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Gingin Golf Club Champion Cole Fewster

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Firstly, a great big thank you to our Business community for your support of our next DPIRD CRC Trainee Application. It was wonderful to receive so many support letters and feedback regarding work experience; especially the completion of our Gingin skills and Employment survey. Having this communication with local business is invaluable.

We would also like to commend the Gingin Joeys and Cubs on the wonderful job they did weeding the CRC garden. You should all feel very proud of yourselves, and we extend thanks to the parent helpers with you.

We are only a few weeks away from our Annual Art Exhibition which will again run in conjunction with the 2027 Palettes & Plates event. This year the event runs from 11am to 7.00pm as per suggested feedback, which we think is a great update. We hope to see plenty of you there. Don't forget your cheque books (obsolete?) to take home a wonderful piece of art.

Tuesday 10 November, we are having Rhyme Time with Seniors. This is a lovely chance to read with your (pre -school) Grandchildren or be a 'surrogate grandparent' for a day for one of the local children who don't have their grandparents close by. It could be the start of a wonderful friendship. Oh, and you can help the kids make a take-home Grandparent like this one.

As always, we hope to see you soon.

Carrie



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Our Staying in Place Team

Ash and Julie are your local contacts for 'Staying in Place' at the Gingin Community Resource Centre Inc..

time to speak with Ash or Julie.

Passionate about supporting our community, they are here to guide you through the program, answer your questions, and connect you with the services you need to continue living safely and independently at home.

Friendly, approachable, and committed to making a difference, Ash and Julie are here to help every step of the way.

Have questions about 'Staying in Place'? Ash and Julie are here to help.



Ash Martinez
Staying in Place
Client Coordinator



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Client Coordinator

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



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- 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.



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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 - Gingin Golf Club

With a day, Saturday 29 August, sponsored by Rob Whiley and Thys Gorter, it must be anticipated that something different is going to happen, and we were not disappointed. It was decided we would play a Stableford competition, nothing different with that, but by using only four clubs, that's the difference. Some bright sparks were of the opinion that we should only use three clubs, but considering the ability of the writer this was thought to be a club too far. Nevertheless, it was interesting to note that despite this lack of weaponry there were several scores in the high thirties. This begs the question, are we all carrying around too many clubs, and in particular, clubs we don't use? In any event this was a good fun day that was enhanced with some much-appreciated hard work put in by Lou and her helpers in providing snack food to take around the course, with an excellent meal to round off the day. The winner was Futri Neve 39, (that lad again) followed by Chris Bell 36, Brian Carter 35 and in fourth place Noddy Houghton 34. A secret draw for the best combined score was won by Cole Fewster with Futri Neve and the Duncan Hackman, best gross score was taken out by Cole Fewster with 81.

Eagle Eye Technical Services have been a supportive sponsor throughout the year, and Saturday 5 September was their final contribution for the season towards a Stableford competition. Our sincere thanks are directed towards this company for being content for their funding to be spread over more than one event. Winner of the day was Cole Fewster with 37 points, the runner-up Chris Bell with 34 and in third spot David Roe with 28. Cole Fewster took out the Duncan Hackman gross award with a score of 77.

Our Men's Club Championship was held on Saturday 12 September, and as is now a tradition, was combined with the Brodie-Hall Nett Championship. Both events are held over 27 holes with the front 9 being played twice. At the end of the competition, Cole Fewster and Cam Yates were tied on

118 shots and after scoring a par on the first playoff hole Cole was declared the winner, and the 2026 champion, with Cam the runner-up. Paul Fewster, a previous Club Champion, came a creditable third with 124 shots.

Cam went on to win the Brodie-Hall Nett Championship award with a nett 107. Alby Sermon was the runner-up and Futri Neve, our 13-year-old rising star, was third. President Brian Carter won the afternoon 18-hole competition.

As usual our ladies worked their magic in the kitchen by preparing a most enjoyable meal from contributions of various foods from the participants. Our congratulations to all the players who enjoyed both the course and the weather in perfect condition. The generous sponsorship by WCS and Loose Leaf Lettuce was on display via their respective banners and acknowledged with appreciation by President Brian and the prize winners.

The David Von Horn Memorial Day was held on Saturday 19 September and coincided with our official closing day. On this occasion because of work commitments Alex was unable to attend, but it was a pleasure to have Brenda in our company, who rode around the course and ably presented the various prizes. This Stableford event is an open affair and attracted several ladies to participate. Apart from the main event there were numerous novelty prizes available giving most of us a chance to win something. Again, the Ladies of the Club conjured up a most pleasant meal from offerings by the players. Winning the day with 41 points was Kathy Gobbart, followed by Denise Gobbart on 37, third was Futri Neve 36, fourth Colin Zappelli 35 and finally, from a long winners list, was Chris Bell with 31 points. Our President Brian was unable to attend the event due to sickness, but Robert addressed the gathering and offered our sincere thanks for the sponsorship from the Von Horn family.

Our official golf fixtures are concluded for another season, but we will continue playing social golf on Wednesdays and Saturdays for as long as the weather permits, but as far as this column is concerned, in the immortal words of Bugs Bunny (if you're old enough to remember) **"that's all for now folks."**



Brendon Fewster, Futri Neve and Chris Bell.



Brenda Von Horn, Colin Zappelli and Chris Bell



Brendon Fewster, Cole Fewster and Chris Bell



Brendon Fewster, Cameron Yates and Chris Bell



Cameron Yates and Robert Brodie-Hall



Brendon Fewster, Paul Fewster and Chris Bell



Alby Sermon, Cameron Yates, Cole Fewster, Futri Neve and Brian Carter



Brendon Fewtser, Alby Sermon and Chris Bell



Brenda Von Horn, Kathy Gobbart and Chris Bell



Brenda Von Horn, Futri Neve and Chris Bell



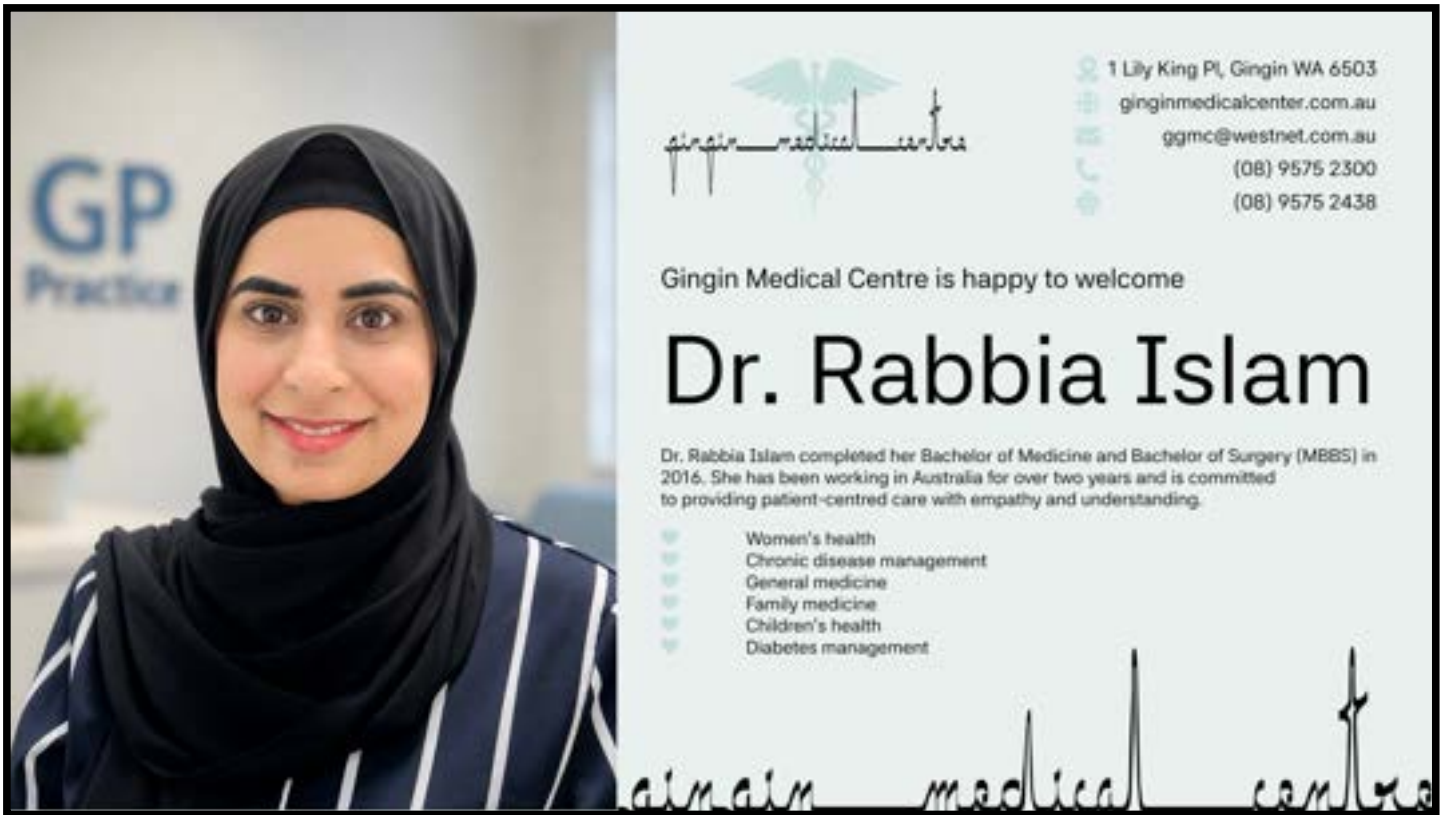
Denise Gobbart, Chris Bell and Brenda Von Horn

Gingin Uniting Church

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

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Gingin Medical - Welcome Dr. Rabbia Islam



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Gingin Medical Centre is happy to welcome

Dr. Rabbia Islam

Dr. Rabbia Islam completed her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in 2016. She has been working in Australia for over two years and is committed to providing patient-centred care with empathy and understanding.

