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60th Anniversary

Bevan and Anne Gault celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Jan 18th 1964.
The marriage took place at St Michael's All Angels church North Beach
They have 4 children, 12 grand children and 4 great grand children.
To celebrate, the family organized a surprise few days at Mindarie Resort. Feeling very loved & lucky.

Happy New Year Readers,

The Moore River News Team have had a months rest and had their AGM in January. We are glad to report that we are still financial, this is due to the support we are getting from adverts from local businesses and the Shire of Gingin Events team. A big thank you to all of them. We will continue to deliver your local news free of charge for another year!

Allan Wetherly joined our volunteer team in 2014, he has moved downtown. For nearly ten years with us, he has been a HUGE help and we are sorry to see him go. Thank you Allan.

We have two new members in training to help out in 2024. In fact believe it or not this issue was compiled by a new recruit.

If you would like to find out more just email us. We need one more editor.

ON THAT NOTE
Please if you are going to contribute please change your address books to
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We love hearing personal stories and send Congratulations to Anne and Bevan. More of this please. We would love to fill this page with local news.

On page 3 you will read about the fundraising for a community bus based in the Lower Coastal Area. Please support this venture. Remember the Moore River News is free, this is your chance to support our great Community.
Anne Stroud

What's On...

Mark your calendar or phone NOW!
Don't miss out on all the great entertainment/activities in our local area!

Date	Time	Event	Place
Feb 3	10am	Lower Moore River AGM	Guilderton Community Hall
Feb 10	5.30	Smile - Circus De Park	Redfield Park Hall
Feb 14	7pm	Neighbourhood Watch	Ledge Point Country Club
Feb 17	6.30	Community Bus Quiz Night	Woodridge
Feb 29	9am	Device Advice Self help group Inaugural Meeting	Seabird Hall
Mar 3	8am	Craft Market	Gabbadah Park Guilderton
Mar 3	9-1	Monster Fete	Lancelin Primary School
Mar 30	TBA	Easter Fundraising Stall	Guilderton Golf Club

GUILDERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

READ

open every Saturday

9.30am-11.30am

next to the caravan park



Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising book stalls over the January holidays.

Thank you also to the people who donated some fabulous books and puzzles.

They were greatly appreciated.

Guilderton Community Library

**Woodridge
Hall**

Saturday

17th Feb

6.30pm doors open

7pm Start

Tables of 8—\$80

must be booked with Julie

0410 582 817

EFTPOS available

BYO food etc

Tea and coffee free

LCCA

Raising

funds for a

Community

Bus



LOWER COASTAL COMMUNITY ASSOC Inc

Community Bus Update:

Currently we have secured funding commitments from the

**Shire of Gingin, Bendigo Bank,
the six local member Associations,**

**Moore Clothes, Moore River News, Crafty Patch,
and Guilderton Country Club.**

In total, we have \$29,000 towards our target and we are actively looking for new additional sponsors.

In addition, we are running a Quiz Night at Woodridge Hall on Saturday 17th Feb.

Please make up a table to help us reach our target. Bookings through Julie 0410 582 817.

Or you can donate straight into our bank account

**Lower Coastal Community Association Inc
BSB: 633 000 Account No 209 826 171**

Or put cash in donation boxes in Guilderton Post Office or Woodridge Community Mail Agency.

If the 750 households who receive FREE MRNews donated \$5 or more each.....

Why do we want a community Bus located in the Lower Coastal strip?

We have a lot of social and sporting groups who go out a LOT!

We have residents who are not keen to use their own cars to travel to town, how nice would it be for them to all go together in a 12 seater bus.

We have two licenced venues who would use the bus to pick up customers.

Maybe a person would book the bus to see a show or special event downtown and advertise it in the MRNews with bus pick up points.

Lancelin and Gingin have one and we don't.

The LCCA Inc had a very productive and fun meeting in Neergabby in January where all six local Community Associations shared their local news. We are so lucky to live in a thriving community spirit.

Bob Johnson – President and Anne Stroud - Secretary

SOVEREIGN HILL GARDEN CLUB



The summer months have been very hot and our gardens have been struggling. However, with the great gardeners we have in our

area they are sure to survive until the cooler weather is upon us again. The mixture of composting, understory planting and waterwise solutions learnt at meetings has helped a lot. The Garden Club will recommence on Saturday 17th February at 1.30pm at Sovereign House. Please note that this is not the usual date slot as the wonderful Smile performance of "Circus de Park" at Redfield Park is being held on Saturday 10th February. The first meeting will be reacquainting with everyone and finding out what has happened in our gardens over the break, welcoming new members and planning the meetings and events for the following year.

If you wish to find out more information on our Club, please contact Wendy on 0429 938 232. See you all on the 17th February.

Wendy

**IF YOU REQUIRE AN AMBULANCE
RING 0 0 0**

Moore Arts Council Art & Craft Market



CRAFT MARKETS Sunday 3rd March from 8am

Guilderton Arts Council has held 3 markets over the 23/24 summer period and they have been very successful in drawing locals and tourists to Gabbadah Park. The idea behind these markets is to provide an avenue to sell local hand-made craft items. There are some very talented people in our community and we are happy to be able to support their creative gifts.

