

# COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

## March - April

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## Our Community News

### Resident Satisfaction Survey

The Shire of Gingin's 'Resident Satisfaction Survey' closed on Tuesday, 3 March 2020.

A very big thank you is extended to everyone that took part. Your feedback is vital to the Shire of Gingin because your answers will contribute towards informing your Councillors as to the strategic direction you would like to see Council take and what you believe Council should focus on in regards to infrastructure improvements and Shire provided services.

Currently the number of surveys is still being tallied with approximately 700 surveys received thus far. This is a terrific result.

It is expected that the 5 winners for the Cash Prize of \$100 each will be drawn on Monday, 23 March 2020. The winners will be notified by the Shire.

Regarding the results of the survey, the aim will be to present them to Council at its April Council Meeting. Once received by Council, the results will then be published on the Shire's website and Facebook page.

For further information please contact Linda Fidge, Coordinator Corporate Planning, on (08) 9575 5119.

*Thank you for  
your feedback*

### Electric Vehicle Charging Station

The Shire of Gingin will install an electrical vehicle charging station at Wangaree Park in early April 2020. This charge point will be a 22kw fast charge station and most Electric Vehicle (EV) models who use it will be fully charged within 3-4 hours.

There are many councils in WA who have already equipped EV charging points and in 2019, the Federal Government allocated funding of \$15 million for a national EV charging network spanning across the country.

This facility will benefit both local residents and tourists to the area and is expected to be open for public use by mid-April. It will be free of charge for the first year of its trial period.

An information flyer for this station will be released shortly via the Shire's Facebook page and website. A hard copy will also be available from the Shire's Gingin and Lancelin offices, from the Gingin and Lancelin CRCs and from other venues around the Shire such as visitor centres.



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### Restricted Burning Period



With the end of the Prohibited Burning Period on 14 March, the Shire of Gingin area has now entered the Restricted Burning Period. This period will run from 15 March to 31 May 2020 although the end date may be extended if conditions remain dry and the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Fire Control Officers (FCO) judge that it remains unsafe to end the Restricted Period on the proposed date. Such an extension occurred last season and the public are asked to be patient if this does occur. Extensions to the Restricted Burning Period are not undertaken lightly and are only undertaken when there is a genuine concern regarding current conditions as judged by the Shire's Fire Control Officers and Chief.

During the Restricted Burning Period you will need to apply for a Permit (available from Monday, 16 March 2020) from your local FCO (refer to your Firebreak Orders posted out to ratepayer's last year for your area's FCO and their contact number) **at least 1 week before you burn**. Please note that Fire Permits will only be available on a limited basis until further notice due to current conditions.

Before you apply:

- Have your address ready
- Know the size of your burn and ensure materials are dry
- Check that your firebreaks are maintained and that the burn area is trafficable
- Check your firefighting equipment and resources are in good working order
- **Have the contact numbers of 3 able bodied people who will be at the burn**
- Remove plastics, treated wood, tyres and other material (you can only burn vegetation) from the area

### REMEMBER – YOUR FIRE: YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- If you conduct a controlled burn on your property you are responsible if that fire gets out of control even during non-prohibited periods of the year.
- If an FCO judges that your fire is out of control then you may be asked to extinguish it. If a Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade is required to extinguish the fire then costs may be incurred.
- If your burn escapes then you must report the incident to the Shire within 7 days including how it escaped, any losses and the equipment used to suppress the fire.
- **It is recommended that before you burn you have appropriate insurance to cover you, your land and your public liability.**
- We recommend you undertake weed control after burning to help maintain the reduced fuel loading.

Further enquiries may be directed to Phil Barrett, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, for the Shire of Gingin on 0408 943 576. If you have misplaced your copy of your Fire Break Orders then copies are available for downloading from the Shire of Gingin's website – [www.gingin.wa.gov.au](http://www.gingin.wa.gov.au).

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### Melody & Movie in the Park

The Melody and Movie in the Park free community event was held in Ledge Point on Saturday, 29 February. This event was a great success with around 250 attendees turning up to listen to Love Gun (live band), enjoy face painting, pony rides and to watch Toy Story 4.

The event was jointly hosted by the Shire of Gingin in partnership with the Ledge Point Community Association and it forms part of the Shire's annual Summer Suite of Events program.



The Melody & Music in the Park event was also sponsored by Lancelin Sands Earthmoving and the Sumich Group.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The Shire of Gingin would like to assure the community that it is taking the situation with the Coronavirus very seriously.

The Shire is liaising regularly with the WA Department of Health and is implementing it's response plan. With the declaration of a WA State of Emergency by the Premier on Sunday, 15 March 2020, many changes will need to be put in place including (for example) the banning of public gatherings of 500+ attendees.

The Shire will be sure to communicate regularly with the community regarding the situation as it develops so please follow us on Facebook and via our website for the latest updates or alternatively refer to the WA Department of Health's website - [https://healthy.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/Coronavirus](https://healthy.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus)

### Granville Park Toilets

Between approximately the Easter long weekend and ANZAC Day, the toilet block in Granville Park will be closed for repair works to be undertaken. During this closure period, portable toilets will be set up at the rear of the toilet blocks for public use.

The Shire aims to keep disruption to the public to a bare minimum during this period. Any enquiries may be directed to Renier de Beer on (08) 9575 5149 during office hours.

## Save the Dates!

- **21 March** - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm, Shire Administration Centre, Gingin
- **15 May** - #shoWcAse in Pixels Competition - deadline for entries

**Given a State of Emergency has been declared by the WA State Government as of 15 March in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the following upcoming events have been CANCELLED/POSTPONED:**

- **22 March** - Gingin Triathlon (rescheduled to November 2020)
- **25 April** - All ANZAC Day Services (refer to the RSL of WA for details)
- Any other public events or gatherings in WA that expect to receive 500+ attendees.