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Upgrades for the Lancelin Off-road Vehicle Area

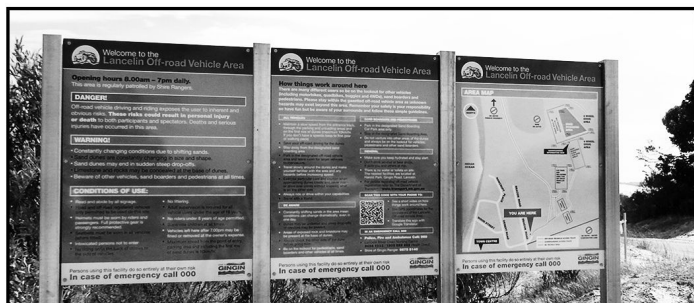
If you've visited the Lancelin Off-road Vehicle Area over the past couple of weeks then you may have noticed some activity in the area.

The Shire has busily been installing brand new signage throughout the Off-road Vehicle Area as part of safety upgrades. The area is very popular with 4 wheel drive enthusiasts and many tourists who visit Lancelin or are passing through the area.

The new signage will better clarify how to use the area safely with the designated sandboarding area and 4 wheel drive area more clearly defined. Unfortunately the area has seen accidents and in the past, even deaths. The signage includes safety instructions and speed limits so it is Council's hope that drivers and pedestrians will be able to use the area more safely and therefore, reduce or potentially even stop accidents from occurring in the off-road vehicle area. Additionally, the signage has been designed to be informative for visitors and to also brighten up the area.

Last week the new entrance was predominantly completed with vehicle physical delineation (bollards and signage) and sealing works (approximately 50m from the entrance) still to be undertaken. A pedestrian access is also yet to be created.

The Shire hopes both residents and visitors to the area will enjoy these new upgrades.



North Link Extension between Gingin & Chittering

The State Government is proposing to extend the new North Link (Tonkin Highway) even further north to create the Great Northern Highway Bindoon Bypass (GNHBB). The Bypass will pass along the boundary line between the Shire of Gingin and the Shire of Chittering to connect to the upgraded New Norcia bypass. It will be 66km in total length including construction of 61.6km of new highway and 4.4km of improvements to the existing highway.

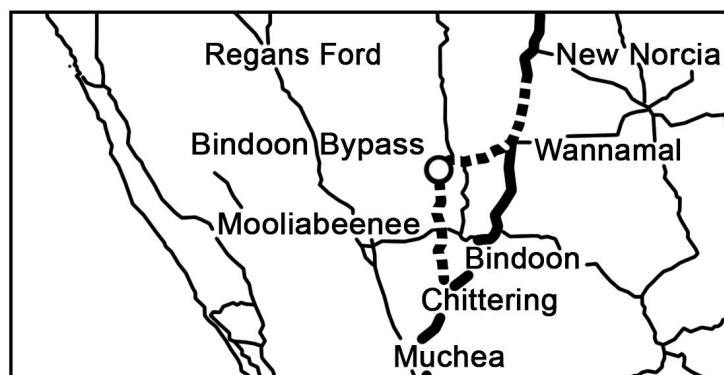
The proposed Bindoon Bypass will reduce vehicle kilometres travelled by enabling triple road trains to travel along the entire length of the corridor (which they currently can't do), thereby avoiding the need to stop and decouple at Wubin.

There is strategic merit for the project given the importance of the Great Northern Highway as a freight link between Perth's metropolitan area and Australia's north-west.

The majority of the project's benefits are vehicle operating cost savings. There will also be travel-time savings, reduced environmental emissions and safety benefits through the removal of trucks from Bindoon's town centre.

At this point in time it is proposed that the road construction works will commence in 1 - 2 years.

Further information about the proposed bypass is available from the Australian Government's Infrastructure Australia website - www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/map/bindoon-bypass. Alternatively visit the MainroadsWA website - www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects-initiatives/projects/regional/Great-northern-highway-muchea/.