The next market is planned for Sunday of the long weekend in March so we hope to see your support. It's been a great place to meet up with locals for a coffee and check out the great ideas people have. Check out our FACEBOOK page "Guilderton Art & Craft Markets" for the latest updates.

If you are interested in having a stall contact Kerry on 0437 903 138 or guildymarkets@gmail.com



Kerry Jones

Monthly Scripture

"The law of the Lord is perfect; reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true and righteous altogether... moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward." (Psalm 19:7-9,11 ESV).

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2, ESV).

As we face 2024, I believe that these words are more true and relevant today as we are facing a future of lawlessness and tragedy that we are constantly seeing in the world today. Be encouraged and hold fast to the truth, and may the God of all wisdom and strength give you the grace to stand strong in the face of adversity.

MOORE PRAYER: Our weekly prayer meetings have unfortunately been put on hold as most of us have succumbed to the covid virus over the holiday period. However, prayer will be resuming within the very near future and we look forward to praying for the many other needs we see around us. Feel free to give us a call - we would love to be praying for you.

Phone: Sue - 0419 035 777 or Judy - 0429 108 892

Judith De Vries

Join in the fun, meet new friends, join your local



MOORE RIVER WEIGHT WATCHERS

Affiliated with WW Federation WA (Inc.)

**Wednesday morning 8.30am for
Weigh In 9.30am start for the meeting**

Sovereign Hill House

Annual fee \$5.00 | Weekly fee \$3.00

For more information phone 0413-818-955

Well we are all back at Weight Watchers, for 2024 and happy to be back to help with healthy eating and encouragement to help others in many ways.



At our Christmas luncheon, special awards and trophies were given. Inga took home two of the awards and Princess of the month of November with most weight lost.

Great photo Inga.



A very special Father Christmas arrived for the luncheon, such a pleasure to have him there. Thanks so much Sam, who gave us all special memories.

A few of the ladies were very good over the Christmas break and lost weight, others have had too great a time indulging.

Last week we had a fundraising stall outside the library, great prizes were won and many thanks to all that donated to make this a special morning. Special thanks must go to Maddie who put in so much time organising the morning. The Moore River Weight Watchers help in the Community so this will help us all.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. EVERY WEDNESDAY 9am SOVEREIGN HILL COMMUNITY HALL. JUST CALL IN FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT. CALL DOT 0429 969 889 IF INTERESTED OR JUST COME ALONG. TILL NEXT MONTH TAKE CARE STAY SAFE. MOST OF ALL COME AND JOIN US.

Dot Branch (President)



NOTES FROM SEABIRD

DEVICE ADVICE - A SELF-HELP GROUP

Meeting the last Thursday of each month, initially on a trial basis.

INAUGURAL MEETING – THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY
Seabird Hall – 9am

Contact: Caron Melvin 0428 922 301 or

oceanviews2seabird@gmail.com

Cost - \$2 per person, coffee and tea supplied
Nespresso Pod machine available, BYO own pods or
purchase @ \$0.50 per pod.

This group is a totally self-help group for phones, tablets
and computers.

No data/internet is available currently, you will need your
own data/hotspot.

Bring along your device and please be prepared that, as
this is a self-help group, the knowledge may not be readily
available. However with some discussion and research
we are sure we will all learn or get help and advice with
our problems or queries.

Even better if you can come with something you think is
great about your device (such as an app, game, program,
or a way you do something that makes your life easier)
that you are happy to share with others.

The aim is that in a friendly environment we can all walk
away with a tiny bit more knowledge than we started the
day with.

Disclaimer – Both Phil and Caron have limited device
knowledge, we were members of the Woodridge Computer
group for a short time before it closed down and at every
meeting we did learn something and found it interesting.
We miss this group, so are hoping to start something.

But at this stage the format is not yet set, to encourage
anyone with knowledge or needing help to throw this into
an open arena of discussion. It's an opportunity to get
together to socialize.

Claire Bentley

**Guilderton Arts Council
Easter Art Show and Sale
Saturday 30th March 2024
9am - 2pm
Guilderton Community Hall**



This is an annual event for Guilderton and teams up with
the Golf Club trash n treasure. Displays include artwork
by local and visiting artists and art depicting the locality
of Moore River. Craft by local artists, Photography of local
interest, Sculpture, Mosaics, Ceramics, Jewelry and
more...

Mark this date in your calendar and come and enjoy this
popular annual event. Take home a piece of local art as a
lasting memory or enter the raffle for a chance to win
some donated art prizes!

If anyone is interested in entering their work, please
contact: guildertongca@gmail.com for more information.

Kerry Jones 0437 903 138

Notice of Meeting Lower Moore River Working Group

Annual General Meeting
Guilderton Community Hall,
Meeting room

10am Saturday 3rd February 2024

This is an open meeting, membership free & all
welcome.

Reports on the group's activities and an update
on the repair of the Stephen's Crescent
Boardwalk.

Bob Johnson

0417186 805



**First meeting for
Lower Coastal
NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH**

14th February 2024

please make a note of the date **7pm**

**LEDGE POINT
Country Club**

Our local Police will report on
all the current news and updates
on what has been happening
over the holiday season

for further information contact:

Dot Branch 0429969889

supper provided after meeting



**St John's Ambulance
Lancelin & Coastal
District
(Woodridge sub branch)**



GUILDERTON COUNTRY CLUB February 2024

We hope all our members and guests have had a fabulous Christmas and New Year! Staff & Committee, certainly have had a great time spending time with our families and all our valued friends.

