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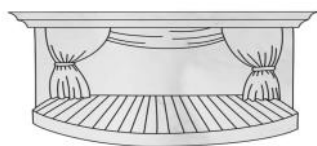
Social community darts at the Woodridge Hall.
Every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

At this stage we are putting out feelers to see if any locals, old and new, would like to participate in social darts, a bit of fun and get to know our neighbours.

If you would like to express your interest please contact me, Sarah Player on 0448 801 732

Alternatively email - sdl_player@hotmail.com

Sarah

**S.M.I.L.E****Moore**

Smile is a small group of people that meets every
Second Tuesday at 3.30pm at Sovereign House.

We Smile, Mime, Inspire, Laugh and Entertain.

Please contact Sue 0417 978 281.

Lower Coastal

NEIGHBOURHOOD

WATCH

10th June 2026

please make a note of the date

7pm

NEERGABBY

HALL

Our local Police will report on
all the current news and updates
on what has been happening
in the district

for further information contact:

Dot Branch 0429969889

supper provided after meeting

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
March 27th	9am-12noon	Device Advice	Seabird Hall
April 4th	9am-1pm	Easter Art Show and Sale	Guilderton
April 4th	9am-2pm	Men's Shed Open Day	Guilderton
April 5th	9:30am	Bowling mixed fours	Guilderton Bowling Club
April 6th	9am	Community Day	Sovereign Hill House
April 6th	1pm	Seabird Gala Day	Seabird
April 11th	3.30pm	Bootscooting	Guilderton Country Club
April 15th	10am - 3pm	Connecting Youth Expo	Civic Centre, Gingin
April 18th		Grandmasters Rock Quiz	Guilderton Country Club
April 20th	2-5pm	Mini market	Woodridge Hall
April 23rd	9:30 -12	Carer's workshop	Woodridge Hall
April 24th	10:30am - 12:30pm	Drought smart in the Garden	Guilderton Community Hall
June 10th	7pm	Neighbourhood Watch	Neergabby Hall
July 4th		Library 20th birthday gala morning	Guilderton

**GUILDERTON
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY**



find us on the foreshore near the Caravan Park

open
every
SATURDAY
9.30 - 11.30

Device Advice



A Self Help Group

We had a great turnout at the February Device Advice session - 15 attended, which was fantastic to see after our Xmas break. Between us, we tackled (and solved!) a wide range of tech troubles, including:

- AI phone scams
- Group emails - why Bcc should be used
- How to stop data being stored in the cloud
- After phone updates - Missing Facebook groups or chats
- Suspected viruses
- We discussed setting up MyGov & MyGovID - why they are needed.

To save a lot of pain down the track we are looking at organising the community bus to head to CRC in Lancelin, Sharon is willing to do a session with our group. Anyone interested, please text 0428922301 & text CRC MyGov. Caron will add you to our list.

A huge thanks to everyone who chipped in - every problem was solved.

Anne's Cloud explanation was a crowd favourite, giving a simple explanation of a house. Caron covered topics such as the AI cartoon trend and its dangers, removing old devices from your google accounts & why, Android hand signal selfie photos, why we have unread alerts & you can't find them & how to sort it out. The iPhone calendar app warning.

A lovely morning tea was enjoyed.

Next gathering is Thurs 26 March 10am Seabird Hall \$2

Caron Melvin

Device Advice Co-ordinator

A Seat on the Bus and a Friendly Cuppa

I've recently started using the Lower Coastal Community Bus to attend a couple of the seniors' gatherings in the Shire of Gingin, and I can honestly say it's been wonderful.

So far I've been to the Ocean Farms Senior Space Afternoon Tea and the Gingin Gathering Place morning tea and lunch. Both were lovely and very welcoming. It's nice to get out of the house, enjoy a cuppa, and have a good chat with people you might not normally see.

Each group is a little different, which makes it interesting. Sometimes it's just a relaxed catch-up over tea and coffee, other times people might play cards or a simple game. Occasionally there are guest speakers who come along and share something interesting with the group. It's all very friendly and easy to join in.

I haven't made it to the Red Cross Seniors group yet, but I'm definitely planning to go. From what I've heard, that one is just as enjoyable.

What really makes it possible for many of us is the community bus. Having transport organised means we can simply hop on, enjoy the outing, and not worry about the drive.

