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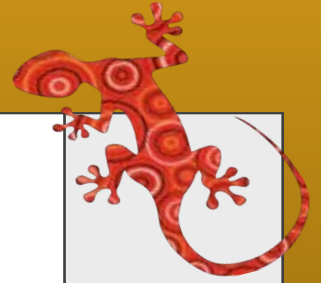
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awarded to Ron Pollard**

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The Gingin Resource & Visitor Centre held a Northern Valley Business After Hours event at the Centre on Friday, 5 June. It was great to mingle with our Chattering neighbours, and we look forward to the production of the Hello Perth Northern Valleys Map.

We are sad to announce the cancellation of the Goldilocks Rocks live production due to one of the presenters being unwell. We wish him all the best and look forward to another live performance in the future.

Staying in Place (SIP) Update

In an effort to inform as many people as possible, I have drafted some information for those who may be looking to be assessed in the near future. I hope this makes sense to you all.

Support at Home (SaH) now offers eight funding levels, while the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) provides limited entry-level assistance, such as cleaning, shopping and transport.

Unfortunately, there are

currently no local providers delivering CHSP services to new clients in Gingin. While external providers may be available, travel costs can significantly reduce the value of the support received.

Gingin SIP cannot provide CHSP services, and Lite n' Easy cannot be funded through CHSP. However, both can be accessed through low-level SaH packages.

When undertaking your assessment, it is important to advise your Assessor that local services are not available through CHSP but are available through SaH. This may help ensure you receive the most practical and beneficial support package for your circumstances.

You are more than welcome to pop into the CRC and have a chat to one of our Stayin In Place team prior to your assessment, we can help ensure you get the most support for your circumstances.

As always we hope to see you soon.

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.



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9575 1253
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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 Men's Shed Life Membership awarded to Ron Pollard

Inaugural Life Membership Award

A historic milestone was marked at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Gingin Men's Shed, where the organisation's inaugural Life Membership Award was presented to long-serving Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Pollard. The award was presented by Colin Hadfield, who outlined Ron's significant contributions to both the Gingin Men's Shed and the wider community over many decades.



In closing the meeting, Colin Hadfield acknowledged the extraordinary impact Ron Pollard has had on the Gingin Men's Shed and formally announced the awarding of Life Membership. Ron has been a member of the Gingin Men's Shed since its inception in 2011 and played a vital role in establishing the organisation. As the inaugural Secretary/Treasurer, he has continued to serve in that position ever since. As Secretary, Ron has been responsible for recording minutes of meetings, distributing correspondence to members, liaising with external organisations, and maintaining the Shed's strong relationship with the Western Australian Men's Shed Association (WAMSA). He also shared responsibility for drafting the Shed's Constitution, a process that involved extensive correspondence with the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Men's Shed Association before the Shed gained official recognition as a Not-for-Profit organisation. In his role as Treasurer, Ron has diligently

recorded and reported on the financial standing of the Shed to the satisfaction of members, the Australian Taxation Office and the organisation's auditor for fifteen years, a truly remarkable achievement. Ron has also been a constant presence at Shed functions and community events, willingly taking on roles ranging from raffle ticket sales and cash handling to public relations and member support. Beyond the Men's Shed, Ron has been a strong advocate for industry. He served as President of the Beekeepers Section of the Primary Industries Association, and as Deputy National President of the Federal Council of Australian Apiarists' Associations. Within the local community, Ron's many achievements have included: Playing an active role in raising the seed capital required to establish the Bendigo Community Bank and subsequently serving as a long-term Director. Being awarded Life Membership of the Gingin Bowling Club, where he served ten years as Secretary. Receiving a Gingin Shire Citizen of the Year Award. Serving as Secretary of the Gingin Golf Club. Active involvement in numerous local sporting clubs, including tennis, golf, badminton, indoor cricket and lawn bowls. Serving as President of the Gingin P&C and continuing his involvement with the Gingin Historical Society and Project Gingin. Throughout much of this time, Ron has faced significant personal challenges with remarkable courage and dignity. His strength of character, resilience and positive attitude have been an inspiration to all who know him. On behalf of all members of the Gingin Men's Shed, Colin Hadfield expressed the privilege and honour of awarding Life Membership to Ron Pollard in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the Shed and the wider Gingin community.

Gingin Care Group

Our group has been very busy lately! The Gingin Community Car remains in high demand, providing an invaluable and much-appreciated service for locals who otherwise have no way to reach their medical appointments.



At the Bark in the Park event on June 14th, the community gathered at the allocated 'off-lead' dog area to help paint the Blue Tree on Weld St. for the Gingin Canine Collective. Whenever you drive past, let it serve as a reminder to check on family and friends going through tough times, and to reflect on those we have lost.



On 1 June at The Gathering Place meeting, Peter Phee shared exciting news about the proposed Cheriton Gardens Village. Planned as a 79-home community, this will be a

massive asset for our ageing residents. It is a fantastic milestone for Sylvia and the Care Group, who have been investigating this project for many years.

At our last gathering, the Koorunga CWA hosted a fun, Olympic Games-themed morning. Most of the games involved a ball, and while the competition was fierce, everyone was incredibly encouraging! A huge thank you to Kerry, Felicity, and Ann for making it such an enjoyable event.

We always love seeing new faces, so if you'd like to make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere, please ring 0438 575 254 to find out more and join us.



Gingin Uniting Church

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

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

Email: ginginuniting@gmail.com

Phone: Sharon 0428 557 057

Gingin Garden Club

The Gingin Garden Club June gathering was held at Sylvia Kelly's house, which proved to be the perfect venue for our "Potting Day". Sylvia had gone to a great deal of trouble to make our visit safe and comfortable. Many clumps of perennials were divided and potted, along with a variety of plant cuttings. Sylvia also had succulents from her sister available for sale, and some of us took the opportunity to bring home a selection of these very well-grown plants. New members were warmly welcomed, and with plenty of chatter and shared gardening enthusiasm; the afternoon flew by. The plan is for the potted plants to grow well and look magnificent in preparation for our November visit from the Toodyay Garden Group.