We kicked off the Christmas period with our kid's Christmas Party which was a lot of fun and was made super special by our special guest Santa who arrived by fire truck. Thanks to all involved. New Years Eve was a fabulous night with live music by our local group the 'Boogie Club Trio'. Special thanks to Colin, Will & Rob for making it a very memorable night!

It was great to see so many up on the dance floor throughout the evening with a fantastic crowd still on the dance floor to ring in the new year at midnight! Be sure to check out all the photos on our Facebook page!

January has been super busy as expected with locals and guests alike enjoying our facilities. We love seeing large family and friend groups coming through on their holidays as well as locals welcoming their family & friends to our great holiday spot!

Please keep up to date with everything going on at your local Country Club by following our Facebook page and checking out our website. We're looking forward to a fabulous year ahead for 2024!

What's Coming Up ...

WEDNESDAYS - POOL NIGHT (6.30pm) everyone welcome

THURSDAYS - DARTS NIGHT (6.30pm) everyone welcome

FRIDAYS - MEMBER'S DRAW (7pm)

SATURDAYS - MEAT RAFFLE

Well that's all for now! Don't forget to give us a call for all your dining and event needs by calling the club on 9577 1013 or by emailing us at guildertoncc@bigpond.com and watch out for event posters.

Janine Nellany-Rogers
GCC Manager

**IF YOU SEE SMOKE OR FLAMES
RING 000**

Woodridge Equestrian Centre

Woodridge Equestrian Centre had another very successful year last year, with a few of our riders reaching incredible milestones and status within their chosen discipline. Although we are a small club, we have outstanding coaches and support for our young riders, every year we try something new, and this year will not be any different.

Woodridge Equestrian Centre definitely makes an impact and represents the community to a very high standard.



Local resident Lyla Valuri won the Penny Hill Park Rising Star Award, the invitational Pony prelim and Novice classes. What an achievement!



Woodridge HPC member Chenin Hislop won the Best Achievement by a rider 13-16 along with multiple National wins as you can see from the photos. Amazing!



It's not always about riding either, last year we had showjumping course building, a visit to the racecourse and a look behind the scenes we also provided some arts n crafts and roping for people to have fun.



The B riders Sadie Gemmell Matilda Agnew and Gabby Wells working with Max Conti in course design.

As a club we like to utilise our young riders and encourage them to give back to their community. We held our very first Grass Roots Hickstead event, where we catered for the young and green horses and as the day went on it became a little more challenging.

The course was designed and built by Sadie Gemmell. Cross country jumps were made by Stevie Coussens. Gate marshalling by Sarah Stott and the dressage scoring by Chenin Hislop. All these young members did a tremendous job.



We have amazing opportunities this year for adult riders OTT and PC rider and some non-riding activities which will allow other people in the community to join in.

Rally #1 24th February is a non-riding rally anyone who is not a member can come along and join in for \$20.

Activities on offer are.

- Tips to get yourself fit for the upcoming season as well as designing a tailor-made fitness program for your horse/pony. Muscle Sense - Horse and Rider Fitness and Conditioning
- Getting ready for the show season and learn some amazing tips of the trade from our expert Jane Fisher who is well known in show scene.
- Stable fly action group learn about the strategies being developed to eliminate stable flies; learn how you can help your horse. - Stable Fly Action Group Inc
- All about PC, ideal for retuning and new members, have your say and the opportunity to join the junior committee where you can be the voice of the members and help shape the rallies.
- If you're interested in coaching, we will be discussing coaching pathways and the support we can offer opportunities to help you along the way., this also offers an opportunity to progress and work towards your coaching. We have an amazing line up of coaches this year which we are super excited about here is a glance about what's on offer, and we are so lucky to have amazing local experts willing to share their knowledge with us this year.

Our Coaches

We have an amazing line up of coaches and will be highlighting a coach each month. We have our amazing Dressage guru Chief coach Matilda Agnew who does not need any introduction. Karen Murray and new to the area Shaun Squire and Naomi Murry, we are super excited to have the calibre of riders and coaches in Woodridge.

Visiting Coaches

Debroh Spenser will be mentoring our young riders going forward for their coaching. Dave Carrey - show jumping, Sue Morgan - dressage, Jane Fisher - tack and turn out, in hand and ring etiquette. As well as Jemma Moon - muscle senses and equine massage conditioning and fitness and Sven Targett - Equine hoof confirmation expert.

Places we will be visiting this year to hold our mobile rallies are.

Oakford Equestrian Centre, and Brookleigh

Additional activities

Visit to the Ascot racecourse behind the scenes.

Visit to local stables and watch a demonstration with a Grand prix dressage horse.

Workshop at Valley Equine vets on lameness and what to look for when buying a horse.

- Vaulting
- Roping
- Liberty work
- Camp

Each month we will be highlighting a coach and who better to start with that our new residents.

Shawn Squire, Naomi Murray and Debbie Greenwood make up the SNS EquestEarth Team.

Primarily they build all weather horse arena surfaces, suitable to the West Australian climate, at an affordable rate.

Shawn has been involved with horses most of his life having competed at World Cup and Grand Prix Level around Australia.