I truly believe more people from our Lower Coastal communities should take advantage of this trial while it's running. These gatherings are a great way to stay connected, meet new people, and enjoy a relaxed morning or afternoon out.

The message is simple — use the bus, or we may lose the opportunity to keep travelling to these wonderful seniors' events.

Lindy Groves

ARE STABLE FLIES BITING IN YOUR AREA? REPORT IT NOW

Stable Fly - *Stomoxys calcitrans*



Stable Fly Action Group
Facebook Page



Stable Fly Reporting Tool
www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au



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

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

SFAG's current focus is:

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

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



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



April Community Bus Outings

2nd April - Clarkson Shops & Services

10th April - Red Cross, Gingin

16th April - Clarkson Shops & Services

20th April - Gathering Place, Gingin

27th April - Seniors SPACE, Ocean Farms

TEXT 0494 052 348 Your Name & Event and a volunteer will get back to you within 24 hours.

Keep up to date with events on our Facebook Lower Coastal Community Associations Community Bus page.

*Cheers,
Caron Melvin*

To book the Lower Coastal Community Bus
Min cost to hire bus \$30

0417 978 281
localbus6041@gmail.com





The Hon Chris Bowen MP
Minister for Climate Change and Energy
Member for McMahon

Senator Glenn Sterle
Senator for Western Australia
JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

**250,000 CHEAPER HOME BATTERIES ARE POWERING THE SUBURBS,
RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

Over a quarter of a million households, small businesses and community organisations have now installed a bill busting battery under the Albanese Government’s Cheaper Home Batteries program, with around half of those installing new or upgraded solar systems at the same time.

Batteries help households store the cheaper, cleaner energy they generate during the day, and use it at night. That means less reliance on peak prices, a more reliable grid and putting downward pressure on prices for everyone.

New postcode-level data shows the clean energy upgrade is being led by the outer suburbs and by rural and regional communities, not the inner-city. Around 77 per cent of uptake has occurred in these regional and outer-suburban areas.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen and Glenn Sterle, Senator for Western Australia, said the results reflect what households are telling them right across the country; people want to cut their power bills, get more value from their solar, and take control of their energy use.

The data shows strongest uptake across family suburbs, outer metro growth areas, and towns and regions where households are already leading the way on rooftop solar.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen

“This is what the clean energy transformation looks like when it is working for Australians. It is practical, it is household-focused, and it is being led by the suburbs and the regions.

“Cheaper Home Batteries are helping families cut power bills and get more value from their solar. The postcode data makes it clear, this is not an inner-city story, it is a national story.

“The Coalition want to slow down cheaper renewables and keep people stuck with higher bills. Labor is getting on with the job, cleaner, cheaper, reliable energy for every community.”

Quotes attributable to Glenn Sterle , Senator for Western Australia

“In Durack, 725 families and local businesses are embracing energy upgrades that save them money and make their homes and businesses more energy efficient.

“These results show our community is getting on with it, taking up batteries and backing a cleaner energy future that is made from Australia’s abundant renewable resources.

“People here don’t want slogans. They want bills that are easier to pay, and a plan that delivers. That is exactly what this program is doing.”

Top Suburbs in Durack

POSTCODE	SUBURBS	CHEAPER HOME BATTERIES
6084	Bullsbrook, Lower Chittering, Chittering, Avon Valley National Park	202
6530	Wandina, Mount Tarcoola, Geraldton, Waggrakine, Spalding (WA), Rangeway, Wonthella, Sunset Beach, Utaqarra	150
6532	Drummond Cove, Glenfield (WA), Deepdale, White Peak, Cape Burney, Greenough, Moonyoonooka, Rudds Gully, Buller	48
6516	Jurien Bay	39
6525	Port Denison, Dongara, Springfield (WA), Bonniefield, Bookara, Irwin, Yardarino, Allanoooka, Milo	24
6041	Gabbadah, Woodridge (WA), Guilderton, Caraban, Wilbinga	20
6503	Gingin, Neergabby, Muckenburra, Lennard Brook, Wanerie, Coonabidgee, Beermullah, Bambun, Cowalla	20
6501	Muchea	17
6725	Broome, Djugun, Bilingurr, Dampier Peninsula, Lagrange, Roebuck, Eighty Mile Beach, Waterbank, Minyirr	17
6044	Lancelin, Nilgen, Karakin, Wedge Island (WA)	15

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Ben Wholagan
(Sterle) - 0400 685 543



Caring for the Self Workshop

Caring for a family member or friend can be deeply meaningful and rewarding, but it can also feel overwhelming and isolating at times. Many carers often hear the phrase, "*You have to look after yourself too,*" yet finding the time or space to do that can feel impossible when juggling daily responsibilities.