- Women's health
- Chronic disease management
- General medicine
- Family medicine
- Children's health
- Diabetes management

gingin medical centre

Gingin Care Group

The Gingin Care Group holds its popular Gathering Place at the Recreation Centre every second Monday. Our next gatherings are on 5, 19 October and 2 November.

It's always lovely to see new faces, so why not bring a friend and join us for a relaxed morning of chit-chat, games, entertainment and plenty of laughs?

Many of our coastal friends make the trip over for a change of scenery and to enjoy the friendly atmosphere while taking a look around our growing township, with new homes popping up everywhere.

For more information, or to put your name down for catering purposes, please call 0438 575 254.

You'll be amazed by the variety of delicious morning tea treats and wholesome lunches, all for just \$15 per person.



To celebrate Seniors Week, from 9 to 13 November, the Shire is putting on “5 Movies in 5 Days”, a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some classic films, good company and a day out in our local communities.

The movie line-up is:

9 November – Lancelin: To Kill a Mockingbird

10 November – Ledge Point: Casablanca

11 November – Seabird: Ice Cold in Alex

12 November – Guilderton: Doctor Zhivago

13 November – Woodridge: Roman Holiday

Transport and a light lunch are included.

And for those keen enough to attend all five movies, you'll go into the draw to win a prize!

For more information, please contact the Shire of Gingin on 9575 5100. We hope to see you there for some great movies and even better company!

The Community Car continues to be in high demand, providing an invaluable and much-appreciated service to residents of our Shire who have no other way of getting to their medical appointments. If you need to use the service, please contact the CRC on 9575 1253 to book the car.

The Treasure Trove

The Treasure Trove @ Gingin held their AGM on Monday 21 September.

The following people were elected to serve on the committee for the next year:

President: Carolyn Brodie-Hall

Vice President: Michelle Lette

Treasurer: Alison Baumer

Secretary: Ann Callen

Committee members: Jill Allen, Sue Clark, Jean Latto & Raylene Maloney.

Gingin Chittering Lions

Spring on the Move

Everything seems to move a little faster in spring, and our colourful Lions train has certainly been on the move! From Baskerville to Moora, we've been entertaining families and bringing smiles along the way.

We had a fabulous time at the Taste of Chittering, with record numbers enjoying rides on the train. We also enjoyed the Ledge Point Show and Shine and the fabulous Neergabby Fireworks.



We're now looking forward to Gingin Palettes to Plates, so bring the family along for a ride on our train and stop for a chat with the Lions.

Christmas Cakes & Puddings

Good news! We'll be selling our popular Lions Christmas cakes and puddings at

Palettes to Plates.

Christmas cakes – \$21

Christmas puddings – \$17

Gluten-free cakes – \$13

There has been a small price increase this year. EFT is available, but cash is preferred as it helps avoid transaction charges and means more of your purchase go towards supporting our community.

We're Recruiting!

Our club is always looking for new members. If you've ever thought about volunteering, getting involved in your community, or simply meeting new people, why not come along and see what we're all about?

Our next meeting is at 6.30pm on Monday, 12 October, at the Lions Den, Horan Street, Gingin. For more information, give Colin a call on 041 123 1985. We'd love to see some new faces! 041 123 1985.

Gingin Red Cross

The Gingin Red Cross social group enjoyed a beautiful spring day out at Wannamal Hall in September. There are some lovely, easy walks around the area, with many of the plants highlighted along the way, making it easy to identify the different flowers and shrubs. Rosanne was on hand to share her knowledge and tell us all about the flowers we discovered.

Our next outing is on Friday 16 October, when we will head to Oasis Café in Woodridge for lunch, followed by a trip to Moore Clothes Op Shop for a little bargain hunting.

If you would like to join us, please call Helen on 0424 172 817. It would be lovely to see some new faces and share a fun day out together!



CWA Koorunga

Volunteers Chandler and Nikki from Gingin Volunteer Fire & Rescue delivered the very first DFES presentation on Lithium-ion Batteries. The session was not to scare anyone, but how to keep ourselves safe: the average house has 20 to 50 lithium-ion batteries. Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries are found in electrical devices such as phones, computers, toys and cordless appliances, such as vacuum cleaners. They are commonly used in gardening and home improvement tools like whipper snippers and drills. During the very informative presentation, which was well attended by community members, many concerns and questions were addressed, with great examples shared. Take away messages - don't use batteries purchased from overseas, use within their designated temperature range, turn off as soon as fully charged, and never charge batteries on soft inflammable surfaces such as beds, sofas or carpets. Dead, damaged or swollen batteries need to be disposed of properly, Gingin Trading and Bunnings have used battery drop off points.



Known as the pancake ladies, Koorunga members make and serve pancakes for the Breakfast Club at Gingin District High School at the end of each term. These are certainly looked forward too and greatly enjoyed by all students. Key studies show Breakfast Clubs improve classroom behaviour among students, and address the needs of children from socioeconomic disadvantaged homes.

If you would like to try your hand or feet at Bootscoting, this is the next activity planned for Koorunga CWA Branch. It will be held at the Wannamal Hall on Thursday 8 October from 1.00pm. Come along for some fun, some exercise, bring a friend or grandchildren, everyone welcome, no charge.



Gingin Scouts

MESSENGERS OF PEACE – COMMUNITY IN ACTION

On Monday 14 September, our Joeys and Cubs headed down to the Gingin CRC, ready to roll up their sleeves and give the gardens some much-needed care and attention. What followed was an afternoon of pulling, digging, weeding and plenty of teamwork, along with some very serious discussions about exactly what was a weed and what definitely wasn't! We're pretty sure we managed to leave the actual plants where they belonged!

By the end of the afternoon, an incredible 25 bags of weeds had been collected. And rather than all that hard work going to waste, the weeds were recycled as a very welcome treat for some VERY excited chooks! There was certainly no shortage of enthusiasm from our young volunteers, who worked together, helped each other and got stuck into the job.

A huge thank you goes to our Leaders and parent helpers who joined in alongside the kids and weren't afraid to get their hands dirty either! We'd also like to thank the Gingin CRC for welcoming our Scouts and for rewarding everyone's hard work with a well-earned nice cold ice cream. It was a lovely way to finish the afternoon.

This activity was about much more than simply weeding a garden. Our Joeys, Cubs and Scouts have been working towards Messengers of Peace, a worldwide Scouting initiative that encourages young people to look around their communities, identify where they can help, and then take positive action. Throughout the year, our youth have been putting this into practice by caring for our local environment, helping with community garden clean-ups, picking up rubbish around our community, thanking our First Responders, taking part in our Homeless Sleepover with funds raised donated to Orange Sky, and getting involved in a range of community and youth activities. The Gingin CRC gardens themselves are a wonderful example of what can happen when a community comes together.

Volunteers from organisations including the CWA, Gingin Garden Group and third-year medical students from Curtin University have worked alongside the CRC to help transform the area into a native, waterwise and therapeutic garden. Through weeding, pruning, planting, watering, mulching and plenty of hard work, this special community space continues to grow and flourish.

We are very proud that our Joeys and Cubs were able to play their own small part in continuing to care for this wonderful community space. Their contribution may have been one afternoon of pulling weeds, filling bags and getting their hands dirty, but it is part of something much bigger, learning that everyone has something to contribute and that even small acts of kindness and service can make a difference.

That is what Messengers of Peace is all about: young people seeing a need, lending a hand and making a positive difference in the world around them.

This is Scouting. This is community. This is young people making a difference.



Person in Profile - Codey Jackson - Pharmacist

Introduction

Gingin Pharmacy has a history of long term Pharmacists who have become an integral part of our local community. Bill Johns is still remembered for his 30 years residency, and until only a few weeks ago Carolyn Wilson was at the helm as owner of the business for 13 years. It is now time to meet Codey who took over as Owner/ Pharmacist in September, although most Gingin residents will have met him during his years as part of the general pharmacy team since 2019.



This is Codey's story, in his words.

