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Gingym Hyrox Team

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September



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Thursday 24th September



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Officer



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Centre Trainee



Haley Newton
Accounts Assistant

I can't help being a little sad hearing of the passing of Dolly Parton (myself and a million others no doubt). What a beautiful story her life was and what a wonderful talent. VALE dear Dolly.

Please don't concern yourself over the state of the CRC Garden at the moment. We have things in hand, and some little helpers will be tidying up very soon.

In the Staying in Place world we now know DVA Clients can ACCESS both DVA and Support at Home funding simultaneously, a blessing given the \$5000 annual threshold is now applicable to many DVA clients.

It is time for the Gingin CRC to make application to DPIRD in the hope of receiving funding for next year's Trainee, and as part of the process this year ,we will be doing a Program Logic workshop with local stakeholders. This is in addition to letters of support and any other networking. Please be kind enough to assist when I come chasing you for one or the

other.

We have had a great deal of interest in registrations for the 2027 Art Exhibition which will again be in conjunction with the Shire of Gingin's Palettes & Plates event. We are delighted to be able to offer the same prize values as last year, and feel sure this year will be an even better event.

As always, we hope to see (or hear) from 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..

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

Please contact us on 08 9575 1253 or email sipcc@gingin.net to arrange a suitable



STAYING IN PLACE GINGIN

- OUR SERVICE :**
- ✓ Locally coordinated home care packages.
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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.



Gingin District
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection



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9575 1253
IF YOU HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES

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

Front Page - Gingym Hyrox Team

The GINGYM HYROX Team have had another successful year of training and racing, which was celebrated this weekend at the Perth Convention Centre.

They are a beautiful group of dedicated people that turn up to train and support each other.

The HYROX race has a standard format that is used globally. 1k of running to start and this is repeated in between each workout station. Stations need to be performed in order 1 to 8. Time penalties and disqualifications are given for errors and incorrect movement standards. 1k Skierg, 50 Metres Sled Push, 50 Metres Sled Pull, 80 Metres Burpee Broad Jumps, 1k Rowerg, 200 Metres Farmers Carry, 100 Metres Sandbag Lunges and 100 Wall Balls.

This year's competitors were

Women's Relay Team

Sam Vaughan, Joanna Mitchell, Vickie Austin, Anna Fyfe.



Men's Relay Team

Justin Druja, Carl Ramos, Jhomari Paurillo, Mark Paurillo.



Mixed Relay Team

Peter Gasper, Mel Crow, Stacey Smith and Nick Smith.



Women's Open Doubles

Nikki Woods and Sarah Thorpe.
Natalie and Shannon Shelabear.



Men's Open Solo

Luke Crowe.



Women's Open Solo

Michelle Kabelka



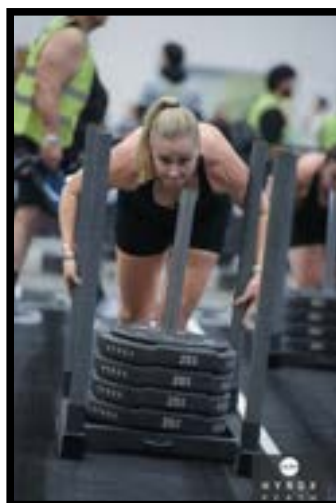
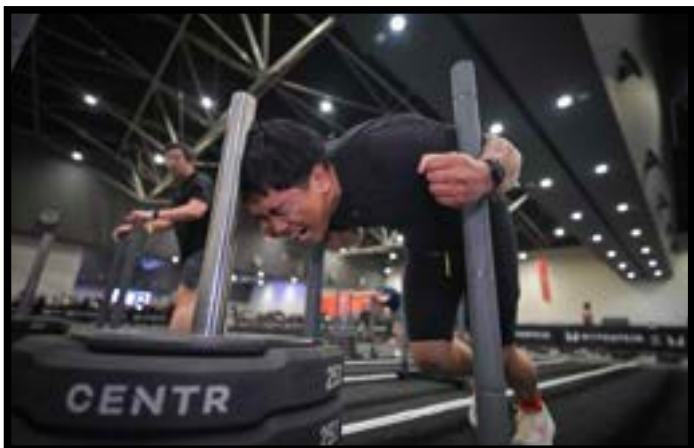
Women's Pro Solo

Neree Martinez, Karen Grant and Sophie Hargreaves.



We will be having a break from HYROX throughout September to recharge.

New comers are always welcome and you don't have to compete at HYROX to join the classes, it's just a hybrid way of training, similar to the more commonly known Boot Camp. We are already setting ourselves goals and looking forward to next year.