Debbie has been with the team for 6 years keeping their horses beautifully fit and educated and has become an invaluable member of their team.

They have some very exciting young horses in the team and are enjoying producing them. With the wealth of knowledge as WA Equestrians, they bring a unique perspective and understanding of the requirements of horses, properties, and the WA Climate.



We rely on sponsorship and grants this enables us to keep costs to a minimum for members and assists with training the upcoming coaches. We would be like to thank DLGSCI who continuously support our young riders, without their support we would not be able to achieve what we do, Gingin Bendigo Bank, Gingin Stock feeders, Kids sport and Off the Track WA and SNS Equest Earth.

2024	Rally dates	Registration times for rallies
Feb	24th	Members 8am non-members 10am
March	30th	8:00 AM
April	27th	8:00 AM
May	18th	8:00 AM
June	15th	8:00 AM
July	20th	8:00 AM
August	17th	8:00 AM
Sept	7th	8:00 AM
Oct	26th	8:00 AM
Nov	23rd	TBA

We are holding a show jumping and dressage series this year to raise funds to improve the grounds and to pay for additional insurance so that non-PC or EA riders can come to our events. We are always looking for volunteers so if you want to get involved drop us an email. If you want to donate your time to help improve our club or sponsor an event please email us.

woodridge.equestrian@yahoo.com



Department of
Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries



Woodridge Equestrian Centre

Moore Clothes Inc.

Shop-106 Paperbark Ave

Redfield Park

See us on Facebook Moore Clothes Inc.



Moore Clothes members are back and refreshed after a short break. It's great to see so many familiar faces instore and donations pouring through the door. We have an action packed year coming up so keep your eyes out for upcoming events. Save the dates for our 8th Birthday Celebrations-March 28th at 3pm and our popular Clothing Swap returns on April 6th. Coming soon - our drop in area will also be up and running.

Due to the success of our dignity bag program we have decided to do two sorting and delivering sessions this year. So please continue sending in your dignity bag items. We collect Bags, scarves, hair care and toiletry items, earrings/jewellery, jewellery also toothbrushes.

Thanks, Julie 0410 582 817



GUILDERTON VISITOR CENTRE

We hope everyone has had a great festive break and is getting back into the "swing of things". Visitors to the Guilderton area have been increasing steadily with lots of them coming into the Visitors Centre to find out what there is to see and do in the area.

Thanks to our team of wonderful volunteers we have been opening every day of the school holidays.

Would you like to join our 'little band of merry volunteers'? Do you enjoy talking to people? Do you get a kick out of imparting local information and selling people on the beauty and ambience of Guilderton?

Then we would love to hear from you. Please ring Linda on 0414 631 273 for more information or go to our website www.guildertonwa.com.au

Wendy

GUILDERTON & DISTRICTS' VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE



Hope everyone had a fantastic Xmas and New Year.

We would like to thank Guilderton General Store for their donation of lollies to help with the Santa lolly run and all the kids big and small that joined in. Santa really enjoyed seeing you all; thank you Mrs Claus for joining us.

Thank you to Gingin West for coming along to our Xmas BBQ dinner, was great seeing you.

If anyone is interested in joining the brigade, please feel free to either email or call the brigade.

Secretary GVBFB



How great has it been to see so many people on the course over the holiday and festive season! Large groups enjoying the family friendly Foot Golf has been a highlight. There have been plenty of social golfers/visitors on the course at all times of the day and then we also have had our regular members who are always keen for a game. Our course is a beautiful attraction and facility and it is so Australian to see so many people enjoying it: the young, the older, the couples, the mates, the groups and of course, the families. Lots of laughter and fun on the course has been heard!

Consequently, Saturday Competition day and Wednesday scroungers have had great numbers. Recently, 21 members (new and regular) and visiting golfers took to the course for the Saturday comp.

The third round (of five) of the Summer Cup was on 20th January, with many in contention. A number of golfers have one good score and are looking to get that second great score to increase their chances.

There's plenty of time, but after all that relaxation time, many are ready to pounce and make their move, or better still come from the clouds with two great scores!

**Don't forget our Easter Fundraising Stall on
Easter Saturday 30th March.**

We'd love it if you can all pop down for some goodies or a bargain. It is our major fundraiser for the year so we hope to see you there. ANY donations, especially for the bric a brac, will be gratefully received. Send us an email if you have anything for us. Finally, new members are ALWAYS welcome. It's a great game, caters for all ages, caters for all ability levels, you can be as competitive/serious or social as you like, and the people are good fun.

**We are always contactable by
email at guildertongolfclub@gmail.com**

**Ian Hastings
Secretary
Guilderton Golf Club**

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every
SATURDAY
9.30 - 11.30**

find us on the foreshore near the Caravan Park

GINGIN WEST VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE



We had our lolly run on the 23rd Dec which we always enjoy. We would like to thank Jo and Steve from Guilderton cash for cans, Moore River Cafe and the residents and visitors of Guilderton for their support and donation towards the lolly run. We also would like to thank the Woodridge residents for turning out and making it a great day. The more of you that turn out the bigger the pride we feel for serving you.

With our newly decorated truck, it was sure to be fabulous.



*Thanks
to
'Footsie'
for the
brilliant
artwork.*

Some of the children who came out to see Santa.