"When I was young I knew I wanted to do something that helped people, or at least I knew that I didn't want to follow in Dad's footsteps working on construction sites. I did High School at Bullsbrook District High where I was lucky enough to have an amazing Human Biology teacher in Years 11 and 12, Wendy Claxon; she inspired in me an interest in the workings of the human body.

After high school I chose to do a Science Degree at Edith Cowan University, majoring in Human Biology. Unfortunately for me at the time I graduated there weren't any jobs in WA that let me use the skills and knowledge I developed in that Degree. After a few years of working in restaurants I decided to go back to University and get another degree, this time, one where the name of

the degree matched the job title. Pharmacy was one of the options available to me that fitted my interest, and I had the required prerequisites. I applied for a position in the Masters of Pharmacy program at UWA, despite having no experience in pharmacy, and was accepted.

After graduation I spent another year looking for a pharmacy that would take me on for my Internship year. It was a challenge, no one wanted to take me on, as I had no prior pharmacy experience, despite my Masters qualification. Then, suddenly I found myself with two offers at once. One for a large chain pharmacy closer to home and one for Bindoon Pharmacy. I considered it an easy choice to pick Bindoon. During my time there Craig Lupton was the best mentor and supervisor anyone could ask for, and Carolyn Wilson was an amazing boss. I'll always look back at that year fondly.

On finishing my Internship, Carolyn offered me the roll of managing the Gingin Pharmacy in 2019. After working at Gingin for a few years I knew I needed to tell Carolyn that if she ever wanted to sell, I would love the opportunity to buy the business. This year she gave me that chance, and I've spent most of this year making that a reality.

My goal for Gingin Pharmacy is probably going to sound quite modest to most people. I am hoping that any changes in the short term are almost imperceptible. Business as usual. If it isn't broken, why fix it? Of course I aim to uphold the standards we've set in patient care and continue to do everything I can to help my team meet the needs and expectations of the Gingin Community. Also I am always open to comments and feedback.

I know that in all country towns it can be difficult to access health care outside of "business hours". It is my understanding that the Gingin Pharmacy has some of the longest opening hours of any pharmacy in the area. For anyone who is in need of an after hours service for pharmaceuticals in an emergency

situation, or if you have forgotten to purchase a repeat script in trading hours, I advise customers there are evening services within driving distance, at Midland and Joondalup. Newcomers to the town will also ask me of after hours emergency medical services, just in case a situation should arise, and I likewise advise them of the two biggest hospitals within the district at Midland and Joondalup and the St Johns Urgent Care Clinics. As our population grows after hours care options will continue to grow.

Outside of work I am very much a “homebody”. I am based in Joondalup, where I was lucky to buy during the market downturn around 2020. Most often you will find me at home with my partner Shari - gardening, watching old episodes of some sci-fi show with our cat, or playing a board game. Otherwise I’ll be out bush-walking somewhere. However being in Gingin, working at the Pharmacy, takes up much of my time, so come in and say ‘Hi’ ”.

Community Grants



Application Forms Available Now



Open to local non profit community groups, sporting clubs, and associations within the Gingin Shire



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Nilgen Wind Farm Drop-In Sessions



Mint Renewables is proposing to develop a new wind farm known as the Nilgen Wind Farm. Community members are invited to meet with the Project team at one of three upcoming community sessions.

These will be a casual, open forum for you to meet the team, view Project plans and ask questions about the Project's timeline and benefits.

 Chat with the Nilgen Wind Farm Project team

 View latest site plans

 Hear about environmental assessments

 Get your questions answered

Community Drop-in events

Lancelin Angling & Aquatic Centre
6 Hopkins Street, Lancelin
Thursday 29 October, 4.30 – 6.30pm

Moora Sports & Recreation Complex
75 Roberts Street, Moora
Friday 30 October, 11am – 2pm

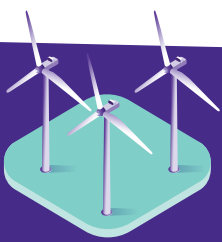
Ocean Farms Community Hall
728 Ocean Farm Drive, Nilgen
Saturday 31 October, 10am – 12.30pm

Drop in anytime – everyone is welcome!

Drop-in at whatever time suits you best. No need to RSVP.

Can't make it in person?

Visit the Project website for more information www.nilgenwindfarm.com.au or get in touch via email nilgenwf@mintrenewables.com



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5 LOCATIONS

5 MOVIES

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CASABLANCA
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Country Club

Wed 11 Nov
**ICE COLD IN
ALEX**
Seabird Hall

Thurs 12 Nov
**DOCTOR
ZHIVAGO**
Guilderton
Community Hall

Fri 13 Nov
**ROMAN
HOLIDAY**
Woodridge Hall



The **Shire of Gingin** and **Carers WA** bring you the

Seniors Week

MOVIE MATINEE MARATHON

In recognition of the work unpaid carers do and in celebration of seniors during Seniors Week 2026, we are co-hosting a **FREE** Movie Matinee Marathon!

Chat with service providers and enjoy a cinematic classic from **11am - 3pm**, between **9 - 13 November**.

Transport and light lunch included.

ATTEND ALL 5 MOVIES AND GO IN THE DRAW FOR A PRIZE!

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Gingin Town
Shire of Gingin
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For more information contact the Shire of Gingin at 9575 5100 or community@gingin.wa.gov.au

For your own comfort, BYO comfy camping chair.

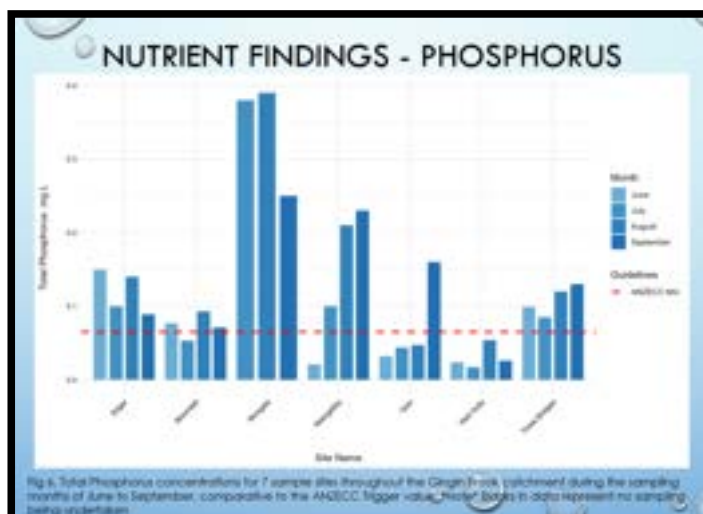
Gingin Brook Catchment Group

Water quality in the Gingin Brook 2025 Part 3

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

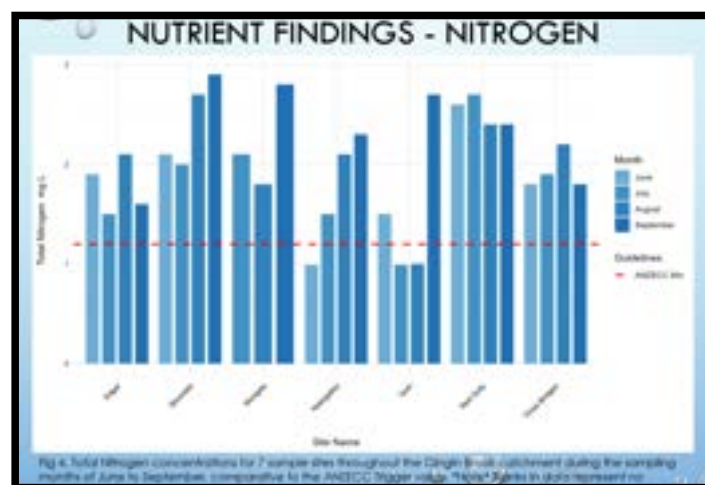
This was the second year of monitoring and, as in 2024, there were seven sites tested, three on the Gingin Brook (Edgar St, Three Bridges and Neergabby Old Bridge) and one on each of Moondah Brook, Mungala Brook, Red Gully Creek and Quin Brook. Parameters measured at each site were pH, salinity, total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

This time nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus are presented. Red lines on the graphs are ANZECC 2000 trigger values for lowland streams in the southwest of WA in moderately disturbed areas. The trigger value indicates the level at which there is potential to cause environmental harm, and further monitoring, investigation or management needs to occur.



High nutrient levels trigger rapid growth of algae and aquatic weeds. When large algal blooms occur and then die, dissolved oxygen is removed from the water by the

microbes decomposing the algae leading to fish deaths. Overgrowth of algae and emergent aquatic weeds can also lead to the death of submerged aquatic plants due to lack of light. This changes the ecology of a wetland and the decomposition of the dead submerged plants again removes oxygen from the water. Phosphorus tends to be the limiting factor for plant growth so situations where both nitrogen and phosphorus are high are at most risk of harm.