THINGS COMING UP at GINGYM

Expressions of interest for a Kids Mini HYROX simulation in the holidays !!

Ausactive Million Moves campaign 1-21 Sept, 21 days, move 75 times every day. Look out for Facebook posts on how to register and log your moves. There will also be some free advise and workouts from GINGYM.

Father's Day and as part of Million Moves, bring Dad to the gym for a week for FREE.

It's also RUOK day in September, follow us on Facebook to see what we are planning and get involved.

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 Brook Catchment Group

Planting on Mason property as part of the Gingin Brook Catchment Group's "Ecological improvements for endangered species in Moondah Brook" was undertaken on June 7th with a little over 4,400 seedlings being planted. Weedy poplars which had been invading the area have now been removed to make way for native vegetation. Species planted included banksias, hakeas and marris to provide foraging habitat for Carnaby's Black Cockatoos. A variety of understorey and groundcover species were also planted to improve biodiversity and provide habitat for other wildlife. The rushes and sedges which were planted around the dam in 2024 have now created a good thick fringe of vegetation.

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.



natural resource
management program



A reminder to continue being vigilant for signs of bird flu in mammals and birds. Although so far in WA it is only migratory seabirds which have been found with the disease, in other parts of Australia non-migratory birds and land birds including a magpie, a raven and a peregrine falcon have tested positive.

If you do see any sick animals which may be infected don't touch them. Record the date, time, location and take photos. Report to the 24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

There is also an update page at <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/weekly-bird-flu-update-western-australia> with weekly updates on the current situation in WA. You can also find further information about the disease, on what to look for and do, and a link to the national updates page. You can contact usinfo@gingincatchment.org.au, our webpage <https://gingincatchment.org.au> or follow us on Facebook Gingin Brook Catchment Group.



Mason dam June 2024 before (left) and July 2026 (above) two years after planting rushes and sedges to create a wetland with enhanced habitat value.

Gingin Red Cross

Welcome to Spring! There certainly has been plenty of birds busy making their nests around the place of late. This month, the Gingin Red Cross are heading up to Wannamal Hall on Friday, 11 September, for a look at the flowers. Roseanne has kindly offered to give us a little talk, and there will be particular bushes of interest marked along a walk for us to discover. Wannamal Hall will be open for us to enjoy a hot beverage and lunch together. Please let us know if you would like to join us so we can organise catering and carpooling.

Please call Helen on 0424 172 817.

October Outing - In October, we will not be

meeting on our usual second Friday of the month due to the school holidays. Instead, we will meet one week later, on Friday, 23 October. The plan is to head out to the café at Woodridge for a catch-up and then pay a visit to Moore Clothes. We look forward to another enjoyable day out together! Enjoy the warmer weather



Gingin Chattering Lions

A little correction from last month's newsletter: we pledged \$500 to Tenisha Baxter to help with her travels to the USA Dance Tour. We wish Tenisha all the very best as she takes on this exciting opportunity. We also pledged \$1,000 to the Laundry for the Homeless, supporting this wonderful service and the important work they do for those in need.

The Gingin Chattering Lions had a great time at the Avon Descent, despite the intermittent rain! With July being particularly dry, last-minute plans had to be put in place to ensure the race could proceed. As always, our Lions members were happy to lend a hand and be part of this great event.

Spring is here, and it's going to be a busy few months for the Lions, with plenty of fetes, shows and community events happening around the region. Come along to our next

meeting to find out what we have planned. It's also going to be a busy time for the Lions train, and if you have ever thought that volunteering might be something you would enjoy, we would love to hear from you. Come along, meet the team and see how you can get involved!

Our September meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Monday, 14 September, at the Lion's Den, 3 Horan Street, Gingin.

For more information, give Colin a call on 0411 231 985 or find us on Facebook: Gingin Chattering Lions on Facebook



GinginCare Group

As always, we have had more fun days. On the 27 July we had Dave and Anne tell us their life story including their many different jobs along the way. One job gained Dave a great

knowledge of antique jewellery and they were able to tell our members the quality of pieces of jewellery they had brought along. They also brought fascinating handmade

walking sticks made with spiralling vines etc. To top it off one of Dave's many talents is poetry writing, and even though he has dyslexia, it hasn't stopped his very creative mind.

Another enjoyable morning run by Kerry was spent listening to everyone's favourite song, then guessing who's choice it was. That isn't as easy as you would think but all very nice choices of music were made. One of our clever technical members played a new song with words about some of our members put together with AI. More members are going to be added to this one so come along and have a listen and you might recognise who it is about.