This workshop provides a calm and supportive environment to pause, reflect and explore practical ways to care for the self while navigating the demands of the caring role.

A Carers WA counsellor will guide participants through key topics including:

- **The carer journey**
- **Understanding boundaries**
- **Navigating grief**
- **Exploring new perspectives on caring for oneself**

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with others, learn strategies to support their wellbeing and take time to focus on their own needs.

Date:
Thursday, 23rd April 2026

Location:
Woodridge Hall
13 King Drive, Woodridge WA

Time:
9.30am-12.00pm
followed by catered lunch

RSVP by:
16th April for catering purposes

Enquiries to Sophie:
sophie.shaw@carerswa.asn.au

carerswa.asn.au | 1300 227 377



Scan here for more info
or to RSVP





Sovereign Hill Garden Club

We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 1.30pm

Phone Sonja 0404687 230 for more info and to find out what gardens we might be visiting or workshops we might have coming up.

The Garden Club met in February and planned the events and outings and topics of discussion for the year.

In March the group visited a member's garden in Woodridge where the topic of discussion was "Contract gardening – how to make your garden more manageable and to enjoy it more". The owner shared her experiences and strategies which included "do a little more often" (do a small bit of weeding or pruning every day then it doesn't

become a large task) and "Pull and drop" – pulling out weeds and dropping them so they can provide nutrients where they are needed. She shared her favourite hand tools and amongst them was a rechargeable battery sprayer – no need to pump the sprayer and so easy to use.

At the round table discussion most gardeners are doing maintenance work and prepping for winter veggies.

The garden club will have a stall at the Men's Shed Open Day on Easter Saturday and will have plants for sale – please come and look for a bargain!

Our next meeting will be at another member's garden in Woodridge where we will be discussing - "Tips and tricks on growing veggies and Alternatives to using pesticides"

If you would like more information and the location of the meeting please call Sonja on 0404 687 230.

Sonja



GET MOORE DROUGHT SMART IN THE GARDEN



Join Moore Catchment Council and Laura Blishen from Thrive Sustainability for an inspiring workshop

Surviving & thriving in our climate

- Hints & tips to dealing with the extreme summer conditions in the garden
- Seed saving – how and why
- Drought tolerant plants
- Healthy soil, healthy plants
- Permaculture principles
- Creating microclimates using plants and shade materials
- Wicking beds & irrigation tips

Bring a handful of your soil (what you're growing veg etc in) to analyse



Event Date

**24th
April
2026**

**10:30am-
12:30pm**

Location

Community
hall
Wedge Street
Guilderton

RSVP: Humanitix - see QR code or text Rachel

Free to attend

We'll be in the community garden, wear suitable clothing, hats etc

Light morning tea on arrival

Enquiries: contact Rachel 0409 296 264

office@moorecatchment.org.au



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Scripture

"This year, as the world celebrates Easter with Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns, the church celebrates Easter as the time when God fulfilled his love and purpose for this world. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (Jn :16)'

Jesus came and said 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (Jn 10:11).' Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. (Jn15:13).'

In the book of Exodus 12 the Israelites were commanded to sacrifice a perfect lamb and place the blood over the two doorposts and lintel of their houses so that when the angel of death passed over the land in judgment, slaying all the first born both man and beast, the people would be safe. In the Tabernacle of Moses blood was shed upon the altar as an atonement for the sins of the nation. This was called the 'Lord's Passover'. 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. (Leviticus 17:11). Thus it became a Jewish tradition.

Now in New Testament times Good Friday is celebrated in churches everywhere as the time of the death of Jesus upon the Cross where He shed His blood for the remission of the sins of all mankind.' 'For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

But death could not keep Jesus in the ground after his burial and on the third day He rose again from the dead and is very much alive today. Now the choice is ours - either accept the sacrifice He made for each and everyone of us and acknowledge Him as Lord and Saviour in our lives, or reject Him. Our eternal state is entirely our choice and we are without excuse! All scripture is from the English Standard Version.

