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Our Community News

Open Again For Business

With the announcement of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions by WA Premier Mark McGowan on Sunday, 10 May 2020, the Shire of Gingin has reopened/continued the following services:

- **Front desk** – the Shire's front desk at its Administration Centre in Gingin and its Office in Lancelin are now open to the public again. Maximum capacities apply given that the 1 person per 4m² rule still remains in effect.
- **Libraries** – the Shire operated Gingin and Lancelin Libraries are open again to the public. Maximum capacities still apply given that the 1 person per 4m² rule remains in effect.
- **Lancelin Off-road Vehicle Area** – this recreational area in the sand dunes at Lancelin is now also open.

Some services/facilities still remain unavailable to the public for the time being until further restrictions are relaxed. Namely this includes:

- **Skate Parks & Playgrounds** – these public facilities still remain closed.
- **Council Meetings** – still remain closed to the Public. The public can still submit questions for Public Question Time though if they would like. Please visit the Shire's website (www.gingin.wa.gov.au) for further information on how to do this.
- **Community Bus** – bookings for this Shire service and facility remain unavailable for the time being.

Please Remember: social distancing measures still remain in place if you visit our facilities. Please maintain 1.5m between yourself and the nearest person. We encourage you to make use of hand sanitiser which is available when you visit our facilities. Most importantly though, if you are unwell please stay home.

Our success in WA to slow the spread of COVID-19 has been extraordinary and all communities across the state are to be congratulated for adhering to restrictions thus far. However, it is important that we do not get complacent which is why the Shire requests that where you can, please continue to uphold basic hygiene recommendations.

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Orange Springs Road Upgrade



The Shire has finally commenced work on the upgrade of Orange Springs Road. Approximately 5% of the work has been completed thus far with the project expected to be completed in approximately August 2020.

This \$5.2million project consists of united funding from the State Government and the upgrade will ensure the road remains up to task to handle the high volume of heavy haulage traffic which readily makes use of it.

During the reconstruction traffic access will be reduced to a single lane managed by traffic controllers. Long delays may occur due to the nature of the works and the Shire of Gingin encourages road users to seek alternate routes.

Any questions relating to this project can be directed to Frank Vallentine on (08) 9575 5100.

Weekly Covid-19 Community Newsletter

The Shire has recently been producing a new newsletter which contains information relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Until recently, this newsletter was being delivered to the community on a weekly basis but with the State Government beginning to relax restrictions, the production of this newsletter will now fall back to every fortnight and eventually it be converted across to being a copy of the Shire's regular newsletter which goes out on a monthly basis.

We will continue to provide paper copies to the community or you may subscribe to receive an electronic version. Please visit www.gingin.wa.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx to subscribe and scroll down the page to submit your subscription request. Alternatively, please contact the Shire's Communications & Marketing Officer on (08) 9575 5150 during office hours.

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Dredging Works in Lancelin

Dredging works are well underway in Lancelin with the mobilisation of the dredge and auxiliary equipment arriving on site and the launching of the dredge successfully from the beach at the end of March. The dredging is expected to conclude in the next few weeks.

A portion of dredged sediment has been placed south of Grace Darling Park for beach nourishment purposes and improvement of beach amenity. Dredged material will also be placed along the beach located within 1km north of Lancelin Jetty.

Enquiries may be directed to the Shire's Operations Team on (08) 9575 5100.



Photo credit: Department of Transport

Mitigation Works – Ledge Point

Mitigation works have recently been carried out in several of the Shire's communities including Lancelin, Ocean Farm, Seaview Park, Gingin and Ledge Point. These works were able to be carried out thanks to funding received under the Mitigation Activity Fund which falls under Royalties for Regions from the Department of Fire & Emergency Services.

The following photograph show some of this work recently undertaken around the look out at Ledge Point.



The Shire is in the process of applying for further funding to carry out more works around other communities in our Shire prior to the next bush fire season.

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Did you know there is no cost to apply for a fire permit?

Yup - it's true. For those of you that have been wondering it doesn't cost you a cent. Since we've received a few queries about this of late, we thought we'd clarify this for those of our community who weren't sure.

Fire Permits are utilised during the Restricted Burning Period which occurs twice every bush fire season (either side of the Prohibited Burning Period). The Shire of Gingin's Restricted Burning Period usually concludes on 31 May annually but it can be extended by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer if conditions remain too dry.

During this time you can light certain types of fires provided you obtain a permit from your local Fire Control Officer (FCO). You can find a list of FCOs in your Fire Break Orders which all rate payers are issued annually. If you've misplaced yours though, you can download another copy from the Shire's website – www.gingin.wa.gov.au.

Currently you can obtain a permit to light a fire for:

- Agricultural purposes
- The burning of garden refuse
- The lighting of barbecues and fire pits

Please note that when you are issued a permit there are 5 actions you MUST undertake, namely:

- Notify the Shire 24 hours prior to burning – call (08) 9575 5100
- Notify the DFES Communication Centre on (08) 9395 9209
- Permits are not valid on Sundays or public holidays
- You must notify your neighbours with a common boundary
- You must remain in attendance whilst burning until your fire is completely extinguished
- Your issuing FCO may also add further conditions to your permit so please be sure to heed these extra instructions.

Save the Dates!

- **16 June – Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm, Shire Administration Centre, Gingin** – physical attendance at Council meetings by members of the public has been cancelled until further notice as part of COVID-19 measures implemented by the Shire. However, questions for consideration during Public Question Time may be submitted prior to the meeting using the Public Question Time form available from the Shire's website.