There is good news about the proposed Cheriton Gardens Village. The Dept of Water and Environment Regulations for the waste water treatment plant and the use of the treated water for irrigation back into the parks and gardens has been approved.

Our next gatherings will be held on the 7, 21 Sept and 5 Oct starting at 10am. Bring a friend and enjoy morning tea and lunch for \$15 and also great entertainment.

Ring Sylvia on 0438575254 for catering purposes.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Recreation Centre.

The Gingin Care Group Gathering Place is proudly sponsored by the Bendigo Bank.



Gingin Garden Group

The Garden Group meeting for August was held at Liz Lamb's home, with 18 brave people attending. There had been showers of rain in the morning, then a downpour at midday making us think it was going to be a wet afternoon, but the sun came out and it was a beautiful sunny afternoon.

Liz gave a talk on orchids and she has some amazing specimens. Irene also brought one of her beautiful orchids.

Jenny told her life story and Angie did her garden profile story.

Liz has a beautiful garden, that is full of surprises. She has a shade house full of rare and precious plants thriving in perfect conditions. We couldn't stop taking photos of the range of colours and also her collection of ornaments, many of which she has made herself.

We all enjoyed afternoon tea provided by

Cynthia, Maureen and Leeann. It was a lovely afternoon with lovely company



Gingin Staying in Place

On 30 July, way before the sun was showing its face, Ash and I took a road trip to Pingelly in the Wheatbelt area of WA to attend the 2 day Staying in Place Expo for 2026,

It has been 3 years since Pingelly gave us all the incentive to take on the task of the Staying in Place programme to allow the elderly members of our Gingin community to stay in their own homes with government support and funding, for as long as it is practically safe and viable. We were reminded of how far things have come in such a short space of time.

The Expo highlighted the differences between Rural and Metro care, and the impact of staying at home versus going into hospital and residential care.

The impact of pride and dignity, versus going without and sufferance.

The use of local support and family connections, versus strangers and bureaucracy.

Cultural and spiritual backgrounds change greatly from area to area, and this is more of an issue for the elderly in traditional remote areas.

Aged care is constantly under review and legislative changes took off tenfold back in November 2025. The era of CHSP or Commonwealth Packages and the wording "Grandfathered clients" are new things regarding our aged care agenda which we were enlightened about. Another approaching change later this year will be the adjustment of Personal Care moving into the classification of Clinical Support, thus attracting no personal contributions. Yay!

Compliance and training of aged care support

workers is a necessary and sensitive area, especially in the remote areas. Standards of care in the elderly have left some undeniable benchmarks for accountability to safeguard our elderly clients. Constant updating and training is an area we must address.

We discussed with other hubs the areas of concern, and tried and tested results were shared.

Compliance and confidentiality are of utmost concern to us. We aim to treat all our clients with individualised care

Like everything everywhere, the digital and AI world will step into aged care more and more and we need to be ready, yet on guard! Here in Gingin we pride ourselves on all of the aforementioned. We aim to be respectful and work with dignity with our clients to ensure that they can safely stay at home for as long as possible.

We all know it takes a village to raise a child, but we need to also acknowledge that it takes a village to nurture an aged member of our society. Respectfully.

We came back enlightened and fulfilled in our knowledge, and in the hope to apply this to our daily care in Gingin.

Please come and see us at the CRC if you would like a chat.

Just remember life goes in a blur so we all need to be planning for the future and prepare for the worst, days before they blindside us!

Stay warm and safe

Julie

Gingin CRC and Visitor Centre

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend tourism training covering a range of topics including social media, artificial intelligence, customer service, visitor experience, retail and tourism marketing.

It was a great chance to step away from

the day-to-day and look at tourism from a different perspective, particularly the many small things that can influence a visitor's experience before, during and after they visit a town or region.

One of the highlights of the training was the

opportunity to meet and connect with other visitor centre staff from across Western Australia. It was particularly interesting to hear from those working in remote locations such as Marble Bar, Newman and Tom Price, and learn about their experiences promoting tourism and supporting visitors in their communities. Everyone has a different perspective based on their location and the visitors they work with, and it was valuable to share ideas and hear about the different approaches being taken across regional and remote WA. It was a great reminder of the diversity of tourism experiences across the state and the important role Visitor Centres play in helping people discover Regional WA. One of the most interesting parts of the training was looking at how much the way people plan their trips has changed. Social media continues to play a major role, with platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and TikTok all reaching different audiences. Short videos and reels were discussed as an increasingly effective way of sharing local attractions, events and experiences.