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Beach Emergency Numbers Launch

On Friday, 30 October in Guilderton at the foreshore the Shire of Gingin conducted an official launch for the Beach Emergency Number (BEN) signage system.

Approximately 35 key stakeholders were in attendance including community groups who were consulted and funding partners.

The BEN system is named in honour of fatal shark bite victim Ben Gerring, who lost his life after a shark bite incident in 2016. At the time, there were concerns about emergency services locating the closest beach access point. The BEN signs were consequently created to be a coding system that aims to improve emergency response times by installing signs with unique codes at public beach access points. These signs provide specific location information which is vital when emergency services are deployed in the event of a shark sighting, an attack or another beach emergency.

The locations chosen for each of these signs throughout the Shire of Gingin were determined by the Shire in consultation with the DPIRD, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and with relevant community stakeholders and organisations – of which there were many.

The launch location of Guilderton was chosen because it was here in the Moore River that 2 drownings have occurred during the past 2 summer seasons. Sadly this beautiful location is one of the Shire's most deadly so it was felt that it would be fitting to install the first of the Shire's 66 BEN signs at this site. The remaining signs will gradually be installed and should be in place by the end of November from Wilbinga in the south of the Shire to Lancelin in the north and also at some inland locations.

Bob James from St John Ambulance, Lancelin was asked by the Shire President, Wayne Fewster, to unveil the first of the BEN signs in Guilderton. He was instrumental in assisting the Shire, the DPIRD and the DBCA with this scheme and its installation. Bob identified many locations on behalf of St John's First Aid services where ambulance pickups occur most frequently within the Shire and he was also involved with consolidating and providing information on the best tracks to take to access the BEN locations and the type of vehicles required.

The Shire would like to acknowledge and thank Bob and the key funding parties and organisations involved with the

implementation of this system including the DPIRD, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Landgate, WA Police, the DFES, St John Ambulance, DBCA, Shire staff (in particular Helen Sutherland & Renier De Beer) and the many community groups and organisations who donated their time and knowledge to help determine the locations for each sign.



New Summer Suite Line Up - 2021

The Shire is excited to announce a brand new line up of events for the Shire's Summer Suite of Events 2021.

It's been a long year with few social engagements thanks to COVID-19 with the Gingin Triathlon as one of the first casualties. However, 2021 is a brand new year and the Shire has a great line up sure to entertain many.

Things will kick off on 9 January with an old favourite – **Music in the Park** in Gabbadah. Second on the list is the **Australia Day Picnic Breakfast** at Neergabby on 26 January which joins the Shire's Summer Suite of Events this year. Previously this event was held separately. The third event will be the much anticipated return of the **Gingin Triathlon** and coming in April will be a brand new event – an **Arts Festival** to be held in Lancelin.

Going forwards the Shire will only run 1 x triathlon per year in either Gingin or Lancelin. In 2022 the triathlon will therefore take place in Lancelin. In the year that either town is not hosting the event, an alternate event will take place instead which is consequently why Lancelin will host an Arts Festival in 2021.

The Party in the Park event (Lancelin) and the Music & Melody in the Park event (Ledge Point) have been retired from the Summer Suite of Events with the Shire keen to refresh the program. Attendance has also been steadily declining at these two events in recent years.

All of the events are **FREE** to attend except for the Gingin Triathlon which has a participation fee. The Shire's Summer Suite of Events is brought to you by the Shire of Gingin in partnership with Bendigo Bank - Gingin Community Bank Branch & Lancelin Branch.

Further enquiries may be directed to the Shire's Events Team on (08) 9575 5162 / events@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Upcoming Roadworks

The following roadworks are in progress for the next month:

- Ongoing construction - Orange Springs Road \$5.2 million upgrade
- Re-sheeting works for Coonabidgee, Strickland & Warren Rd
- Road patching as required
- Installation of guideposts
- Undertaking fire breaks on Shire blocks

Further enquires about these works may be directed to the Shire's Operations team on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.

Save the Dates!

- **22 November – the Prohibited Burning Period commences**
- **30 November – Submissions close for the Food & Beverage Capability Guide**

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