With the weather warming Amazon Frogbit will spread more rapidly so be on the lookout for any infestations and report it, or take action to control it. Infestations in Gingin Brook should be reported to the Shire of Gingin, and all infestations reported to DPIRD.

Also be on the lookout for European House Borer (EHB). Between September and April, the adult beetles emerge and fly to infest new timber. During this period there are restrictions on the movement of pine timber and untreated pine timber should be stored to prevent exposure to EHB. Report any suspected infestations to DPIRD. More Information can be found at <https://www.dpiird.wa.gov.au/businesses/pests-weeds-and-diseases/animal-pests-diseases/pest-insects/>.

Both Amazon Frogbit and EHB should be reported to DPIRD via the MyPestGuide® Reporter app or by contacting the Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080

or email padis@dpird.wa.gov.au. Send photos (close-up photos of the suspect EHB or signs - include something to indicate size) and also a photo of broader surrounds for context, along with date and location information.

The final GBCG meeting for this year will be held Monday 9th November. For further information you can contact us info@gingincatchment.org.au, our webpage <https://gingincatchment.org.au> or follow us on Facebook.

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THE STABLE FLY ACTION GROUP (SFAG)
21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
28 OCTOBER 2026
At GRANVILLE CIVIC CENTRE, GINGIN
At 7.30 pm

Stable Fly Action Group
Facebook Page

Stable Fly Reporting Tool
www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au

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.
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Out and About - Where are they now?

Eddie McQuillan

Gingin friends of former resident Eddie McQuillan met up with him in Australind to celebrate his 90th Birthday. Eddie's birthday was Friday 4 September but a lunch was held on the Saturday to allow for easier travel by the attending guests including his children and grandchildren.



Eddie and his wife Glenys came to Gingin circa 2006, living in Brandis Street, before moving to a self contained flat at their daughters home overlooking the Australind estuary 4 years ago.

Prior to coming to Gingin, he and Glenys were long term residents of the Pilbara and Gascoyne regions where Eddie was involved in transport, the pastoral industry and as a Mr Fixit Extraordinaire at a local hospital.

Eddie was an original member of Gingin's Men Shed; and a current "Men's Shedder" said Eddie was a magician in repairing small engines and motors, and is still very much missed by the group. Eddie was also appreciated by local residents, who brought along all manner of household items for his inspection and repair through the Mens Shed.

Sadly Glenys passed away in 2023.

Dot Glanz

Life long Jones Street resident Dot Glanz, and her daughter Vi Howell travelled over from Donnybrook to have lunch at the Kyst Restuarant on the Busselton foreshore with a former neighbour on 4 September.

At 92 Dot retains a remarkable memory of her life and times in Gingin, and a good chat was had about bygone days and the current changes happening within the town..

Dot is kept up to date by being sent monthly copies of the Gingin Buzz and the Northern Vallery News, and from local families who

are in contact through her daughter Vi. Although leaving Gingin was a major decision for Dot, she says she now has a new circle of friends and life at Tuia Lodge, Donnybrook, having initially lived on Peter and Vi's farm at Kirup for three years. As she said "You cannot turn back the clock – and it was in her best interest to be closer to family support."
By Mary Cameron



GINGIN IGA x TIFFANY'S CATERING

National Breast Cancer Foundation Morning Tea



We're hosting a special morning tea in support of the National Breast Cancer Foundation, with every single cent raised donated directly to the cause

- ♥ \$15 entry including an automatic door prize entry to win a \$200 Endota Day Spa Voucher
- ♥ Delicious food and drinks
- ♥ Plenty more amazing raffles and prizes to be won
- ♥ Dress code: anything pink!

Join us for a morning of community, connection and giving back!

OCT | 22ND | 10AM | GINGIN BENDIGO COMPLEX

Gingin Art & Craft

Members have been busy fundraising for a new storage shed and workshop, an important addition to their community facilities.

The group recently held a successful Morning Tea Fundraiser, preparing and delivering delicious morning tea orders for local supporters. A big thank you goes to everyone who placed an order, as well as the members and volunteers who baked, donated their time, prepared orders and helped with distribution.

The proposed shed will provide secure storage for the group's art and craft equipment and supplies, along with the community Christmas tree and decorations. It will make it easier to protect these items and continue supporting community events and activities throughout the year.

The project will benefit not only Gingin Art & Craft members, but the wider Gingin community.

Fundraising is continuing, with every dollar

bringing the group closer to making the shed a reality. The group sincerely thanks the local community and businesses for their ongoing generosity, support and encouragement.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

GINGIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTRE INC.



*Annual General
Meeting Invitation*

19/10/2026
3:30pm CRC Boardroom
1a Lily King Place Gingin



MEMBER PARTICIPATION IS
ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS.

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



RHYME TIME
with Seniors

During Seniors week
Tuesday 10th November 10:30 to 11:30
Gingin Library
followed by a light lunch

creative fun for kids & Seniors
Register - crc-service@gingin.net or 9575 1253



Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- 2025 Compliance Audit Return.
- Proposed Policy - Council Member Use of Social Media.
- Planning reports - 1 report considered by Council.

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

Get your Firebreaks Ready!

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.au/fire-information.

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Palettes & Plates

The wait is almost over... join us at Granville Park in Gingin for a celebration of local art, food, music, culture and community at this year's Palettes & Plates event.

- Saturday 10 October 2026
- 11:00am – 7:00pm
- Granville Park & Granville Civic Centre, Gingin

Free return transport options are available to our lower and upper coastal communities - please contact the Lancelin CRC or the Lower Coastal Community Bus for transport bookings.

For more information, please contact the Shire of Gingin on **9575 5100**, or email community@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Planning an Event in the Shire of Gingin?

Planning an event, celebration or gathering? Whether it's big or small, the Shire of Gingin is here to help make the process as easy as possible. Our Events Toolkit has been designed to guide event organisers through the planning process and help you understand what may be required for your event.

You'll need to submit an Event Application Form if your event includes one or more of the following:

- The location of the event is at a public reserve, park or beach
- Uses a Shire facility
- Selling food or charging an entry fee
- Selling or providing alcohol, or allowing BYO alcohol
- Erecting marquees
- There's music or other loud noise after 7:00pm
- There's 200 or more people attending
- If camping is included

Don't be put off by the paperwork! The application helps make sure the important details are covered so your event can be safe, successful, and enjoyable for everyone. Once your application is received, our friendly Bookings Officer will be in touch to help guide you through the process. Please note we ask you to submit your application six weeks prior to your event being held.

Visit the Shire's 'Organise an Event' webpage to explore the Events Toolkit and submit your application online: www.gingin.wa.gov.au/organise-an-event

Adoption of Strategic Community Plan 2026 -2036

The Shire of Gingin advises the community that Council, at its 18 August 2026 meeting, adopted the Strategic Community Plan 2026-2036 (SCP) in accordance with Section 5.56 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 19C of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*. This was a major corporate review of the previous minor SCP review undertaken in 2024 and included a public consultation process.

The adopted plan is available for viewing at the link below or you can find it in the Reports & Publications section of our website: www.gingin.wa.gov.au/reports-and-publications

Printed copies are available at both the Gingin and Lancelin Shire offices during our opening hours.



gingin.wa.gov.au



OCTOBER

Wandering Dogs & Livestock Attacks

The Shire's Rangers have received an increase in the number of reports involving wandering dogs and dog attacks. These incidents can cause serious injury or fatality, distress and financial loss, and every report is taken seriously.

A dog does not need to bite an animal for an incident to warrant a report - rushing, chasing or threatening can also cause injury or death.

If you see a wandering dog or an attack in progress:

- Do not place yourself at risk or attempt to approach an aggressive dog.
- Contact the Shire's Rangers on (08) 9575 5140 as soon as possible and provide the exact location, time and a description of the dog.
- If safe, take photos or video and note where the dog came from or went.
- If livestock have been attacked, preserve any available evidence and record injuries, damage and veterinary treatment.
- Report the incident promptly, even if the dog has left the area.

Our Rangers can respond to reports, patrol the area, collect evidence, identify and contact dog owners, and investigate potential offences under the Dog Act 1976.

Dog owners are reminded to keep their dogs securely contained at home, ensure fencing is sound and appropriate for your types of pets and livestock, and keep their dogs under effective control in public. Responsible ownership protects our community, our livestock and pets and the dogs themselves.

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 **A1 Fire Risk Services** 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 - 12pm, Seabird Hall.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 20 October, from 3pm, Council Chambers, Gingin.

Guilderton Arts & Crafts Markets

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

Palettes & Plates

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

Seniors Week Movie Matinee Marathon

Mon 9 - Fri 14 November, 11am - 3pm, multiple locations.

Nathan 'Whippy' Griggs

Thur 21 & Fri 22 January, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Granville & Wangaree Parks.

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

Upcoming/Works in Progress

Temporary Removal of Swings:

Upon undertaking an inspection of the playground at the Gingin Outdoor Activity Space (GOAS), rotting wood was found in the swing structure resulting in the swings no longer being safe for public use.