The training also touched on the growing use of artificial intelligence. Tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot and Claude can assist with brainstorming, summarising information and improving draft content. It was also interesting to learn how AI is starting to influence the way people search for information online, meaning that current and consistent website and social media information is becoming even more important.

Another strong focus was the visitor journey and customer service. This included looking at the visitor experience from the moment someone begins researching a destination, through to their arrival and interaction with staff, and then what happens after their visit. One simple idea that stood out was:

Listen → Understand → Guide → Recommend
It was a good reminder that sometimes a simple conversation can help uncover what a visitor is really looking for, and lead them to discover something they may otherwise have missed.

The retail and merchandising component was also interesting, particularly the idea that visitors often buy local products because of the memory or connection they create with a place. Displays, locally made products and the story behind an item can all form part of the tourism experience.

There were plenty of practical ideas discussed throughout the session, from creating seasonal guides and local video content, to using Canva for visitor guides, maps and social media, as well as looking at ways to showcase local history, businesses, attractions and events.

The overall message I took away from the training was that tourism is not just about encouraging someone to visit. It is also about helping them discover more while they are here.

The three key tourism goals discussed were to increase visitation, increase length of stay and increase visitor spend. For regional communities, even small ideas can make a difference, whether that is helping a visitor discover another local attraction, encouraging them to stay for lunch, introducing them to a local business or simply giving them a reason to come back.

Overall, it was an enjoyable and informative training session, with plenty of new ideas to take away and consider as we continue to promote and showcase our local area. It was also a great opportunity to connect with others working in tourism across WA, share experiences and gain a broader understanding of the different ways regional communities are welcoming and engaging with visitors.

By Lauren Samata



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10 OCTOBER 2026



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Gingin District High School

Learning, Exploring and Getting Involved!

It has been a busy few weeks at Gingin District High School, with students getting out and about, trying new things and learning through some fantastic hands-on experiences.

Our Year 10 students recently headed to ECU for an exciting taste of campus life. Students explored the university, got a feel for what life after school could look like and took part in the Greatest Race, where teamwork, problem-solving and a little bit of healthy competition were required! Our students did an amazing job and even came away with some prizes. Of course, no university experience would be complete without lunch, and everyone had the chance to grab something from the campus café, with plenty of students also enjoying a treat from Boost Juice.



Our Year 7 students took part in a workshop exploring responsible relationships. They looked at what makes a relationship healthy or unhealthy, and discussed how different types of relationships can affect people. Students were also given practical strategies for managing relationships and information about where they can go for support if they ever need it.

The Night Parrot incursion gave students a fascinating look at conservation and the challenges faced by native Australian wildlife. Neil Hamilton shared his knowledge and provided students with a hands-on experience while exploring topics including introduced species, feral animals, habitats

and conservation. Students learnt how introduced and feral species can impact native wildlife and why protecting and restoring habitats is so important. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the work being done to protect Australia's unique wildlife.



Students also got an insight into the work of our local fires, including the equipment they use to keep themselves safe in challenging situations. Seeing firefighters using respirators gave

students a different perspective on just how important protective equipment is when working around smoke and other hazards.

NAIDOC Week was a whole-school celebration, with students moving around a range of activity stations throughout the school. There was something for everyone, including making damper, Indigenous painting and crafts, as well as Indigenous sports. It was a great opportunity for students to learn, have a go at something new and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.



Our MUPS students also headed down to Fremantle for a History Excursion, visiting Fremantle Prison and the WA Shipwrecks Museum. Students were able to explore significant historical sites and discover some of the stories and events that have helped shape Western Australia's history.

It has certainly been a busy time at Gingin DHS, with plenty of opportunities for our students to learn, explore, get involved and have a bit of fun along the way!



Gingin Scouts

"Creating a better world" is a common phrase you hear when talking about World Scouting. During Homelessness Week, the Gingin Scout Group held their annual sleepover in cardboard boxes and ate from a soup kitchen provided by parents. The Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts looked at the pressing issues of homelessness; then using teamwork, imagination and resourcefulness built shelters from cardboard boxes to sleep in at the Wannamal Hall. Each person paid \$5.00 to attend the sleepover, with the youth deciding the money raised would be sent to Orange Sky, a non-profit organization that provides free laundry and shower services to people experiencing homelessness or hardship. Comments during the activity review were more boxes, more building time and a couple even wanted another night.

