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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
28th Feb - 2nd March	Various	Moore Music Festival	Guilderton
1st March	9am - 1pm	Art & Craft Market	Guilderton
2nd Mar	8am	Clean up Australia Day	Guilderton
8th March	8am	State Election	Guilderton Woodridge
8th March	8am	State Election	Woodridge Guilderton
11th March	3.30pm	SMILE starts recruiting	Sovereign Hill
29th March	10am	Moore Clothes High Tea	Redfield Park
19th Apr	9am to 1pm	Annual Easter Art Show and Sale	Guilderton
19th Apr	AM	Easter Annual Fundraiser	Guilderton Golf Club
19th April	9am to 2pm	Open Day Moore Men's Shed	Guilderton
13th Oct	10am	Moore Clothes Fashion Parade	Redfield Park

MEDIA RELEASE Shire of Gingin

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Moore River Swim Warning Update

Further to health warning advice from the Department of Health (WA Health) and Shire of Gingin concerning several health illnesses from swimming at Moore River last month, we wish to advise that the health warning remains in place and people are advised to continue avoiding swimming and all other direct water contact activities in the river.

WA Health has confirmed cases of norovirus in people who have swum in Moore River at Guilderton in recent weeks.

According to WA Health, norovirus is very contagious and is one of the most common causes of gastroenteritis (vomiting and/or diarrhoea) in WA. It is possible that there are still viable norovirus particles in the river, as the virus can survive for up to 3 weeks.

People who continue to swim in Moore River while the warning signs are displayed may be at increased risk of gastrointestinal illness.

Anyone who has entered Moore River and experiences symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea or abdominal pain, should seek medical attention and request testing through their GP.

They are also encouraged to notify WA Health's Environmental Health Directorate on 9222 2000 (during office hours) or email ehinfo@health.wa.gov.au.

Importantly, WA Health advises that anyone with gastrointestinal illness not to swim in public swimming pools or the river until they are free of symptoms for at least 48 hours to avoid passing the illness on to others. Further information on how to prevent illness is available in the [Norovirus Fact Sheet](#) at healthywa.wa.gov.au.

The Shire of Gingin will continue to monitor microbial water quality, liaise with WA Health, and provide updates as information comes to hand.

Further information regarding water quality, tips for healthy swimming, and norovirus is available on the WA Health website healthywa.wa.gov.au.

Queries: For any health illness reports, or health-related enquiries, please contact WA Health - (08) 9222 2000 or ehinfo@health.wa.gov.au.

For any Shire-related enquiries please contact James Bayliss, Executive Manager Regulatory & Development Services – (08) 9575 5100 or mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.



THE STABLE FLY ACTION GROUP INC (SFAG)

The Stable Fly Action Group Inc (SFAG) was founded twenty years ago this year, in July 2005, by a group of community members who were being seriously affected by stable flies (*Stomoxys calcitrans*) biting their livestock, pets and themselves.

The purpose of the group was then, and still is, to develop strategies to minimise the effects of stable flies, a Declared Pest, on livestock and communities.

We have followed on from, and built on, the dedicated work during the 1990s by The Stable Fly Management Steering Group, which was appointed by the state government to carry out scientific investigations to determine the life cycle of these persistent biting flies, and where they breed. This research proved that stable fly breeding is almost exclusively in stockpiled manure and irrigated vegetable crop waste after harvesting.

However, they can also breed in old hay and piled lawn clippings if they get wet. So make sure you aren't breeding your own flies!

Also, remember that even though they are called stable flies, they don't necessarily breed in stables. Generally, stable flies do not breed in horse manure, unless with the addition of soiled or wet hay.

SFAG currently has a committee of six.

Chairman/President - Bob Wilson

Vice Chairman/President - Peter Jones

Secretary/Treasurer - Jo Ottaway

Web Designer and Reporting System Manager -

Denise Kowald

Committee members - Kate Lane and Chris Maude

We have a great website www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au where you can report your stable fly infestation and attach photos of your animals being affected. Your reports are automatically sent on to the Shire where your property is situated.

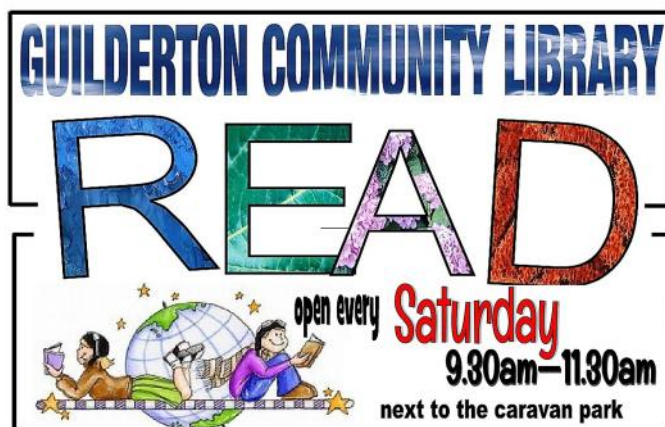
Here in the Shire of Gingin, we have a dedicated Stable Fly Officer, Mick Emmanuel, who does a great job following up all reports and tracking down where your stable flies are coming from.

You don't have to put up with it! Report your stable flies!

