



COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

May - June

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Gingin Outdoor Activity Space Project – Initial Survey Results

In March 2018 several motivated Gingin community members came together to form a group, termed the 'Gingin Interactive Space Group' (GISG), to support the development of a new outdoor activity space within the Gingin town site. The GISG strongly believes that the development of a new interactive space will foster intergenerational benefits for an active, healthy and safe community.

The GISG conducted engagement with the broader Gingin community around the project. With support from the Shire of Gingin, the GISG organised a survey which consisted of 12 questions and was open to the public from 1-28 February 2019.

The survey received a generous response from 223 individuals who represented a variety of households (predominantly young families) consisting of 465 adults and 350 children in total. Most individual respondents were aged 26-45 years old with however, a surprising 30% of respondents reporting having no children at home.

Most respondents supported a nature based playground but were open to all types and they rated the top three outdoor facility features to include in the space as shade structures, toilet facilities and activity space for children between 5-9 years.

Respondents rated the top three playground equipment features as climbing features, balancing equipment and a place to ride bikes and/or scooters. Respondents also felt that the top two themes should either be nature/bushland or farming and agriculture.

"The GISG would like to thank respondents for their valuable input regarding a vision that we have been working hard to see come to fruition. Overall we are excited to see some incredibly positive feedback about the possibility of a new Outdoor Activity Space within the Gingin town site."

The Shire will continue to work collaboratively with the GISG on this project and to assist with providing updates, etc. in the near future to the community. The Concept Design-Draft for the space is now available for public viewing. If community members have the time, it would be appreciated if they could fill out a short survey for this project or attend one of the consultation sessions which will be held in Gingin over the next couple of weeks. See details as follows.



This project has now progressed to the Concept Design-Draft stage and the Project Team is looking for your feedback!

- Go online and fill out the short survey – visit www.facebook.com/ShireOfGingin or www.gingin.wa.gov.au
- Pick up a paper survey to fill in from the Gingin CRC or the Gingin Shire Administration Office
- Attend one of the 3 Community Consultation Sessions

Questions? Contact the Project Team!

- Gingin Interactive Space Group – interactivespace@gingin.net
- Jodie Mortadza, Shire of Gingin – mail@gingin.wa.gov.au, Subject line: 'GOAS Concept Design'

- 1. Wednesday, 29 May, 3-5pm**
Outside Gingin IGA, 2 Brockman St, Gingin
- 2. Thursday, 30 May, 4.30-6.30pm**
Bendigo Bank Complex, New St, Gingin
- 3. Wednesday, 5 June, 10am – 12pm (noon)**
Gingin CRC, 1A Lily King Place, Gingin

Dog & Cat Registrations

The Shire's Ranger team are currently undertaking Dog and Cat registration checks across the Shire of Gingin. Please remember that failure to register your dog or cat is an offence under section 7(1) of the Dog Act 1976 and section 5(1) of the Cat Act 2011 and carries a modified penalty of \$200.

To register your dog or cat please contact the Shire's Gingin Administration Centre (9575 2211) or Lancelin Office (9575 5155) or alternatively you can download an application form from the Shire's website - www.gingin.wa.gov.au/services/ranger-services/responsible-cat-dog-ownership.aspx.

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Author Visit – Fleur McDonald

The Gingin Library hosted Esperance author, Fleur McDonald, for an evening on Wednesday, 8 May. 47 men and women attended and enjoyed her talk and the refreshments. Fleur was a very entertaining speaker as she spoke about her new 'Detective Dave Burrows' series of books which have many very interesting stories about the undercover operations encountered by the main character's rural crime unit. She also discussed her children's books and her involvement in a domestic violence group, 'Breaking the Silence,' in addition to answering many other questions. Many thanks to Shirley-Anne and the ladies at the CRC for helping to set up and then clean up afterwards.

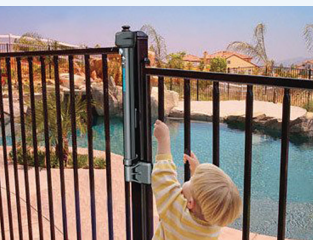


L-R Gloria Hyne, Library Officer; Fleur McDonald & Carrie Edwards, CRC Coordinator

Swimming Pool & Spa Fence Inspections

On 23 December 2017 an amendment to Part 8, Division 2 of the Building Regulations 2012 took effect requiring ALL private swimming pools and spas within the Shire of Gingin to have compliant fencing.