MOORE PRAYER: There is no condemnation in enjoying easter eggs and hot cross buns at this time of the year, but let us not forget the sacrifice that was made for us all. May God bless you all and keep you safe over this Easter period. Traffic seems to be so busy these days!

If you would like a free bible or want to give us a chat, please call : Sue: 0419 035 777 or Judy: 0429 108 892.

Judy

Sovereign Hill Crafty Witches Group Every Monday 9am to Noon



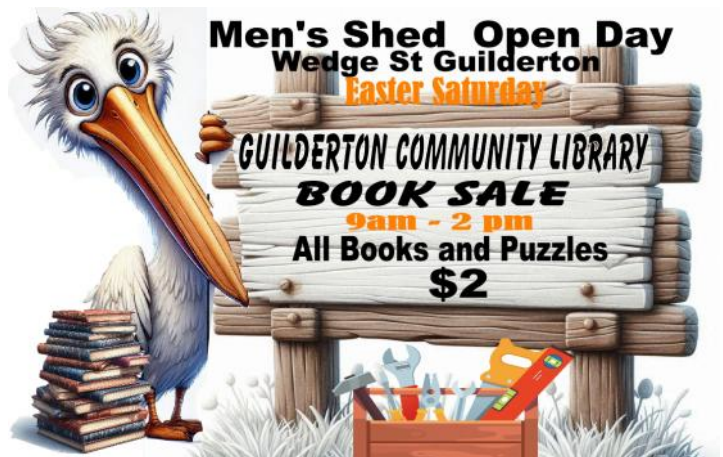
The Sovereign Hill Craft Group meets Mondays 9:30 a.m. to noon at Sovereign House.

If you are crafty and wish to tackle your projects in the friendly atmosphere of a small group of like-minded ladies, please come along or ring Wendy on 0429938232 for more information.

Each year we raise money for Cancer by holding a craft stall at the Moore Men's Shed Open Day which is held at their premises in Wedge Street Guilderton on Easter Saturday, 4th of April. Make sure you put this on your calendar.

Recently, we caught up with Shirley for lunch at The Landing in Alkimos. Shirley has settled nicely into her new residence and is keeping very active, participating in many new activities and enjoying the company of other residents. It was great to catch up with you Shirley.

Wendy



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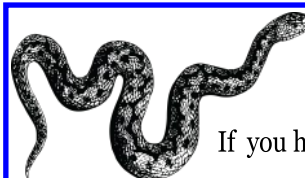
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areas

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All areas

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Crafty Patch

meet each
Tuesday
At Woodridge
hall 9am-12pm



Our craft group would love to meet new people. We have a wide range of crafts that we are willing to pass on to newcomers. We always have the kettle on and sometimes even have morning tea.

Sadly we have news that another member has lost her husband after a lengthy illness. Our thoughts go out to you Ursula. Condolences to you and your family.

It has been a little quiet lately. Maybe that is because I, and another member, have been on holiday. Welcome home Kaye.

There has not been a lot of news to spread to the paper. Summer is drawing out, and with the state of the world, I think many people are a bit wary. Keep on with your craft as it has a soothing effect and your projects are very worthwhile.

Today we had Julie visit again. Always nice to catch up with her. She is such a positive person.

Well ladies, keep up the good work.

Gloria

SUPERANNUATION INFORMATION SESSION

Lancelin Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in conjunction with Asset Financial Accounting, is hosting an information session for local business owners and sole traders with employees to address the key changes to the superannuation changes that come into effect from 1 July 2026.

This informal session will address the main changes, the implications and consequences of non compliance, as well as how to prepare for these changes.

There will be information sheets available, as well as an opportunity to network with other local businesses.

Venue: Salty's Bar at the Lancelin Sands Hotel

Date: Monday 20 April 2026

Time: 5:30pm to 7.00pm.

Please contact Mike on 0455 041 005 if you have any queries.



*Mike
Pilkington*

Any alterations needed?

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

Call Anne on 0429 952 927.