You can also join the SFAG Committee. We are currently looking for a volunteer to be our Publicity Officer. You can also sign up as a member of SFAG on the website, and subscribe to the SFAG Newsletter there as well.

Community support of SFAG is vital, as it shows politicians and the Department of Primary Industry & Regional Development (DPIRD) how serious the problem is and we need them to resolve it.

NOW : FIND US ON FACEBOOK! **Regards Jo**



GUILDERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Thankyou to everyone for your support during our recent fund raising.
Your support with donations towards our book stalls is greatly appreciated.

Can you please note We are always grateful for your fabulous donations but due to space restrictions we cannot accept any of the following:

- ⇒ Encyclopaedia
- ⇒ Ex library books
- ⇒ Educational text books
- ⇒ Magazines
- ⇒ Books which are either damaged, dirty or yellowing pages.

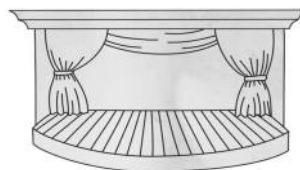
Thank you again we do appreciate your contributions.

Madeline



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S.M.I.L.E

Moore

Starts Back 11th March

Smile is a small group of people that meet every second Tuesday We Smile, Mime, Inspire, Laugh and Entertain. Please contact Sue 0417 978 281.

Our motto is No talent Required just have some fun

Moore Clothes Inc.**Shop 106 Paperbark Ave****Redfield Park****Open 10—12 Monday ,Tuesday and Saturdays****Open 2 —4.30 Thursdays 2.30-4.30 Fridays****Call 0436457164 or See our Facebook page****MOORE CLOTHES NOW OPEN ON MONDAYS**

Moore Clothes has been inundated with donations since reopening, a big thank you to all who are supporting us.

Moore Clothes has started opening Monday mornings from 10am
so pop on in and say hi to the girls .

We are now starting to prepare for our 9th Birthday and are celebrating with a high tea. After the fun last year we thought we would host another (advert below) so grab a few friends and neighbours and join us -PLEASE NOTE tickets need to be pre brought to allow for catering

Regards Julie

MOORE CLOTHES FUNDRAISING**HI TEA**

to celebrate our
9th BIRTHDAY

*Date* **29th MARCH***time* **10am***venue* **106 Paperbark Ave Gabbadah***Tickets* **\$15.00**

Can be purchased during open hours or by phoning 0436457164.

includes hi tea and a \$10 token to be redeemed in the shop on the day



*** "BLUE with a bit of BLING"**

Raffles, small games and prizes during the event.
Pre bookings are essential for catering purposes.

**GOT TIME ON YOUR HANDS?****Must be over 18**

LIKE TO MIX WITH OTHER MEN JUST TO WHILE AWAY THE HOURS?

Men's Shed is for You!!

Drop into Guilderton, have a cuppa, relax.

We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays

9.00 am to 2.00 pm

Full Membership - \$50 per year

Plus a Gold Coin Donation on entry

Moore Men's Shed would like to thank Kate and Richie from West Coast Technical Services in Woodridge who recently donated their labour to fit a Air Conditioner unit in our office.

Everything went according to plan Richie did an excellent job.

The Men's Shed encourages everyone to use local businesses where possible

Moore Mens Shed

THANKS!

**Sovereign Hill Crafty Witches Group****SOVEREIGN HILL CRAFT GROUP**

Our little group of talented ladies meet every Monday at Sovereign House, Sovereign Hill Drive between 9.30 and 12 noon.

It does not matter what your craft is - if you want company while completing your masterpiece why not come and join us - we would love to see you.

The Craft Group will be holding a stall at the **Moore Mens Shed Open Day on Easter Saturday 19th April,**

so come on in and check out what we do. Proceeds from our stalls go to various charities.

Wendy



To book the 12 seater community bus you can either phone Sue on 0417 978 281

or email **localbus6041@gmail.com**

There is also a Facebook page, Lower Coastal Community Associations Community Bus where adverts for bus trips are posted.

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to drive the bus for the weekly shopping trips on a Thursday. These will continue on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursday of each month, \$10 pp.

The bus committee has had a meeting and we are so happy with the bookings.

The trip to the Tivoli booked out within days it really is very simple for you to book the bus gather 11 mates and organise a great day out.

One of the recent suggestions for the Thursday trip was to visit **Karrinyup shopping centre**.

This is now planned for the **13th March**. Phone Anne on 0428 188 011 to book. Cost will be \$15 per person.

Future dates are 10th April, 8th May, 12th June and 10th July.

We need your input as to where to go. Each trip will be advertised in the Moore River News and on our Facebook page.

Anne Stroud

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All Residents of the Lower Coast have been invited to The Gingen Red Cross together for a morning tea event at **Limestone Park on Friday May 9th**.

If you may be interested in joining the ladies & men from Red Cross Gingen for a morning of friendship, please contact Caron@coastalcruiserbus@gmail.com to book a place on the LCCA Community Bus Or respond to the event listing under Lower Coastal Community Association Community Bus page

The bus was sponsored or supported by the businesses and community groups below. If you get a chance please thank them:

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Guilderton Country Club
Guilderton Visitor Centre
Moore Clothes
Moore Men's Shed
Moore River News
Smile Moore
Sovereign Hill Craft Witches
Residents who made a donation.