On 1 August World Scout Day and World Scarf Day is celebrated by encouraging Scouts all over the world to wear their scarf and share scouting experiences. Each year the Gingin Scout Group scarf up an individual or community organization that has generously supported the scout group. This year the statues outside the CRC were scarfed up giving our community a colourful reminder of the values and spirit of Scouting. Planting trees with the Chittering Landcare is always a fun activity, especially on a fine day. This year the Gingin Scout Group assisted planting 1100 trees at a site in Wannamal, which for many, both youth and adults, this was their first experience

in a volume tree plant. The organization and equipment provided by the Chittering Landcare, certainly make for a great activity.



Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- Lancelin North Coastal Erosion - Interim Design Solution.
- Draft Strategic Community Plan 2026-2036.
- Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Amendment Local Law 2026 (No.2)
- Dissolution of the Seabird Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.
- Commencement Time for Council Meetings.
- Petition to Legislative Council - Creation of Wilbinga National Park.
- Proposed Policy - Rates Exemptions for Charitable Organisations (Non-rateable land).
- Planning reports - 3 reports considered by Council.

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

Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with s.38 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the Shire of Gingin has appointed the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers for the district of the Shire of Gingin:

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Evan Lawrence
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – James Morton (C)
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Wayne Fewster
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Brendon Ladner (C)
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Craig Hyne (C)

Bush Fire Control Officers:

- David Roe (C)
- Stephen Beckwith
- Michael Carr
- Tom Kusters
- Allister Butcher (C)
- Mike Regan
- David Wilson

Bush Fire Control Officers (Permit Issuing Only):

- Peter Crowe
- Colin Walker

All previous appointments published are hereby revoked.

*(C) - Captain

Waste Facility Sites - Change of Days/Hours

The Shire is introducing a summer and winter opening schedule of its waste facilities to ensure services are financially sustainable, efficient and aligned with actual community usage.

Waste facilities are an important service for the community, however, it does come at a significant cost. This change ensures that the services provided are proportionate to demand and associated costs.

The Shire will continue to monitor usage and is open to community feedback, adjustments to opening hours will be considered if there is evidence that the current arrangements are not meeting community needs.

We appreciate that changes to opening hours may require some residents to adjust when they visit the facility. We encourage residents to plan their visits around the available opening times and make use of the waste services provided across the Shire.

To view the new opening days/hours, please visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/news/waste-facility-sites-change-of-days-hours/1242

Start Thinking About Your Firebreaks!

Owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Gingin have a legal requirement under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to install and maintain their firebreaks from **1 November to 15 May** every year. Don't leave your firebreaks until the last minute, start maintenance tasks now. Rangers will be commencing their routine firebreak inspections as of 1 November. For more information on firebreak requirements, refer to your Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information booklet included in your annual rates envelope. Alternatively, you can view the Firebreak Order & Bush Fire Information online via gingin.wa.gov/fire-information.

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SEPTEMBER

Palettes & Plates

Palettes & Plates is inching closer and we are calling for expressions of interest from:

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

Local businesses and organisations are invited to explore sponsorship opportunities to help make this year's festival bigger and better.

- Saturday 10 October 2026
- 11:00am – 7:00pm
- Granville Park & Granville Civic Centre, Gingin
- EOI's 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 - for seat reservations please contact the Lancelin CRC or the Lower Coastal Community Bus.

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.



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Early Rates Incentive Scheme Sponsor Acknowledgements

Meat & Dairy Level Sponsor:

Thank you to **Avon Waste** for your generous sponsorship of the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme 2025/26.

Avon Waste are a proud Western Australian-owned family business with a strong track record in sustainable waste management. Expert providers of waste and recycling services to local government clients, particularly regional councils.

The Avon Waste pledge is to maximise resource value, minimise environmental impact so regional economies and environments can thrive.

For more information, visit: www.avonwaste.com.au/



Liquor Level Sponsor:

Thank you to **J.R & A Hersey** for your generous sponsorship of the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme 2025/26.



J.R & A. HERSEY

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 - 12pm, Seabird Hall, Seabird.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 15 September, 3pm - 5pm, Ledge Point Country Club.

Ledge Point Family Fun Day

Sunday 27 September, 11am - 4pm, Jones Street, Ledge Point.

Neergabby Fireworks Night 2026

Sunday 27 September, 3pm - 8pm, Neergabby Community Grounds.

Guilderton Arts & Crafts Markets

Sunday 4 October, 9am - 1pm, Gabbadah Park, Guilderton.

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. These works are essential to improve stormwater management and reduce localised flooding during heavy rain events.