Gingin Canine Collective

What a Fantastic Day at Bark in the Park!

On behalf of the Gingin Canine Collective, we'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Bark in the Park such a wonderful community event. We were thrilled to see so many stall holders, community groups, local businesses and residents come together to create such a welcoming and enjoyable day. A special mention goes to the Shire of Gingin for generously donating the sausages for our sausage sizzle, and to Gingin Stockfeeds for

donating one of our fantastic raffle prizes. We're also incredibly grateful to the Gingin Care Group and everyone who helped paint the Blue Tree, creating a lasting symbol of mental health awareness and community connection.

To everyone who attended, bought raffle tickets, enjoyed the activities, supported the stalls and took part in the Blue Tree painting, your enthusiasm and support made the day a great success. And of course, a very special mention to all the the dogs who came along.

From the tiniest pups to the biggest gentle giants, you were the stars of the show, bringing wagging tails, happy smiles and unforgettable moments. Events like this show what can be achieved when community groups, local businesses and residents work together. We look forward to continuing to build support for an enclosed off-lead dog area in Gingin and bringing more dog-friendly events to our community in the future.

Thank you, Gingin, for making Bark in the Park such a memorable success.



Local dancer Tenisha Baxter selected for USA Dance Tour

Tenisha Baxter has been selected for an exciting once-in-a-lifetime dance opportunity in Dallas and Las Vegas in 2026. During the tour, she will participate in workshops with the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, experience the world-renowned NFL season highlights, and take part in many other unique opportunities.

Tenisha is currently fundraising to help cover travel and tour expenses as she continues pursuing her passion for dance.

If you would like to support her journey, donation containers are available at Cu@ Park, Gingin IGA, Greenwells, and Luxxe Hair Studio. She has a Go Fund Me page for those who would like to donate online, so be sure to check it out.

Any donation, big or small, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting Tenisha as she works towards achieving this incredible opportunity.



Norma's Patch

Norma's Patch, at the rear of the Community Resource Centre has now been planted out with winter vegetables, and the recent and consistent rainfall has got the seedlings and drilled seeds off to a good start, aided by a liberal mulching of horse, chicken and leaf litter compost.

The plantings include – potatoes, carrots, spinach, silver beet, pak choy and bok choy, onions and garlic, peas, dwarf and broad beans, cabbages and broccoli. It is amazing how much can be fitted into 8 standard sized raised beds.

Remnants of last year's summer cos lettuce, parsley and fennel have self sown and are also shooting out amongst the winter vegetables. Over the past year the volunteers have been rather ruthless in removing the asparagus, rosemary and sweet potato as it had become invasive. However cuttings have been taken of the rosemary, and some of the original strawberry plants, which were not thriving, have been subdivided and relocated into a new bed. Time will tell whether this has been a successful move.

It is to be noted all the seedlings and packets of seeds are donated by those who work in the garden. Regretfully a further donation of dill and fennel was accidentally discarded, but they will be replaced – apologies and many thanks. Regarding the main harvest of this winter planting, it is obviously some way off, but the plan is to pick the ready vegetables and leave them for free collection in the Reception area of the CRC. However the leafy greens, such as bok choy and spinach, would welcome a browse and pick direct from the beds.

Thanks must be extended to the work of Marco, the 3rd year Medical Student, who was a member of the Curtin University team that came together for their hands on community project in the Community Resource Centre Gardens in early May. On the Friday Marco worked tirelessly all day helping Ross Massam disassemble and

relocate one of the raised beds, followed by assisting one of the vollies in decluttering and cleaning out the garden shed, which in turn led to a refurbishment of some of the tools.

The small group of vollies generally meet on a Wednesday for an hour, but now that the winter planting is complete, this will happen every second week, although individuals may drop by to check all is well, and do some personal weeding.

Due to weather and water constraints it is not intended for the garden to be maintained as a productive patch during the hot summer months, which means the summer vegetables are likely to be planted in September and harvested in December early January.

From "little acorns, big oak trees grow", or from one "seed potato", a meal of potatoes can be harvested – as Norma G would be thinking.

By Mary Cameron



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Gingin Men's Shed

The Gingin Men's Shed has recently received a \$5000.00 Grant from the West Australian Men's Shed Association's Small Grants Programme which is funded by Lotteries West.

A Laser Engraver has been purchased and commissioned by our resident Tech expert Allan Hollington.

The Engraver has already been used to produce an elegant memorial cross, and will be a useful addition to our inventory of Hi Tech tools.



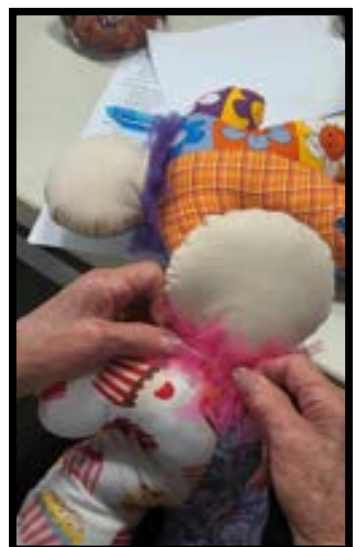
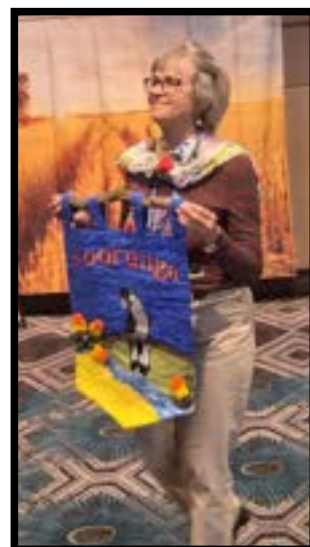
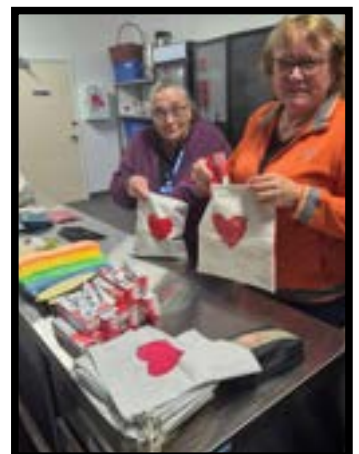
Koorunga CWA

Advocacy workshops held at the recent Country Women's Association of WA 102nd State Conference at Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough, were one of the challenges tackled, resulting in informed conversations and connections.