All six Community Associations as in the above LCCA logo.

MOORE CLOTHES Inc.

106 PAPERBARK AVENUE REDFIELD PARK
Near the Playground and Mini Golf

Moore Clothes I

Is a registered charity whose mission is to provide clothing to those in need.

If needed Care Packages can be supplied.

All enquires can be made to Julie on 0410 582 871.

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- Guilderton Country Club
- +Woodridge Hall

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Friday 2.30 - 4.30pm	Saturday 10 - 12noon

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Wednesday 12th Feb 2025 Guilderton Foreshore

PURPLE CHAIR

UNVEILING OF PURPLE CHAIR In honour of all victims of domestic homicide in W.A. This chair was dedicated to Dr Carolyn Johnson, for her support, advice and help for her many years of caring for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

It was so pleasing to see such a great number attend this service, conducted by Catherine Broughton. (advocate for Domestic Violence). Thank You

Thanks also to Shire President, Linda Balcombe for your support much appreciated. Linda also introduced the new Shire CEO, Scott to all who attended.

Carolyn's Husband Frank and his son Matt unveiled the chair and were so proud to see that this was dedicated to his lovely Carolyn. As you all take time to enjoy the PURPLE CHAIR, AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL MOORE RIVER please have a thought for those that should be enjoying this time .

The Neighbourhood meeting that was held, at the Community Hall , was attended there were 55 people, thank you all for your attendance, Sgt Micheal Patterson from Lancelin Police gave a report of all the Lower coast areas over the holiday period.

Special thanks must go to the police, for all their tolerance and hard work. certainly, some silly people around that make life not easy. Thanks again to the Shire President Linda new CEO Scott and to CR, Erik Sorenson for all your support. SPECIAL THANKS MUST GO TO THE MEN'S SHED KEN NOTTLE , YOUR BOYS ARE AMAZING

To Wendy Maddie & Sue. Thanks for helping me in the kitchen. Take Care Keep safe, **Dot Branch**



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Last month, I was privileged to be involved in the unveiling of the Purple Bench located on the foreshore at Guilderton. This special event was made possible thanks to the dedicated efforts of Dot Branch, the Lower Coastal Neighbourhood Watch, and the Moore Men's Shed.

The Purple Bench Project, which originated in Canada, honours victims who have lost their lives to family and domestic violence. These purple benches, placed in parks and open spaces, serve as lasting memorials while featuring plaques that provide crisis contact numbers for those experiencing Family & Domestic Violence (FDV).

Since its introduction to Western Australia in 2018, the project has grown significantly. Many benches have been installed across the state, including another bench in Redfield Park. These benches not only serve as memorials but also raise awareness about domestic violence and offer resources for help. The plaques on each bench display crisis contact numbers to support anyone experiencing FDV and encourage them to seek help.

Why Purple? The colour purple has long been associated with the fight against domestic violence. It symbolizes courage, survival, and peace. The purple benches stand as a tribute to the lives lost and the resilience of survivors. They also remind us all of our collective commitment to take against violence in our community and to break the cycle of violence through education, support, and community awareness.

If you or someone you know is experiencing family and domestic violence, it is crucial to seek support. Help is available through various organisations and crisis hotlines, and you don't have to face this alone. Reach out to local services, friends, or family members who can offer assistance and guidance. Remember, asking for help is a sign of strength, and there are people ready to support you in this journey toward safety and healing.

The purple bench in Guilderton also stands as a memorial to Dr. Carolyn Johnson, who was a beloved member of our community. The bench honours her work in educating and supporting victim-survivors of FDV and it serves as a lasting tribute to her legacy and commitment to making a difference.

Together, lets create a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard.
Catherine

GINGIN WEST VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE



We would like to thank Jo and Steve, as well as the residents and visitors to Guilderton, for the generous donation from Cash for Cans. This allowed us to assist Gingin South with their purchase of a trailer, that has been modified with a pump, air compressor and lights, that can be used throughout the Shire to assist at bushfires.

We have also been busy with local fires and assisting at other locations outside of the Shire of Gingin. Our 3.4 truck has been deployed to Arthur River and Shannon in recent weeks.

This type of deployment provides valuable training in conditions that our volunteers are not generally exposed to in our coastal/wheatbelt area.

We determine which Brigades can send appliances to assist in other areas, whilst still ensuring there will be enough resources and crews available to keep our community members safe.

GGWBFB

Playgroup WA

Red Robin Playgroup

Find out more about the magic of playgroup and connect with families in your community. Come along to discover the benefits and join in.

WHEN: Wednesday & Friday
TIME: 9:00am-11:00am
WHERE: Woodridge Community Hall
CONTACT: woodridgeplaygroup@hotmail.com

SHANE LOVE MLA

LEADER OF THE NATIONALS WA

MEMBER FOR MOORE



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 MooreElectorate@mp.wa.gov.au
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Device Advice

A self help group meets last Thursday of each month

9am Seabird Hall

\$2 Donation towards morning tea.

Contact Caron Melvin -
 seabird@bigpond.net.au

Cheers, Caron Melvin

DA Co-ordinator

Meet & Eat Group

Enjoy good food, laughs & conversations.

