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Our Community News

Upper Coastal Sporting Facilities – Workshop 1 Summary

The first Upper Coastal Sporting Facilities project workshop was held on Saturday, 30 November 2019 at the Ledge Point Country Club.



This workshop was held to inform the community about the project and associated considerations. Additionally the workshop provided an opportunity to collectively discuss the predicted challenges and opportunities for the project.

More than 70 community members from the Upper Coastal community attended the workshop facilitated by the project consultants. The attendees were able to ask questions and contribute to identifying a range of issues and possible solutions.

The Shire of Gingin thanks the community representatives from the Upper Coastal Sporting Facilities Working Group and Councillors who both assisted with the event's activities along with the Ledge Point Country Club for hosting the event and breakfast feast.

The next two community workshops will focus on 'Visioning' and 'Priorities' and are proposed for late February and March 2020. Refer to the Shire's website under 'Community Partnership Projects' for further information about the project.

Health Alert for Swimmers

From December 2019 to March 2020 recreational swimmers in the Moore River (and other fresh water bodies, i.e. dams) should be aware of the risk of contracting *Naegleria fowleri* when swimming.

To date this organism has NEVER been detected in the Moore River. Weekly water sampling is undertaken at Moore River in addition to others sites around the Shire by the Shire of Gingin as part of the Department of Health's state-wide water monitoring program. However, the Thermophilic *Naegleria* organism has been detected and is considered to be the pre-cursor to possible *Naegleria fowleri*.

Should *Naegleria fowleri* be detected then the Department and the Shire will implement immediate procedures to warn the public of the potential dangers that the organism may cause and how to avoid contracting it.

Infection occurs when swimmers inhale any infected water via the nasal passage. This most frequently occurs when swimming, diving or falling into water or when playing with sprinklers or hoses as young children frequently do.

The last reported case of *Naegleria fowleri* occurred in WA in 1985. That is not cause however, for complacency and all swimmers should take care when swimming in any recreational bodies of water during the summer months. Swimmers should attempt to keep their heads above water and avoid jumping or diving into fresh bodies of warm water or any actions where water is forced through the nose at pressure.

For further information please contact the Shire's Health Department on (08) 9575 5100.

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2019 Student Council



The Shire would like to congratulate and thank the 2019 Student Council from Gingin District High School for all of their hard work this year. The students use the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Centre once per term to experience a formal setting whilst they discuss ways to support the development of their school regarding matters of general concern to the student body. Additionally, the Student Council has the opportunity to see how a modern day local government Council operates and to learn from elected members and staff.

The Shire contributes funding to the Student Council program so as to promote the interests of the school and the involvement of students in the affairs of the school, in co-operation with Council, parents and teachers.

On Wednesday, 27 November the students visited the Shire for the final time for 2019. On this occasion, the Shire's CEO, Aaron Cook, addressed the students and went through what a Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan are with them, how they work and why they are so important to the community.

The Student Council consists of students from Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Thank you for your services rendered in 2019 and best of luck to the Year 10s who will be going onto Senior High School in 2020.

Yr 6 Councillors – Sam Parker and Ella Morton
Yr 7 Councillors – Bella Gomersall and Shay Bogan
Yr 8 Councillors – Tenisha Baxter
Yr 9 Councillors – Lily Hendry and Brock Brinkworth
Yr 10 Councillors – Lilly Santoro (School Captain) and Luka Ellison

Gingin District High School Staff – Robyn Kapor and Lindsey Gilchrest

Rubbish Collection Services over the Christmas Break

There will be **NO CHANGE** to the rubbish collection services supplied in the Shire of Gingin district during the Christmas/New Year break period. Please feel free to put your rubbish bins out as per normal. Any queries can be directed to Avon Waste via www.avonwaste.com.au.

From all the Shire of
Gingin Councillors and
Staff – we wish you a very
merry Christmas and a
happy, safe New Year.



Public Notices

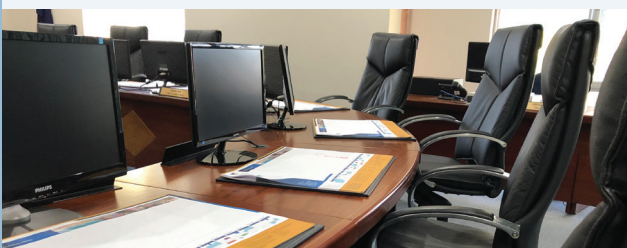
Council Meeting Dates - 2020

Members of the public are advised that at its meeting on 19 November 2019, Council agreed to set the following dates for Ordinary Council Meetings in 2020:

21 January 2020	21 July 2020
18 February 2020	18 August 2020
17 March 2020	15 September 2020
21 April 2020	17 November 2020
16 June 2020	15 December 2020

Unless otherwise advertised all meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Shire of Gingin Administration Centre, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin, commencing at 3.00pm.

Aaron Joseph Cook
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Save the Dates!

- **24 December** – the Shire Administration Centre (Gingin) and Lancelin Office close for the Christmas break period until 2 January 2020. Open hours for other Shire venues (such as Libraries, the Gingin Aquatic Centre and the Landfills) can be found on the Shire's website
- **10-11 January** – Party in the Park at Wangaree Park, Lancelin – **FREE Event**
- **18 January** – Music in the Park at Gabbadah Park, Guilderton – **FREE Event**
- **21 January** – Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm
- **26 January** – Australia Day event at the Neergabby Grounds – **FREE Event**
- **16 February** – Lancelin Triathlon, Lancelin town site/foreshore – Participation Fee
- **29 February** – Melody & Movie in the Park, Ledge Point Oval – **FREE Event**
- **22 March** – Gingin Triathlon, Gingin recreation grounds/town site – Participation Fee

Please go to the **Events Calendar** on the Shire's website www.gingin.wa.gov.au for more details of this event and others.

SAVE THE DATE