Mr & Mrs Elf who came on their decorated bike



Photo-Craig Atherden

Gingin West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

We have had a busy few months with some of our crew being deployed to the Pilbara and the Kimberley to support crews up there who had been working non-stop on fire grounds. We have turned out to small and big fires locally with the Gingin RAAF fire and the Bindoon fires happening at the same time.

Was a great effort by all crews with minimal loss to houses and property.

Our condolences to those that did lose anything, it breaks our heart when we can't defend properties.

Craig Atherden
1st Lieutenant
Gingin West Fire Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Woodridge Community Association



December saw the inaugural Woodridge Christmas gate decorating contest bring the festive spirit to the



In 1st place was Lara with the gorgeous caravan and 2nd prize went to Brad & Linda with a fantastic light display



The first public meeting of the year on January 14th welcomed several new members and discussion centred around possible fundraising and community events for the year ahead including:

Quiz night
Boot Sale
Bunnings Sausage Sizzles
Kids Halloween Party (organiser required)
Woodridge Spring Fair
Christmas Gate Contest
Family event/Food Truck

To make these events a success, we need volunteers like you! If you're interested in participating or helping to organise any of these activities, please email secretary@woodridgecommunityassociation.com.au or follow the QR link to join the volunteer list.

Wishing you a fantastic year ahead!



Woodridge Community Association Committee

Nathan's Gardening Column

Hi everyone,

It's going to be another busy month this February. The Noongar season Bunuru is represented by the colour orange and is the hottest time of the year. Plant green manure crops and feed Summer crops to help extend their fruiting/ harvesting period. White flowering gums will be out and showing off.



Maintaining your garden, even if it's just one plant in a pot, can be very therapeutic and relaxing. Not everything you plant will survive so be prepared for some failures. It's OK. The best gardeners and horticulturalists have had many, many failures. Learn from it and move on. Enjoy your plants and what they bring into your life. Take a breath. Look at the colours around the garden and notice the little things. Laugh at the silly Honey-Eaters playing in the sprinkler and marvel at the way plants turn their leaves to face the sun. Take in the amazing scents from Jasmine and Frangipani, and enjoy the smooth touch of the herb, Lambs ear (medicinal herb).

Vege/Herb seeds to sow: Basil, Beans, Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Chervil, Chives, corn, Kale, Leek, Lettuce and other salad greens, Potatoes, Radish, Rhubarb, Silver beet, Spring onions, Swede, and Turnips

Flower seeds to sow: Alyssum, Bergamot, Calendula, Canterbury bells, Cleome, Cornflower, Delphinium, Echinacea, Everlasting daisy, Hollyhock, Lupin, Mignonette, Nasturtiums, Nemophila, Poppy, Sturts desert pea, Sweet Pea and Viola.

Tasks for the month:

Lawns: Keep an eye out for black beetle and fungal issues. The hot, humid weather can encourage their proliferation and its best to get on top of them quickly. In late Feb/early March apply another course of wetting agent and fertiliser to encourage root growth. Use one with added iron and manganese. We really lack these nutrients here and they will help your lawn green up and look good. Keep an eye out for weeds and pull/treat as required. Some weeds are tough or expensive to manage with selective herbicides. Regular hand pulling to remove main plants and regular mowing to cut seed heads off before they set will help to reduce weed numbers over time. It is getting late to renovate lawns however grooming of Buffalo lawns, especially if using a cylinder mower, can reduce porpoising and help with a carpet looking lawn. Grooming every few mows also helps reduce thatch and layering. A green lawn is one of the best firebreaks and helps to reduce the temperature of the surrounding area.

Garden beds: Deadhead roses, prune lavender lightly, propagate cuttings from shrubs, layer rhododendrons and azaleas, trim hedges, prune ramblings roses once flowering is finished, complete Summer pruning of wisteria, plant evergreen climbers, collect ripening seeds of perennials, cut back perennials while you're there, remove weeds wherever possible, take cuttings of phlox, helianthemums, and sedums, start planning where you'll plant bulbs this year and mark out the beds, plant colchicums, and keep an eye for any seed heads and

collect where you can to help reduce costs of future planting and you'll be able to enjoy the colours from this season long into the future.

Fruit: Harvest any fruit as it ripens on the tree. Pick up any fruit that falls to reduce the risk of fruit fly. Fruit fly in one yard will easily spread to a neighbour's tree and you'll not be popular. Feed fruit tree little and often to encourage continual growth and fruiting. Organic is better for the soil microbes and overall soil health.

Tech-heads and Readers: In January I listened to an All the dirt - Gardening Sustainability podcast about lawns with Darren Kirkwood, an Aussie Lawnstars podcast about different equipment to use on lawns and what turf type each state prefers. On YouTube I watched videos or space-saving ideas for beans, peas, and growing melon, cucumber and pumpkin on near vertical trellis.

Reading - The Seed Savers handbook. Note to self for next month - Read more on indoor plants and orchids
Happy Gardening Everyone! 🌱🍷

Nathan



Sovereign Hill Crafty Witches Group

On Monday December 4th we visited the Seabird Craft Group, most interesting to see their crafts and no doubt they enjoyed ours also. Seabird Craft will be popping down to Sovereign Hill soon. It's great to share a common interest and we look forward to regular visits between our two groups. Their morning tea was delightful too, have to pull our socks up when they come to us.

