

Council to Community

September

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Rates Mail Out Delay

The Shire has received a number of queries over the past several weeks in relation to the receiving of Rates Notices by Rate Payers.

Firstly we would like to apologise for the confusion and any inconvenience caused. Our investigations have revealed that a sorting error by the printers has caused some Rates Notices at random to be sent to incorrect postal locations.

In addition, Australia Post have advised that since the beginning of the Pandemic, the post is only been delivered every second day due to a fall in letter numbers being posted.

Where To From Here

At this stage if rate payers have still not received your Rates Notices in the post then please let us know – (08) 9575 5126. Your first rate payment for the year (or in full) is due 16 September so if you still haven't received your Rates Notice then the Shire can arrange to send you a copy.

Tip Pass & Parking Permit

If you have not received your Rates Notice by 1 September then Rate Payers can continue using your 2019/20 Parking Permits and Rubbish Tip pass (also contained in your Rates Mail Out). The Shire's Rangers and Landfill Managers have been made aware of this and will accept these if presented to them. It is expected that at some point in September, every ratepayer should have received a copy of their Rates and a date will be announced when the 2020/21 Tip Pass and Parking Permit will need to be presented instead.

Enquiries may be directed to the Rates Department – (08) 9575 5126.

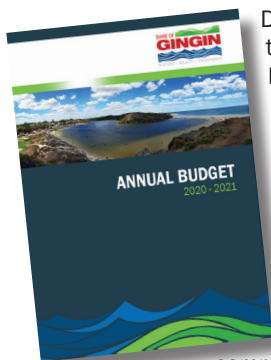
Annual Budget Available Now

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.

Farewell to Dr Conradie

It is with regret that the Shire of Gingen Council must inform the community that Dr Danel Conradie has advised the Shire of her resignation from the Gingen Medical Centre.

Dr Conradie commenced with the Gingen Medical Centre team 9.5 years ago and she has been an integral part of the Centre's team during that time. She has conducted herself to a high professional standard and she will be greatly missed by her patients. Dr Conradie's departure is scheduled to occur 30 November 2020.

Council and staff would like to wish Dr Conradie the best in her future endeavours. It was a privilege to enjoy a good working relationship with her during her time in Gingen and her future patients will be fortunate to receive her services.

In the coming months Council will look to employ a new doctor and Council has already commenced liaison with several prospective doctors looking to take on the Gingen Medical Centre practice. Council will endeavour to keep the community informed during this process and will aim to hopefully secure a new doctor for the Centre prior to Dr Conradie's departure.

Enquiries regarding this matter may be directed to the Chief Executive Officer via mail@gingin.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Shire on (08) 9575 5100.

Your Fire Break Orders For 2020/21

If you're a rate payer in the Shire of Gingen then you should recently have received (or be about to 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 2 weeks then please contact the Shire (08) 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.

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Thank you to Bendigo Bank for sponsoring the 2019 Rates incentive Prize Night.

SAVE THE DATES!

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

Physical attendance at Council meetings by members of the public is restricted. Please register to attend Council meetings by contacting 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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