The Conference celebrated the many giving women and the impact CWA is having in WA. From brain storming hands on workshops, shared knowledge, renewing friendships, learning skills, inspiring guest speakers and displays featuring Ukraine and Romania, it was an action packed two days. The banner parade of each branch attending, photo albums from Conferences held from 1987 to 2007 when the venue was known as Observation City, a birthday cake celebrating 90 years of the CWA Cookbook, a performance by Echoes of Ukraine Choir and the keynote speaker, Blythe Calnan, from Muster Dogs Series 3, all added to an enjoyable and memorable conference. Each branch was asked to take part in a special flower themed art project by decorating a 10x10cm canvas square with a peony or sunflower. Koorunga chose to crochet a Peony.

Koorunga members were busy at their last meeting, held at Wannamal. The 20ml of rain did not deter the enthusiasm and passion to create positive change. Sewing Koorunga

name tags on drainage bags, adding frills to toy clowns and packing emergency toilet bags for the Broome Hospital, plus sewing heal and toe patches on Christmas stocking that will go to nursing homes. The next meeting of Koorunga CWA will be held on Thursday 9 July at the Lions Den, Gingin, 9.30am for a cuppa, 10.00am start.



Gingin Scouts

Always on the lookout for fun and challenging programs for the youth members of the Gingin Scout Group, the activities over the past month have certainly ticked that box.

One of the highlights was a visit from the Gingin Police, St John Ambulance and Bush Fire Brigade, giving members the opportunity to interact with some of our local first responders. The visit reinforced just how valuable

these essential services are while allowing the scouts to ask plenty of questions about police equipment, including tasers, handcuffs and firearms, climb into the back of an ambulance without being a patient, discover the importance of protective clothing, and learn that 131 444 is the number to call for non-life-threatening police matters. There was even the chance to use a fire hose to wash Hathi's car! It was a wonderful opportunity to build connections, encourage curiosity and foster trust with the people who keep our community safe. Many of the youth members agreed that joining one of these essential services in the future would be an exciting career. To celebrate Thank a First Responder Day, the group also created a fantastic video featuring comments from the next generation, which was shared on the community Facebook page. The month also included an exciting visit from the Scouts WA Radio and Technology Team. Members created WiggleBots using sections of fire hose, cups, textas and small motors, producing some spectacular artwork while learning about simple engineering concepts. They also built electrical circuits, sent Morse code messages, and discovered the phonetic alphabet. The activities encouraged teamwork, problem-solving and enthusiasm, with many

members taking the challenges even further. The learning continues as the scouts construct two antenna masts using spars and lashings before connecting antenna cables and using radios to communicate with one another.



Gingin Firefighters Step Up for MSWA

On Saturday, 21 June, four members of the Gingin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service joined emergency service personnel from across Western Australia to take on the annual MSWA Step Up for MS challenge in Perth.

Dressed in full structural firefighting Personal Protective Clothing (PPC), the Gingin crew climbed 53 flights of stairs and more than 1,100 steps to reach the top of Perth's tallest building, demonstrating both physical endurance and a commitment to supporting people living with multiple sclerosis.

The event raises vital funds and awareness for MSWA, helping to provide essential services, equipment and support to Western Australians living with neurological conditions.

Gingin VFRS, participation in the stair climb has become a proud tradition. This year marked the fifth year that Gingin VFRS members have taken part in the challenge, standing alongside fellow emergency services personnel in showing that every step climbed helps make a difference in the lives of others.

The Gingin crew are proud to continue supporting this inspiring event and look forward to stepping up again in 2027.



Gingin Red Cross

There were plenty of laughs at the recent Gingin Red Cross Morning Tea, with Storytime bringing joy and laughter to all. Local Scottish resident Charlee delighted guests by reading *The Winky Wonky Donkey*, accompanied by her impeccably behaved goat, Duncan, who was dressed for the occasion and happily posed for a few selfies. Helen's animated performance of the story had everyone in stitches and added to the fun-filled morning.

Please note there will be no Red Cross

Morning Teas in July or August as members head out for a Christmas in July outing. For more information, contact Helen on 042 417 2817.



Gingin Chittering Lions

Christmas in July

You may have seen us at the IGA recently selling Lion's Christmas cakes and puddings, and we'll be back again during the school holidays, weather permitting. We saved some of our popular cakes and puddings for you to enjoy through the winter months. They make a wonderful dessert, a thoughtful host gift when sharing a meal with friends, or a delicious treat alongside your morning or afternoon cuppa.

If you missed us at the shops and would like to purchase a cake \$20 or pudding \$16, please call 0400 505 656 and we'll be happy to help.

Glasses Collection

The Lion's Club collects unwanted prescription glasses and sends them to Queensland, where they are sorted and distributed to people in need throughout Australia and around the world. Improved eyesight can make a tremendous difference to a person's quality of life and independence.

If you have old glasses tucked away in a drawer, please consider donating them. They can be left in the collection box located on the air-conditioning unit at the Lion's Den.

Battery Recycling

We also collect old car and machinery batteries for recycling. These can be left outside the Lion's Den, or you can contact Colin on 041 123 1985 to arrange collection.

Supporting the Gingin Seals

We were delighted to once again support the Gingin Seals with a donation of \$500 towards their swimming programs. We wish all the swimmers every success as they continue to develop their skills, achieve their goals, and grow in confidence both in and out of the pool.

Invitation

Our next meeting will be at the Lion's Den, 3 Horan Street Gingin on Monday the 13 July. We share a meal from 6.30pm and then get on to business. Call Colin for more information.