Our Christmas lunch was just perfect, fairly traditional Christmas fare. Thank you to Tiffany, our (almost) resident chef for the luncheon, we all went home quite replete.



We returned early in the new year, thank goodness for the fabulous air-conditioning at Sovereign House.



Ladies have been busy over the break making pom-poms for the jacket which is the process of being sewn together. It has been a great opportunity for us to use some of those odd balls of wool we have had loitering in our craft cupboard.

Any enquiries please call Wendy on 0429-938-232 or Dianne on 0414-469-297.

Wendy and Dianne
Co-ordinators

Any alterations needed?

Mending etc etc done locally and a very quick turn around.

Call Anne on 0429 952 927.



Enhancing our wellbeing in 2024

As we enter a new year, we often take the opportunity to reflect on our past accomplishments and set new goals for our future. Many of us focus on our wellbeing as a key area of improvement, but it's important to make sure that our goals are realistic, sustainable and that we can follow through with them. As you all know setting the goal is the easy part! So, what does wellbeing mean and how can we enhance it? Wellbeing is a vital aspect of our lives that affects how we feel and function on a personal and social level. Wellbeing encompasses the emotional, mental, physical and social aspects of our lives and helps us to cope with everyday challenges, and the stresses that life often throws at us. By setting wellbeing goals, we can improve our quality of life, overcome difficulties and pursue our dreams and aspirations.

Self-care is a crucial component of maintaining our wellbeing and something that I will be talking a lot about in the next few months. Self-care means taking care of our physical, emotional, and mental health by engaging in activities and behaviours that nurture and support our overall well-being. Some examples of self-care include finding time for hobbies that you enjoy. This can be anything from listening to music, reading a book, walking the dog, playing an instrument or spending time in the veggie patch. Exercise is also a vital part of self-care. I'm sure you have all put exercise on your new year's resolution list at some point and if you are anything like me struggled to stick to it!! The good news is that when you improve your physical health through exercise, you also enhance your emotional wellbeing and self-confidence. Regular exercise like walking can also help to reduce stress, boost your memory and improve your quality of sleep. Remember self-care is different for everyone and it's important to find things that you love doing and that work for you.

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DEMURE DAMSELS RED HATTERS



At the end of November we visited the WA Ballet Company in Maylands. A most interesting visit thoroughly enjoyed by all our ladies and our little August who was our tiny guest for the day.



Our last outing for the year was the final Morning Melodies for 2023.

2024 started with a Garden Party in Lara's stunning garden in Woodridge, the weather was just perfect and we all looked so beautiful in our summer finery.



Planning is well underway for 2024, we have some great outings already confirmed including a tour of Curtin Radio Station, a boat trip with BBQ up the Moore River and a visit to a wonderful glass craftsman in Joondalup.

Our very cohesive group continues to grow, we have members from many parts of the metropolitan area, but the majority of members are from this area. The inclusivity of our group means you can bring friends from other areas of Perth.

Is there something that you have always wanted to see, but can't because it needs a group – Red Hatters could well be interested too. If you have any ideas of future outings, we'd love to hear from you! All ladies, of any age, are welcome – It's not just for older ladies.

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COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Mooliabeenee Road Reconstruction Project

The Shire's Operations construction crew has commenced the next phase of the reconstruction work on Mooliabeenee Road.

The project is expected to take 2-3 months to complete and delays may be expected while the works are in progress.

Traffic management is in place and we ask road users to take care when travelling on Mooliabeenee Road during this time, and to please respect safety direction and signage.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we get the work done.



Community Funding Opening Soon!

The Shire's annual Community Funding Program will be opening for applications on **1 February 2024** for projects in the 2024/25 Financial Year.

If you have a new project/event or your project includes any upgrades to Shire owned facilities or construction on Shire owned land, please make sure you have a chat to our Community Development & Services team as soon as possible to ensure the necessary approvals are in place to allow you to submit your grant application.

Contact Amy via grants@gingin.wa.gov.au or on **9575 5162**.

To find out more visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/funding-and-grants.



Council Decisions

The following decisions were made by Council at the Shire's January Ordinary Council Meeting:

- Shire of Gingin 2022/2023 Annual Report - *Adopted*.
- Proclamation of Lot 361 Brockman Street and Lot 346 Cairn Crescent, Gingin as a Cemetery - *Adopted*.
- Statutory review of Policy 1.33 Continuing Professional Development - Council Members - *Adopted*.
- Determination of Date for 2023/2024 Annual General Meeting of Electors to be Tuesday, 6 February 2024 - *Adopted*.

In addition, 2 other items were presented to/deliberated by Council.

More information on the decisions from this Council meeting can be found in the Meeting Minutes which are available for viewing at gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

Protocols for Public Statement Time Trial

Commencing at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 20 February 2024, Council will trial the inclusion of Public Statement Time at Council meetings.

Currently all Council meetings include provisions for Public Question Time, which is a requirement under the *Local Government Act 1995*. However Public Question Time is reserved for questions only and does not allow for members of the public to make statements on matters of interest unless they are a brief preface to provide context to a question. For that reason, Council has agreed to include a period of time for public statements at Council meetings on a trial basis.

Protocols have been established for Public Statement Time and these are available on the Council Meetings page of the Shire's website.

