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9 March 1945 - 24 July 2026



The Committee Members, staff and volunteers of the Gingin Community Resource Centre extend their deepest and sincerest sympathy to Jenny's husband Mort, daughter Sam and her three grandchildren on the passing of their much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Jenny volunteered at the Telecentre from its inception and later transitioned to the CRC, serving for many years. She was also the inaugural Secretary of the Gingin Pensioner's Group and held that position until its closure on 30 June 2024, a period of 25 years. Her dedicated commitment

to many more community organisations in Gingin will be remembered, as will her love of colourful jewellery. Rest peacefully dear friend

In other news, It was wonderful that Lancelin Library won The Innovation and Collaboration Award (Small Regional Libraries) for their Noongar Seasons Early Literacy Backpacks. Lauren accompanied Helen to the awards night held at the State Library of Western Australia. Congratulations Lancelin Library and our CRC staff that assisted Helen.

If anyone is having issues claiming their \$100 fuel bonus, or the student bonus, please pop in and see CRC staff- we are happy to help.

To those who attended the recent Low Tox Living workshop we now have Sue's cleaning recipes typed up if you would like a copy- or to anyone else that would like natural cleaning alternative recipes.

As always stay safe and we hope to see you soon.

Carrie

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Our Staying in Place Team

Recently, Julie from our Staying in Place Team attended the Aged Care Expo at HBF Arena Joondalup on behalf of the Gingin community. It was a great opportunity to learn about the many products, services and supports available to assist older residents to live independently. From mobility equipment and household aids to helpful resources and information, there was plenty to explore. Julie was encouraged to see the growing support available for rural communities, with many organisations keen to visit Gingin and share their knowledge through local information sessions. Julie has returned with resources and ideas to share with our clients.

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



Ash Martinez
Staying in Place
Client Coordinator



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Client Coordinator

Have questions about 'Staying in Place'?
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'Staying in Place' is now available in the Shire of Gingin.

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

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

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



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IF YOU HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES

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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 - Lancelin Library wins State Award for Innovative Early Literacy Program

Attending the Library Board Awards on 2 July was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the incredible work of Lancelin Library Officer, Helen Sutherland, whose vision and dedication has now been recognised with two significant State honours.

Helen and I were proud to accept the 2026 Library Board Award for Innovation and Collaboration in the Small Regional Libraries category for the Noongar Seasonal Early Literacy Backpacks program. The initiative also received a **Commendation** in the North Family Early Literacy Award, making it an even more memorable evening.

The Award celebrates an innovative early literacy initiative developed by the Shire of Gingin's Lancelin and Gingin Public Libraries to support children from birth to three years of age, and their families across the region.

The 0-2 year olds backpack program combines books, educational play materials and hands-on activities designed to encourage reading, talking, singing, writing and play at home. What makes the initiative unique, is its integration of the six Noongar seasons, Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang, into every aspect of the resources. So helping young children and their families connect with local Aboriginal culture, while developing essential early literacy skills.

This wonderful initiative was conceived and led by Helen, who developed the concept, and coordinated the extensive work involved in bringing the program to life. Gingin Community Resource Centre 2025 Trainee Mikayla Groth contributed the creative design of the program's bookmarks and activity booklets, while I assisted with proofreading and final production checks.

The program was developed in response to Australian Early Development Census data showing that 23 per cent of children in the Shire of Gingin are developmentally at risk

in language and cognitive skills, above the Western Australian average. By creating portable, loanable literacy backpacks, the initiative helps overcome transport barriers, and supports parents and caregivers in their role as a child's first teacher.

In announcing the Award, the judges praised the project as a "strong, culturally safe community initiative" developed in collaboration with local Elders, educators and environmental agencies. They also recognised its role in promoting Noongar culture, delivering early literacy support where it is needed most, and reinforcing the public library as a welcoming community space for families.

Congratulations to Helen, Mikayla and everyone who contributed to this remarkable initiative. It has been a privilege to play a small part in a project that is making such a positive difference for local children and families, and it is wonderful to see Helen's vision and hard work recognised with these well-deserved honours.

By Lauren Samata





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 Group

The Gingin Garden Group meeting for July was held at Irene and Steve Neville's place. It was a relaxing afternoon spent making the beginnings of a Christmas wreath, or whatever you actually felt like creating! I went for a bird's nest. Yep, no logic, but I had fun. We also heard from a couple of our members, one new and the other not so new. Thank you, Colin and Carolyn. Everyone's stories are always full of rich life experiences, and are so enjoyable to listen to. As always, there were some fun raffles, share tables, and a brilliant afternoon tea provided by Lorraine Greene and Jo Lewis. Thank you to Irene and Steve for being our hosts. (Yes, Steve, you deserve a special mention for your clean shed, the toasty fire, and your dog, who gave my afternoon tea a good lick). Thanks also to Gloria for collecting the money and keeping the records, and to everyone else for your wonderful company.



Gingin Care Group

Gathering Place

On 29 June, we welcomed Ash and Julie, who spoke about the new Support at Home Packages and explained how to get started with an Aged Care Assessment. They encouraged everyone to begin the process at least 12 months in advance, as assessments and approvals can take time. The first step is to make an appointment with your GP and ask for a My Aged Care referral. If you would like to speak with Ash or Julie for more information or guidance, they are available most weekday mornings at the Gingin Community Resource Centre.

As they have very busy schedules, please make an appointment with them in advance, as they are generally unable to accommodate walk-in enquiries. On Monday, 13 July, the Gathering Place was filled with laughter as everyone enjoyed a fun morning of Charades and Pictionary, organised by Kerry. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get involved, share a few laughs, and enjoy each other's company.