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The scheme offers redress to mothers who gave birth in Victoria, or were a Victorian resident but gave birth interstate, and who were forcibly separated from their newborn babies soon after birth, prior to 1990. Eligible mothers can receive:

- a one-off payment of \$30,000
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- apologies or personalised responses in the future and
- a trauma informed, non-court process with support available at every step.

Forced adoption refers to past practices that forcibly separated mothers and their babies. Not all these practices resulted in adoption, and included mothers who were forced, pressured or coerced to give up their babies rather than bear the shame and social stigma of pregnancy and birth outside marriage.

Our support team is available to guide you through the application process, answer questions, and assist you with any supporting information that may be required.

To find out if you are eligible or to talk about your options:

Free call 1300 217 425, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday

Visit vic.gov.au/redress-forced-adoptions

Or email forcedadoptions.redress@justice.vic.gov.au

Interpreter services are available.

If this information is distressing and you need immediate support, call Lifeline 13 11 14. For information and advice for people impacted by adoption, call VANISH on 1300 826 474



Under 5s Discovery Time

Spark your child's imagination and creativity with Einstein's Australia's discovery workshop!

Thursday 6th August 10am-12noon
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- Rocket craft
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- Discovery tray with magnifying glasses
- and more!

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Thursday 6th August 3:30-4:30pm

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Discover how plants, crystals and minerals form. Observe the structure and growth patterns of minerals, rocks, crystals, Australian seed pods and plants with Jeweller's loupes and digital magnifiers. Then dig through the crystal chips to choose your favourite to start your own mini crystal collection.

Booking essential as places are limited
Call 9575 1253 or email crc-service@gingin.net

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Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- Local Emergency Management Arrangements.
- Establishment of CEO Selection Panel.
- Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure Services - Service Agreement Renewal (12 Months).
- Community Funding Program 2026/2027.
- Road Naming - Lancelin South Estate Stages 3 and 4.
- RAV Vehicles - Honeycomb Road and Cockram Road Roundabout.

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

Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsorship Invitation 2026

This year's theme: Highlighting the bodies of water that connect our Shire.

The Shire of Gingin is inviting local businesses to become special prize sponsors for our annual Early Rates Incentive Scheme - a popular initiative that encourages early payment of rates so we can deliver key projects and services to the community sooner.

By sponsoring a prize, your business will not only be helping us reward 10 lucky early ratepayers with exciting prize packages (made up of cash, vouchers and/or services), but you'll also receive valuable promotion across our platforms and networks.

What has changed this year?

Last year, feedback from our community highlighted that rising cost-of-living pressures has made it challenging to pay rates in full upfront. That's why we've introduced one new prize category this year, giving more ratepayers the opportunity to participate. Ratepayers that have opted to pay their rates via two or four instalments simply need to pay their first rates instalment by the due date to go into the draw to win.

For more information, visit: www.gingin.wa.gov.au/rates

All enquiries can be directed to the Shire's Rates Department on **9575 5100**.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please complete the Sponsorship Invitation & Acceptance Form available via www.gingin.wa.gov.au/rates indicating your preferred option, along with a high-res copy of your company logo, and return to the Shire with payment by **Saturday 18 July 2026**.

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/



The poster features a scenic background of a beach and ocean. At the top right is the Guilderton Community Library logo. The main text reads: "Guilderton Community Library is turning 20". Below this is a yellow banner with the text "20 YEARS OF STORIES, SHARED TOGETHER". The event title "Gala Morning Community Event" is followed by "SAVE THE DATE" in large, bold letters. A calendar icon indicates the date "9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday, 4 July 2026". A location pin icon indicates "Guilderton Community Hall". At the bottom, five circular icons represent the activities: Memory Wall, Face Painting, Raffles and prizes, Free Morning Tea, and Sausage Sizzle.

Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officer

In accordance with s.38(2A) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, public notice is hereby given that Oceana Ravi is appointed as a Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Gingin.



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Shire of Gingin - Container Exchange Points

The Shire of Gingin is proud to partner with Containers for Change and announce the installation of 29 Container Exchange Points across the Shire of Gingin.

Look out for the Containers for Change baskets or cradles attached to general waste bins in your local area. Save your accepted 10g containers from general waste and give them the chance to live again and again and make them available for anyone in the community to collect.

Whether you're raising funds for a local club or sporting group, looking to earn a little extra pocket money, or simply wanting to support your household, we encourage you to collect these 10g containers. Container Exchange Points are installed to collect accepted 10g containers, so please use general waste bins when disposing of single-use items, such as coffee cups and drink cups.



Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsor Acknowledgements

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What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

SPACE Weekly Meetings

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

Guilderton Library 20th Birthday

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

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tues 21 July, 3pm - 5pm, Shire of Gingin Council Chambers.

NDIA Connecting Day

Tues 21 July, 10am - 2pm, Northam Recreation Centre Sports Hall, 44 Peel Terrace.

Einstein's Australia Workshops - Gingin and Lancelin Libraries

5 & 6 August, 10am - 12pm and 3pm to 4:30pm, Gingin and Lancelin Libraries.

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

Upcoming/Works in Progress

Drainage Management Works:

Please be advised, that side entry pit and soak well drainage works throughout the Shire will be commencing shortly.

These works are essential to improve stormwater management and reduce localised flooding ahead of the winter rains.

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

Please be advised that footpath works on Vins, Atkinson and Riley Streets in Lancelin are still ongoing, these works were delayed due to poor weather conditions.

For the duration of these works, traffic management, signage and temporary detours will be in place.

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.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group

Water quality in the Gingin Brook 2025 Part 2

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.

