

Council to Community

Annual Rates Mail Out

It's that time of year once more where your Rates Notice will have arrived in the post following the adoption of the Shire's Budget on 28 July. Rate payers this year can expect to receive 3 separate mail outs from the Shire.

The following **documents highlighted in red all Ratepayers should keep** as these documents you may be required to action or they may be necessary information for you to read and retain. Documents not highlighted in bold are provided as a courtesy to Ratepayers. They contain information on topics that the Shire would like to communicate this year but Ratepayers are not required to retain this information if they don't wish to.

- **Rates Notice**
- **Tip Pass**
- **Parking Permit**
- Budget Bulletin
- ESL Levy
- **Fire Break Orders**
- **Recycling Calendar**
- Asset Protection Zone Fact Sheet
- Fuel Loading Fact Sheet
- Green Waste Kerbside Collection (keep if you desire to participate)

If you would like any further information on the documents you are required to keep or action, please contact the Shire.

Annual Budget Available Now



The 2020/21 Budget is now available for viewing on the Shire's website. This year the Shire has adopted a 0% rate increase as mentioned in previous articles. The total revenue the Shire collects from Rate Payers remains unchanged from 2019/20.

This year the Shire will be undertaking some big projects including:

- Gingen Colocation Fire Shed - \$2,181,500*
- Lancelin Skate Park Bowl (at BMX Track) - Stage 2 - \$218,000*

- Gingen Regional Playground - \$1,025,890*
- Cunliffe Street Development - \$500,000*
- Granville Civic Centre Building repairs, roof & ceiling replacement and LED lighting - \$145,500

**Project is subject to receiving external funding.*

Despite the financial strain caused to many of our local businesses by the pandemic, the Shire is delighted to welcome a number of local businesses which have come on board to sponsor the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme. We thank those businesses wholeheartedly for their support this year given the unique circumstances. This scheme really does help us to action community projects sooner rather than later. Their generous contributions will make up terrific prizes for 10 lucky early ratepayers – some of whom may very much welcome the opportunity to win one of the prizes if they have been doing it tough because of the pandemic. The date for the random prize draw is 18 September with the Prize Night to occur in November.

Welcome to Amy

The Shire would like to welcome Amy Gibbs to our team as the Shire's new Community Events & Services Officer. Amy grew up on a small farm in Albany and attended Perth Modern School before heading to Perth to undertake a Bachelor of Arts with a Double Major in International Aid and Community Development, Politics and International Relations and a Minor in Public Policy and Management.



Amy has previously worked for the Department of the Premier & Cabinet and the University of Notre Dame. She takes over from Cher Groves who will now operate as the Shire's Recovery & Facilities Officer. The Shire hopes that the community will make Amy feel very welcome in her new role.

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Coastal Erosion Funding Success

The Shire is pleased to advise the community that Council has received four grants to address coastal erosion. As such, the Shire has received \$154,576 in grant funding in total.

Two of the grants were awarded under the Coastal Management Plan Assistance Program (CMPAP) from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. The first was for the Revision Lancelin project which was successful in obtaining \$69,865 from a total project cost of \$141,170. The second was for the Coastal Hazard Risk Management & Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) and Inundation Study Integration which is for \$51,400 from a total project cost of \$106,100.

Council is also waiting to hear if it has been successful in obtaining a further grant from the same program for the Coastal Management Strategy grant which is for \$31,962 from a total project cost of \$66,925.

The other two grants the Shire was successful in being awarded were from the Department of Transport under the Coastal Adaptation & Protection (CAP) grants scheme. These were for the Ledge Point / Guilderton Groyne Assessment grant for \$13,476 from a total project cost of \$26,926 and the Hotspot Coastal Monitoring project for \$19,835 from a total project cost of \$42,735.

Council was advised that it did not receive the Seabird Seawall Assessment grant for \$12,190 from a total project cost of \$24,381.

This is fantastic news for the Shire and will mean that Council can now take some big steps forward in addressing the issue of coastal erosion.

Phase 5 Easing of Restrictions

If you hadn't heard already, the easing of COVID-19 restrictions into Phase 5 for WA has been pushed back again – this time to 24 October. Shire services still remain affected by this which means that you may be asked to use sanitiser when you visit our facilities, to register to attend Council Meetings, etc. A full list of affected services can be found on the Shire's website (www.gingin.wa.gov.au).

The hire of the community bus still remains unavailable for the time being until further restrictions are relaxed.

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 the available hand sanitiser but most importantly, if you are unwell please stay home.



COVER COUGHS
and sneezes with
a tissue or use
your inner elbow



WASH HANDS
often with soap or
hand sanitiser



STAY HOME
from work or school
if you are sick

Your Fire Break Orders Are Coming

If you're a rate payer in the Shire of Gingin then sometime in the coming days you should receive your Fire Break Orders from the Shire in the post along with a copy of your Recycling Calendar and some fire information flyers.

Please don't throw out your Orders!

Your Fire Break Orders contain a list of requirements that all property owners must enact prior to the 2020/21 bush fire season which commences from 1 October 2020 and continues to 31 May 2021. You are legally obligated to undertake these measures as per the *Bushfires Act 1954*. Failure to do so can result in the issuing of an infringement.

If your copy of the Fire Break Orders fail to arrive within the next 3 weeks then please contact the Shire (9575 5100). Alternatively, a copy of the Orders can be found on the Shire's website – www.gingin.wa.gov.au.

Your Orders also contain other useful information such as:

- A list of local Fire Control Officers and their contact details
- A list of Fire Break Contractors and their contact details
- The dates for the different burning periods
- Information about Fire Permits, Fire Bans, lighting BBQs during summer and more
- Information about protecting your assets
- Emergency contact numbers



For further information please contact Phil Barrett, the Chief Bushfire Control Office/Community Emergency Services Manager, on 0408 943 576 during office hours.

SAVE THE DATES!

15 September – Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin

Physical attendance at Council meetings by members of the public is restricted. Please register to attend Council Meetings by contacting the Shire's Governance Support Officer on (08) 9575 5127.

1 September - Nominations open for the 2021 Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Keep an eye on the Shire's Facebook page for details about how to nominate someone in our community that you know of who has been doing amazing things over the past year!



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