

Budget Bulletin

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From the Shire *President*

Welcome to the Shire of Gingin's Budget Bulletin for 2023/24.

For the 2023/24 financial year the Shire's budget has been set at **\$33.73 million** which includes a capital works program of \$10.22 million. Rates revenue is expected to be \$10.08 million with the balance generated from other income sources including State and Federal grants, as well as fees and charges.

For 2023/24 Council adopted a 7% rates increase which has been necessary to meet the continuing cost increases with undertaking our various services, but also to be able to get ahead with a number of much needed projects throughout the Shire.

Big-ticket **capital projects** this year include major works to the Guilderton Caravan Park, upgrades to the Lancelin Independent Living Units and Lancelin Sporting Complex, as well as an annual road program of \$4.57 million to include works to Todman Road (Coonabidgee), Wannamal Roads West and South, and Mooliabeenee Road. A more detailed list of projects can be found on the following page.

In addition to new projects, an important focus for Council this year will be **reviewing the condition** of all existing **Shire buildings and built infrastructure**. A detailed asset condition report will be prepared following this review which will inform the Shire's Asset Management Plan. This plan will then be used to establish a hierarchy of priorities for Council in terms of asset maintenance and sustainability going forward.

The Shire has also committed to undertaking a **waste management reform** which will be in line with WA Government's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030. We have identified the need to modernise our waste and recycling services while protecting our environment and increasing public safety. This will include the construction of 'transfer stations' at Lancelin and Gingin to collect waste and recycling streams and transferring for disposal to landfill in Seabird. This will result in closure and rehabilitation of the Gingin and Lancelin landfills.

At the time of this Budget Bulletin, public comment is being invited on the **Coastal Management Strategy** and **revised CHRMAP**, feedback of which will be incorporated into final documents for adoption by Council. These documents will then be used by the Shire for planning and decision-making purposes. It is expected that some recommendations and actions from the Coastal Management Strategy and CHRMAP documents particularly, may not be popular with everyone, however the effects of coastal erosion and inundation require our immediate attention and making some difficult decisions for the future benefit of our coastal communities. In addition, we will shortly be seeking community input on the **Town Planning Omnibus Review** - details to be provided in the coming weeks.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to our communities for their steadfast support throughout what has been another challenging year for everyone, as well as our Shire staff who do an outstanding job with delivering services and projects to the highest standards possible with the tight resources available to them. Lastly, I'd like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and commitment to our communities, and for assisting our Staff with producing another tough but balanced budget.

Cr Wayne Fewster

Shire President



Key projects and priorities for 2023/24 at a glance...



Health & Aged Care Services

\$642,400

Projects include:

- Gingin Eco Lifestyle Village – purchase of land
- Lancelin Independent Living Units – pipework and fencing upgrades
- Gingin Medical Centre – floor covering replacement



Annual Road Program

\$4.57 million

Projects include:

- Beermullah Road West Drainage
- Wannamal Road West
- Wannamal Road South
- Todman Road
- Aurisch Road
- Coonabidgee Road
- Mooliabeenee Road
- Bridge replacement projects



Environment & Coastal Management

\$150,500

Projects include:

- Finalisation of Coastal Management Strategy and revised CHRMAP projects
- Sand renourishment – Grace Darling Park to Edward Island Point



Community Infrastructure

Including recreation facilities

\$1.83 million

Projects include (but not limited to):

- Guilderton Foreshore – purchase of road reserve for store expansion and installation of CCTV
- Guilderton Caravan Park – wastewater replacement and infrastructure upgrades
- Gingin CWA Building – upgrades and repair work
- Gingin Equestrian Club – ablation roof replacement and gravel upgrade to entrance
- Gingin Old Granville Building (CU@ Park) – structural repair work
- Gingin Granville Civic Centre – upgrades and repair work
- Gingin Recreation Centre – upgrades and repair work
- Lancelin – Harold Park & Wangaree Park upgrades and new barbecues
- Ledge Point – De Burgh Street ablation block upgrade and carpark asphaltting
- Seabird - Douglas Park new barbecues and play equipment



Community Grants & Activities

\$220,550



Plant Replacement Program

\$3.14 million

(\$1 million carried forward from 2022/23 owing to unavailability of plant)



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Your Rates Explained

Rates and Charges

Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

At the Shire of Gingin's Council Meeting 17 August 2023 to adopt the Budget for 2023/24, it was resolved that the rates and charges specified hereunder be imposed on all rateable properties within the District of the Shire of Gingin in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Waste Avoidance Resource Recovery Act 2007*.