**GUILDERTON
BOWLING CLUB**

Call Phil Rouse 0408 122 191

or John Branch 0427 969 880



CONGRATULATIONS to the Guilderton Bowling Club team (above) playing in finals this season. Well done to you all, first time in finals for quite a few years. A tremendous effort and dedication by all players. (Always next year)



Community bowls. What a great 5 weeks of Community bowls on Thursday nights. Great fun by all, with lots of laughs and friendships made over the weeks. Hope to see you all again next year.



Winners were Gutter Gurus (Phil Rouse, Sue McLeay, Julie Rouse, Shirley Logan). Well done!



Runner up team was Moore Bias (Michelle Green, Mick Sutherland, Bob Johnson, Chris Hicks).

THE BOWLING CLUB WISHES YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER. TAKE CARE ENJOY TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Dot (Social Sec)



**St John Ambulance
Woodridge Sub Centre**

APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR

The photos below were inadvertently omitted from the article in our previous issue which recognised the service of volunteers Fred Rebola and Pierson Hornby through the presentation of 3 year service bars by Colin Grafton.



Fred Rebola and Colin Grafton



Pierson Hornsby with Colin Grafton



GUILDERTON VISITOR CENTRE

Open 9.30 to 12.30 weekends,
school and public holidays.

This month I thought I would talk about the history of the Visitors' Centre using snippets taken from John Prince's book **Secret No Longer**.

A report conducted by La Trobe research students in June 2001 included the suggestion of an Information Centre for Guilderton.

This idea was further explored by the GCA with Richard Cleverly leading the way in obtaining a suitable trailer which was located in the foreshore car park, just east of the toilets, on the 12th of February 2002. A group of 15 volunteers ran the trailer over the holiday period with great success and again in the 2002/2003 holiday period.

This trial proved to the shire that an Information Centre could be run with volunteers.

The shire provided a donga and volunteers and Shire employees fitted it out. It was used for the first time on 10th of October 2003.

With it now being 2026, with nearly 23 years of operation under our belts, I think all those who have volunteered at the Centre can sit back with pride at what they have achieved. The information and advice they have imparted to visitors and locals alike has gone a long way in promoting the Guilderton area.

If you'd like to help out on our roster, please give Linda a ring on 0414631273 for further information

Wendy



Usual golf days are:

Saturday: Names in by 11.45am

Wednesday 9 holes Scroungers: Names by 1.45pm

Our summer golf season is drawing to a close as we head into the final round of the SUMMER CUP on Saturday 21st March. A full wrap up and the winners will be published in the next MRN edition.

Both the Ladies' and Men's Summer Cup are very close with a number of golfers in contention.

Although Lynn Malone has been out of action for a few months, she still holds the lead in the Ladies event with a total score of 70 points. Close behind are Kerry Jones and Jenny Schaeffer on 68 points.

Lynn will be anxiously watching on as Kerry and Jenny give it a final crack to take the Cup.

Similarly the Men's event is also tight with Bob Johnson sitting in the lead on 72 points. Phil Flavel is on 69 points and Craig Hanlon on 64. Can the boys run down Bob or is there a smokey waiting in the wings?

EASTER FUNDRAISER

Our usual Easter Fundraiser is all set again for Easter Saturday on the 4th April from 8am to 12 noon.

Bric-A-Brac (second hand goods), plants, cakes, raffles, fresh veggies, coffee van and much more.

This year we are trialing something new - A GOLF AND FOOT GOLF (kids 14 and under) HOLE IN ONE!

This will be held on the first tee box, with both hitting/kicking down to the first foot golf hole (at the bottom of the hill). It's a bit of fun and very achievable as we all are hitting/kicking to the foot golf hole!

WINTER SEASON

The winter season is ready to take off with the **OPENING DAY on Saturday 11th April**.

The course has stood up very well over summer due to the hard work of Joel, Richard with the retic and our reliable volunteers.

Fixtures are on the Guilderton Golf Club website. On Saturdays, names need to be in 11.45am for the 18 holes comp and 1.45pm for the Wednesday scroungers comp.

Numbers have been on the rise on both of these days and we welcome ANY new or experienced golfers.

*Ian Hastings
President*

COPS**CORNER**

Hello Readers.

