas, but the old man just scowled and closed his eyes. Jimmy always wished his Pop could be 'bitten by the happy bug' like he was. It would be so nice to see him laugh out loud, or even just to see a smile on the craggy face.

The idea formed in his young mind to try to find one. He thought it was a real thing, not just a figure of speech. He would search high

and low, in long grass, trunks of trees, round the little stream where he could see tiny fish, even in the old shed at the bottom of the garden. His mother was quite used to his strange behaviour in the back garden. She'd watch him through the kitchen window as he lay prostrate in the grass, or when he dug around the roots of the old oak tree. Jimmy never told his mother what he was looking for. He wanted it to be a surprise. He could just imagine what a hero he'd be if he alone could cheer up his grandfather. They'd be so proud of him. These thoughts spurred him on and made his quest all the more important.

Time went by, and Jimmy still hadn't found the Happy Bug. The old man spent some time in hospital with something that had gone wrong with his insides, then came out again, grumpy as ever. Jimmy noticed that he seemed thinner in the face somehow, and a lot paler. It became all the more important that he should find the Happy Bug as soon as possible. He redoubled his efforts, sneaking into the next-door garden sometimes where they had a big cactus garden, and lots of different bugs.

It was on a Saturday morning that Jimmy at last found what he was searching for. It was down by the back fence, crawling around in the old compost heap. It was big, with a speckly body and very large feelers. Its legs were quite short, which made it easy for him to catch. The most important thing though, was the creature's face. To Jimmy, it seemed to definitely be smiling! There was no doubt about it! He quickly put it into the old matchbox he kept for just such an event, with the cotton wool bed inside.

In his room he'd hear it scratching around in the box, and he would poke little bits of cake and bread through the tiny gap as he carefully slid the box open. He hoped it didn't need any water for a day or so, because he had to keep the creature in its box until the next visit on the Monday.

The day of the visit arrived, and Jimmy could scarcely contain his excitement.

“Why on Earth are you so jumpy, Jimmy?” asked his mother.

Jimmy wouldn’t say, of course, but just gave her one of his big smiles.

At his grandfather’s house, Jimmy had to wait for quite a while before he could sneak into the old man’s room without anybody seeing. The grown-ups were all looking very serious and talking in low tones in the front room. They kept talking about ‘The Doctor’ and seemed to be worried about something.

When he went into his grandfather’s room, the old man was dozing, and seemed oblivious to his presence. He carefully moved over to the bed, pulled back the sheet a little and very carefully opened the match box over the bed. The creature quickly scampered out and disappeared under the blanket. Jimmy waited for a while, but nothing seemed to be happening, so he tiptoed out. He thought the bug would have to become accustomed to its new home before it would bite the old man.

The family left shortly afterwards, and there was still no sign from the old man. Not being very experienced in the ways of Happy Bugs, Jimmy thought that it was no good trying to rush things. It would happen when the bug felt like it.

Just after 6am the following morning the phone rang. Jimmy heard his mother talking, then she burst into tears. He rushed into the hall and found his father comforting his mother as they held the phone between them. Apparently his grandfather had ‘passed away’ in the night. They explained to Jimmy that he had to be brave, and that they were going round to see the old man.

When they arrived at the house, a small group was talking quietly in the living room. The man they referred to as ‘The Doctor’ was saying: “I’ve never seen anything like it. He died with a big smile on his face. It must have been something to do with the heart attack I suppose. He always had a ‘dicky’ heart, but something must have brought it on, goodness knows what”.

While they were talking, Jimmy sneaked in to the old man’s room.

When he saw his grandfather’s face, Jimmy’s eyes lit up. He’d never seen the old man look so happy! He had a smile that stretched from ear to ear!

There was no sign of the ‘Happy Bug’ – Jimmy hoped it was as pleased as he was.

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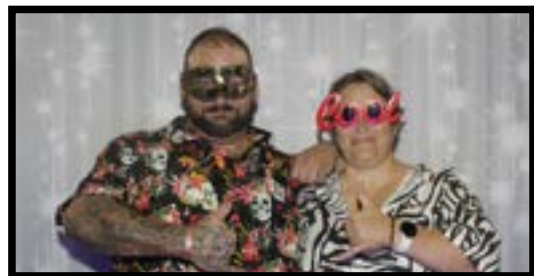
Happy Birthday Bronte Maloney

Happy Birthday to our old colleague, Bronte! Wishing you a fantastic day and every success ahead as you continue making waves in real estate. Your hard work, friendly nature, and determination always shine through. Best wishes from your former colleagues and friends.