The swings have been temporarily removed to ensure the safety of users whilst the replacement process commences.

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

Story and a journey

THE OLD HOMESTEADS KEEP FINDING ME

A story of family, farming, the Moore River and some of the remarkable old homesteads that have shaped my life.

Some properties you sell. Others become part of who you are.

After 24 years in real estate, I recently found myself looking through photographs of some of the historic farms and homesteads I've been fortunate enough to sell.

Cowalla. Woodbine. Karakin. Greenwood. Neergabby. And many more.

Each one has its own story.

And now another remarkable property is about to join that list:

Orange Springs Homestead.

It got me thinking about why these old places have always meant so much to me.

I think the answer begins with where I grew up.

FOUR BOYS ON THE MOORE RIVER

My parents, Helen and Robert Shields, were involved in managing properties including Cowalla, Karakin and San Angelo, alongside the other staff and families who worked these farms.

And along for the ride were their four boys: Jayde, Ryan, Adam and Brock.

I'm Adam.

For part of my childhood, we lived in the manager's homestead at historic Cowalla on the Moore River.

And what an incredible childhood we had full of adventure, freedom and plenty of mischief.

I remember the smell of the gums, burning wood fires and the shearing sheds. Cattle in the paddocks. Carnaby's cockatoos carrying on overhead. The river, wetlands and billabongs.

All those smells live on as home to me.

We climbed trees, caught marron, chased rabbits, explored caves and old ruins, went horse riding along the river and drove our old bush bashers around the country, including teaching our friends how to drive them!

Some of my favourite memories are simply following Dad.

Mustering. Rouseabouting. Working around the farms. Exploring the country.

At the time, Cowalla wasn't "history" to us.

It was home.

Only later did I realise how fortunate we were.

THE STORIES THAT STAY WITH YOU

Growing up, I also loved listening to the old locals.

Farmers, pastoralists, stockmen and district families told stories about the pioneers, river crossings, old stock routes, homesteads, swagmen, floods, droughts and the characters who came before us.

As a kid, I listened.

Thankfully, I remembered some bits when my ears were turned on long enough!

Many of those people aren't here anymore, which makes their stories even more valuable to me today.

Because buildings can disappear and farms can change hands, while someone remembers the stories, a little piece of history survives.

Water sustaining wetlands, magnificent gums, wildlife and birdlife.



WHERE THERE WAS WATER, THERE WAS LIFE

There is another fascinating connection between so many of these early homesteads. They weren't established just anywhere. The early families needed country capable of sustaining them, reliable water, fertile soils,

pasture, timber, wildlife and suitable land for livestock and crops.

Homes were generally positioned on suitable, better-drained ground while remaining close to the rivers, brooks, springs, wetlands and fertile flats that made settlement possible.

Where there was water, there was life.

Water for families.

Water for horses, cattle and sheep.

Water for gardens and crops.

Water feeding fertile soils and pasture.

Water sustaining wetlands, magnificent gums, wildlife and birdlife.

The river wasn't merely something beautiful to look at from the verandah.

The river was life.

And the houses themselves were often built using materials available from the country around them.

Earth, mud, clay and straw.

Locally available timber.

Water.

Human hands.

And an enormous amount of hard work.

There's something extraordinary about that. The earth beneath their feet helped become their walls.

The surrounding country helped provide shelter.

And the water gave them life.

These old homesteads didn't simply sit upon the landscape.

They belonged to it.

LIFE BROUGHT ME BACK TO COWALLA

Many years later, life took me back to where so much of this began.

I had the opportunity to purchase approximately 90 acres of Cowalla Farms, beside the Moore River and the country where I'd grown up.

Kelly and I, together with our children Aimee, Jack and Bella, have developed our own lifestyle cattle farm there.

Mum, Helen, gave our place a name:

KARLUP

It's not an old historical property name. It's our family's name for this little piece of country.

And for me it represents something very

simple:

My homeland. The place where my soul rests.

Members of the De Burgh family once told me stories of flumes carrying Moore River water across the rich, dark chocolate soils of what are now our river paddocks, where vegetables and produce were grown.

Today I can stand on those same flats with my own family and wonder about all the people who worked that soil before us.

That's a special feeling.



24 YEARS — AND THE HOMESTEADS KEPT COMING

Somewhere along the way, the kid from Cowalla became a real estate agent.

Over the next 24 years, I found myself being entrusted with one historic property after another.

Cowalla. Woodbine. Karakin. Greenwood. Neergabby. And others.

I've photographed them, researched them, walked through their old rooms and listened to the families who knew their stories. And perhaps because of my own childhood, I've

always understood something about selling places like these.

An old homestead is never just a house on a farm.

It's somebody's childhood.

A kitchen where a family ate together.

A verandah where stories were told.

A shearing shed where generations worked.

A paddock where somebody first learnt to ride.

A gum tree somebody climbed a hundred times.

A river bend where a kid spent the greatest days of his life.

I know, because I was one of those kids.



GINGIN BROOK COTTAGE — OUR LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY

Then in 2025, our family had the opportunity to preserve an old place ourselves.

We purchased a property on Gingin Brook with a beautiful old mud-brick cottage.

We call her Gingin Brook Cottage.

She's weathered and needs plenty of love.

I've been told more than once:

"Knock it down. It's too far gone."

Not happening.

I look at those old mud walls and wonder who made the bricks, who worked the timber, who sat on the front lawn and what families once called it home.

We're slowly restoring her, not to make her new, but to let her remain proudly and beautifully old.

Because once these buildings disappear, their real history disappears with them.



AND NOW — ORANGE SPRINGS

Which brings me to the next property I've been entrusted to sell.

ORANGE SPRINGS HOMESTEAD

Established 1882 | Homestead circa 1893

This is one of those properties that is difficult to describe until you actually stand there.

Approximately 257 acres in the beautiful Orange Springs district, with more than 2.5 kilometres of river frontage running through magnificent rural country.

There are fertile grazing flats where quality breeding cattle graze today, beautiful timbered woodlands, old gums, billabongs, wildlife and birdlife.

And sitting amongst it all is the historic mud-brick homestead.

Orange Springs isn't simply a historic property.

It's still a working farm.

There are farm sheds, stables, cattle yards, a bore, power and established agricultural improvements, surrounded by productive grazing country and the river environment that has sustained this land for generations. It's that combination that makes Orange Springs so unusual.

History and agriculture.

River and fertile country.

Homestead and working farm.

Wildlife and livestock.

All in one remarkable holding.

A STORY BEGINNING IN 1882

The recorded history of Orange Springs reaches back to 1882, when newly married William and Sara Andrews established the property. Sara was connected to another pioneering Moore River family through her parents, William and Mary Hatch of historic Fernwood.

In 1893, Joseph Harris built the mud-brick homestead that remains today.

The Andrews family stayed until 1930, when Orange Springs was sold to Reg Darch.

The Darch family farmed there until 1958, when it passed to Harry Spurge.

Sometime between then and now, Mr Tim and Mrs Kaye Coleman, a beloved local family from Ledge Point, bought this amazing property and have cherished it ever since.

Unfortunately, the time has come for the next lucky family to purchase it.

Today, more than 140 years after William and Sara Andrews arrived, Orange Springs is preparing to be sold.

SOMEHOW, I'M HERE AGAIN

That's the part of this story that makes me smile.

I'm still one of Helen and Robert's four boys who grew up down the river at Cowalla.

I still love the gums, the river, cattle, old buildings and the stories of this country.

Except now I'm 24 years into a career selling the country that raised me.

I've returned to Cowalla and bought a little piece of it.

Kelly and I are raising our family with that

same connection to the land.

We're restoring an old mud-brick cottage beside Gingin Brook.

And now I've been entrusted with Orange Springs Homestead.

Perhaps the old homesteads really do keep finding me.

THE NEXT CHAPTER — COMING SOON



Soon, somebody else will have an opportunity that doesn't come along very often.

Approximately 257 acres, more than 2.5km of river frontage, a historic circa-1893 mud-brick homestead, fertile grazing flats, timbered woodlands and magnificent old gums, billabongs and waterways, working cattle country, cattle yards, stables, farm sheds and improvements, a bore and power. But those specifications only tell part of the story. The next owner won't simply be buying land and buildings.

They'll be walking the same river country people have walked for generations.

They'll sit beneath the old gums.

They'll watch cattle grazing the flats.

They'll put their hands against mud-brick walls that have stood since the nineteenth century.

And they'll have the opportunity to write the next chapter of Orange Springs.

A slice of Western Australian history.

A working farm.

And, in my eyes, a little piece of heaven.

24 years selling, and a lifetime loving, the country that made me.

By Adam Shields

Gingin Golf Club

LADIES NEWS

The season has closed at the Gingin Golf Club with our last official day being the 23 September. During the past few weeks we held our Club Championships and attended Drummond Golf's Women's Country Week. Congratulations to Marnee Pearse on winning the Sand Green 36 hole Nett Winner, with 44 pts playing at Lakelands, and 33pts playing at Royal Fremantle Golf Club. Well done also to the ladies who competed in recent pairs events: Carolyn Brodie-Hall and Karen Pollard at Wanneroo Golf Club in the 4BBB event, and Marnee Pearse and Karen Pollard at Brookton Golf Club competing in the AVLGA Foursomes event.