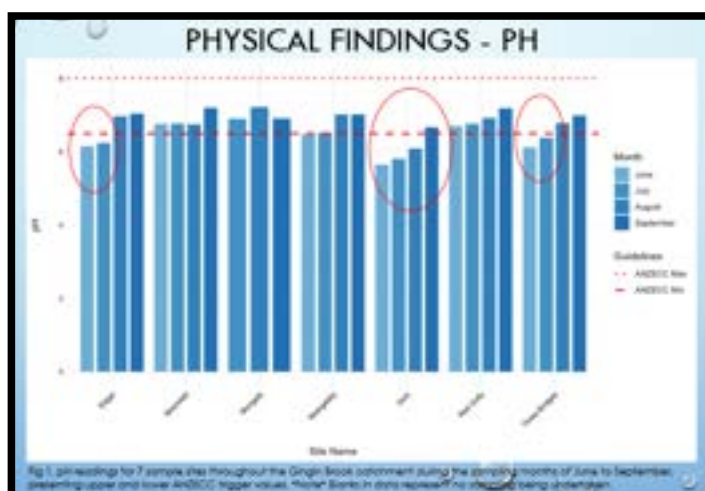
This is the second year of monitoring in the Gingin Brook Catchment. As in 2024, there were seven sites tested, three on the Gingin Brook (Edgar St, Three Bridges and Neergabby Old Bridge) and one on each of Moondah Brook, Mungala Brook, Red Gully Creek and Quin Brook. Parameters measured at each site 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 and heavy metals in June and September. Water ways within town sites are at risk of contamination by these chemicals from vehicles and industries. Edgar St site was also tested for heavy metals in June and September. Heavy metals occur naturally in soil but also are present as a result of the use of fertilisers or pesticides in agriculture and horticulture and from industrial use. Runoff from rainfall can then wash them into water ways. Aluminium and hydrocarbon results were presented in the previous edition.

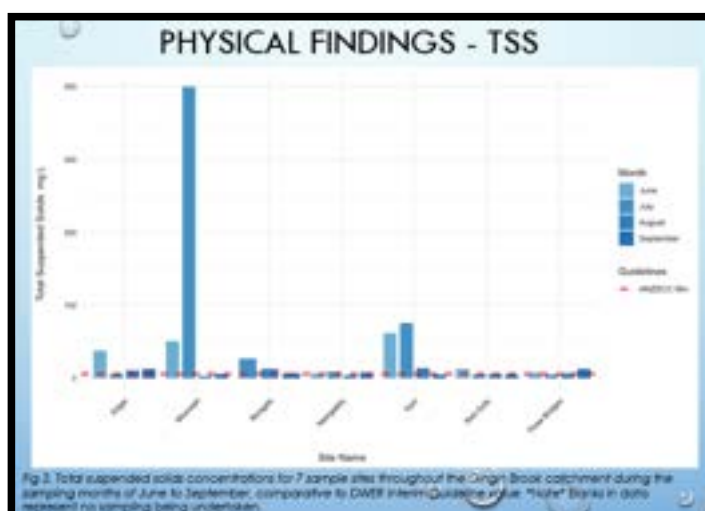
This time physical findings - pH and TSS (total suspended solids) are presented. Red lines on the graphs are ANZECC 2000 trigger values for lowland streams in the southwest of WA in moderately disturbed areas. The trigger value indicates the level at which there is potential to cause environmental harm, and further monitoring, investigation or management needs to occur.

The pH has an upper and lower value indicating the range which is acceptable. Low pH (acidic) presents the potential for

toxic levels of heavy metals to be present in water. High pH (alkaline) water can lead to ammonia being converted to a toxic form, which even at low levels, can be lethal to fish and amphibians. Alkalinity can also make water bodies highly susceptible to algal blooms.



TSS is the amount of visible sediment in the water. Spikes can result from heavy rainfall events washing topsoil and organic matter into waterways. A combination of soil disturbance, e.g. ploughing or earthmoving near the stream, followed by heavy rain, or a major disturbance of the stream bed just prior to the sampling run, might explain the large spike seen on Moondah Brook in July.



You can contact us:

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Poems By June

Old Aussies

We're a dying breed – old Aussies, near gone
our generation.

Suppose it's our own fault really 'cause we
strove for education.

Now this new breed of Aussies can't afford
to stop or pause – always rushing here and
there, to another bally cause.

To sit and smoke and yarn awhile brought
pleasure to us blokes.

Now its videos and T.V.'s and very dirty jokes.
Hard yakka never killed us off, now its
pushing buttons brings pain and many work
days off.

On horse and cart we ambled on, still got
there – only slower.

Today it's cars we gamble on and all that's
fast with power.

Yes we're a dying breed – old Aussies – but
from us you all could learn, that true blue
Aussies mateship means much more than
you could earn.

We would sit and smoke and yarn awhile if
you would slow down too, for we're eighty
to a hundred now – our limbs are "cricky"
bent and few the ears and eyes as clear as
once they used to be.

We're a dying breed – old Aussies – our
grandsons on our knees, who tell of
spaceships and "technology" if you please!

Give me good old "Mother earth", my two
feet on the ground – up in "outer space" – I'll
never mess around.

Guess its all called progress and time does
not stand still. Reckon though we have a
sigh for olden days gone by..... just to sit and
smoke and yarn awhile before we all must
die.

This new breed of Aussies, the land is in their
hands, pray God they learn to handle it with
care and understanding.

Slow down and sit and think awhile, and
don't be so demanding, for when you, in your

turn, are classed as "old Aussies" the speed
by which you're passed by, will remind you
of a "mossie"

Yes, we're a dying breed – old Aussies".

Where is it?

What shall I do, I'm sorely tried. I'm vexed,
perplexed and quite cross too.

I put it here, I know I did – or was it over
there?

I think I saw it yesterday, 'tho I really can't
be sure.

I'll just have to search the house again – if
only just once more.

Was it on the cupboard or just behind the
door, I've searched upon the table and also
on the floor.

Upon my chair I've sat and thought, I really
don't remember.

I've put it down now it can't be found – a new
one must be bought.

To the store I'll go tomorrow to replace the
wretched thing – what the dickens was it?
How much money should I bring?

My mind has gone blank – I really am too old
for this – it surely is a prank.