Differential Rates

Differential General Rate – Gross Rental Values (GRV) – 9.2598 cents in the dollar on all Gross Rental Valued rateable land within the district.

Differential General Rate – Unimproved Values (UV) – 0.4848 cents in the dollar on all Unimproved Valued rateable land (excluding Rural Intensive and Mining) within the district.

Differential UV Intensive Rate – Unimproved Values (UV) – 0.7376 cents in the dollar on all Rural Intensive and Mining Unimproved Valued rateable land within the district.

Minimum Payment

The minimum payments of \$1,248 for GRV rated properties, \$1,444 for UV rated properties (excluding Rural Intensive and Mining), and \$2,461 for Rural Intensive and Mining rated properties have been determined by Council on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable rates contribution to enable the Shire to deliver essential services.

Rubbish Charges

All Urban and Rural Residential properties with a residence, and Industrial and Commercial properties that are not vacant land are charged \$246 per annum per service of one 240 litre capacity mobile rubbish bin.

Collection of a second or subsequent rubbish bin/s for all properties is charged at \$246 per bin per annum excluding your recycling bin which is supplied free of charge.

Non-urban properties on Avon Waste's existing service route on application are charged \$246 per annum per service of one 240 litre capacity mobile rubbish bin and \$246 for the second or subsequent bin/s excluding a recycling bin which is supplied free of charge.

Waste Management Levy

A Waste Management Levy of \$144 will be charged on all Gross Rental Valued properties and Unimproved Valued properties whether additional properties are owned or not. The Waste Management Levy collected will be used to assist with funding current and future waste management initiatives.

What is the ESL?

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a portion of your rate payment that is forwarded to DFES to fund the Career Fire and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Bush Fire Brigades, and SES units throughout WA.

Late Payment Penalty – Rates, ESL, Waste Management Levy & Rubbish Charges

A charge of 7% calculated daily at 0.01917% by simple interest will apply as follows:

- No instalment option taken** – interest shall begin to accrue on Rates and/or ESL and Rubbish Charges that remain unpaid at 10 October 2023. Eligible pensioners are exempt.
- Instalment option taken** – interest shall begin to accrue daily on any rates instalment payment that remains unpaid after the due date of the instalment, and will continue to accrue until such time as the instalment is paid. Eligible pensioners are exempt.

- Interest** on Rates and/or ESL, Waste Management Levy, and Rubbish Charge arrears will continue to accrue each day until arrears are paid.

Instalment Plan Interest Rate

A charge of 5.5% per annum, calculated daily at 0.01506% by simple interest, will apply from 1 July 2023. Eligible pensioners are exempt.

Due Dates for Payment of Rates, ESL, Waste Management Levy & Rubbish Charges

No instalment option: 10 October 2023

Two instalments option:

- 10 October 2023
- 13 February 2024

Four instalments option:

- 10 October 2023
- 12 December 2023
- 13 February 2024
- 16 April 2024

Alternative Arrangements for Payment of Rates

Upon application the Shire may accept payment by way other than one, two or four instalments (subject to agreement in writing by both parties). A single administration fee of \$30 will apply for this type of payment. Eligible pensioners are exempt from this charge.

Paying Your Rates

Rates can be paid in person at the Gingin or Lancelin Shire Offices by cash, cheque or EFTPOS (excluding American Express and Diners cards). The Shire also offers the convenience of 24 hour, 7 days a week payment by BPOINT (credit card) on 1300 276 468 or via gingin.wa.gov.au/payments/pay-your-rates or by BPay for cheque and savings accounts.

Rating Objects and Reasons

The rates in the dollar (\$) for the various differential rates are calculated to provide the shortfall in revenue required to make up the budget deficiency to enable the Shire to provide the level and range of works and services required in the 2023/24 financial year after taking into account all non-rate sources of revenue.

Purpose: UV - Rural and Rural Other (including exploration and prospecting tenements)

The objective of this differential rate category is to impose a differential general rate on land held or used for the purposes of rural broad acre farming, rural residential, rural industry, and other non-intensive uses.