Advice for Pet Owners - Dead Blowfish on Beaches

DPIRD has advised that high temperatures, low tides, shallow water, and decomposing sea wrack may have resulted in low dissolved oxygen levels, leading to blowfish deaths on local beaches within the Shire.

Pet owners should take particular care to prevent pets from eating the washed-up blowfish. Blowfish toxicity can be life-threatening to pets, therefore immediate veterinary attention should be sought if you notice your pet having contact with or eating a blowfish.

Please immediately report fish kills to DPIRD via the FishWatch 24/7





Firebreak Maintenance Reminder

In view of the recent fires throughout the Shire, property owners are reminded that firebreaks need to be maintained until 31 May annually as per the Shire's Firebreak Orders.

During the busy summer months, it is essential to keep an eye on your firebreaks and continue maintaining them throughout the hot, dry months of the Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods.

If you need assistance with maintaining your firebreaks, you can find a list of firebreak contractors in your Fire Break Orders which were posted out with your Rates in October 2023. Alternatively, you can download a copy from our website gingin.wa.gov.au.



Music in the Park

On Saturday, 6 January 2024 the Shire held its annual Music in the Park event which forms part of the Summer Suite of Events. It was lovely to enjoy the sunset and cooling coastal breeze, with great tunes from the Summer Club Band and tasty treats from Red Dirt Catering and Back 2 The Grind.

Thank you to Bendigo Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin for supporting the Summer Suite of Events and making this great family event possible once again.



Save the Dates!

South 32 Rottnest Channel Virtual Swim - Saturday, 24 February 2024, 8:00am - 6:00pm, Gingin Aquatic Centre.

Annual Meeting of Electors - Tuesday, 6 February 2024, commencing at 5pm, Granville Civic Centre, Weld St, Gingin.

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

If you have a community event to promote in the Shire, please email our Community Development Officer at cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au and we will include it on our Events Calendar and promote it on our Facebook page.

Sponsor in Focus - VIMG Lancelin South

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LANCELIN SOUTH



Annual Meeting of Electors

Notice is given that the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Gingin will be held on Tuesday, 6 February 2024 commencing at 5pm.

The venue for the meeting will be the Granville Civic Centre, Weld Street, Gingin.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:

1. The contents of the 2022/23 Annual Report for the Shire of Gingin; and
2. Any other general business.

The 2022/23 Annual Report is available from the Shire's website gingin.wa.gov.au and hard copies can be obtained upon request from the Shire's Gingin Administration Centre and Lancelin Office.



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Winner, F. Valentine.

**David Green
Secretary**

Presentation of a donation to MMS in Guilderton from Steve and Jo Jones. The monies raised through containers for change will go towards the new roof structure between two of our existing sheds for weather protection through summer and winter.

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Fred Rebol

2023 is done & dusted!

CRAFTY PATCH



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We trust everyone enjoyed the festivities. We ended the year with our wonderful Christmas luncheon, catered for by "TIFFINY'S CATERING", much laughter, games, quizzes & gift sharing took place.

2024 We commenced on

16th January with a delicious morning tea and welcomed all our members back that are joining us for another productive year.

Are you new in the lower coastal area? We would like to see new members join us at any time, even if you wish to come once a month or every week, your choice, we will make you most welcome.



We meet every **TUESDAY, 9am - 12pm.**

The 1st & 3rd Tuesday we stay till 1pm

@ the **Woodridge Community Hall.**

During school holidays, if you have your grandchildren, they are welcome to come along.

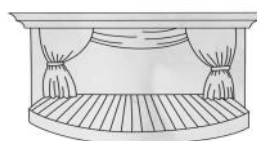
We have special workshops Tuesday throughout the year, these can include, mosaics, flow pour painting, jewellery making or any other workshop that can be arranged. The general crafting is knitting, crocheting, needle work, embroidery, card making, scrapbooking etc.

We work on special projects for example, knitting or crocheting knee rugs for the aged, Wheelchairs for kids, Bosom buddies, beanies for the homeless, care packages & so on.

So, to our members, put your thinking caps on and suggest some new projects that we can all participate in. Hopefully we can arrange a few outings throughout the year.

We run a great group; much laughter & friendship is ensured! We all like to share our knowledge, so please feel free to pop in, join us in a cuppa & see what you think.

Pauline, Jenny, Gloria



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Smile is a small group of people that meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 3.30pm at Sovereign House. We Smile, Mime, Inspire, Laugh and Entertain. Please contact Sue 0417 978 281.

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Does Your Community Group Need Funding for a Project or Event in 2024/25?

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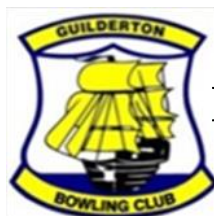
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GUILDERTON BOWLING CLUB

Well after the Christmas break its back on the greens again.

1st day of pennants on the 20th of Jan, against Bindoon, was not such a good result but we only missed out by a few points. But some great bowls were played by all, next pennant day is against Lancelin, and then all games to follow at home. Club championship will be played over the next couple of months, further info in our next newsletter (come along to these games, the competition bowls are really something to watch) Our Christmas luncheon was held at Phil & Julie Rouse home, all bowlers, partners & friends all enjoyed a great DAY, many laughs best company. Look forward to many more get togethers before long.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, FRIDAY 4PM PENNANT PRACTICE COME AND MEET THE TEAM, MAKE YOURSELF WELCOME. FOR FURTHER INFO CALL

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Until next newsletter, take care stay safe.