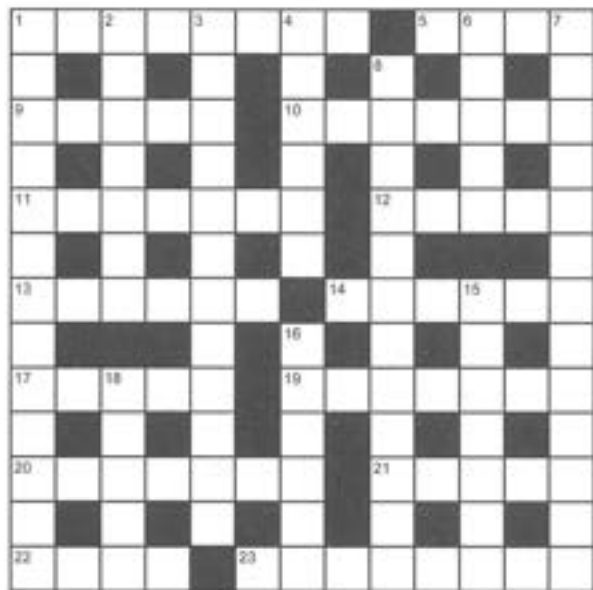
I'll just forget about it – it surely will appear.

I'll not admit to getting old, my mind is still
quite clear.

Now, where DID I put the blessed thing? Oh
dear, oh dear, OH DEAR!



BRAIN BUZZ



Across

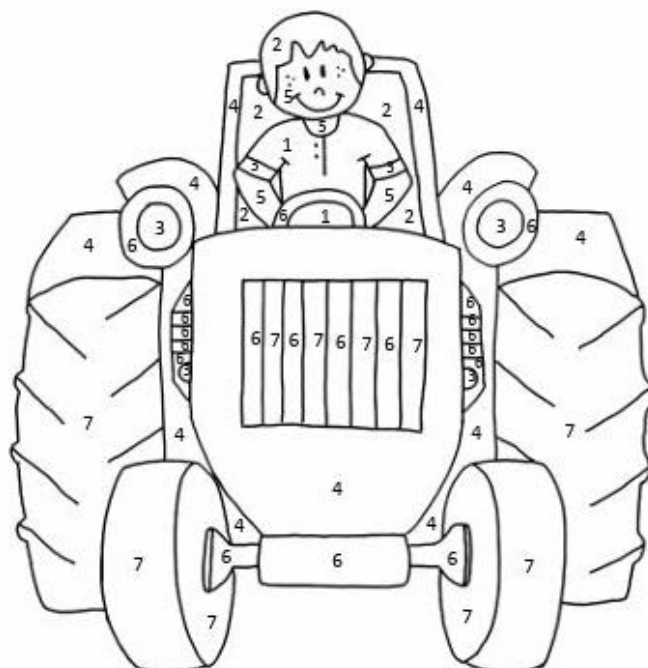
1. Shri! (8)
5. Move wings; flutter (4)
9. Circle a planet (5)
10. Large room (7)
11. Holiday locations (7)
12. Spring flower (5)
13. Hinder the progress of (6)
14. Ornamental border (6)
17. Perfect (5)
19. Violent and lawless person (7)
20. Sticks to (7)
21. A satellite of Uranus (5)
22. Opposite of west (4)
23. Exaggerated emotion (8)

Down

1. Defer action (13)
2. Diplomatic building (7)
3. Butterfly larvae (12)
4. Most pleasant (6)
6. Name applied to something (5)
7. Miscellaneous equipment (13)
8. Unemotional and practical (6-2-4)
15. Less quiet (7)
16. Very reliable (6)
18. The spirit of a people (5)



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Gingin Golf Club

Ladies News

A busy few weeks at the Gingin Golf Club for the ladies competing in Stroke and Stableford fixture events locally, and Open Days in Tammin, Goomalling and Beverley.

Results

*27 May Winner Robin Higgins 38 pts, Runner-up Kathy Gobbart 37 pts. This event was generously sponsored by The Gingin Hotel.

*3 June Winner Robin Higgins 34pts, Runner-up Jill Lane 30pts.

*10 June Winner Kaye Bingham 77 nett, Runner-up Nina Foulkes-Taylor and Jill Lane both 78 nett.

*17 June Winner Nina Foulkes-Taylor 36pts, Runner-up Kaye Bingham 35pts. Thank you to our sponsor for the day Chris Haywood.

Congratulations to Robin Higgins and partner winning the event at Goomalling Ladies Open Day.

On Friday 12 June the Gingin Ladies Open Day was held under chameleon skies. One short shower bought out the umbrellas for the 37 competitors on the course. Congratulations to all competitors and Winners on the day. A very big thank you to our wonderful sponsors WCS Concrete for the winner prizes and 5th Generation Honey for all the novelty prizes.

*Winner: Nett Stableford- Sharon Ferguson (The Vines Resort) 33pts.

*Runner-up: Nett Stableford- Therese Chitty (Bolgart Golf Club) 33pts.

*Winner: Gross- Robin Woods (Chequers Golf Club) 16.

*Winner: Vets- Joy Hamilton (Bolgart Golf Club) 31pts.

*Winner: Best 1-9 holes- Kathy Gobbart (Gingin Golf Club) 19pts.

*Winner: Best 10-18 holes- Emmie Wright (Guilderton Golf Club) 16pts.

*Winner: Best Unplaced Visitor- Viv Camerer (Bolgart Golf Club) 32pts

Another big welcome to our newest member, Elzette. 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.



MENS GOLF

The course is now well established with a flush of green throughout that requires repetitive mowing. All the rough has been cleared and slashed with various heaps of debris burnt as necessary. The planted grass around greens 15 and 16, with the assistance of an amended sprinkler layout, has flourished and it has given a whole new playing aspect to these areas. For winter operation the sprinklers around the greens have been adjusted to wet down the sand on the green to ensure a consistent putting surface

On 23 May Graham Dunlop kindly sponsored a Stableford event that attracted a good attendance of players. The winner was Chris Bell with 39 points, the runner-up was David Roe scoring 38, and Brian Carter was in third place with 37. Paul Fewster was the winner of the Duncan Hackman Gross Event.

Duncan Hackman sponsored a Stableford event on 30 May with the following results. Brian Carter was the winner with 36 points; the runner-up was David Roe with 34 points and Thys Gorter also scored 34 points but losing on a countback. to be in third place. The best gross score also went to Brian by scoring 87.