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 more information on upcoming works/works in progress throughout the Shire, visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/

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CWA Koorunga

Looking for where there is a need in the community has always been the aim of Koorunga CWA Branch. That need may not necessarily be in the local community. One of our members who travels to Broome regularly has been liaising and taking lovingly made items to Broome Hospital for several years. She recently delivered operation and clown dolls, autistic rugs, feelie hearts, Christmas stockings, knitted teddies and emergency hospital bags to some very appreciative staff.

Koorunga members have recognised that they may not know what to do in a lithium or solar battery fire or explosion, and the risks to themselves and or neighbours. A guest speaker has been invited to attend the next meeting being held on 10 September at the Lion's Den, Gingin to cover this topic, speaking on risks and fire safety.



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Gingin Golf Club

Saturday 25 July was to be one of the days over which the Ladies Provincial Championships were to be played. Unfortunately, due to lack of support the event was cancelled by mutual consent of both Golf WA and the Gingin Golf Club. As the day had no fixture officially organised, Noddy Houghton came forward to sponsor this Stableford event. Most of our Saturday events are attracting a small compliment of ladies, and this one was no exception, a welcome addition to those taking part. Winning the day was Denise Gobbart, the runner-up was Chris Bell and in third place Kathy Gobbart.

One of the bigger events on our calendar, Saturday 1 August, is the Open Day, organised to attract as many as possible from throughout the region, and on this occasion sixty players took part. We were most fortunate and thankful to have the financial support with sponsorship from Tronox Holdings, Cellarbrations Gingin and Eagleye Technical Services. Their contributions enabled a substantial range of prizes to be awarded. The format of the game was a Four Ball Better Ball (4BBB) arranged in thirty pairs. As our players had some advantage with local knowledge, we were well represented in the winners list. First place was taken by David Roe and Brad Gresele with 52 points, followed by Noddy Houghton and Ray Ashworth on a countback from Mick Emmanuel and Futri Neves, both teams having 47 points. The best gross score was achieved by Brendon and Cole Fewster with 34 points. It was gratifying to note that we had a small contingent of ladies in the competition who were most welcome. There were food and drink prior to tee off, soup and a hot-dog halfway round, and concluding with a steak meal following play. Raffles for wine and meat packs enhanced the presentation time, all concluding with a great day for the Club and an enjoyable day

for all participants. President Brian made a point of thanking the volunteers who contributed to the success of the day with special mention to our ladies who worked so hard to provide all the catering.

Saturday 8 August commenced with very wintry conditions of substantial rain and showers of hail, not exactly good golfing weather, but plenty turned up to participate in a Stableford event sponsored by our own Mick Emmanuel. With wet weather gear on, and umbrellas up, the hardy ventured out. Winner of the day was David Roe with 34 points, runner-up Trevor Phillips 32 points and third Futri Neves 31 points. It should be explained that Futri is just 13 years old but has slotted into the adult membership of the club with a cheery smile and a handshake for everyone. We are fortunate to have him in our company.

Better weather for a Stableford competition on Saturday 15 August sponsored by one of our northern suburb's members Paul Kelly. Winning the day with 41 points was Futri Neve (that lad again), runner-up was Thys Gorter with 36, and beating Ray Ashworth on a countback for third place, was David Roe with 34.

Drummond Golf is a very recognisable name within the sporting community, and we were fortunate, through Brendon Fewster's contact, to have the organisation sponsor a day at the club on Saturday 22 August. The event was a two person Ambrose (stroke) and 46 players took part in 23 pairs. We had perfect weather for the day, and through the generosity of the sponsor, there were major prizes and novelty prizes on each hole.

The winning pair were Rohan Tremlett and Daren Hendry scoring 63, winning on a countback from Geoff Watson and Scott Williams also 63, third was Jack Watson and Paul Fewster scoring 64, the best gross score was awarded to Brendon Fewster & Darren

Thomas with 67. Events like this take a deal of time to both secure and organise, and during the post-game presentations President Brian along with Brendon, thanked all those who participated and all the volunteers who contributed to make this a successful day. Thanks were given Darren Thomas from Drummond Golf for sponsoring the day, and it seems this event is destined to continue as an annual fixture to add to our schedule.



Winners: Rohan Tremlett, Darren Hendry with Brendon Fewster and Darren Thomas



2nd place: Scott Williams, Geoff Watson with Darren Thomas



3rd place: Jack Watson and Paul Fewster, with Darren Thomas

LADIES NEWS

Another month down and the ladies at the Gingin Golf Club have still been busy travelling and participating in golf events. 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.