Come and join us at the Gathering Place every second Monday from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Our upcoming gatherings are on 27 July, 10 August, and 24 August. If you need a lift, please let us know. To book your place for catering purposes or for more information, contact Sylvia on 0438 575 254.

We look forward to seeing you for a cuppa, plenty of fun, and a delicious lunch. Don't forget, if you need transport to a medical appointment, you can book the Community Car by calling the Community Resource Centre on 9575 1253.

Gingin Treasure Trove - AGM

Date: Monday 21st September 2026

Venue: Gingin Golf Club, 219 Dewar Road.

Time: 1pm

The AGM and Committee Election will be followed by afternoon tea.

Everyone is welcome to the AGM, but only members may vote – membership is \$2 per year.

Treasure Trove members who are unable to attend may appoint a proxy to vote in their place. Proxy voting forms are available in the shop.



Gingin Brook Catchment Group

The third year of planting on Moondah Brook Estate as part of the Gingin Brook Catchment Group's "Ecological improvements for endangered species in Moondah Brook" was undertaken largely on 24 June with a second day on the 9 July to complete the work. Just under 2,600 seedlings were planted. These included Banksia and Hakea species suitable as food for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, a threatened bird, for which the Gingin area is important foraging and roosting habitat. Weed control has been undertaken along Moondah and Wowra Brooks in the past two years with riparian species planted in treated areas where needed. Further weed control will be completed this year.

The landholders have fenced to exclude stock from the revegetation and form a buffer area along the brooks. In addition to the weed control and revegetation, a third year of surveying of Carter's Freshwater Mussel (an endangered species) and rakali in Moondah

Brook within the three adjoining properties included in the project, will be undertaken to monitor the health of these species. Surveys in the previous two years confirmed the presence of both these species in Moondah Brook.

This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program and we thank them and the landholders for their support.

With H5 Bird Flu being detected in



natural resource
management program



Western Australia for the first time this year Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD) is monitoring for the disease both on land and also offshore. Marine mammals such

seals and sealions can also be infected. So far, the affected birds have been seabirds but people are reminded to not handle any sick or dead birds or marine mammals. Instead report them to Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888. Further information about bird flu and the signs to look for can be found at <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-primary-industries-and-regional-development/avian-influenza-signs-and-how-report>. Bird flu is a threat to poultry and pet birds. Bird owners are reminded to prevent as far as possible contact between their birds and wild birds, and to maintain good biosecurity and hygiene standards, to protect their birds.

DPIRD also has a program in place to prevent a number of pest species becoming established outside the known infestations in the metropolitan area. Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB), Rainbow Lorikeets and Sulphur Crested Cockatoos are being targeted. Local people and visitors are reminded to not bring wood from the metropolitan area into regional areas, including the Shire of Gingin, to prevent the spread of Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB). Suspected PSHB infestations, as well as Rainbow Lorikeets and Sulphur Crested Cockatoos sighted in the wild

locally, need to be reported to protect our agriculture, horticulture, lifestyle and natural environment. Report to mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au/reporter or via the MyPestGuide Reporter app. The MyPestGuide Reporter app can be downloaded free from Apple or Google.

Amazon Frogbit in the Gingin Brook is still a concern in the Neergabby and nearby areas. It poses a threat to the environment, irrigation and recreation and could spread to the Moore River. Report any sightings to the Shire of Gingin, as it will be managing this weed. Also report to mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au/reporter or via the MyPestGuide Reporter app.

The next Gingin Brook Catchment Group meeting will be held Monday 10 August at 4pm at the Gingin CRC.

Gingin Brook Catchment Group.



Gingin District High School

Celebrating Learning Across Gingin DHS

It has been another busy and exciting term in our Horticulture and Wildlife programs at Gingin District High School, with students enjoying a range of hands-on learning experiences that connect them with nature and sustainability.

Our students recently took part in the Carnaby Crusader Incursion, where they learned about the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo and the important role we all play



in protecting this iconic Western Australian species. Through engaging activities and discussions, students explored habitat conservation, threats to native wildlife, and simple actions that can make a real difference in supporting local biodiversity.

Horticulture students also celebrated a successful term with a well-earned camp oven cook-up. Using fresh produce harvested from the school garden, students prepared and enjoyed a delicious meal. While reflecting on everything they had learned throughout the term. Students experienced the full journey from garden to plate, developing valuable practical skills. From planting seeds and maintaining garden beds to harvesting,

the vegetables, along the way.

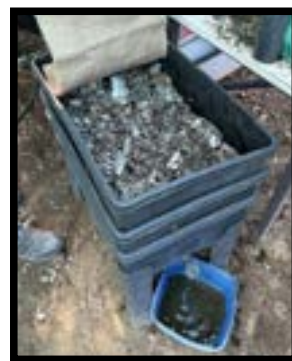


Students also enjoyed participating in a Numero Incursion, where they developed their mathematical thinking through a series of fast-paced and engaging challenges. Working individually and in teams, students used problem-solving, mental arithmetic, and strategic thinking to solve a variety of number puzzles. The day encouraged perseverance, collaboration, and confidence while showing students that mathematics can be both challenging and fun. It was wonderful to see



students supporting one another, and celebrating their successes throughout the activities.

Another highlight was our Worm Incursion with The Worm Shed, where students discovered the incredible role worms play in creating healthy soil and reducing food waste. During the session, students worked together to establish our very own school worm farm, learning how to care for composting worms and how vermiculture supports sustainable gardening practices. We look forward to using the nutrient-rich worm castings and liquid fertiliser throughout our school gardens.