Results of local fixtures:

- August 26– Stableford – Winner Kathy Gobbart 36pts, Runner Up Maria Crisp 35pts.
- September 9 – Stableford – Winner Wendy Geary 35pts, Runner Up Kathy Gobbart 34pts
- September 16 – Stableford – Winners Karen Pollard 40pts and Runners Up Robin Higgins 36pts

Club Championships results played over 36 holes, 19 August and 2 September. Congratulations to all members who participated and to Robin Higgins on becoming our 2026 Ladies Champion. A very big thank you to our sponsors for this event, Country Values Real Estate, Robert and Carolyn Brodie-Hall, Loose Leaf Lettuce Co and Kathy Gobbart and Irene Neville.

Results:

Gross Champion - Robin Higgins 178 (86,92)
Runner-up Gross - Kathy Gobbart 194 (104,90)
Nett Champion - Kathy Gobbart 146 (80,66)
Nett Runner-up - Marnee Pearse 147 (78,69)
Nett Daily Winners -

1st round - Maria Crisp 71

2nd round - Kathy Gobbart 66

Stableford competition Winner 36 holes - Jean Latto 63 (31,32)

JUNIORS



The recent 6 week junior coaching clinic was a great success. It was great to see the enthusiasm and joy that the participants showed in playing the game. Donned with their own buggies and clubs and their Ripper caps, they all looked the part. We will be holding another round of coaching and game play during the school holidays each Tuesday morning, 9am to 11am, 29th Sept and 6th Oct. We will be playing 4 holes and skill competitions. If the weather is too hot or wet we will organise the golf simulator for everyone to have a go. You may register online (MyGolf powered by Ripper GC Junior introductory program), this is a free event.



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.

South Midlands Netball Association

Grand final results from Saturday 12 September 2026.

Junior 2 division

Gingin Hornets defeated Gingin Giants 31 to 19



Junior 1 division

Gingin Demons defeated IHCC Astros 41 to 38



Open division

IHCC Novas defeated Gingin Sapphires 36 to 27



Umpire National C badges awarded to:

Niamh Heasman, Astasia Gooch and Skye Hannd



Gingin Netball Club

The Gingin Netball Club has recognised the outstanding contribution of Lauren Crofts by awarding her Life Membership, the highest honour the club can bestow. Lauren's involvement with the club spans an incredible 29 years, beginning as a Netta player in 1997. Over that time, she has contributed to the club in almost every capacity, as a player, umpire, coach and committee member.



Lauren began her umpiring journey in 2003 after completing her Level 1 certificate and commenced coaching in 2004, taking on the Junior 2 Warriors alongside Courtney. Since 2018, she has continued to play a significant role in coaching across all age divisions, often taking multiple training sessions each evening. Her contribution to the administration of netball has been equally impressive. Lauren served as Gingin Netball Club Secretary from 2016 to 2024 and has

been Treasurer since 2025. Her service also extends to the South Midlands Committee, where she began as Records Keeper in 2014, served as Vice President from 2018 to 2022, and has held the position of Treasurer since 2023.

Lauren's achievements on court have also been recognised, receiving the Gingin Netball Club F&B Award on seven occasions throughout her playing career.

While her list of roles and achievements is extensive, it is the countless hours behind the scenes that have made Lauren such an important part of the club. From organising, meetings and communication to coaching, umpiring and supporting players, her commitment has consistently been driven by a desire to see the club and its members thrive.

The Gingin Netball Club congratulates Lauren on this well-deserved recognition and thanks her for 29 years of dedication, generosity and service to the club and the wider netball community.

Gingin Eagles

Gingin Eagles Soar Through a Season to Remember

The 2026 season will be remembered as a special chapter in the history of the Gingin Eagles Football, Hockey and Netball Club, a season filled with achievement, milestones, new faces, strong competition and, most importantly, community.

For the players, coaches, volunteers, families, supporters and sponsors who make up the Gingin Eagles family, 2026 was about much more than what happened on the field, court or hockey turf. It was a year that demonstrated the strength of a community coming together behind three sports and the people who proudly wear the green and gold.

With new committee members joining across football, hockey and netball, the club welcomed fresh ideas, experiences and enthusiasm, bringing new energy to an already strong community sporting organisation.

And what a season it turned out to be.

Allthreesportscelebratedfinalsappearances, with almost every Gingin Eagles team competing for a place in their respective final's series. While not every side made it all the way, the determination, sportsmanship and support shown throughout the finals series was something the entire club could be proud of.

A Season That Started With a Bang

The football season began with a memorable Round One clash against the Dowerin Tigers, who welcomed AFL legend Lance "Buddy" Franklin back to his hometown club as part of a major fundraising effort.

The appearance of the former Hawthorn and Sydney star drew a huge crowd and created an unforgettable grassroots football experience for both communities.

Franklin, a two-time premierships player and eight-time All-Australian, was joined by former Adelaide Crows and St Kilda player Tom Lee, while Brownlow Medalist and Hawthorn premierships player Shane Crawford also took part in the celebrations.

For Gingin, it was a remarkable way to open the season, and a reminder of the important role local football clubs continue to play in bringing communities together.

Three Sports, One Eagles Family

Across the Mortlock competition, Gingin Eagles athletes were recognised for their outstanding seasons, with award winners and nominees across football, netball and hockey.

In Netball, Holly Fewster was crowned A Grade Fairest & Best with an impressive 16 votes, while Ella Kay finished third with 14 votes. Maddi King claimed the A Grade Reserves Fairest & Best with 12 votes, with Suzanne Reid finishing runner-up with 10 votes.

In Football, Sam Schlaghecke finished runner-up in the Bill Boekeman League Fairest & Best with 14 votes, while Jack Watson finished fifth in the Ejanding Stud Reserves Fairest & Best with seven votes.

Noah Schlaghecke was selected in the Colts Country Champs All Stars Squad, while Xavier McKie was recognised with the Football Rising Star Award.

Hockey also celebrated a rising star in Heidi Gomersall, while Courtney Fleay finished third on the Hockey leaderboard with an outstanding 23 votes.

The club's achievements extended beyond playing awards, with Sam Schlaghecke being recognised as the Gingin Eagles' Volunteer of the Year.

And then came one of the biggest honors of the season.

Gingin Eagles Named Club of the Year

The Gingin Eagles were proudly awarded 2026 Club of the Year, an achievement that belongs to every person who has contributed to the club throughout the season.

From committee members and coaches to players, volunteers, families, supporters and sponsors, the award recognised the collective effort behind the Eagles community.

Every training session, game day, fundraising event, roster, sponsorship, cheer from the sidelines and helping hand contributed to

making the club what it is today.

It was a fitting recognition of a club that continues to bring people together through football, hockey and netball.

Representing Gingin

The Eagles were also proudly represented across Country Week programs throughout the season, both as players and through coaching and support roles.

Football representatives included Alan Barry, Jaxon Saylor, James Ettia, Sam Schlaghecke, Noah Schlaghecke, Corey Taylor, Xavier McKie, Declan Kabelka and Flynn Hendry.

Netball was represented by Sarah Kenchington.

Hockey representatives included Fenella Brady, Katelin Cram, Alicia Gomersall, Alison McVee, Cheryl Gilham, Christine Everett, Heidi Gomersall, Shannan Bandy, Simone Hyne, Janine Oliver and Jessica Watkins.

Their involvement is a wonderful reflection of the talent, dedication and commitment being developed within the Gingin Eagles community.

Milestones Worth Celebrating

The Senior Teams Awards Night provided another opportunity to celebrate the people who have dedicated years to the Eagles.

In Football, Chris Richards reached an incredible 232 club Reserves games, while Ben King reached 101 League games.

Geoffrey Watson reached 50 League games, with Corey Taylor reaching 52 and Lachlan Matthews reaching 61.

Club game milestones included Will Roe on 150 games, Scott Cocking on 152, Blake Cocking on 203 and Craig Ellar on 208.

Lachlan Matthews was recognised as Football Club Man, while Kobe Minitier was named Bald Eagles Team Person of the Year. The football awards saw Xavier McKie claim the Reserves Best & Fairest and Bill Martin Medal with 57 votes, with Fred Roe runner-up on 44 votes.

Chad Read received Reserves Best Backman honours, while Alan Barry was the Reserves Leading Goal Kicker with 28 goals.

In League, James Ettia claimed the Best & Fairest and Norman Fewster Medal with

an impressive 83 votes. Scott Williams was runner-up with 64 votes, while Sam Garstone finished as League Leading Goal Kicker with 27 goals.

Jaxon Saylor was recognised as League Best Backman.

Netball also celebrated an outstanding group of players and contributors.

