

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

September - October

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Our Community News

Local Government Elections

Nominations have now been received for the 2019 Local Government Elections. Candidate profiles are available for viewing on the Shire's website (www.gingin.wa.gov.au) or on the WA Electoral Commission's website (www.elections.wa.gov.au).

The WA Electoral Commission will start delivery of voting packages on 20 September 2019. Voters can expect to receive their package at some point over the fortnight after that date, dependent upon Australia Post delivery times. If you don't receive a voting package but believe that you are eligible to vote or you receive a package but require a replacement for any reason then you can request a replacement package by applying in person at the Shire's Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office during normal business hours.

After you receive your package, please complete the ballot paper in accordance with the instructions in the package and return it to the WA Electoral Commission using the enclosed reply paid envelope. Completed ballot papers must be posted in time to reach the WA Electoral Commission by close of business on Friday, 18 October 2019. If you aren't able to post your completed ballot paper in time to meet this deadline then you will be able to deposit it directly into a ballot box at either the Shire's Gingin Administration Centre or the Lancelin Office during normal business hours.

The Gingin Administration Centre is the designated Polling Place and will be open on Election Day (19 October) between the hours of 8am and 6pm to issue replacement voting packages and receive any completed packages that have not been posted to the WA Electoral Commission.

The vote count will be conducted at the Polling Place and will commence at 6pm. The results, once determined, will be posted to the Shire of Gingin's website and also on the WA Electoral Commission's website.

Your Shire Council represents you and your community so the Shire strongly encourages you to have your say by casting your vote.

Any further queries can be directed to the Returning Officer appointed by the WA Electoral Commission, Carrie Edwards, on 0457 201 449.

Osprey Nest goes up at Lancelin

The Shire, together with the help of the Lancelin District Community Associate (LDCA), community members and Western Power, erected an osprey nest pole at the north end of the Lancelin town site on 29 August 2019.

Originally the ospreys were nesting on a power pole and consequently the nest had to be removed by Western Power. Community members came up with the idea to erect a new pole that the birds can use. Western Power donated the pole with a community member supplying the materials that a local cabinet maker was able to use to craft the nest for the top of the pole.

On the 29th Shire staff installed the new nesting pole. Collectively a great community effort.



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Mid-Year Small Community Grants Open from Monday, 23 September 2019

The Shire Mid-Year Small Community Grants will open Monday, 23 September and will close Friday, 18 October 2019 at 4pm. Grant guidelines and applications can be found on the Shire's website www.gingin.wa.gov.au or by emailing grants@gingin.wa.gov.au to request a copy.

Please also ensure you read the below points before submitting your application:

- Please be advised that this is the last and final round of Mid-Year Small Community Grants that the Shire of Gingin will offer (unless otherwise advertised). If you normally apply for the mid-year small grants funding round then you will now need to apply for the annual Shire Community Grant round instead (open around mid-February annually) for next years' events, activities and/or projects.
- Please ensure to submit a grant application EVERY YEAR for all re-occurring events, activities and projects that receive annual Shire funding as these will not be eligible to receive funding otherwise.
- For projects that will alter, upgrade and/or add new infrastructure or assets to the Shire of Gingin's property or land (including leased facilities) you will first need to request Shire approval. To do this refer to the Shire's website - www.gingin.wa.gov.au/community/community-partnership-projects.aspx, specifically to the 'Frequently Asked Questions' fact sheet (noting the Concept Enquiry for completion is also on the same webpage).

Thank You to our Emergency Services

On behalf of all of the communities within our Shire, the Shire of Gingin and Council would like to say a tremendous 'thank you' to all of our many emergency services volunteers and officers. The week of 26 August - 1 September in particular required many hours of service from our emergency personnel, many of whom are volunteers. The Shire and the community can't thank you enough for giving up your time and for your dedication and commitment to being there always in the community's greatest hours of need.

*Thank you to our
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To our Police, Ambulance Officers, Fire & Emergency Personnel, SES, volunteers and many others: you are the gems in our community that we could not do without. Thank you for your service to the Gingin Shire and its residents. Your efforts are appreciated!

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Building Safer Communities Project

The "Building Safer Communities" project, supported by the Shire of Gingin and in partnership with Lancelin Healthy Community Forum and Holyoake Wheatbelt Community Alcohol and Drug Service, has now completed 4 highly successful workshops across the Shire of Gingin. These workshops have built community awareness about family and domestic violence and its links to substance misuse, mental health and the intergenerational transmission of trauma.

The next stage of the project is the "Alcohol is no Excuse for Violence" campaign which will run over the December - January festive period. Keep an eye out for dates in the near future.

Thank You Kaye



30+ years is a long time in anyone's book but for retiring employee Kaye Lowes, that period of time was time well spent in the service of her community as an employee at the Shire of Gingin.

Kaye began her tenure with the Shire on 19 June 1989 as a Clerical Administration Officer. She was the face that greeted many community members and she dealt with their queries regarding dog registrations, licencing, rates payments, etc. Following this Kaye moved into financial roles and eventually became the Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services.

Kaye has loved her work and has served the Shire community with passion and dedication. Her decision to retire was not easily made and the Shire, together with the community, will deeply miss her enthusiasm and all the experience and knowledge she takes with her.

We wish Kaye the very best of luck in her next chapter and thank her for her years of service.

Save the Dates!

- **15 October** - the next Council Meeting.
- **Mid-October** - the Swimming Pool will be opening! Look out for the official opening date on the Shire's Facebook page in the near future.
- **20 October** - the Swim School Open Day.
- **31 October** - nominations close for the Australia Day Awards. If you know someone doing amazing things in our community then nominate them now! Visit www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate

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