Finally, there is still time for students to enter our Eyes on Nature Photography Competition. The competition has been extended, giving students another opportunity to capture the beauty of the natural world through photography. Entries should be emailed to marisa.burton@education.wa.edu.au and must include the student's name, year group, and a title for their photograph in the email. We encourage all students to get outdoors, explore their surroundings, and share their unique perspective on nature.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm our students continue to show for environmental education and thank our staff, community members, and visiting organisations for supporting these valuable learning opportunities.

CWA Koorunga

All ladies are welcome to the next meeting for Koorunga CWA. It will be held at Wannamal Hall on Bindoon-Moorra Road. Thursday 13 August, 9:30 am for a 10am start. Email koorungacwa@gmail.com or call 0400 505656



Gingin Chittering Lions

The Gingin Chittering Lions Club would like to congratulate Tenisha Baxter on her outstanding achievement of being selected to participate in a USA Dance Tour. We are delighted to support Tenisha with a donation of \$1,000 to assist with her travels to Las Vegas and Dallas. This is a significant milestone in her dance career, and we wish her every success. We look forward to hearing all about her exciting journey when she returns.

We are also proud to support the Albany Homeless Focus Group, which is in the final stages of developing a mobile laundry service to assist people experiencing homelessness throughout the Great Southern region. This worthy project has been made possible through the efforts of Retravisation Albany, Albany Lions, the Soroptimists, the Country Women's Association, and a number of other local charities and not-for-profit organisations that have worked together to bring this initiative to life.

As we head into one of our busiest periods of the year, Lions members will once again be out and about supporting community events, including the Avon Descent, local fetes, and agricultural shows. We are always looking for new members to join our team. Without new volunteers, our ability to support these events and continue giving back to the community may become increasingly difficult. If you have ever considered becoming a Lion, now is a great time to get involved.

Remember, used car batteries can still be dropped off outside the Lions Den for recycling.

We would also like to thank the team at Home Hardware for assisting with the sale of our Christmas cakes and puddings as part of our Christmas in July fundraiser. The cakes have completely sold out, but there are still a few puddings available for purchase.

Our next meeting will be held at the Lions

Den, 3 Horan Street, Gingin, on Monday, 10 August. We meet at 6.30 pm for a shared dinner before commencing our meeting. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome to come along and see what Lions is all about



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W.A.A.P.A Here we come!

A chance encounter lead to the following story.

On Sunday July 5 a group of young adults were seen clustered to the rear of the Granville Hall, one of whom appeared to have a film camera perched on his shoulder, and a more senior member of the group had a tin star pinned to his plaid shirt reading the word Sheriff.

Who were these people and what were they doing ?

The Cub Reporter went into action and this is their “script”

The group were making a film written and directed by Year 10 student, William (Will) Smart, who is enrolled at the John Curtin College of the Arts (JCCA) in Fremantle. The production team of seven members were all present on the day, consisting of two other Year 10 students, similarly enrolled in the same Gifted and Media Arts Program as Will, a Year 12 student who is also enrolled at John Curtin through their Music Theatre Programme and was to play as a support actress – and happened to be Will’s sister, and two other major contributors that Will had met through previous productions, and during his time at the Perth Youth Film Academy. (How much else has this Year 10 student done in his youthful film career?)

The person to give gravitas to the film, through wearing the Sheriff’s badge was Will’s father, who know doubt was required to multitask as do all Dads, by being a chauffeur, the “gaffer and grip and best boy” at stages in the production. (In his spare time Michael is also Chair of the JCCA Board.)

Why a fim in Gingin ? As part of the Media Arts Curriculum at John Curtin, the students are required to write scripts, and film and present them for assessment – generally one film each term with the genre for this term being “Horror”. Will chose Gingin for its natural beauty and authentic scenery, and thought it was a perfect place to bring his vision of “Harrow” to life on the “big screen”. The plot is about “.... Dray, a young farmer, who notices a series of disappearances

in his rural farming town. After a heated confrontation with the local Sheriff, he decides to investigate the mystery himself, discovering dark secrets about this seemingly quiet town” (Quote from W.Smart)

The shooting of the film took place around the Granville Civic Centre as well as on a private farm in the Locality of Bambun.

At this point the film is in post production, but when completed it will be released publically on You Tube via @ Will.s_ films, and will also be screened at one of the end of year Media Arts Showcases in Fremantle. It is also being considered by the production team for entry into other film festivals. No doubt dependent on the critical attention it receives by their respective school teachers . The writer advises, as this is a seven minute Horror short, parental discretion is recommended for young viewers.

Production Team Roles



William Smart – Writer and Director (JCCA)
Ronith Devaraaj – Director of Photography (JCCA)

Beau Van Der Beeke (Student Curtin Uni)&Lachlan Scriven(JCCA) - Camera Crew
Declan Scott – Lead Actor as Dray (Student North Metro TAFE)

Michael Smart – as Sheriff Jones

Eloise Smart – Actress:extra (JCCA)

All props, costumes and additional expenses were funded by the Director (Will) and his family, and the equipment for the production of Harrow was kindly lent by both John Curtin College of the Arts and Beau Van Der Beeke.

Will and Ronith have also gained experience in filmmaking thanks to the Perth Youth Film Academy, and Will has received a Best Cinematography Award at the WA Film Festival. The participants in this production are our aspiring filmmaking moguls and actors of the future, and it would seem they are well on their way with their ambitions.

In years to come we may see their names in lights as they grace the “Red Carpets” of Hollywood, Cannes and London.

Best wishes to them all, and in the hope Gingin has contributed a small byline to their success.



Footnotes.