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

Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Redfield Park Hall ,

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

Visitors welcome.



MOORE RIVER NEWS

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MOORE RIVER WEIGHT WATCHERS



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

Annual fee \$5.00 Weekly fee \$3.00

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30TH BIRTHDAY MOORE RIVER WEIGHTWATCHERS.



So hard to believe its 30 years, so many memory's, well it was an amazing day 52 people enjoyed a fantastic breakfast at the Moore River Brewery, sit down breakfast was served to

all the staff were so lovely, The birthday cake (beautiful carrot cake ,(not cream cake) was then served to us all with tea and coffee amazing .

So good to have some from the old days good to see Wendy West, Brenda Douglas, Helen Thorne (Helen made all our table cloths back in those days and they were used on this day) .Members from Belmont Weight watchers, special people from Forrestfield Aileen & Shiels and President and Secretary of Weight Watchers Federation. Shirley gave a special speech and congratulated our club, as not many clubs in any groups are still surviving after all these years.

Special presentation to Ann Mitchell after 16 years with life membership. Congratulation Ann. Lovely to see some of our members who have moved for personal reasons, June, Clancey Jae ,we miss you.

A special gift was presented to all members, by President Dot as a thank you and encouragement for many more years of enjoyment and friendship in the future.

Love to see more members. Come and have a coffee, if you want to loose a few kilos you certainly can.. see you at Sovereign Hill Hall every Wednesday 9.am. . or call Dot 0429969889



Anne Life Member and Dot then Audrey , then all the ladies



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- *Redfield Park (106 Paperbark Ave),
- *Woodridge Hall
- *Guilderton Country Club
- *Guilderton Beach (Toy Library)
- * Sovereign Hill Community Centre
- *Neergabby (cnr Military/Gingin Brook Roads)

Come look through and see what good reads are there.



Join us for our monthly games day

WHEN : Last Friday of the month
starting 10am

WHERE: Guilderton Café
Lunch and Coffees available
Everyone welcome to join us
even if it's just for coffee



Clean Up Day Guilderton Sunday 2nd March 2025

Guilderton Community Association will once again be holding a Clean Up on the Labour Day Long Weekend and would love your help!

Clean Up Sites will be:

- ◆ Boat Ramp – 8am, bring a boat if you have one or just come along to help Clean Up Moore River's banks
- ◆ Foreshore – meet at the Visitor Centre, between 8 and 11am, turn up when you can to help Clean Up the foreshore, beach and town.
- ◆ Road - bring a trailer if you have one, to help Clean Up the road into town. Meet Kerry and team at the Country Club at 8am.
- ◆ Groyne, 8-11am, turn up when you can to help Clean Up the north beach and dune areas

FREE sausage sizzle at the

Country Club at 12 noon for all helpers!

Phone Linda on 0414 631 273
should you have any queries

Be Sunsmart ,Bring gloves , All Welcome

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

"So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' (John 10:7-11). '...I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.' (John 14:6). 'And there is salvation in no-one else, for "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). (All scripture is taken from English Standard Version).

Friends of Moore River Estuary welcome our members and friends to another year protecting Moore River Estuary.

Your annual \$10 membership fee is due for 2025 and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. Our AGM is in April.

We have a Facebook page and our website is guildertonwa.com.au, where you can read all about us.

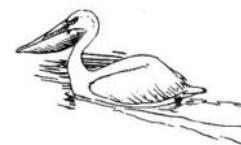
As we move into the new year, Mr Peter Medich is the current owner of the 2,000ha Moore River South property. We do not know what he plans for this land but please tell us if you do??

Any existing development plans are due to lapse this year and we certainly hope that anything he plans is much more friendly to the estuary and bushland than the old plans were.

We continue quarterly monitoring of the estuary with DWER, while the Shire continues water testing for the Dept of Health.

It has been a pleasure to see the sandbar thick and the estuary full for the summer so far. Clean water that is lovely to swim in is the result!

After some sad outcomes for our few pelicans, we remind you to please not feed any birds. Fishing hook and line troubles are awful for them and they don't seem to be able to distinguish what is safe!



There are special 'tube' bins for fishing waste, please don't fill them with other rubbish.

We wish you all a safe and fun summer at the estuary.

**Linda Johnson
Chair FOMRE - Mob 0414 631 273**

MOORE PRAYER:



We are blessed when we see how often God answers prayer when we all pray together in unity. We are a group of Christians, all from different churches, who regularly pray together for the needs we see around us in the world, our community and in our families.

If you feel you would like to join with us, you are very welcome.

**Please phone: Sue: 0419 035 777 or
Judy: 0429 108 892**

Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- Motion from Annual Electors Meeting - Upgrading of Lancelin Road.
- Motion from Annual Electors Meeting - Change of Method - Election of President.
- Application for Development Approval - Use Not Listed - Short Stay (Camping Facility) - Lot 31 Dooling Road, Neergabby.
- Annual Budget Review - 2024/2025.

In addition, 18 other items were resolved 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.

Community Funding Program

Our annual Community Funding Program is now open for applications for projects in the 2025/2026 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 Martina Meinen via grants@gingin.wa.gov.au or on **9575 5100**.

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

Valentine's Day Community Hamper Winners!