Dot B. (Secretary)



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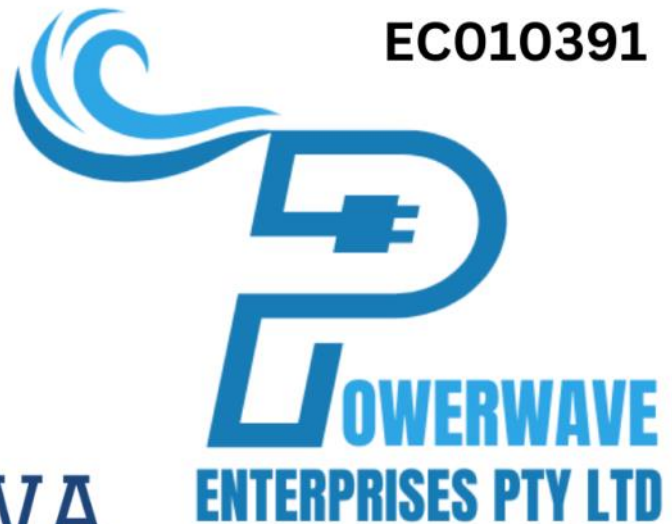
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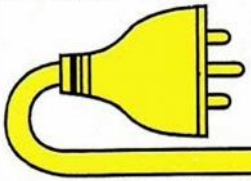


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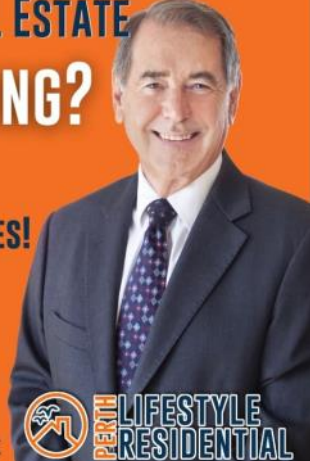
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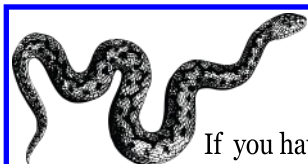
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Redfield Park & surrounding areas

OR
‘Snakeman’ Gary
0412-914-537
All areas

Both Registered with DPAW Regulation 17(1)

Did you know what is available at Redfield Park 1st Aid Post??

We have 2 wheelchairs, 3 Walkers, a commode chair and a shower chair, Crutches and moon boots along with in house aids e.g., toilet frames to help people get up. Non wheeled walking frames.

They can be borrowed either short or long term or while waiting for the hospital to provide something permanent.

Redfield Park Volunteer

1st Aid Post

Call 0488 221 881

Address
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DATES and TIMES Etc

Please would all readers and groups read the back page of the Moore River News and let us know if any information is old or needs to be added.

It is important for new residents to know what is on offer in the Lower Coastal Area.

We might be able to fit in times.

We also need email information that can be added to our mail Chimp address book.

Reminders to send in news and photos are sent out on the 12th of each and every month.

Email: moorerivernews@gmail.com

Foodies Group

On the 3rd Thursday of each month we meet at Redfield Park Hall , enjoy good food and laughs/ conversations.

We have a cooking roster system and share all the recipes We would love to welcome some new members .

If you are keen give Julie a call 0410582817 to find out more information .

Visitors welcome.





Seabird Splash

Seabird Progress Association 'Summer Splash' was held on Saturday. It was enjoyed by all who attended, despite the heat! Many thanks to the committee and other volunteers who made this possible. I think the photos speak for themselves.

Claire Bentley



Seabird Summer Splash
– A free community event organised by the Seabird Progress Association & the Shire of Gingin. Held on the Seabird oval, this free Waterslide event was a huge success with attendance numbers of approx. 600-800 people, with many larger groups of families coming together to enjoy the entertainment, many travelling for the first time to Seabird. This in turn will be a big boon for our town’s business in the future.

Caron Melvin



Local Activities

Monday	Golf	Ledge Point	Every other Wed	Demure Damsels (Red Hatters)	Various
Mon	Craft Group	Sovereign Hill	Each Thurs 2-4.30	Moore Clothes	Redfield Park
Tues	Crafty Patch	Woodridge	Each Thurs	Moore Men’s shed	Guilderton
Tues 10-12	Moore Clothes	Redfield Park	Each Fri 2.30-4.30	Moore Clothes	Redfield Park
Tues	Moore Men’s Shed	Guilderton	1st & 3rd Fri/mthly	Shed Quilters	Redfield Park
Mon or Tues alternate fort-nightly 10-	Coffee and Craft	Seabird	Each Sat and Sun	Bowling	Guilderton
Tuesdays	SMILE Moore	Sovereign Hill	Each Sat	Golf Competition	Guilderton
Wed	Red Robin Playgroup	Woodridge	Each Sat	Recycling	Woodridge
Each Wed	Golf Scroungers	Guilderton	Each Sat 9.30-11.30	Library	Guilderton
Each Wed	Pool Competition	Guilderton	Each Sat 10-12	Moore Clothes	Redfield Park
Each Wed	Weight Watchers	Sovereign Hill	2nd Sat/mthly	Garden Club	Sovereign Hill