Elorah Gresele received the President's Award, while Jessica Hyne was named Best Club Person.

Holly Fewster was recognised as Best in Finals as well as A Grade Best & Fairest with 39 votes. Chloe Butler was runner-up with 21 votes.

In A Grade Reserves, Maddi King claimed Best & Fairest with 28 votes, with Jenna Ifould runner-up with 20 votes.

Hockey Celebrates Its Rising Stars

The Gingin Eagles Hockey juniors also had plenty to celebrate throughout the 2026 season, with a fantastic group of young players recognised for their efforts, development and commitment.

Flynn Batten was awarded Fairest & Best, while Kayden Lewis was named Runner-Up Fairest & Best.

Jarrah Barrett received the Coaches Award, while Benjamin Lewis was recognised as Most Improved.

The Encouragement Award was presented to Joshua West, celebrating his effort and positive contribution throughout the year.

These awards are a wonderful reflection of the enthusiasm, growth and enjoyment shown by the next generation of Gingin Eagles Hockey players.

The Hockey Seniors are yet to hold their 2026 Awards Night, with their individual season achievements still to be celebrated. The club looks forward to recognising the senior players and their contributions when the evening takes place.

Finals Fever

The finals series provided plenty of excitement for the Eagles community, with football and netball both sending all three teams into finals.

Football — 3/3 Teams into Finals

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Football's three sides fought hard throughout the final's series.

The Juniors narrowly missed out on progressing after a 10-point preliminary final loss to Goomalling, going down 3.6 (24) to 4.10 (34).

The League side also fell short in the preliminary final against Dalwallinu, going down 7.7 (49) to 16.9 (105).

But the Senior Reserves refused to let the season end there.

Led by coach Graeme Maloney and co-captains Paul Saylor and Shay Bogan, the side entered the grand final determined to finish their season on the biggest stage.

They delivered, defeating Dowerin 10.6 (66) to 6.8 (44) to become the 2026 Premiers.

It was a well-earned reward for a team that demonstrated commitment, resilience and determination throughout the season.

Netball — 3/3 Teams Into Finals

Netball also had all three teams competing in finals.

The Juniors fought their way through to the preliminary final before going down to Dalwallinu 23–11.

Despite the result, the young Eagles continued to show determination and pride throughout the match, with coach and mentor Jessica Hyne guiding the team with empathy, encouragement and determination.

The A Grade Reserves produced a thrilling grand finale against Calingiri.

With the scores level at full time, the teams were forced into overtime. The Eagles held their nerve to secure a two-goal victory, 43–41.

The A Grade side then completed a fantastic day for Gingin netball, defeating Goomalling 61–29 to claim the premiership.

Hockey — A Decade Later

For Gingin Eagles Hockey, 2026 was a particularly significant season.

The senior hockey side returned to the finals for the first time since 2016, ending a decade-long wait.

The team fought its way through to the first semi-final, taking the field with determination and pride. Although they

ultimately went down 2–0 to Calingiri, the result could not take away from what they had achieved.

After ten years, Gingin Hockey was back in the finals.

The achievement was a significant milestone for the players, coaches, supporters and everyone who has continued to build and support the hockey program over the years. For the junior hockey players, the season was about much more than ladder position. Their enthusiasm, enjoyment and determination throughout the year were evident every time they took to the field.

Their smiles, effort and willingness to learn demonstrated exactly what community junior sport is about.

Growing the Next Generation of Eagles

The future of the football club was also proudly represented through Auskick.

A massive thank you goes to Geoff "Goof" Watson for the time, energy and enthusiasm he put into helping the Little Eagles become confident and creative young footballers.

Watching the next generation learn, grow and develop a love for the game is one of the most rewarding parts of community sport.

It has been fantastic to watch the Little Eagles develop throughout the season, and the club looks forward to welcoming them back next year, and hopefully seeing many of them take the next step into junior football.

More Than Sport

As the 2026 season comes to a close, the Gingin Eagles can look back on a year filled with achievements.

There were premierships, finals appearances, individual awards, representative honours, personal milestones and a Club of the Year award.

But perhaps the greatest achievement was the way the Gingin community continued to come together.

Players supported one another. Families stood on the sidelines. Volunteers gave their time. Coaches invested in their teams. Sponsors backed the club. Supporters cheered from the boundary, sidelines and grandstands.

And when one Eagles team finished its season, the wider Eagles family was there to support the others.

That is what makes community sport so special.

The Gingin Eagles would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire Gingin community for the ongoing support, encouragement, donations, sponsorship and commitment throughout the 2026 season.

The club could not have achieved what it did without the people behind it.

To every player who pulled on the green and gold, every coach who gave their time, every volunteer who worked behind the scenes, every family who spent weekends at the club and every supporter who cheered from the sidelines, thank you.

As one season closes, another chapter is already waiting to be written.

Whether you are a seasoned player, a returning member, a first-time participant, a parent looking for a sport for your child, or simply someone who wants to become part of a great community, the Gingin Eagles would love to welcome you.

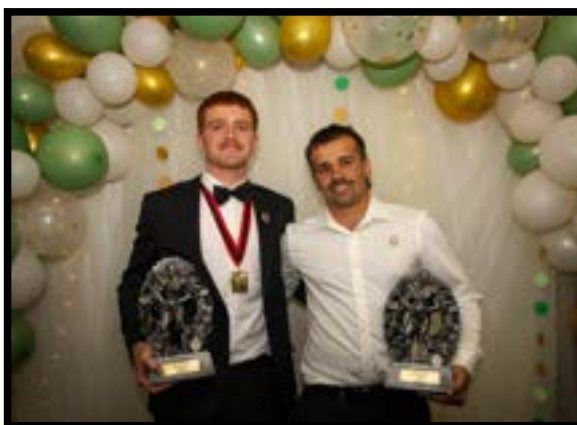
Football. Hockey. Netball.

Three sports. One Eagles family.

And plenty more memories still to be made.

Congratulations to everyone who made the 2026 Gingin Eagles season one to remember.

Go Eagles!



Tom By Alan Gent

It was hard to say when Tom first appeared. Some people say that perhaps, at some stage in life, it becomes necessary for a friend to turn up and take care of things for you. The mind is a strange and unfathomable asset to human beings, but it can also be a curse, if you feel you've done something you really didn't want to do. Mainly though, the mind is a good thing. It stores all sorts of information, sometimes useful, sometimes incredibly pointless, but the information you want is always stored there.

Somewhere in the depths of tiny Richard's mind, and sometime in the interval between being born and reaching six years old, Tom emerged.

Henry Simpson, Richard's father, had become very much a part-time father in those years. The encumbrance of a mortgage, the financial problems associated with looking after a sick mother and many other little things, had had a devastating effect on his and his wife Sarah's finances. The option of 'working up at the mines' seemed not just viable, but essential, although Henry hated being away from his young family. So, in his father's absence, Richard made friends with Tom.

Tom was older than Richard and had a much better idea of what to do. He was rather mischievous though, and often did things that made Sarah very annoyed. Richard thought it was strange that he always got blamed for what was obviously Tom's fault. Like the time Tom decided to cook mud cakes. Perhaps Tom used too much sugar, but even after Sarah got the little mounds that sat on the baking tray out of the oven, she wouldn't even let Richard try one. Richard thought Tom must have got the mud from the wrong place in the garden. It really never crossed Richard's mind that Tom was never around to be 'told off' by Sarah.

Yes, Tom would always be the leader. He showed Richard how to stand up to the big dog next door, for instance. The dog would

snarl and bark through the fence palings, and Tom showed Richard that running straight towards it waving a stick scared it off. Of course, Richard would never have thought of that himself.

Every two weeks, Henry would come home for a few days, and Tom would leave Richard alone. It seemed that Tom didn't like Henry. Or perhaps he had other things to do when the older man was around.

As Richard grew up, it seemed that he relied less and less on Tom for guidance. Then, quite suddenly, Henry was offered a job in a City in the South, and they had to move house. There would be no more long separations, and the mines would be a thing of the past. There was no longer any room for Tom in Richard's new World. Once in a while, he remembered Tom with a little pang of regret. But children are quite resilient, and even the loss of a close friend could be borne with a minimum of grief.

The years passed, and Tom became a dim memory. Besides, there were other things to occupy Richard's young mind. School and more school, sport, friends – real friends – and even girls.

It was High School that was the turning point. For some reason, it was not a happy place for Richard. Perhaps because he was shorter than most of the other boys – his 'growth spurt' was rather late in coming – he found himself the object of bullying by the older boys, and even some of those in his class. He'd done nothing to provoke it, but perhaps it was his perpetually happy outlook and apparent enjoyment of even the most trivial things that annoyed them. Who knows? When boys find a Victim, they home in, like vultures.

Richard had friends of course, but they were generally powerless against three or four older boys who insisted on scattering Richards books as he made his way home, and stealing his lunch money as often as possible. His friends had no desire to be

included in the target zone.