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Valentine's Day Hamper!

We ended up being able to provide three hampers for three lucky people deserving of a special treat, who were nominated by a secret-someone.

We received 28 nominations and the winners were randomly selected out of a basket by Shire CEO, Scott Wildgoose.

Congratulations to:

- Rachael Hall
- Mary Cameron
- Chelsea Shepherd

Well done Rachael, Mary and Chelsea - enjoy your hampers!

Thank you to everyone who nominated someone



Young Entrepreneurs... Hit Us Up!

Are you 25 and under with a side hustle, small business or fresh idea? Whether it's selling art and crafts, online courses, fashion or something totally unique, we wanna see what you've got...!

The Shire is giving young business owners the chance to showcase their passion at the Connecting Youth Expo. This is your moment to promote your business, learn and connect with like-minded creatives, and reach new customers.

What's in it for you?

- A stall at the Expo to showcase your products or services.
- Learn from other entrepreneurs and service providers.
- Get information about apprenticeships, trades and other career opportunities.

If you're keen to secure a stall or want more information, hit us up at community@gingin.wa.gov.au.



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Community Group Focus - Tell Us About You!

We are welcoming all community groups to share your focus and activities, helping to foster collaboration, encourage support among one another, and keep the community informed and connected.

If your community group is interested in spreading the word about the work you're doing, we invite you to send us a short blurb that highlights your group's focus, upcoming events, or any initiatives you're working on which we will feature in our monthly **Vollie Hub Newsletter**.

This is an excellent opportunity to share with others how they can get

involved and benefit from what you do!

Together with your short blurb please include how others can contact you by including the following information:

- Community group name and contact person.
- Social media and/or website details.
- Contact phone number.
- Email address.
- Physical address (if relevant).

Please send your write-up to: community@gingin.wa.gov.au

Shire Careers - Meet the Team!

Meet our Coordinator of Environmental Health, Tanya. **What is your career background/ journey to where you are now?** I came to WA from Victoria in 2000 to play netball for the Perth Orioles and never left. I have been with the Shire since 2012, and I started part-time at the front counter like so many of our staff and have gained my extensive knowledge of the Shire from working in finance, operations and finally health. **What made you choose the career path you are currently on?** My interest in environmental health began through some casual lunch break conversations with Bob Kelly. Bob encouraged me to commence my studies and I started with the Diploma of Environmental Health. Upon completion, I was given the opportunity to be promoted at the Shire to an Environmental Health Technician. I then went on to complete a Bachelor of Health Science majoring in Occupational and Environmental Health and I am now the Coordinator of Environmental Health. Graduation from ECU is now complete, although I am contemplating further study... **What do you like most about your**

job? There is so much variety in the environmental health field. My job is to try to guide and educate our community on being compliant to produce the best possible outcome for their situation. I would encourage locals to look into a career path in local government. There are some fantastic career opportunities where there are major shortages nationally... planners, building surveyors and environmental health officers are all positions which provide great opportunities to grow and develop and really make an impact on a community.

Congrats Tanya!



What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

Art & Craft Market

Sat 1 March, 9am-1pm, Gabbadah Park.

Clean Up Day Guilderton

Sun 2 March, 8am-1pm, Guilderton.

Gingin Arts & Craft Group Inc. Annual General Meeting

Wed 5 March, 9:30am - 10:30am, 11 Constable Street, Gingin.

Gingin Red Cross - Monthly Morning Tea

Fri 14 March, 10:00am - 11:00am, The Lions Den, 3 Horan Street, Gingin.

Connecting Youth Expo

Wed 16 April, 10:00am - 2:00pm, Gingin Outdoor Activity Space & Granville Park & Civic Centre.

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

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Well bowling is back for second half of the pennant season, good to get back on the greens even if the points are not our way, everyday is a different day, so look out for our next win.

Championship Pairs have been played. Hot weather or not it was a hot day.

Congratulations to the winners. Phil Smeaton and Clive Metcalf.

Championship Singles is to be played in a few weeks, this will be a real contest, as there are some really good bowlers ready to give their all. Not much news. Always new members welcome, after pennants have finished we are going to organise social games and then scrongers for the winter. More information next newsletter.

Till then take care stay safe, and good bowling to all bowlers



Photo of Club Pairs Winner. Phil Smeaton and Clive Metcalf.

Cheers Dot Branch

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Vision Board Workshop 1st March

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Woodridge Spring Fair 2024 Recap!

We're extremely happy to report that the funds raised from the 2024 Spring Fair contribute to the ongoing efforts towards the Community Grounds Upgrade. It's wonderful to see our community come together for such a great cause!

Please enjoy these photo highlights from the day!

Additionally, stall holder applications will be opening soon, so stay tuned for more details!



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Special thanks once again to our wonderful sponsors for their contributions to running the Fair and for those that donated amazing raffle prizes!



Woodridge Community Grounds Upgrade

We're continuously fundraising toward the planning and execution of the Community Grounds Upgrade.

We need input from the community; the people who use it especially our children and families! We'd love to hear your ideas for playground improvements.

If you're interested in joining the working group - please reach out via Facebook or email - found at the bottom of the page.



We had such fun doing the barbecue breakfast at the recent Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards at the Neergabby Community Grounds. Thanks to all who came to say hello and donated.