Further Burglary Charge for Nilgen Man

Lancelin Police have again charged a 45-year-old male following an investigation into a burglary that occurred in Nilgen on the 16th of May 2025. It will be alleged the man forced entry into a property on Banksia Way, before being alerted by the owner and departing prior to stealing or damaging any property. The man was arrested and charged with 'Home burglary with intent' on March 18th. His bail was refused and he appeared before the Joondalup Magistrates Court the next day where he was remanded in custody until March 25th. Lancelin Police would like to thank the community for their assistance in resolving this matter – let's continue to work together to keep our community safe.

Missing Person – Luke Hazelwood

Lancelin Police are still conducting actions in the search for 32-year-old missing man Luke HAZELWOOD, who has not been seen or heard from since the 23rd of December 2025. His last known location was outside the Lancelin Sands Hotel at approximately 5am on Christmas Eve. The vehicle he was driving was located abandoned in the hotel car park. Police are seeking assistance from the Lancelin community – if you notice anything unusual in the areas in and around Lancelin, please contact us on 9650 1100.

Lancelin Man Charged with Weapon Offence

A Lancelin man has recently been charged with 'Being armed in a way that may cause fear' after an incident in Lancelin on February 12th. The male will face the Joondalup Magistrates Court in April after the incident caused community members fear, whilst he was in possession of a meat cleaver.

High Level DUI Charge

A 49-year-old man from the eastern states was caught driving out of the Lancelin Sand Dunes with a blood alcohol 0.191% on Saturday night February 21st. The man was arrested & charged with 'Drove a motor vehicle under the influence of Alcohol'. The man failed to appear at his due court date and was subsequently arrested for a second time and further charged with 'Breach of Bail Undertaking'. Once these matters are finalised he's looking at a very hefty fine and long licence suspension.

Investigation of Suspicious Fires

Investigators from the WA Police Force Arson Squad 'Strike Force Vulcan' are conducting enquiries into a spate of suspicious bushfires throughout the Lancelin sub-district. On the morning of Sunday the 15th of March, after 8:30am in the morning several fires appear to have been deliberately lit along Indian Ocean Drive in Wilbinga. Our local volunteer fire fighters have had a busy summer fighting fires and keeping our communities safe – this behaviour is totally unacceptable. If you happened to notice any suspicious or illegal activity, or you're aware of any information linked to these or any other bushfires - please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Lancelin Police on 9650 1100.

Until next time, please take care on the roads and stay safe.

Kind regards
Sergeant Michael Paterson
Officer-in-Charge
Lancelin Police Station

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OUR LUCKY WINNERS



Another month has passed us by and I sincerely hope you have good memories etched into your heart.

We've had a month of winners. Lucky Number is always a hit, with the winner receiving a \$50 club voucher. Meat raffle has been filling up some bellies nicely, with local families winning this month. At the time of writing this, the Member's Draw has rolled over. Remember you have to be present at 7pm each Friday to claim your prize. Pool Comp Wednesdays certainly are entertaining and show what an amazing community we have here in Guilderton & Surrounds.

Easter is here. We have some amazing events happening. From my side, I have

11th April, 3.30pm Boot Scooting. Come along and join in the fun.

18th April, 2.30pm, Pendant Making with Gisela. This will be for adults only, and will be as much fun as our Paint & Sip was.

Also on 18th, our Grand Master Rock Quiz - \$10 entry. Amazing prizes to be won!

25th April, ANZAC Day. Please keep an eye out on our socials for timings.

We will be open for Sunday trading during the easter break, so make sure you support your local club. Remember, you can also play golf, bowls, crazy golf, or just chill and enjoy the serenity.

I'll leave you with some pictures of our March winners!

Until next time, stay happy & safe.

With gratitude,

Lynne Conway

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Shire of Gingin News & Information

Council Decisions

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

- 8 Motions from the Annual Electors Meeting.
- Draft Strategic Community Plan 2026-2036.
- Customer Service Improvement Project Plan.
- Initiation of Draft Local Planning Policy 1.9 - Sea Containers.
- Planning Applications - 2 applications considered.

For details of additional items resolved by Council and for more information please go to the March Council Meeting minutes which are available at gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

Upcoming/Works In Progress Update

Project Complete - Installation of Accessibility Ramps

Works to install three accessibility ramps on Robinson Street in Gingin were undertaken to improve accessibility and pedestrian safety within the area, we are thrilled to announce these works have now been completed.