Results of local fixtures:

- 22 July – Stableford – Winner Jill Lane 38, Runner Up Samantha Fechner 37.
- 29 July – Stableford – Winner Carolyn Brodie-Hall 40, Runner Up Sheryl Lloyd 36
- 5 August – Stableford – Winners Jill Lane 44 and Runners Up Karen Pollard 37
- 12 August – Par – Winner Karen Pollard +1, Runner-Up Kaye Bingham on count back from Carolyn Brodie-Hall 0. Thank you to our sponsor for this day, Gingin Trading.

Nine Gingin ladies recently attended the “Avon Valley Ladies Golf Championships” at Bolgart. The amazing Bolgart Golf Club members and volunteers with their wonderful organisation of accommodation and hospitality over the three days made for a very memorable event. Accommodation at Boshack worked well. (oops - wrong “Boschack”, those who will not be named managed to take a wrong turn nearly ending up in Bindi Bindi, but managed a good tour of the surrounding country). Congratulations to all players who endured a day of rain and cold winds over the 36 hole event.

The 2026 AVLGA Champion is Joy Hamilton of Bolgart with a score of 177. It was a very close competition with our own Robin Higgins only two shots away. Congratulations to our Ladies Captain and one of our junior coach’s, Karen, who won the Over All – 36 hole Nett – Polly Whitfield Rose Bowl with 141 and the “Bronze Champion” – Carol Comely Jug with a gross score of 187. Congratulations to all the winners on the weekend.



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Waste facilities are an important service for the community, however, it does come at a significant cost. This change ensures that the services provided are proportionate to demand and associated costs.

The Shire will continue to monitor usage and is open to community feedback, adjustments to opening hours will be considered if there is evidence that the current arrangements are not meeting community needs.

We appreciate that changes to opening hours may require some residents to adjust when they visit the facility. We encourage residents to plan their visits around the available opening times and make use of the waste services provided across the Shire.

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The Old Man By Alan Gent

A Summer Day, the park, a good day for a walk. Up ahead, a pile of rubbish dropped on the ground. Closer. Not rubbish. A person. People walking past. Looks of disgust. Nobody stopping. Closer. A little old man slumped in a heap. Drunk? Stopping... Bending closer. Not drunk, bright blue eyes. My hand on his arm, helping. Helping.

"Let me help you to this seat, old fellow". Grateful. Back to pick up his stick. His eyes... Sitting for a while, not speaking.

"Did you trip?"

"Maybe. You're the only one who stopped. I love you."

Embarrassed. "They probably thought you were drunk."

"But they didn't stop to find out, did they? You did. Why?"

"You needed help. It was no trouble."

"You're a good man."

Then: "What do you want?"

"Want? I don't understand."

"Everybody wants something. What do you want?"

Thinking. (Why did I say this?) "Nothing. I'm happy. I have food and a home."

"All right. What sort of a World do you want?"

"Ah..." Thinking. (What a strange question!)

"I want everybody to love one another."

Suddenly, a door opened. The old man sprang up, clapped me on the back, and danced a jig, waving his stick in the air. His blue eyes blazed, his smile dazzled, his laugh rent the air.

Sitting again, finally. Me... Amazed, mouth open. "Finally!" he said. (Was he mad?)

"It's what I've always wanted, too! What would you say if in this whole World there was only love for one another. No gadgets, no science, everybody working for the common good?"

"Can't happen. Human nature..."

"Yes, yes... But just suppose?"

"It...it would be good. But..."

"I'll show you."

The park disappeared. Or rather, it expanded in a way that covered the view for miles

around. There were small, simple houses, chimneys, smoke, animals walking freely, paying us no heed. "Take my hand", he said. We left the ground, flew effortlessly over the fields and hedgerows. People were working in the fields, not seeing us. It reminded me of mediaeval pictures. This would have to be a dream, I thought. I'd wake up soon...

We were standing in a kitchen, unseen by the family. There was harmony and a feeling of absolute safety. Children played outside on the lush lawn with a game using stones from the garden. The man worked in a nearby field tilling the soil by hand, and the woman was preparing a deliciously smelling meal. It was idyllic.

"Is this what you wanted?" His eyes bored through me.

"It's... It's wonderful. But..."

"Ah! You can see it, can't you?"

"It's just too perfect."

"Explain."

"Well, it's like a summer day. The Sun comes out, and the day lights up. We appreciate it because it's in between periods of rain. It's different. We need the rain to help us appreciate the Sun. But too much rain is not good."