*It seems serendipitous that Gingin and district was chosen for the filming of “Harrow”, given that the Shire of Gingin has been certified as a Film Friendly Shire in the

last 12 months. To date there has already been film shoots of major filming status here, inclusive of :- The Netflix television series “Breakers”, the Warner Bro. Television series “Lam”, and Never Sleep Pictures has filmed for scenes at a locality within the district.

*John Curtin has a long history, opening as one of the first academic secondary schools in 1954, although the school’s historical roots began as the Fremantle Free Grammar school in 1856. It was the first school in Australia to offer Theatre Arts and Dance as specialist subjects in 1973.

In 2000, formal recognition of more than three decades of excellence in the Arts at John Curtin occurred with the re- badging of the school to John Curtin College of the Arts. This was the first step in the process of increasing specialization for gifted and talented students.

Sources for the Article

William Smart, and The John Curtin College of the Arts Website.

Collated and written by M.Cameron

Approval gained from the Production Crew of “Harrow” – with thanks.

Thursday 6th August
3:30-4:30pm
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Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- CEO Selection Panel - Appointment of Independent Panel Member.
- CEO Position Description and Selection Criteria.
- Amendment of Delegations Under Food Act 2008.
- Audit Risk & Improvement Committee - Appointment of Deputy Presiding Member.
- Re-advertising of the Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaption Plan (CHRMAP) (2023).
- Consideration of Submissions - Disposition of Property Lot 500 Jones Street, Gingin (Gingin Railway Station).
- Planning applications - 4 applications considered by Council.

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

Update on Coastal Erosion Response - North Lancelin

The Shire of Gingin has provided an update on the ongoing coastal erosion response at North Lancelin.

The Shire recognises the community's desire for timely information and appreciates the patience shown while important discussions have taken place with key stakeholders. With some key meetings now completed, the Shire has provided an update via our website and social media channels.

The update includes information regarding the following areas:

- Advocacy efforts
- CoastWA Funding
- Potential Management Options
- Community Fundraising
- Recent Works
- Dredging
- Community Workshop / Drop-in Session
- Working Together

To read the update, please visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/news/



Palettes & Plates

Following on from last year's inaugural event, the Shire of Gingin is excited to announce the return of the **Palettes & Plates** festival, proudly presented in collaboration with the Gingin District Community Resource Centre's 'Gingin Art Exhibition'.

We're seeking expressions of interest from:

- Market and specialty stall holders
- Entertainers and performers
- Local growers and producers
- Artisans and craft vendors
- Food and beverage vendors
- Community groups and organisations
- Young entrepreneurs and emerging businesses

We're also inviting local businesses and organisations to explore sponsorship opportunities and help make this year's festival even bigger and better.

- Saturday 10 October 2026
- 11:00am – 7:00pm
- Granville Park & Granville Civic Centre, Gingin
- EOIs are now open and close at 4:00pm on Friday 25 September.

Free return transport options to and from the event will be provided to our lower and upper coastal communities - seat reservations will be required. Pickup locations and route is still TBC - more details to come!

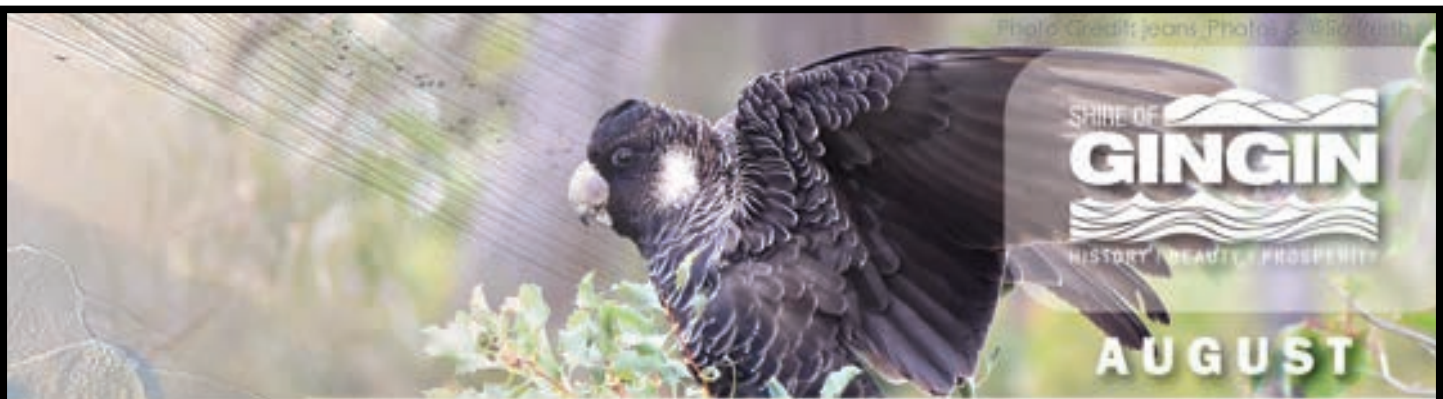
For more information or to request a stallholder application form, please contact the Shire of Gingin on 9575 5100, or email community@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Recent Awards & Recognition

The Shire of Gingin is proud to celebrate recent state-wide recognition of two of our community facilities. The Lancelin Library was named the 'Small Regional Winner' in the Library Board of Western Australia Awards for Innovation and Collaboration, while also receiving a 'Commendation' in the State Library of Western Australia's North Family Early Literacy Award for our Noongar Seasons Early Literacy Backpacks project.

The Gingin Aquatic Centre was also recognised as a finalist in the WA Aquatic & Recreation Industry Awards, earning nominations for Facility of the Year and the Peter Hobson Community Impact Award.

These achievements are a testament to the dedication, innovation and commitment of our staff in delivering exceptional services and programs for the community.