Road Closure - Part of Wannamal Road South:

Due to severe deterioration, Wannamal Road South between Wannamal Road West and Cullalla Road will be closed effective immediately. This closure will be in place until emergency repair works can be completed. Please seek an alternate route.

Upcoming Works - Cowalla Road Reconstruction:

Road construction works on Cowalla Road in Wanerie have commenced. These works will take place between the intersections of Nabaroo Road and Millbank Road on Cowalla Road, Wanerie and are anticipated to take approximately 4-5 weeks to complete. During the construction period, a temporary detour will be in place for light vehicles. Light vehicle traffic will be diverted via Millbank Road and Nabaroo Road. Local traffic and heavy vehicles will be permitted to travel through the work site under traffic control. Motorists should expect minor delays.

Playground Installation - Guilderton:

The installation of the new playground at the Guilderton skate/amusement park (outside the Guilderton Community Hall) was rescheduled to commence earlier, in time for the April School Holidays. The final playground design was chosen by the Guilderton Community Association Committee and local families.

Further updates will be provided as these projects progress via our social media and website. We thank the community for your understanding as we deliver these works.

Connecting Youth Expo - 15 April 2026!

After the success of last year's event, we're excited to bring the Connecting Youth Expo back to our region in partnership with the Shire of Chittering, Minderoo Foundation and Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin.

The expo will connect young people with:

- Local industries
- Career pathways
- Training and education opportunities
- Community organisations and services

It's all about helping young people discover what's possible and building stronger connections between youth, industry and community.

Stay tuned for more details on participating organisations and event announcements.



Health Alert - Human/Bat Interactions

The Wheatbelt Public Health Unit are alerting the community to a developing issue involving human and bat interactions. In 2026, there has been an increasing number of human/bat interactions reported to the Wheatbelt Public Health Unit in towns across the Wheatbelt including Lancelin.

Bats pose a human health risk for severe illness from viruses such as Australian Bat Lyssavirus. If you see a bat, do not try to capture it or interact with it and avoid contact with sick bats in particular. If you are bitten, scratched or licked by any bat, immediately seek medical advice from a doctor. If you see a sick, injured, or dead bat report it immediately to DPIRD on 1300 374 731.

Further information is also available from DPIRD here: www.dpird.wa.gov.au

Join the Crew that Protects You!

We are expanding our team of dedicated Bush Fire Brigade Volunteers across the eight brigades in the Shire of Gingin: Beermullah, Cowalla, Gingin South, Gingin West, Guilderton, Ledge Point, Ocean Farm and Red Gully.

Being a volunteer is an incredibly rewarding experience that provides everyone, regardless of age or background, with the opportunity to give something back to their local community. Want to find out more? visit gingin.wa.gov.au



Gingin Aquatic Centre - End of Season Opening Hours/Closures

As we near the end of summer, we are starting to wrap up the season at the Gingin Aquatic Centre.

Final Early Morning Swim:

The final early morning swimming session will be Friday 27 March where the pool will be closed from 8:00am due to a swimming carnival.

April Hours:

- Monday - Friday: 12:00pm to 5:30pm
- Saturday - Sunday: 9:00am to 5:30pm

Upcoming Closures:

- Closed Good Friday
- Closed Easter Monday morning and open for the afternoon from 12:00pm to 5:30pm
- Early Closure on Wednesday 15 April at 4:00pm
- Final Aquatic Centre Closure date: 19 April



Total Fire Bans/Harvest, Hot Works & Vehicle Movement Bans

Under the Bush Fires Act 1954 local governments and DFES have the power to place a fire ban. In the Shire of Gingin there are two types of bans that can be implemented:

Total Fire Bans - which are set by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

Harvest, Hot Works & Vehicle Movement Bans - which are set by the Shire of Gingin.

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find out if there is a fire ban in place. Subscribe to the Shire's SMS service to receive free notifications when either ban is placed. To subscribe or for more information visit gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-breaks-bans-information.



What's on In the Shire of Gingin?

SPACE Weekly Meetings

Every Monday, 2:00pm - 5:00pm, Ocean Farm Community Hall.