Purpose: UV - Rural Intensive/Mining

The objective of this differential rate category is to impose a differential general rate on land held or used for the purposes of the following land uses defined within the Shire of Gingin local Planning Scheme: Agriculture Intensive, Animal Husbandry – Intensive, Aquaculture, Industry – Extractive, Industry – Mining.

UV - Rural and Rural Other

The reason for this rate is to reflect the lower impact on transport infrastructure and monitoring of land use/environmental impacts compared to the Rural Intensive/Mining – UV category. It also ensures that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the ongoing maintenance and service provision of works, services, and facilities throughout the Shire.

Proposed Rate in \$: 0.004848

Minimum payment in respect to UV - Rural and Other

The object of the proposed minimum payment of \$1,444 is to ensure that the proportion of total rate revenue derived from Rural and Rural Other UV properties is consistent with the overall rate increase for this category. This rate is considered to be the base minimum rate by which all other UV rated properties are assessed. It also recognises that every property receives some minimum level of benefit of works and services provided.

Rural Intensive/Mining – UV

The reason for this differential rate is to reflect the higher impact on transport infrastructure and monitoring of land use/environmental impacts compared to Rural and Other – UV properties, and the capacity to pass on the rates charge as a business cost. It also ensures that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the

ongoing maintenance and service provision of works, services, and facilities throughout the Shire.

Proposed Rate in \$: 0.007376

Minimum payment in respect to Rural Intensive/Mining – UV

The object of this minimum payment is to reflect the additional costs from this sector associated with the higher impact on transport infrastructure and environmental monitoring.

The minimum rate of \$2,461 also ensures that the proportion of total rate revenue derived from Rural Intensive/Mining UV properties is essentially consistent with the overall rate increase for this category and recognises that every property receives some minimum level of benefit of works and services provided.

A summary of the differential rates to be used for the 2023/24 rating period are as follows:

Differential Rating Category	UV Rate in \$	Minimum Rate	Income
Rural & Other - UV	\$0.004848	\$1,444	\$2,336,368
Rural Intensive - UV	\$0.007376	\$2,461	\$1,008,666

In arriving at the differential rates in the dollar Council has attempted to balance the need for revenue to fund essential services and facilities with the desire to limit any increase on the ratepayer to affordable levels.

The differential general rate and minimum payment differs from that set out in the local public notice to accommodate additional reserve funding for future work.

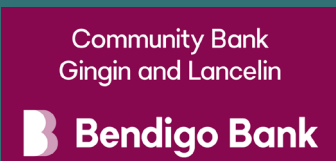
More Rating Objects and Reasons information is available at gingin.wa.gov.au.

Early Rates Incentive Scheme

The Shire of Gingin is once again offering you 10 exciting chances to win - if you pay your rates in full by 10 October 2023 you will automatically go into the draw to win one of 10 prize packages.

Thankyou to our Sponsors!

The Shire gratefully acknowledges the following local businesses for their generous sponsorship of the 2023/2024 Early Rates Incentive Scheme.



Green Waste Kerbside Collection

September-October 2023

Each year the Shire of Gingin undertakes a green waste kerbside collection service for Residential and Rural Residential properties.

This collection is generally scheduled to follow the Kings's Birthday long weekend which falls on 23 – 25 September this year.

Residents wishing to take advantage of this service will need to have green waste placed on the verge by no later than **Monday 25 September 2023**.

Conditions for collection:

- Where possible, keep all green waste clear of reticulation, footpaths, street signs, poles, and fences.
- Piles for collection must be no larger than 5m³. **IMPORTANT!** Contaminated green waste and piles greater than 5m³ will not be collected. A notice will be left by the contractor detailing the reason why your green waste was not collected.
- If residents require the contractor to return to collect their waste, then charges will apply.
- Residents who miss the collection period will have to dispose of their green waste at their own cost.
- Collected green waste will be chipped, conditioned, and offered free of charge to Shire of Gingin residents. Keep an eye on the Shire's website, Facebook page, and Council to Community newsletter for details of where and when mulch will be available for collection.



Contaminated material can cause breakage to contractor machinery or serious injury to the operator. Please keep your green waste contamination-free.