Positive Detections of H5N1 Avian Influenza

The Shire of Gingin would like to acknowledge that positive detections of H5 bird flu (H5N1 high pathogenicity avian influenza) in deceased migratory seabirds have been found along our coastline.

While the confirmation of positive detections is an important reminder that H5N1 bird flu is present in wild migratory seabirds in Western Australia, there is still no evidence of spread to poultry or large-scale deaths in local wildlife, and the risk to the general public remains low.

The Shire reminds residents and visitors to:

- Avoid handling or approaching sick or dead birds, marine mammals or other wildlife.
- Do not collect, move or dispose of animal carcasses.

If you observe any additional sick or dead birds, marine mammals or other wildlife, please:

- Record the location, date and time and, if safe to do so, take a photo from a distance.
- Report the sighting to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on **1800 675 888**.

Backyard poultry owners are encouraged to maintain best-practice biosecurity measures, including preventing contact between domestic poultry and wild birds, monitoring flocks for signs of illness, and reporting any unusual sickness or deaths.

For the latest information on avian influenza, visit the DPIRD website via: dpiird.wa.gov.au

Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsor Acknowledgements

Meat & Dairy Level Sponsor:

Thank you to **Bindoon Hill Gravel Supply** for your generous sponsorship of the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme 2025/26.

Bindoon Hill Gravel Supply is a locally owned and operated business owned by Ian and Jenny Hall. Bindoon Hill Gravel Supply provide reliable, locally sourced laterite material for a range of projects, including roadworks, civil, and construction projects.

The facility supports local development with quality materials and dependable service (including delivery) for residents and contractors alike, ensuring a high attention to detail on every job.

Contact Ian on **0419 042 455** or email ian@hallall.com.au.



Liquor Level Sponsor:

Thank you to **Chittering Pest & Weed** for your generous sponsorship of the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme 2025/26.



What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

SPACE Weekly Meetings

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

Device Advice - Self Help Group

Last Thursday of every month, 10am - 11am, Seabird Hall, Seabird.

Einsteins Australia Workshops - Gingin and Lancelin Libraries

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

Ocean Farm VBFB Celebration

Saturday 22 August, 2pm - 5pm, Ocean Farm Bush Fire Brigade Shed.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 18 August, 3pm - 5pm, Shire of Gingin Council Chambers.

Palettes & Plates

Saturday 10 October, 11am - 7pm, Granville Park, Gingin.

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 have commenced.

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

Please be advised that footpath works on Vins Way and Atkinson and Riley Streets in Lancelin have now been completed however additional drainage works are still yet to be completed.

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.

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

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

SFAG's current focus is:

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

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



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



LEDGE POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - JONES ST, LEDGE POINT

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Gingym

A SUCCESSFUL AND WELL SUPPORTED SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - Functional Fitness for Kids School Holiday

The recent school holidays saw GINGYM buzzing with energy as local children aged 7 to 14 took part in our first Functional Fitness for Kids school holiday program. Facilitated by Karen and Georgia.

The program was designed to introduce children to functional exercise in a fun, supportive and non-competitive environment. Participants enjoyed age-appropriate strength and conditioning activities that challenged both body and mind as well as some fun games to challenge their coordination, balance and reaction responses.

What is Functional Fitness?

Functional fitness focuses on movements we use every day—running, jumping, squatting, lifting, pushing, pulling, balancing, carrying and changing direction. These natural movement patterns help develop the skills children need for sport, recreation and everyday life.

At GINGYM, our sessions were carefully designed to improve:

- * Strength and muscular endurance
- * Balance and coordination
- * Agility and speed
- * Cardiovascular fitness
- * Flexibility and mobility
- * Teamwork and communication
- * Confidence and resilience

Activities were adapted to suit a wide range of ages and abilities, ensuring every child could participate safely while being encouraged to challenge themselves.

Why Functional Fitness is Important for Children

Today's children spend more time sitting than ever before, whether at school or using electronic devices. Regular physical activity plays a vital role in supporting healthy growth and development.

Functional fitness helps children:

- * Build strong bones and muscles during important growth years.
- * Develop coordination and body awareness, reducing the risk of injury.
- * Improve concentration, memory and learning through regular movement.
- * Increase confidence by achieving personal goals and learning new skills.
- * Develop resilience by overcoming challenges and celebrating progress.
- * Establish healthy exercise habits that can last a lifetime.



A Positive Community Experience

The highlights of the holiday program were seeing children succeed at their own level, improve and master new movement patterns and watching them support each other and really enjoy exercising.

The program was a reflection of GINGYM's commitment to creating an inclusive community where everyone feels welcome and supported regardless of age or ability.

Thank you to all the families who supported the program. It was wonderful to see so many young people embracing movement, challenging themselves and leaving each session with smiles on their faces. We look forward to welcoming even more children to future programs as we continue to promote healthy, active lifestyles in our community.

Weekly Functional Fitness for Kids sessions Term 3 will commence Tuesday 22nd July in the Dance/ Fitness room at GINGYM. For more information contact Georgia 0484135609.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST!!

GINGYM HYROX Team Ready to Take on HYROX Perth

Excitement is building at GINGYM as more than 20 members of our HYROX team prepare to compete at HYROX Perth, taking place at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre from 21-23 August.

Our athletes have been training consistently throughout the year, committing to regular strength, endurance and functional fitness sessions in preparation for this world-renowned fitness race and the challenge of crossing the HYROX finish line.

HYROX is a unique fitness competition that combines eight 1-kilometre runs with eight functional workout stations, including rowing, sled pushes and pulls, burpee broad jumps, farmer's carries, sandbag lunges and wall balls. It challenges both physical strength and cardiovascular endurance,

making it one of the fastest-growing fitness sports in the world.