A Par Event was organised for the 6 June sponsored by Mark Sanders. For those who are unaware of this version of the game a player scoring better than his handicap on a hole is awarded with a +, equalling the handicap the award is 0, a score less than handicap is recorded with a -. This means that if you end the round with a total of 0 you are playing to your handicap. Even a super score, say an Eagle, is only rewarded with a +. The results were Ray Ashworth with +2, Robert Brodie-Hall, on a count back from Mark Sanders, with 0 was runner-up, and Mark came third also with 0. Best gross for the day went to Brendon Fewster.

On 13 June both our President, Brian Carter and our Men's Captain, Chris Bell combined their finances to sponsor a Four Ball Better

Ball (4BBB) event. In order that players could not establish an advantage by teaming up with someone of their choice, partners were drawn at random. By a stroke of good luck, or maybe good golf, the winning pair included Chris Bell in partnership with Jack Watson and scoring 42 points. James Bayliss and Noddy Houghton were in second place scoring 40 points and third were Thys Gorter and Cole Fewster with 39 points.

One of our constant City members, Albi Sermon sponsored a Stableford day on Saturday 20 June. It was a pleasure to see Bruno DeBoni with son Matthew accompanying Albi for the day. Someone who has recently taken up golf again and making us aware of his presence on the winners list is David Roe, who won the day with 38 points. Second place was achieved by Thys Gorter, scoring 36 points, and third was Ray Ashworth with 35 points.

We have now installed inside our clubhouse a Golf Simulator which is proving to be a good fun attraction after a game and can also be used if the weather is too inclement to play on the course.

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



The Hole By Alan Gent

We searched high and low for Sam. It was really very unlike him to simply wander off. Cocker spaniels are friendly animals though, and it could be that he just picked the wrong human being to be friendly with. We looked inside the old shed at the bottom of the garden, although we had to wrench open the door to get in. I was looking round the shed in case he'd found some other means of access, when I saw it. Well, that is to say, I almost fell into it.

It was a hole!

It was perfectly shaped, and appeared round, with completely smooth sides, as if it had been drilled by some huge boring machine. Huge, I say, because it was about two metres across. I called my wife, Sally, over to show her, before crawling gingerly to the edge.

"You need a torch, George," she said, practically.

Torchlight didn't reveal anything. "SAM!" I yelled several times. Absolute silence. The torchlight seemed to simply end in blackness.

"We have to get the Council on this," I said, "to stop anything else falling in..."

"You don't know for sure that Sam's down there, though, do you?"

"Well. No. But we've looked everywhere else. Perhaps the Council can bring a block and tackle or something, so we can go down and see."

The men from the Council came round that afternoon. They erected some plastic barriers around the hole, but they didn't have anything like a rope to climb down into it.

"What can I do then?" I asked. "Our dog might be down there."

They advised me to call the fire brigade, which I did. The man from the fire brigade stood scratching his head. "I've never seen anything like this before." He dropped a stone down the hole and listened. Nothing. He shone a torch down, but it also didn't reveal anything – just blackness. "We'd have

to erect some sort of framework above the hole. Look, you'd best be contacting Search and Rescue. They might have something."

The next day the men from Search and Rescue came over. Another stone was dropped into the hole, and a more powerful torch was used. Suddenly the man realized the significance of the smooth sides. "Suppose it's a bomb or something that's dropped down there. We didn't ought to go fiddling around. I reckon you should let the Army blokes have a look at this. Tell them you reckon it might be a bomb. I bet they come running!"

Two Army trucks turned up and we were told to prepare to evacuate the house. While we were busy getting some essential gear together, a chap in a suit walked into the living room, with a puzzled expression on his face. He introduced himself as Doctor James Higgins. "I'm a civilian adviser to the local Army people here," he said. "but something isn't quite right. You see, the hole isn't round."

"Well, it looked round to me," I said.

"Yes, but when you measure it, it's slightly oval. And another thing. The major axis is exactly North-South. Probably coincidence, but certainly worth noting. Anyway, I've told the Army people I don't think it's a bomb. The hole is far too big, and it's not perfectly round. If it was a huge bomb and had fallen at an angle, the hole would show it."

"So what do you think made the hole?"

"Well, we can only speculate. I'd say it was man-made, but it would require some pretty sophisticated machinery to make it, and you'd have heard it, even if you hadn't seen the equipment. I've got a friend who works at the Observatory, but I'm pretty sure that the orientation of the hole and the relative measurements of the major and minor axes indicate it couldn't have been made with our technology."

"Are you saying we've had little green men in our back garden?"

"Well, I don't know what colour they might be, but something – not human – has made your hole. And you can stop packing. There's no bomb."

"So what happens now?"

"The army is sending down a drone with a very powerful lamp on it. They'll be able to monitor its progress. I think it might be an idea if you stay out of the way for a while."

Somehow the press had got hold of the story, and some of the Army people had to be deployed to keep them away from the site. We were told not to speak to them 'for security reasons'.

About two hours later we were once again visited by Dr Higgins. He'd brought an older man with him – very professorial, with small glasses defying gravity on the end of his hooked nose. "This is Professor Able," he said.

The old professor looked quite worried. "I must admit, it's about the most puzzling problem I've yet faced. It's the shape and orientation of the hole, you see. The Earth is what's called an 'oblate spheroid' – squashed at the poles due to the Earth's spin. The ratio of the major and minor axes of the ellipse that's the shape of the hole is exactly the same as that of the Earth. On top of that, the sides of the hole are exactly vertical and clean cut. I probably shouldn't mention this to you but...", with a glance at Doctor Higgins, who nodded in agreement, "the drone they sent down never came back, and the pictures it sent back were only of the first five hundred feet..." He saw the astonished look on my and Sally's face. "Yes, it's really deep. The engineers haven't been able to determine just how deep, but they say there is quite a bit of heat coming up from the hole. They would have sent a man down, but after the drone, they thought it would be too risky. Quite frankly, it's a mystery. You say you never knew it was there?"