- ✗ No lawn clippings, sand, wire, steel posts or rocks.
- ✗ No spiky vegetation eg, bougainvilleas, cacti, or date palm fronds.
- ✗ No plant root balls, succulents, stumps, or other chunky plant material.
- ✗ No large tree trunks with limbs greater than 150mm in diameter.



- ✓ Green waste is uncontaminated.
- ✓ Tree branches/limbs are less than 150mm in diameter.
- ✓ Prunings are laid out with the ends facing the street.

Please contact the Shire on 9575 5100 or mail@gingin.wa.gov.au if you have any queries about this year's green waste kerbside collection.



EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY FOR A SAFER STATE

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) helps to deliver essential fire and emergency services to keep Western Australian communities safe from natural hazards and emergencies.

Wherever you live in this big State of ours, you will see the ESL hard at work.

The ESL assists us to protect 2.7 million Western Australians by funding our ability to respond to bushfires, storms, cyclones, floods, road crashes, hazardous spills and perform search-and-rescue missions.

The levy supports around 26,000 emergency services volunteers and over 1,800 firefighters and staff from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to provide around-the-clock fire and emergency services across WA every year.

Your ESL contribution also goes towards funding fire and emergency vehicles and aerial fleet, life-saving equipment and emergency services facilities.

To learn more about how your ESL is calculated, including information on the different ESL rates, limits and concessions visit dfes.wa.gov.au/esl

The ESL helps firefighters and emergency services volunteers to respond to 28,000 plus emergency incidents every year that includes:



Severe Weather

responding to more than 1,600 requests from the community for assistance after storm, cyclone and flood



Fire Response

fighting over 8,700 fires every year



Marine Rescue

performing more than 1,800 search-and-rescue missions at sea



Road Crash Rescue

attending more than 2,900 road crash rescues across the State





In 2023/24 the Emergency Services Levy will fund:



Triple Zero (000)

responding to 35,000 calls for emergency assistance from the community each year



Emergency WA

publishing more than 6,000 alerts and warnings to keep everyone informed during an emergency



Emergency Vehicles

powering the frontline with more than 2,000 emergency response vehicles



Aerial Fleet

dropping 10.4 million litres of fire suppressant and flying more than 1,600 firefighting, search-and-rescue and transport missions



Safety, Education and Training

reducing hazards and risks and developing firefighters and emergency services volunteers for frontline response



Bushfire Mitigation

reducing bushfire risk to protect people, property and the environment



Fire and Emergency Facilities

operating around the clock to protect communities in an emergency



Fire Investigations

investigating the cause of over 140 fire cases each year



Supporting Emergency Services

providing grants to fund Volunteer Bushfire Brigades, State Emergency Service units and Marine Rescue groups



For more information about the ESL or to request brochures in large print, Braille or another language, please call 1300 136 099 or visit dfes.wa.gov.au/esl



Shire of Gingin Events



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long table dinner

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10 & 11 November 2023

Flavours of Gingin

Get ready to celebrate
all Gingin has to offer

Saturday 11 November 2023



Flavours of Gingin

This November the Shire of Gingin will launch the inaugural Flavours of Gingin. This free annual community event celebrates the unique history, beauty and prosperity of the Gingin region and community as a whole.

Experience the Flavours Long Table Dinner on Friday 10 November 2023 (ticketed event), and then join us the following day, Saturday 11 November 2023, for a community celebration with market stalls, activities for families, food trucks, live music, entertainment, and our hallmark Flavours of Gingin Pavilion - showcasing the diverse produce grown and crafted across the Gingin region.

Summer Suite of Events

Each year, the Shire organises a series of community events (at least one per sub-region being Gingin Sub-Region, Upper Coastal Sub-Region and Lower Coastal Sub-Region) which has come to be known as the Summer Suite of Events.

These events are often FREE or consist of a small participation fee and they are designed to encourage community involvement and well-being across a broad age range. In recent years, these suite of events have been supported with funding from Bendigo Bank.

See below for the dates of our Summer Suite events.



Save the Dates

10 November - Long Table Dinner (Ticketed Event)

11 November - Flavours of Gingin (Free Event)

06 January - Music in the Park (Free Event)

26 January - Australia Day Breakfast (Free Event)

06 April - Lancelin Arts Festival (Free Event)

Enquiries - Contact the Shire's Events team on
(08) 9575 5139 / events@gingin.wa.gov.au