Last year we were supported by many community members, and we would love to see that support again this year. Spectator tickets can be purchased through the official HYROX website. Children under 12 and adults over 65 receive free entry. The event also welcomes and rewards volunteers to work as official judges or marshals, if you would like to do this visit the website.

Go GINGYM!

ALSO COMING UP!!

Mat Pilates classes with Alice, days and times to be confirmed.



FIT FARMERS — a strength and conditioning class for men over 50,60,70 and more, there's plenty for the older ladies to stay strong so we'd like to create something for the men too (you don't have to be a farmer).



EOI and for more information contact 0429358927. All schedules classes can be found and booked in and can be found on the GINGYM website class timetable, www.gingym.com.au

Gingin Golf Club

LADIES NEWS

It has been a busy month for the Gingin Golf Club ladies. Competing in various club fixtures and travelling to many events throughout the state. Results of local fixtures:

- June 17 – Stableford – Winner Nina Faulkes-Taylor 36pts, Runner Up Kaye Bingham 35pts. Thank you to our sponsor for the day, Chris Haywood.

- June 24 – Stroke – Winner Robin Higgins 93pts, Runner Up Kathy Gobbart 99pts on a countback from Maria Crisp and Kaye Bingham. Thank you to our sponsor Gingin Roadhouse.

- July 1 – 4BBB – Winners Carolyn Brodie-Hall and Karen Pollard 36pts, Runners Up on a countback were Kathy Gobbart and Wendy Geary. Thank you to our sponsor CU@Park.

- July 8 – Stableford – Winner Jill Lane 37pts, Runner-Up Marnee Pearse 34pts. Thank you to our sponsor Gingin Pharmacy.

- July 15 – Par – Winner Carolyn Brodie-Hall +5, Runner-Up Wendy Geary +4.

Open days attended were at Cunderdin, Wongan Hills, Rural Bronze Championships in Augusta, Northam and Quairading. Congratulations to all participants in the above events. It is always good to see strong support at these days.



JUNIOR NEWS

Our 6 week coaching clinic at the Gingin District High School with the Year 3 students was again very successful. Some great potential was seen and the student sthoroughly enjoyed learning about the

game. The last week saw 37 students hop on the bus and head to the clubhouse for on course tuition and game play. With the assistance of Golf PGA Pro, Greg McClurkin from Chequers Golf Club all students had a go at chipping and putting on the sand greens, and then playing a hole or two. We encourage anyone who is interested in pursuing golf further to get in touch. We have clinics running through the school holidays, and this term we are holding a 6 week clinic at the golf course each Tuesday, 3.30 to 4.30pm.

We encourage and welcome new players regardless of age and 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

As the weather was looking somewhat bleak for our proposed Stroke Day it was decided to switch formats and on 27 June a Stableford day was organised. The day was sponsored by Eagleye Technical Services and after a closely fought contest the winner with 38 points was Mark Sanders, the runner-up was Thys Gorter, scoring 35, and in third place was Brendon Fewster with 34 points.

Another Stableford event sponsored by Bruno DeBoni took place on 4 July and the attendance was substantially increased by Matthew DeBoni bringing along work mates and friends. Winning the day was Paul Fewster with 40 points, followed by David Roe scoring 38 on a countback from Colin Zappelli, who also scored 38.

It was inevitable that if Colin Zappelli were to sponsor a golf day the competition would be a Stroke event. On 11 July, a clear bright day, the battle commenced over eighteen holes. The worthy winner was Brendon Fewster with a nett 67 followed by Noddy Houghton with 68, and in third place was Ray Ashworth with 69. Unlike other forms of the game every shot is included in the score and one bad hole can bring about the player's demise.

Excellent conditions prevailed for the annual Beekeepers Day on 18 July, and in President Brian's words it was "great to see the clubhouse buzzing" with so many players. There were 66 golfers attending from numerous clubs and locations, and it was a pleasure to see even a few non-golfers participating.

The day was sponsored by the Beekeepers of Gingin with some input from Drummond Golf. The catering and bar duties were performed by family and friends of the sponsors, and the oncourse refreshment cart made every hole a party hole.

The event was a 3 person Ambrose with some modified rules to help both speed up play and contribute to a great fun occasion. The winning team was G French, R Langston, M Clarke scoring a nett 56.



Runners-up were S Cocking, D Hendry T Edmunds with 56&2/3.



Third place were D Hackman, D D'Annunzio, G Dunlop with 58&1/3.

The best gross score was achieved by B Fewster, J Fewster, J Langlands with 66. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to an all-round excellent day.



South Midlands Netball

The Sunshine Cup (formerly known as the Lightning Carnival).

The weather was a wet start but cleared to a beautiful day.

We had a record 44 teams participate in our annual netball carnival.

8 of those teams were our association teams made up of clubs from Bindoon, Gingin and IHCC.

The remainder of the teams came from far and wide. We had 11 teams from Annies,

8 teams from Belmont, 7 teams from STA, 4 teams from Malvern Springs, 2 from Quinns District and

1 each from Swan Christian College, St Helena's Catholic School, Riverside Redbacks and Oceania United.

We had 8 divisions and winners were as

follows:

OPEN - Belmont Opens

16&Under - Quinns Lightning

14&Under- Oceania United

13&Under - Belmont 13 White

12&Under Div 1 - Belmont 12 White

12&Under Div 2 - Belmont 11

No ladder is kept for 10&Under and 8&Under, they all receive a participation certificate.

Thank you to all that made this possible!



The Offer of a Lifetime

By Alan Gent

"So, it's like time travel, then?" Obviously, the strong sedative the nurse had given him hadn't worked. He was still wide awake.