Please come and support us!!

We will be fundraising at these locations & events

Guilderton Art & Craft Market

When: Saturday 1st March at Gabbadah Park, Mullins St

Western Australia's State Election - Democracy Dog

Grab a sausage sizzle while you vote!

When: Saturday 8th March at the Woodridge Community Hall

WCA Sausage Sizzle

When: Sunday 4th May at Bunnings, Clarkson

WCA 2025 EVENTS

At WCA, we're excited to be hosting more family-friendly events and fundraisers this year to bring our amazing community together. Stay up to date via Facebook for all the details!

Easter WITH WCA

- Kids Colouring Competition
- Easter Egg Guessing Contest
- BYO Easter Picnic and Games



Woodridge Spring Fair 2025

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13 APR 25
9AM



Future Public Meetings

- 13 Jul 25 - AGM
- 12 Oct 25



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Saturday: Names in by 11.45am

Wednesday 9 holes Scroungers: Name by 1.45pm

GUILDERTON GOLF CLUB

Our main event at this time of the year is the prestigious Summer Cup.

There are five stableford rounds spaced across the summer season with the players best two scores determining the Ladies and Mens Summer Cup Champions.

With only one round to go, here's an update:

LADIES SUMMER CUP

Our current Ladies champ, Jenny Schaeffer is leading with a total of 70 points (38 & 32pts). While she has a 5 points buffer over Lynn Malone, Jenny is travelling for the next few months which leaves the door ajar for Lynn, currently on 65 points and Kerry Jones 62. The ladies only need one very good round to make it a tight finish.

MENS SUMMER CUP

Last Saturday, Andrew McKean jumped into the lead with an excellent 39 points. To go with his earlier 36 points, Andrew has the lead with a total of 75 points. But the pack is chasing; Phil Flavell and Ron Jones are on 72 points, Glenn Susac and Bob Johnson on 70. With one round to go, it promises to be an exciting finish.

EASTER FUNDRAISER

Our main fundraiser is coming up on Easter Saturday 19th April. We are always happy to receive ANY donations for the bric a brac stall, cakes, slices, biscuits etc. Contact Ian Hastings (0428 842 090) if you can offer ANY help or donations. And we'd love to see you all on the day!



In other news, we are working through and actioning our regeneration plans, with the support of a grant from the Gingin Shire.

Also, we have established a committee to prepare a grass greens feasibility study to look at if grass greens are a good and viable option for our club. Research and meetings with other local clubs will take place over the next year to gather all the information we can before the decision making process. There's a lot to consider!

Ian Hastings
President Guilderton Golf Club
Email: gildertongolfclub@gmail.com



GUILDERTON

Do you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to do a bit of volunteering.?

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Wendy

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We hope you are all surviving the hot weather and staying inside crafting. If your crafting and sewing projects aren't quite going to plan, perhaps this extract from a 1949 Sewing Manual will help you get back on track.

"Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try sewing with a sink full of dishes or beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick on with care. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home and you will not neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing as you should."

Our numbers are staying steady but new members are always welcome.

On **Tuesday 11 March**, Pauline will be teaching a class on how to convert jeans into bags of all shapes and sizes.

If you would like to join us, please bring an old pair of jeans and either your sewing machine (if it will sew through multiple layers of denim) fitted with a jean/denim sewing machine needle together with your usual sewing notions or hand-sewing needles, pins, thread and a thimble for hand sewing your bag together.

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Hi everyone,

Plenty to do this month after the hot February we just had.

Lawns - Summer may be gone, and cooler weather coming soon (hopefully); it is time to give your lawn a boost to encourage a healthy lawn before dormancy phases (<20 deg C) start to slow the growth. A strong, healthy lawn also helps to push out and smother weeds that may try and push their way through. Fertiliser, iron and manganese, seaweed solution/fish emulsion and humic acid can all be applied during March. Read the instructions prior to application.



Herbs and Vegetables – Beans, Beetroot, Brussel Sprouts, Daikon, Silver beet, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Carrot, Chives, Coriander, Endive, Fennel, Kohlrabi, Leek, Lettuce, Mustard greens, Parsnip, Radish, Rocket, Spinach, Spring Onion, Strawberry, Swede, Turnip.

Continue picking sweet corn, harvest pumpkins, lift root vegetables as you need them, pick tomatoes (I forgot to plant a late harvest set), get onions under cover, sow Winter lettuce, plant garlic, plant out cabbage seedlings, blanch celery, and plant autumn onions.

Noongar season Bunuru (February and March) is the hottest time of the year and represented by the colour orange. It is a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including jarrah, marri and ghost gums.

Start planning your bulb planting strategy for bulbs such as narcissus, freesias, snowflakes, spring starflowers, ranunculus, grape hyacinths, ixias, anemone, coronaria, triteleia laxa, and hyacinths. Stick them in a crisper tray in your fridge four to eight weeks before planting to help trick them into thinking the cooler weather is upon us. Work blood and bone and organic matter into the soil prior to planting to give them the nutrients they need as soon as they're ready.