The old man looked at me. Tatty clothes, gnarled walking stick, but still with those bright piercing impossibly blue eyes. "Now you see my problem. How much rain? How much sun? Everybody has a different idea."

"But in my world, isn't there too much hate, too much violence, too many innocent people dying?"

"Who can say? Here we are with none of those things, and you sense something is missing. Perhaps if those things were never there, mankind wouldn't miss them. But they are there and have been since.... Well, for a long time, anyway."

Back on the park seat. People rushing by.

"You see, young man," (I wasn't young!)

"You are the sunshine. There are many like you in this World. Who's to say there aren't enough?"

“But the incredible violence and pure evil, is like a massive storm when it occurs. Can’t we just have showers?”

He laughed again. “Maybe. Perhaps it could be fixed.”

“Yes, but who can fix that?”

He looked kindly at me again, a slight grin on his wrinkled face. I said: “Who are you?”

“You mean, you still don’t know?”



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SFAG’s current focus is:

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- 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
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Other Celebrations

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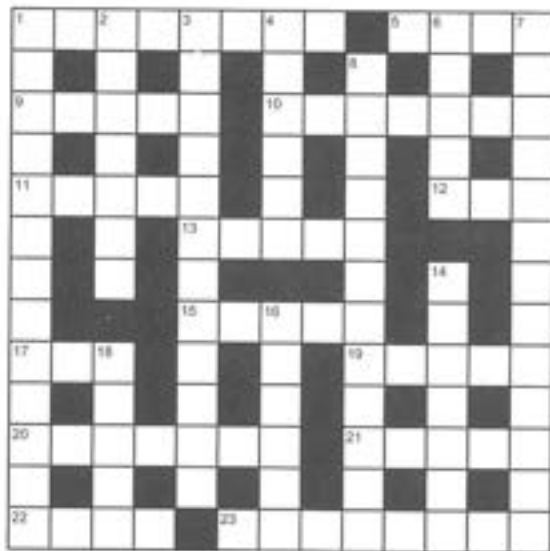
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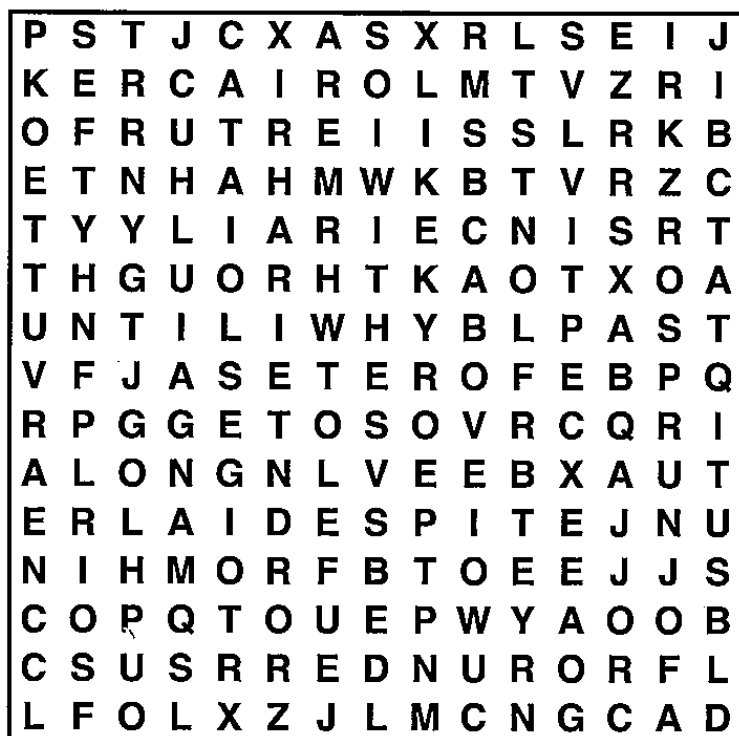
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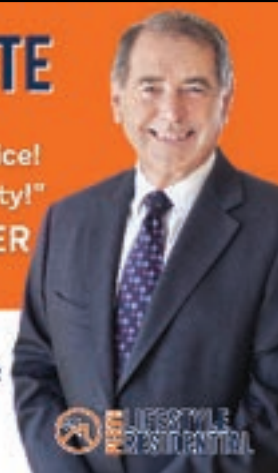
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Super and Mortgage Fraud

A **taskforce** comprised of digital intelligence officers and financial sector experts, titled "**Operation Claw**" has uncovered fraud spanning across the banking and financial industries, which has lost Australians **millions of dollars**. Reforms have been made to the financial sector to stop **hounding**, predatory tactics that contributed to this fraud.

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