John Higgins, an old man at only seventy-two, lay in his now familiar hospital bed listening to these scientists.

"You see," said the tall man, "when you're gone, we won't really know if it's been successful. I mean, you won't be here. We'll be able to locate you from the implant, but anything could have happened to you – you could even be worse off..."

"I don't think I could be much worse off," said John, "they reckon it's only days now."

"Of course. But that's why we're here, isn't it. You've been chosen for this experiment because there is no hope I'm afraid."

"So, you say I can actually choose when I want to start again? Really?"

"Yes, Mr. Higgins. Rest assured, it's really the offer of a lifetime. Literally. You won't remember this life of yours up to now in detail, but we think you'll still retain some inkling of the turning points in your life and may choose a different path accordingly. You'll be able to 'patch up' your mistakes, as it were. As I told you, it's experimental, and we don't know all the details. All we can say is that your life can be lived over again."

The man in the grey suit broke in: "Of course, we're taking a big risk in a way. You may change the world so drastically that none of us will be here. We might not have been able to invent this experiment, for instance..."

"That's why you were chosen, Mr. Higgins," interrupted the tall man, "To put it quite bluntly, your life hasn't done anything to change the world. It hasn't done much of anything really." Then he added hastily, seeing the look of indignation on John's face: "That's what makes you the lucky candidate, of course. We really didn't want a person who was likely to disrupt the future!"

There was really nothing more to say. John was made comfortable and loaded onto a gurney. He was then taken to an ambulance that sped away from the Royal London Hospital, away from the bustle and urban

sprawl, and into the soft green Kentish countryside until it passed through heavily guarded gate into the experimental facility that was to be his departure point from the present day.

The doctors and scientists wasted no time getting John ready. The tracking implant was inserted just below his left shoulder blade. He wondered how they could expect it to remain functional for such a long time, and also how they managed to transport it back through time inside his younger body. They told him not to worry about such things and assured him he wouldn't remember it being there.

The following day everything was ready. There was no time to lose. John's vital signs were getting more erratic, and those around him knew he had only very little time left. He was put to sleep.....

"John Higgins! Pay attention!"

"I was..."

"OK. What did I just say?" Then, seeing the blank look on John's face, the teacher continued: "Right. After school."

And as usual, John was in trouble. Sally smiled across at him. John thought she was a goddess. Her long blonde hair, her lovely green eyes, her...

"Do you want to make it an hour, Higgins? PAY ATTENTION!"

Life was good, thought John. He didn't care about the detention or stupid school. The girls all seemed to like him and his easy way of talking to them. The fact that he was simply not good at anything didn't bother him. He'd get a job somewhere when he left school, he supposed. His parents didn't seem too worried. Ambition was something they left to others, and John had inherited the trait.

Sally and John became what people would call 'an item'. She went to work at a local supermarket on the checkouts, and he found a job in a hardware store. For John, there was something very familiar about Sally, as if he'd always known her. In his complacent way, always known her. In his complacent

way, he wasn't really bothered when he called round to pick her up one day and found her talking to the supermarket manager in a very convivial fashion. He didn't really think he had to try too hard. Sally was his girl, after all. Something was nagging at his mind, but he couldn't quite remember it. One day, he called for Sally at her house on a Saturday, only to be told she was out 'with her man-friend'. The words sent a feeling of dread in the pit of his stomach. The only trouble was, he just didn't know what to do. He'd never had to fight for anything before. There was a decision he had to make, but what was it? Over the next few days, he realized he'd lost Sally. He tried to talk to her on the phone several times, but she was always 'a bit busy right now'. Eventually, he gave up.

His life was about to change. The manager of the hardware store had a heart attack, and John was left in charge for over a week. At the end of that time, having been 'thrown in at the deep end' he had become quite competent. He had actually become good at something! Without Sally distracting him, he had more time to devote to the job. So much so that when the manager returned, he was allowed much more responsibility. He was actually given a pay rise. At the end of the month, the owner called, and there was a closed-door discussion between him and the manager. He was called in, and the owner asked him if he wanted to manage another, larger store. Despite his misgivings, he found himself saying 'Yes'. Something inside him seemed to register that this was another important decision.

John's life changed. The smoking that he had taken up with Sally was a thing of the past. He had never really enjoyed cigarettes anyway. He met a lovely girl that seemed to be spending a lot of time buying hardware. There were little things, like light bulbs and so on. One day she asked him if he wouldn't mind helping her change one of her downlights. John had become more versatile with things like this over his time at the big hardware store, and after work, drove her back to her flat. Somehow, the downlight got

forgotten, and Stella and John got to know one another rather well. As it turned out, her parents ran a large import company. They took to John straight away, and his life moved on.... The years rolled away, and John found himself managing a branch of the company in America. He and Stella had three lovely children that eventually all went to University. They owned a large house in California and regularly took holidays in Hawaii. John's life was good. It was only very rare now that he felt that odd feeling. As is the nature of things, the years rolled away without realisation by the participants, and suddenly, it seemed that Stella and John were in their later years. John was pleased to realise he had reached his 72nd year with no major health problems. John was lying on a sunbed on the beach in Maui, watching his grandchildren playing on the sand with their grandma, thinking how lucky he was. Suddenly there were three men in suits looking down at him. Their faces seemed somehow familiar. The sky darkened. The sun disappeared. He appeared to be in a room. The faces disappeared. It was a nurse looking down at him. "I'll try to make you more comfortable Mr. Higgins. It certainly looks as though you had a good sleep, anyway."