Grab your secateurs and a saw, take a stroll around your garden. Look for the 3 D's - Dead, Decaying, and Diseased limbs, and remove them. Dead and dying branches take up space where green growth could be. Dead leaves give hiding places for pests to hide and wait for their time,

Plant container grown trees and shrubs - the soil is still warm and the plants will have a chance to establish themselves before the cooler weather kicks in. Remember to dig a bigger hole than the pot, mix compost and blood and bone in the hole, mixing well. Add reticulation or set a reminder to still water it while it establishes itself, and apply a good quality feeding mulch.

Plant Sweet Peas against wire mesh, or lattice to provide a quick wall of colour. Planting north to south to get the most sunlight on them is best.

Last month I promised to read up more on orchids. Mine have suffered in the past with me neglecting them. I'm happy to report new shoots are appearing and they have really perked up since I repotted them late last year and have a regular feeding regime.

Consider joining a local gardening group. I know of at least 2 in the local area that meet regularly. Discussions on gardens in the area, local problems and successes, and group sharing really help other gardeners.

Techheads - Both the ABC, and Curtin radio have regular gardening sessions, with local professionals, academics and amateurs offering helpful advice and tips for listeners. The radio sessions are recorded and can be played later through phone apps and podcasts, Graham Ross also hosts one for eastern states gardeners that can also be helpful to WA listeners. The podcast I regularly listen to is one called All the Dirt, a WA based gardening podcast. The advice is directed at local WA gardens and its always a great listen.

Happy gardening everyone ☺ 🌿 Nathan



SOVEREIGN HILL GARDEN CLUB

Our first meeting of the year was held in February and we had a great turn up. Everyone was very enthusiastic about the events they would like to see added to the

calendar for the year.

Some of these being a visit to Limestone Park for a tour of their gardens and aviaries followed by afternoon tea in the cafe, propagation, lawn care and roses workshops, an outing to Kings Park and visits to various members' gardens. Looks like a great year ahead.

We then went on to chat about our gardens, the work we were doing in them at the moment and some of our successes and failures. This was followed by a great discussion on dragonfruit.

If you would like to join our group, please contact Wendy on 0429938232 for more information.

Our next meeting will be **at Annes in Woodridge on Saturday 22nd March.**

NOTE: Don't forget to put the Mens Shed Open Day, Saturday 19th April on your calendar as the Garden Club will be having a plant stall.

Wendy



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NOTES FROM SEABIRD

Notes from Seabird

After a busy holiday season, we missed the first issue, so here is the Seabird News catch up!

SPA

Seabird Progress and Sports Association had a busy end to the year.

Early in December a group of committee members and a few 'extras' decided the hall was in need of a facelift so a weekend was spent painting the inside of the hall and decorating the doors leading to the 'loos'. It looks fantastic and was a great effort from those involved.



Our annual Christmas party was a great success. Sadly, we don't have many local children around, so it was decided to make it more of a family event with a great spread provided by SPA members. The bar was open and many stayed to enjoy great food, drinks and good company. Of course there were free goodies for the children who attended.

Another successful cake stall was held at the Tavern on Australia Day (thanks Tony), funds will go back into the community.

The year is ticking along so we are now preparing for our AGM, which will have happened by the time this comes to publication, and also our contribution to 'Clean Up Australia' with our own 'Clean up Seabird' on 1 March.

Our next main event is our fantastic GALA DAY, which happens every Easter Sunday. It has been getting bigger and better every year with good old-fashioned fun. Races for the kids, family events, which this year will include a 'sack race' as well as the regular events. This year the caravan park is going to try to wrest back the Tug-of-War title, so I'm looking forward to some fun.

Seabird Golf Club

Players are enjoying some great games on Mondays when they meet. Lovely to have some new members to give the 'oldies' a push. They even had two international visitors recently from Scotland and Vietnam!!

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The annual Kulin Classic is on again. Players arriving on Saturday 1 March, for the big game on Sunday. Dinner and presentation at the Tavern after the game.

Coffee and Craft

We continue to meet on Mondays at the Seabird Hall at 10am til around 12. Lots of chattering and laughter and sometimes we do some craft!! We recently had an outing to Spotlight and the Coffee Club for lunch. IKEA is on the board for another outing.

All are welcome, feel free to just come along, or if you want to ask any questions feel free to email me Claire.bentley@bigpond.com

YOGA

After a great relaxing term 4 YOGA is having a recess until further notice. Raelene has other commitments, however we have enjoyed learning and participating over the past year.

Device Advice

Started up again this month so more news from Caron soon. Refer to page 7.

Seabird Book Club

We've read some 'interesting' titles so far and look forward to plenty more this year. We meet every second Thursday of the month for a few nibbles and drinks and some highly entertaining discussions about the books. It has been often said that the bookclub makes you read things you would not normally pick, so that is a good result too.

Feel free to email me if you want information. Claire.bentley@bigpond.com



GUILDERTON COUNTRY CLUB

Hello and Welcome to all our Valued Member's and Guests! I hope your New Year has begun well!

Well, what a whirlwind the last two months have been! We have been super busy with School Holiday's, Christmas & New Year's, Bingo, farewelling staff and welcoming new and returning staff!

Our fabulous Kitchen team comprises of our new Chef Mark, and kitchenhands Tebo, Mischa, Sophia, Freya, Morgan, Kelly & Scott. Our bar staff have some new and old faces with Mel, Hannah, Jodie, Ash and Monica. Be sure to say hi when your next in in the club. Our staff have worked so hard over this busy period and have done so brilliantly! Thank you to you all for everything you all do.