Richard became more and more withdrawn. He never mentioned the bullying to his mother, and used to secretly cry into his pillow when he thought of the injustice of it.

The bullying would probably have disappeared eventually, but something happened that turned Richard's World right around, right when the bullying seemed it couldn't possibly get any worse.

Tom came back.

Richard had endured a particularly hard day, rounded off by his very best story book that he had to read for his English homework, being torn and ripped apart. His pillow was absorbing all his anguish after he went to bed, when quite suddenly, Richard was aware of a 'presence' right next to the bed. He turned a miserable face upwards, and there he was. He still had that cheeky grin, but he'd changed somehow. He was taller, stronger, and much more self-assured.

"I've come to help," was all he said.

The next day, everything started off as usual. There was no sign of Tom.

'It was a dream, I suppose', thought Richard.

In the schoolyard at lunch-time, as usual, the 'gang' sought out Richard for some fun, and to steal his lunch money as usual. They were almost on top of him, and Richard was cringing away. He closed his eyes waiting for the first punch.

Suddenly, there he was! He stood right between Richard and the older boys, feet astride, hands on hips, still with that cheeky smile, but this time, there was a steely glint in Tom's eyes.

"You can stop right there!" said Tom, "and I suggest you take yourselves far away. Right now!"

The boys hesitated, then one said: "Come on, there's four of us, lets..."

But before he could say a word. Tom had grabbed him and one of the others, and brought their head together with a sickening

crunch. He turned around to sort the other two out, but the expressions on their faces had turned from evil intent to plain fear. The looked at their two friends staggering away, and simply ran!

Too late, the cavalry arrived in the shape of Mr. Higgins, the Geography teacher. "What's going on here?" he bellowed.

"I think they banged into one another," said Richard.

The teacher looked at him quizzically. The boy in front of him now, looked triumphant, and had a cheeky grin on his face.

"Well," he said, "if anything like this happens again, make sure you come to me. OK? But don't go fighting in school. You know the rules."

Richard was about to say that it wasn't him, but thought better of it.. "OK," he said.

It was as if a great weight had lifted from his shoulders. He was fairly certain he wouldn't get any more trouble from the four boys, but knew that if he did, Tom would always be there to help, like he'd promised.

It's strange how a mind works. Did Tom exist? If not, how was he able to deal with the bullies? Nobody saw Tom except Richard, and the four older boys gave him a wide berth from that day on. Could it be that 'Tom' was a manifestation of the 'tiger' that some fairly meek people keep locked away inside them.

It would be nice to think we all have a 'Tom' to help us out when we need it, wouldn't it?



Announcements

Vale Sidney Charles de Burgh

The Community was saddened to learn of the passing on Thursday 24 September of Sidney Charles de Burgh. Sid was the son of William (Bill) and Margaret (nee Wedge) de Burgh, and brother to Josephine Ottaway. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Edith, their daughters and grandchildren, and Jo and David, at this very sad time in their lives. Sid had a reputation for restoring old Land Rovers and for his musical prowess playing a guitar. His funeral will be held at

the Norfolk Chapel, Karrakatta Cemetery at 10.30 am on Thursday 15 October. Rest peacefully Sid after a lifetime on the land.



Vale Brian Donnelly

The older residents of Gingin will have fond memories of Brian Donnelly. He was a very well respected Electrician who also operated a Marron Farm in the Mooliabeenee area.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Tonia, his children and grandchildren for their sad loss.



Vale Lance Harris

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Lance Harris (Handy Sand and Soil) who passed away recently after a long battle with

cancer.



Vale Cynthia Ferguson

Long time former Gingin resident, Cynthia passed away recently. The community extends its sincere sympathy to her four

sons, their families and many friends.



Vale Matthew Leslie Masters "Les" 1941-2026

In loving memory of my dearly loved husband Les. Loved and loving father of James and Melanie, Anne and Shane, Sally and Shane, Andrew and Ana, Matthew and Genesia (Kiwi). Special Poppy to seven grandchildren

and three Great Grandchildren (another due soon). Treasured memories are ours to keep.



Vale Ross Carson

Ross Carson, age 63, late of Mogumber. Long standing member & Club Captain of the Gingin Pistol Club & member of the Bindoon Rifle Club.

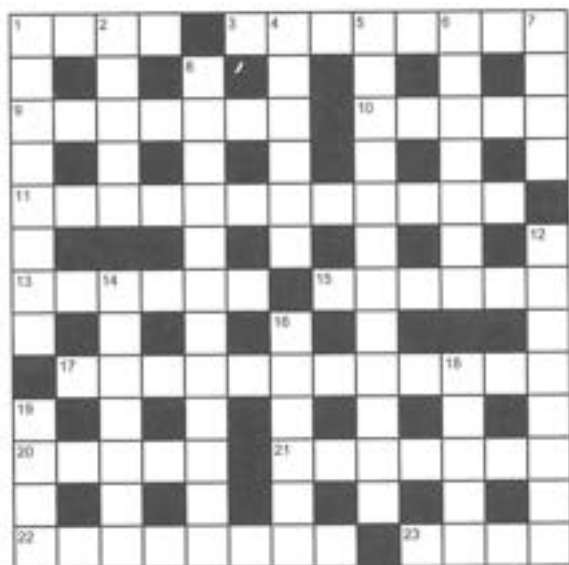
His enthusiasm & camaraderie will be sadly

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Gingin Pistol Club & Bindoon Rifle Club Committees & Members.



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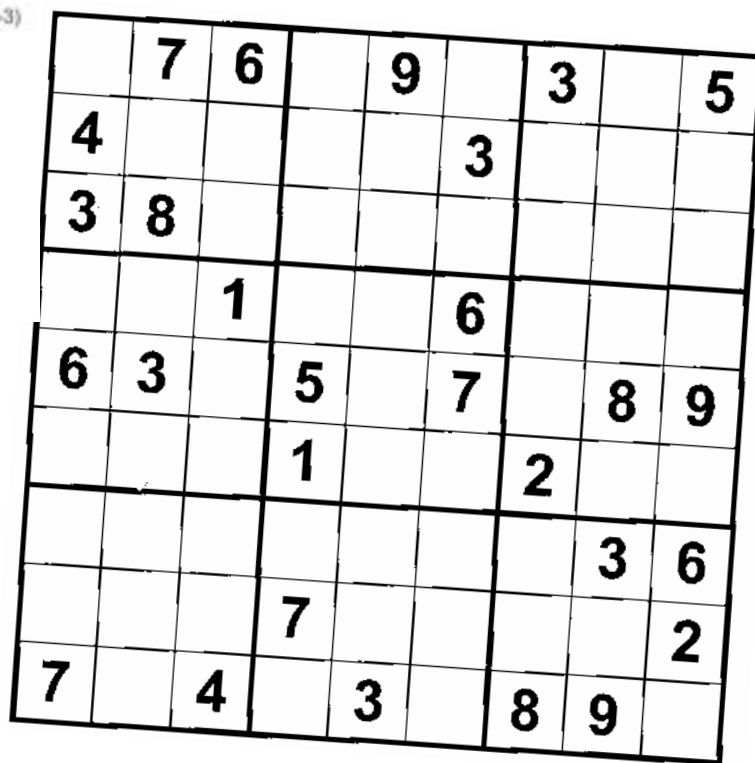
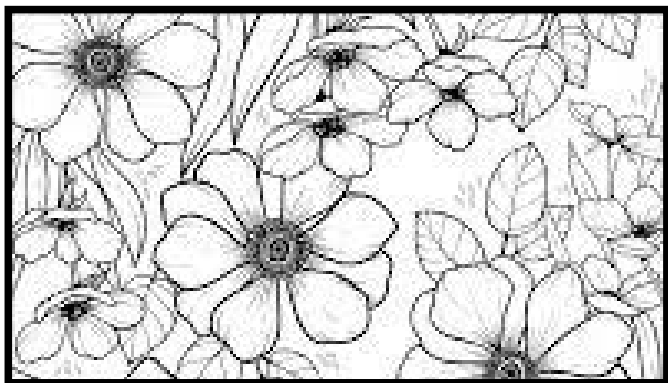


Across

1. Piece of foliage (4)
3. Admired and respected (8)
9. Hanging drapery (7)
10. Toy bear (5)
11. Troublemaker (6-6)
13. Phantoms (6)
15. Afternoon nap (6)
17. Not capable of justification (12)
20. One of the United Arab Emirates (5)
21. Paper folding (7)
22. Allocated (8)
23. Your current location (4)

Down

1. Use something to maximum advantage (8)
2. Speak without preparation (2-3)
4. Rubs (6)
5. Eager (12)
6. Insanity (7)
7. 24 hour periods (4)
8. Uncomplimentary (12)
12. Liked sea (anag.) (8)
14. Public transport vehicle (7)
16. Remove from office (6)
18. Slow down (5)
19. Creative thought (4)



Other Celebrations

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Phillipson, Frasn Dom, Annalese O'Doherty, Steve Nickolai, Marc Gillard and Nikki Woods.



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