"Well, our dog's only recently gone missing," I said. "We had no reason to look behind the shed before that. What will happen now?"

"The Army have got it cordoned off. It's some way from your house, so they see no reason to move you out at this stage. I think they intend to cover it permanently after they've completed their investigations. I don't need to tell you that it would be very unwise to talk to the press. The story going out is that it's a forgotten mine-site."

That night, Sally and I tried to continue a normal way of living, but couldn't help wondering about the hole, our dog, the missing drone and the reason for the hole to be in our garden.

A week went by, and the activity around the hole seemed to have subsided quite considerably. The press had got tired of the story and left, and most of the Army personnel had gone with them. The two remaining army people had set up a large tent and had their own sleeping arrangements in a caravan parked at the front of our house. Their role was simply a 'watch and report' operation. Most of the time, though, they sat in the back garden at our picnic table or in their tent playing cards, ignoring the hole.

What happened next was quite bizarre.

We were woken one morning by a frantic banging on our back door. What greeted us was an army corporal, eyes staring, babbling about the hole. He kept shouting: "It's gone! It's gone!" We rushed down the garden to see. And it had indeed gone. Right under the noses of the two army men, the hole had somehow filled itself in! Not only that, it was as if it had never been there in the first place! The grass and vegetation was exactly as it had been before.

That afternoon, there was a scratching at the door, and there was Sam, our faithful cocker spaniel, none the worse for wear – wherever he'd been. I wished dogs could talk.



Announcements

Dot Glanz turns 92!

Dot Glanz celebrated her 92nd birthday with her daughter and local friends at Donnybrook and Kirup on June 19 - and, as can be seen, a very happy moment with a pet lamb !



Dot lived all her life in Jones Street, Gingin , having been born in Jones Street, marrying, then shifting into her husband's family home next door.

Dot left Gingin approximately 5 years ago to live with her daughter and son in law on their farm in Kirup, and more recently she

shifted into Donnybrook's Tuia Lodge.

Dot's life is a full and happy one, and as her daughter says, she has to almost make an appointment to see her mother.

Not only are her days full of company and activity in the Lodge, but she regularly goes back to the farm or accompanies her daughter to the many local functions in the district.

Dot has been adopted by the Local Bootscooting group as an "Honorary Member".

It is good to hear and see a happy "transplant" story from a senior cit. who left the district to access more appropriate care than was available for her in Gingin.

Rod Withnell

Another senior citizen to leave the district in recent months, Rod is now living in assisted care at Aegis Sandstrom in Mt Lawley. Rod is well known in the town, having run cattle on a number of small holdings over many years. He also, along with his late wife Faith, hosted the Austin Car Club members and their cars as part of the annual British Car

Day. His greatest delight was "tinkering" and doing up old cars and machinery. Regretfully independent living was no longer a practicality for him due to failing eyesight and ongoing issues with his health.

However, he would welcome visitors and chatting with old Gingin friends in his new "home".

Congratulations to Tony Brown OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia)

Tony was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to Local Government administration as part of the King's Birthday 2026 Honours List in May.

Tony was honoured for his significant contribution to WALGA and the entire Local Government Sector in WA over the last 40 years. He was the Deputy Chief Executive Officer in the Shire of Gingin 2004 - 2005 and is well remembered by former work colleagues as a fair and scrupulous manager.

In 2025, Tony was appointed W. A's inaugural Local Government Inspector to review and investigate matters of governance and

probity in local councils, and of recent times was granted extended powers to intervene in dysfunctional Councils, with the power to send in monitors, along with legal and financial experts, to suspend or dismiss Councils.

A very well-earned acknowledgment of Tony's commitment to help Local Government Councils to operate with integrity, accountability and transparency.



Herbert James Edwards aka Ringer Edwards

May and July, mark the anniversaries of the birth and death of Herbert Edwards aka Jim Edwards aka “Ringer Edwards”, whose name may not ring a bell with most Gingin residents. However for those who grew up during the second World War years, or are of the Baby Boomer generation and grew up hearing the stories of their parents, or read the books of the English writer Nevil Shute, “Ringer Edwards” or Joe Harman, as he was portrayed in the novel a “A Town Like Alice”, is part of Australia’s Outback and war story folklore.

His voice is recorded as an oral history in the Battye Library, his story is told in the Stockman’s Hall of Fame, and he was selected as the Commonwealth Senior Achiever in 1999. Edwards’s War Service Record can also be found in the National Archives, Canberra.

Two films were based on chapters of the Nevill Shute novel – the internationally acclaimed “ A Town Like Alice” and the three part Australian mini series of the same name, starring Bryan Brown.

Yet few in Gingin know that he lived in the town for the last few years of his life, and is buried in the Gingin Cemetary, alongside his wife Pauline.

A biography of his life was written by Mary Cameron in 2018 for the Gingin Buzz following its authorization by his daughter, Pauline. A copy is soon to be “spirex bound” and placed in the Gingin Library.

Recently Mary was contacted by the Editor of

the Hesperian Press requesting permission for some of the material of her story to be included in a yet to be published book on the life and times of H.J Edwards.

Hesperian Press is one of Australia’s leading publishing companies on Australian history and local stories. It is also no stranger to publishing articles about Gingin and District. Hesperian Press’s owner and editor Peter Bridge met and visited local identity William De Burgh, during the time he was writing “Neergabby – a History of the Moore River and the Lower Gingin Brook” – and his other local histories.



Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to...

Val Dodds, Joanne Kenworthy, Belinda Martin, Tania Duffy, Alessha Bynder, Bree Gavranic, Mitch Cocking, Jody Harris, Andrew Duschka, Deanne Joubert and Emma Jones.



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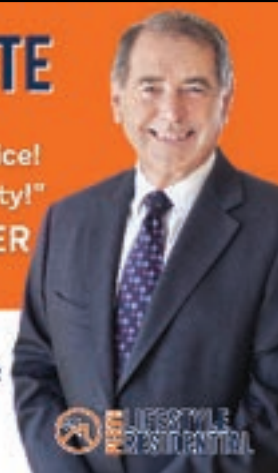
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