This information was communicated to all Shire of Gingin residents via a media release through the Shire's website and social media channels. The Shire also sent letters out to individual rate payers detailing the changes and what requirements (if any) they would be expected to undertake if they had a swimming pool or spa.



Currently the Shire is conducting its fencing inspections for swimming pools and spas which occurs every four years. The Shire would like to remind residents that if you have either a pool or a spa it must be adequately fenced

even if you live outside of a gazetted town site. Common reasons for non-compliance include pool gates not closing from all positions and climbable objects (pot plants, chairs, etc.) within 1200mm of pool fencing.

More information concerning the updated regulations and how it may affect you (including frequently asked questions) can be found on the Shire's website - www.gingin.wa.gov.au/services/building-services/swimming-pool-fencing-regulations.aspx.

The implementation of the amendments to the Swimming Pool Fencing Regulations is intended to protect residents and visitors to the Shire. If community members have any queries regarding these regulations, please contact the Shire on (08) 9575 2211.

Invitation to the Community to join the Upper Coastal Connect Group

If you live in one of the upper coastal communities consisting of Seaview Park, Ocean Farms, Lancelin or Ledge Point then you may be interested in joining the Upper Coastal Connect Group (UCCG).

How did this UCCG idea form?

This group is the result of requests from upper coastal community groups to have quality engagement and communication between each other and between the Shire of Gingin. This type of group is a duplication of the successful Lower Coastal Progress Group (LCPG) which has been effectively operating in the Shire of Gingin for more than eight years. It incorporates the communities of Woodridge, Sovereign Hill, Redfield Park, Guilderton and Seabird.

When is this group meeting?

The first UCCG gathering will be at the:

- Lancelin Sporting Complex on Monday, 17 June 2019 from 7-8pm.**

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Who should attend?

Committee members from each upper coastal community group and interested upper coastal community residents are invited to attend the inaugural meeting and may continue to come to subsequent meetings of the UCCG as well.

What is the purpose of the UCCG?

The purpose is to connect with upper coastal groups to share information and events and concerns within the Shire of Gingin upper coastal region. This is an informal group.

Who else may attend UCCG meetings?

Shire of Gingin representatives, Shire of Gingin Councillors and guest speakers.

What will be the focus of the Agenda for the first meeting?

To meet and make decisions on the format of and future meetings in addition to sharing information on upcoming community events.

What if I cannot make the first meeting?

Please contact Helen Sutherland via cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au / 0419 604 101 to receive information about this meeting and any other information required.

How often will this group meet?

The number of meetings will be determined at the UCCG's inaugural meeting. For comparison: the LCPG meets every four months for one hour in different lower coastal towns on a rotational basis. The host town takes the minutes for the meeting and provides them to the administrator.

If further information or clarification is required please do not hesitate to contact Shire of Gingin Community Development Officer, Helen Sutherland, via cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au / 0419 604 101.

Save the Dates!

- The next Council Meeting date will be **Tuesday, 18 June 2019**.

Please go to the **Events Calendar** on the Shire's website www.gingin.wa.gov.au for more details of these events.

Council Decisions

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

- Renaming of Lancelin Community Sporting Facilities Working Group – *accepted and adopted by Council*.
- Management Responsibility – Reserves 50374 and 50369 (Lot 282) Eurambeen Court, Gingin, (Lots 285 and 286) Honeycomb Road and (Lot 284) Mawarra Drive, Gingin – *accepted by Council*.
- Gingin Medical Centre – *agreed and adopted by Council*.
- Lease between Shire of Gingin and Lancelin Angling and Aquatic Club – Lot 701 Hopkins Street, Lancelin (Reserve 53340) – *endorsed by Council*.
- Final Adoption of Shire of Gingin Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) – *adopted as a guiding document by Council*.
- Restricted Access Vehicle Application (Network 5) on Mogumber Road West (from Brand Highway), Mindarra for Toscana (WA) Pty Ltd – *approved by Council*.

More details on the above items of business and any other matters from this meeting can be found in the Council minutes which are available for viewing on the **Agenda & Minutes** page on the Shire's website www.gingin.wa.gov.au or in person at either the Shire's Administration Centre, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin or Lancelin Office, 255 Vins Way, Lancelin.

Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 3pm and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Shire Notices

Shire Closure – WA Day

Please note the Gingin and Lancelin Shire Offices and Public Libraries will be closed on **Monday, 3 June** for the WA Day public holiday.