Easter Trail

Sunday 5 April, 10:00am - 11:30am, Granville Park, Gingin.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 April, 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Shire of Gingin Council Chambers, Gingin.

Connecting Youth Expo

Wednesday 15 April, 10:00am - 3:00pm, GOAS & Granville Civic Centre.

Anzac Day - Public Holiday

Monday 27 April, 5:00am - 10:00am, Anzac Day Dawn Services.

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

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The Foot to Core Exercise presentation by Siobhan Vosnacac from First Step Podiatry in Gingin was part of an amazing day put on by Moore River Weight Watchers, bringing Siobhan's expertise to all the Community. It was a great presentation with so much learnt about the importance of our feet by all who attended. Not only was it followed by a lovely luncheon, but everyone went home with a huge bag of veggies.

As can be seen from the 'thank you' letter (below) from a very happy lady, our small group of weight watchers did an amazing job with the preparation and catering. WELL DONE!

Come and join our group. Not just for weight loss, but to learn about health programs and make new friends.

Call Dot for further information 0429969889 or drop in on Wednesday Morning 9am Sovereign House, even if it's just for a coffee. You are all so welcome.

The Hall is looking fantastic! Well done Sovereign Hill Community and committee. It was a pleasure to have had this wonderful Community Day at your hall.

WE WISH EVERY ONE A VERY HAPPY EASTER ENJOY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. TAKE CARE STAY SAFE.

Dot B.

0429969889

Hello Dot,

I just wanted to say a big Thank You to you & your crew of volunteers for putting on such a great morning. Everything was perfect & I could see how much hard work was done by everyone.

I found the presentation by Siobhan very interesting & helpful.

The final surprise of a bag of veggies - WOW how wonderful.!

Pass along my thanks to your group.

Caron Melvin



Use pool noodles to exercise the soles of your feet



Try to pick up small items using just your toes



Our slimmer of the year for 2025 was Annie Blom, who was presented with a medal at a special convention meeting. Congratulations Annie!



Join us for our monthly games day.

WHEN Last Friday of the month
starting 10am.

WHERE: Guilderton Café .

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Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

April 2026

Pretty but problematic – Spring bulbs



Chinchinchee invading bushland, Arum lily with its distinctive flowers and the highly invasive pink gladiolus.

Choosing spring colour wisely

Autumn is the time to choose and plant our spring bulbs, and gardeners have never had more choice! Local nurseries, garden centres, weekend markets, online retailers, and those irresistible full-colour catalogues. But before you fill your trolley, there are a few things worth knowing. Some popular bulbs are surprisingly toxic to people and animals; others have escaped gardens entirely and are now serious environmental weeds. When it comes to bulbs a little knowledge goes a long way.

Invasive bulbs

Around two-thirds of weeds in Australia were deliberately introduced as garden plants or fodder crops. The south-west of WA has a Mediterranean-type climate, which means plants from South Africa and other Mediterranean regions grow exceptionally well here, sometimes too well!

Several common bulbs can escape from gardens and invade bushland, outcompeting native plants. Plants to be cautious about include Freesia, Watsonia, Sparaxis and some Gladiolus, particularly older varieties.

Toxic bulbs

Cape tulips (*Moraea* spp.) were introduced in the 1800s; they are now widespread, established weeds. It's their toxic glycosides that are responsible for livestock poisoning.

Chinchinchee (*Ornithogalum thyrsoides*) is toxic to livestock and dogs; it's known to cause gastrointestinal illness and blindness in cattle. Found at a few locations in the south-west of WA, it's one to avoid.

Arum lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) is beautiful but extremely invasive, and toxic to all livestock, pets and humans. It has colonised thousands of hectares in south-west WA.

Tips for safe plantings

- Choose non-invasive, non-toxic species where possible.
- Store bulbs safely, away from children and pets, and label anything in the fridge.
- Never dump garden waste in bushland or farmland – a single discarded bulb can establish a new weed population.

⚠ If you suspect poisoning

People: Call the Poisons Information Centre immediately on 13 11 26 (24 hours, 7 days)

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Meet and Eat group Redfield Park, 3rd Thursday 0410 582 817	Yin Yoga - Mon, Tues & Thur - 8am & 7pm Sun - 8am Call to Book 0432 903 852 Weight Watchers Meet every Wednesday at 8.30 Sovereign House 0413-818-955