Happy Birthday Bree Polden

Wishing you a wonderful birthday filled with happiness, laughter, and special moments throughout the day. Have a fantastic celebration and a great year ahead!



Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to...

Nobby Dewar, Gina Fewster, Christine Maughan, Jenny Jackson, Karen Hyne, Celisa Coope, Jessica Puglia, Lizzie Rzemek, Julie Drummond, Natalie Cavalli and Nicole Quinn.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to John and Kerry Fewster



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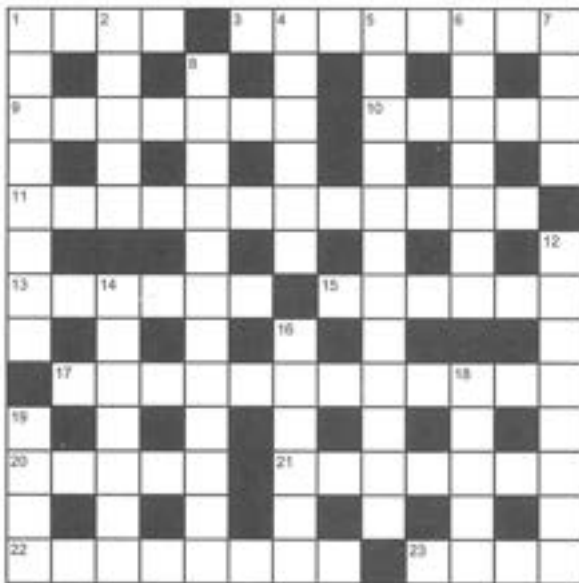
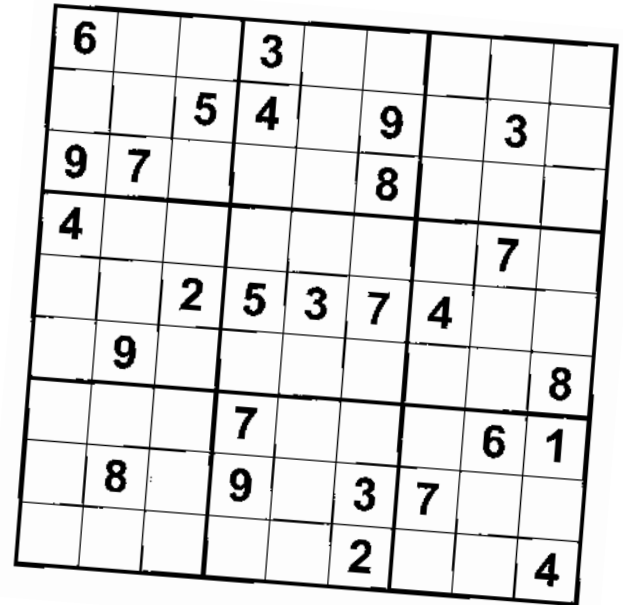
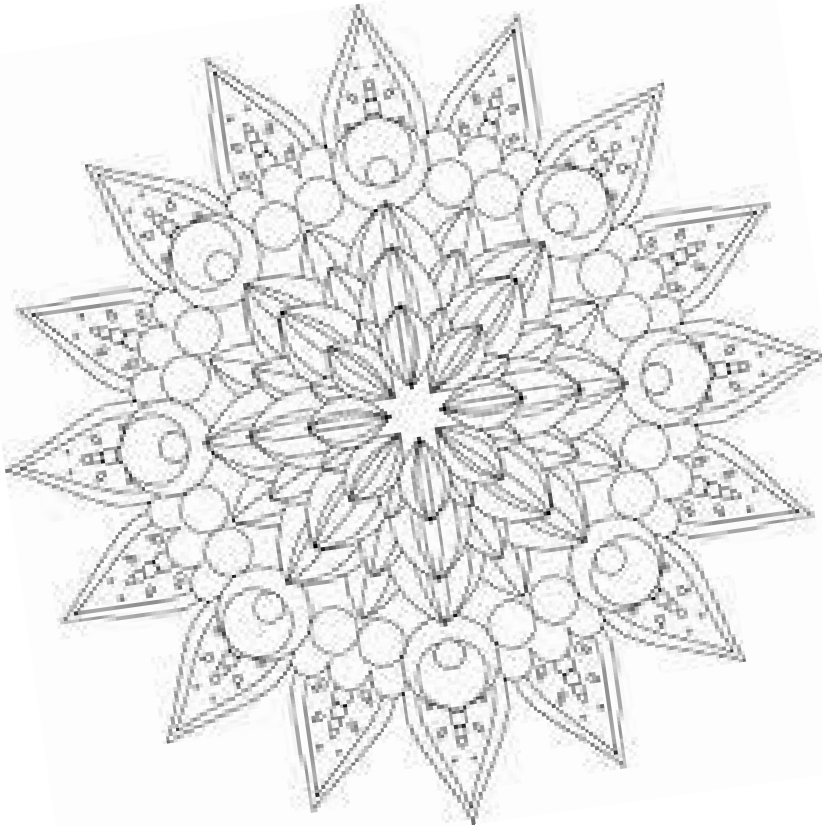
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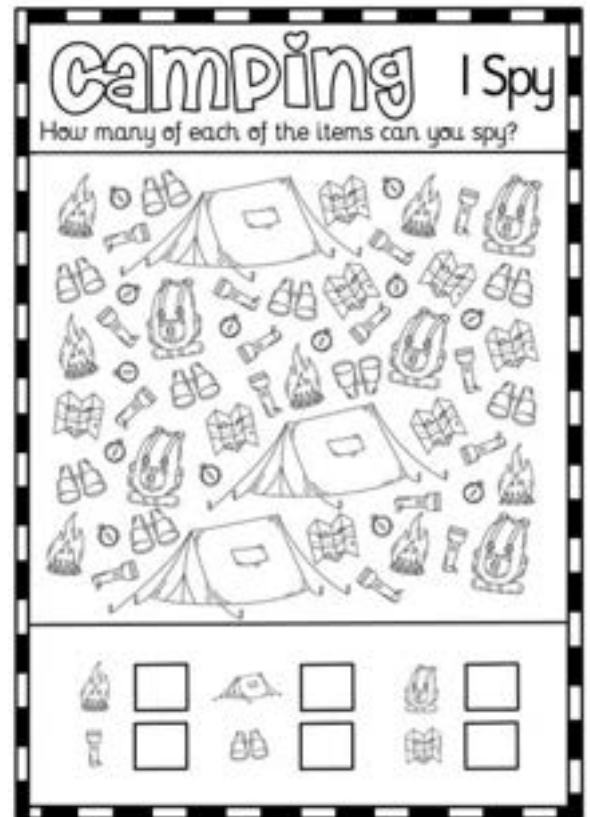