Our Friday nights have been so full of people and atmosphere and as most of our member's will be aware our Member's Draw built all the way up to \$1850!!! This went off on Friday 1st February to our lucky member Brad Giblett! Thanks to an anonymous donor, we have restarted our members draw at \$500, so don't miss out on your chance to win!

Our next big event will be the Moore River Music Festival. Details can be found on our website and Facebook page as well as further on through this newsletter. Get your tickets sorted via the QR code, there are both paid and free events, please help us support local talent and have fun too!

Over the next few weeks, our new menu will be out, and on Thursday's you can enjoy a full roast for just \$20 adults or \$10 for the little ones. Come on down and say hi any day Wednesday to Saturday!

What's Coming Up ...

WEDNESDAY'S – POOL COMP (6.30pm)
everyone welcome
THURSDAY'S – FULL ROAST SPECIAL
(\$20 Adults & \$10 Kids)
FRIDAY'S – MEMBER'S DRAW (7pm)
SATURDAY'S – MEAT RAFFLE (7pm)

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
watch out for event poster's.

Janine Nellany-Rogers

IF YOU SEE SMOKE OR FLAMES
RING 000

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

106 Paperbark Ave
gabbadah WA



Available

24 hours a day

CRAFT IN THE PARK (Redfield Park)



Drop in for a coffee and a chat
at your local craft group,
especially if you are new to
our area.

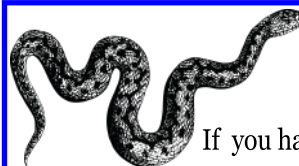
Currently we are quilting, crocheting,
knitting & cross stitch, but whatever
craft you are interested in or working
on bring it along, or we can
help you learn a new skill.



We are a **Happy and Friendly** group
that meet on the **1st & 3rd Friday** of
the month from **10-2pm** BYO lunch.

106 Paperbark Ave., Redfield Park
(behind Moore Clothes)

For more info, please call
Maureen on 9577 1669



Snake Season

If you have one needing to be relocated....call

Tammy : 0424-715-117

Weekdays after 5pm/

Weekends all day

Redfield Park & surrounding
areas

OR

'Snakeman' Gary

0412-914-537

All areas

Both Registered with DPAW Regulation 17(1)

	Men's Shed There is a Men's Shed in Guilderton Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 2pm
Ambulance 000 Woodridge St John Sub Centre Redfield Park First Aid 0488 221 881	Moore Clothes Redfield Park, every day except Wednesday and Sunday Facebook, or phone 0436 457 164 (see advert page 4)
Book Club Seabird, 0402 843 468	Neighbourhood Watch 0429 969 889 various locations
Bush Fire Brigades 000 Guilderton Gingin West	Playgroup Red Robin Woodridge Hall every Wednesday and Friday 9am - 11am. woodridgeplaygroup@hotmail.com
Community Associations. Seabird, Redfield Park, Sovereign Hill, Guilderton, Woodridge and Neergabby. Meet quarterly on Wed, The LCCA is an incorporated association that unites these 6 Associations and runs the Community Bus.	Playgrounds and Parks Seabird Chalon Park, Redfield Park mini golf and swings Guilderton skate park and tennis courts Sovereign Hill playground Woodridge swings and tennis courts
Community Bus localbus6041@gmail.com Weekly shopping trip. 0428 188 011	Red Hatters Every other Wednesday, various outings 0414 469 297
Craft There are craft groups in Seabird, Hall Monday 10am -12 noon Redfield Park, 1st 3rd Friday 10am -2pm 9577 1669 Sovereign Hill Hall every Monday, am 0429 938 232 Woodridge Hall Tuesday 9am -12noon	Religion Lancelin Catholic Church Guilderton Moore Prayer Group 0429 108 892
Device Advice Seabird Hall last Thursday of the month 9am - 11am	SMILE Every second Tuesday 0417 918 281 Starts 11th March
Equestrian Group Meets Monthly in Woodridge woodridge.equestrian@yahoo.com Facebook: woodridge equestrian	Snakes Tammy 0424 715 117 Gary 0412 914-537
Games Day Last Friday each month Guilderton Café 10am	Sport There is the Guilderton Country Club, Pool competition every Wednesday. Guilderton Golf course Wednesday and Saturdays Guilderton Bowling green, Seabird organises golf. Tennis Courts - Guilderton and Woodridge Mini putt putt -Redfield Park
Garden Club 2nd Saturday of the month meet at Sovereign House 0429 938 232	
Libraries Guilderton Community Open Saturday 9.30 to 11.30 little swap book houses! Neergabby cnr Military Rd and Gingin Brook Rd Redfield Park 106 Paperbark Ave Sovereign Hill Community Centre 244 Sovereign Hill Dri Woodridge King Drive	Stable Fly Action Group stableflyactiongroup.org.au
	Visitor Centre Guilderton Foreshore 0414 631 273
Meet and Eat group Redfield Park, 3rd Thursday 0410 582 817	Weight Watchers Meet every Wednesday at 8.30 Sovereign House 0413-818-955

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