Announcements

Happy Birthday Trevor Phillips

Congratulations and best wishes to Trevor Phillips, Chair of the CRC Management Committee, who celebrated his birthday in July. The occasion was marked with a wonderful gathering, when children and grandchildren travelled up to celebrate with Trevor. The Jones Street gang also joined in the festivities, and everyone enjoyed a memorable Bonfire Night together. On behalf of the CRC community, we wish Trevor every happiness for the year ahead and thank him for his ongoing dedication and service as Chair of the Management Committee.



Happy Birthday Tina and Ali

Happy Birthday to you both! Wishing you the most amazing day, filled with everything you love, lots of laughter, and wonderful memories. Hope your day is as special as you both are. With love, Mum & Dad xxx



School Bus Route Updates

Please be aware that the Gingin school bus routes have recently been updated, with new stops added near the Cemetery on Cairns Street and at 3 Horan Street. If you're driving in these areas, please take extra care during various school bus pick-up and drop-off times, generally

between 6:45–8:00am and 3:30–5:00pm on school days. Be on the lookout for children crossing the road, buses stopping, and increased pedestrian activity. A little extra caution goes a long way in helping keep our local kids safe.

Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to...

Wendy Lorraine Wilkinson, Anneke De Boer, Melissa Gregory, Rells Fewster, Rhys Hebbberman, Vanessa Fewster, Adam Shields, Amanda Merritt, Brad Alp, Suzzane Reid, Jess Alp, Rachael Ibbs, and Lewis Roe

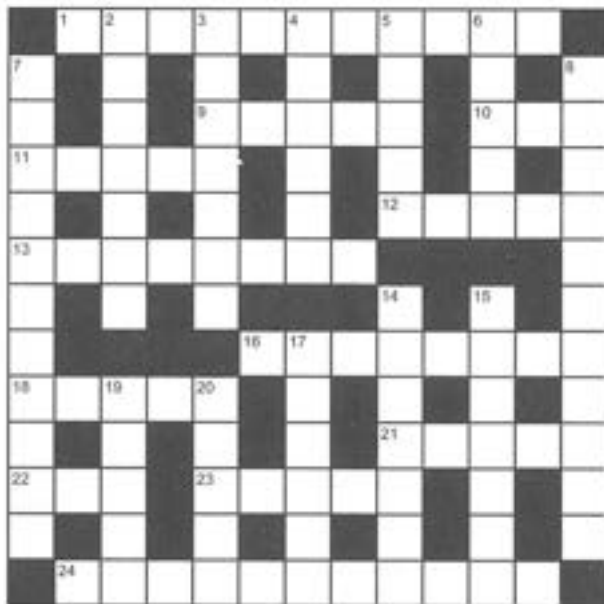
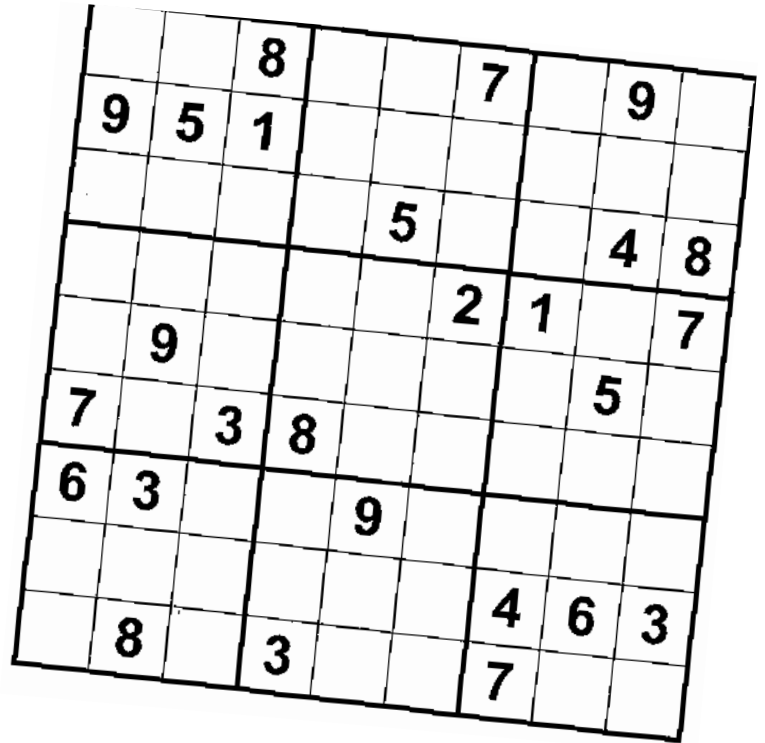


Many thanks to our community members that share their notices with us.

If you have an announcement to make, please let us know at gcn@gingin.net

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Across

1. Crises (11)
9. Gave out light (5)
10. Large salt water body (3)
11. Pulls along forcefully (5)
12. Part of (5)
13. Association created for mutual benefit (8)
16. Beneficial (8)
18. Projecting horizontal ledge (5)
21. Warning noise (5)
22. Flightless bird (3)
23. Gate fastener (5)
24. Good fortune (11)

Down

2. Extraordinary occurrence (7)
3. E.g. from Moscow (7)
4. Excitingly strange (6)
5. Inexpensive (5)
6. Follow on from (5)
7. Children's game (4-3-4)
8. Hostility (11)
14. Affinity (7)
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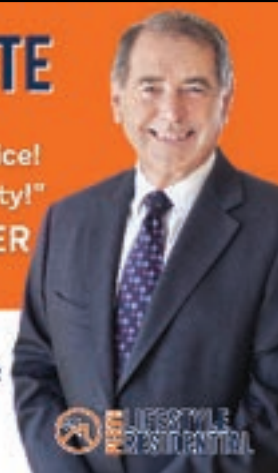
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