Across

1. Small rodents (4)
3. Severe headache (8)
9. Marks of a zebra (7)
10. Not heavy (5)
11. Occurring at the same time (12)
13. Be attractive (6)
15. Form of a gene (6)
17. Ancestors (12)
20. Cry of excitement (5)
21. Dark pigment in skin (7)
22. Mapping out in advance (8)
23. Legendary creature (4)

Down

1. Composer or singer (8)
2. Breed of dog (5)
4. Within a space (6)
5. Incessantly (12)
6. Granite (anag.) (7)
7. Consumes (4)
8. Spotless (5-3-4)
12. Capital of Finland (8)
14. Aspect of one's character perceived by others (7)
16. Keen insight (6)
18. Unit of weight (5)
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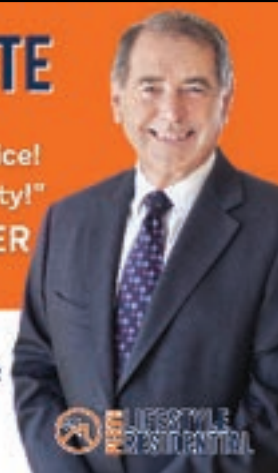
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Losers

Investors will no longer have a 50% capital gains tax. **Landlords** will no longer be able to take advantage of negative gearing. **Family trusts** will need to pay a minimum 30% tax on discretionary trusts, with beneficiaries needing to declare income from trusts in their tax return. **Older Australians** will no longer have a subsidiary that saved them \$255 annually.

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