

Council to Community

\$2.2 million Emergency Centre Build gets underway officially in Gingin

On Wednesday, 23 June in Gingin the official sod turning ceremony for the construction of the Gingin Emergency Services Centre took place.

The Hon Reece Whitby MLA, Minister for Emergency Services, led proceedings for this together with DFES Commission, Mr Darren Klemm and Shire President, Cr Wayne Fewster.

Minister Whitby commented that “this brand-new facility will bring Gingin volunteer firefighters together and encourage closer collaboration among emergency service agencies. Local firefighters were integral in combating the Red Gully Bush Fire in January – our volunteers go above and beyond and this building is part of our commitment to support their efforts.”

The centre is slated to finish construction in June 2022 and when finished, will have the capacity to serve as an Incident Control Centre to manage major incidents throughout not only the Shire of Gingin, but the entire regional area.

Commissioner Klemm remarked that “at the recent Red Gully Fire we saw transportable facilities brought up here (Gingin) but more and more we are seeing with these significant bush fires that it takes more and more people to manage that and we need those facilities spread throughout Western Australia.”

Shire President, Cr Wayne Fewster, himself a Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, commented that “the new Emergency Services Centre will be a terrific asset for the region. Large bush fires are tough to fight because they require huge resources so to have this large facility located here to support our region – there’s just no underestimating the boost this is going to give to our local firefighting resources. We all contribute across Western Australia to the Emergency Services Levy annually so it’s extremely rewarding to see that funding put to such a valuable use.”

This new facility is set to be the future headquarters of the Gingin VFRS and Gingin South VBFB and it will have the capacity for six vehicles, equipment rooms, multiple office spaces, a kitchen and multi-purpose training rooms. A communications room, equipment for intelligence officers and logistics management space that can accommodate up to 72 personnel will operate from the centre during large-scale emergencies, i.e. for reference incidents such as the Red Gully Bush Fire, the Yanchep Bush Fire or the Wooroloo Bush Fire.

Other notable attendees for the sod turning ceremony on Wednesday morning included the Hon Martin Aldridge (also a local fire brigade member with Gingin South), the Captain of the Gingin Volunteer Fire &

Rescue Brigade – Nikki Woods and the Captain of the Gingin South Bush Fire Brigade – Craig Hyne, in addition to Shire CEO – Aaron Cook, Deputy Shire President – Cr Kim Rule and fellow Cr James Morton, DFES Northern Districts Officer – Shaun Champ and local CESM/Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Phil Barrett. Other Shire staff and local fire fighter brigade members were also in attendance.

Further information may be viewed via the media release dispatched from the Minister’s Office –
www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2021/06/2-point-2-million-dollar-emergency-services-complex-for-Gingin.aspx.



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#WeAreInThisTogether

Our Coast, Our Journey Community Consultation

The Shire of Gingin is undertaking a project to understand how changes to the coastline will impact the future of Lancelin, Ledge Point, Seabird and Guilderton and we want to hear from you!

Our coastline is such an important feature of our lifestyle, identity and community and balancing our desire to live near the coast and managing the impacts of coastal processes is becoming more important.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

From the 11 June to 9 July 2021 head online to <https://getinvolved.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/shire-of-gingin-chrmap> and complete the **Community Values Survey, Mapping Exercise or register for a workshop**.

We will be holding two community workshops at:

- **Guilderton Community Hall, 31 July 2021, 1 - 4.30pm (Lower Coastal Region)**
- **Lancelin Sporting Complex, 1 August 2021, 1 - 4.30pm (Upper Coastal Region)**

The workshops will provide some information on coastal processes and you will be able to share your thoughts and values on that section of the coast in addition to having opportunities to help us make decisions.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION & FURTHER INFORMATION

To Register for a workshop, complete the survey and learn more, visit <https://getinvolved.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/shire-of-gingin-chrmap>.

Alternatively register for a workshop by contacting Karen Okely at the Shire on (08) 9575 5125.



Roadworks

The following roadworks have recently been **completed** by the Shire of Gingin:

- Resealing works on Bootoo St (Lancelin)
- Reconstruction of Mortimer St, Guilderton – sealing completed
- Dingo Rd gravel re-sheet

The following projects are **currently in progress** around the Shire of Gingin:

- Maintenance grading of other gravel roads across the Shire

The following roadworks are **due to commence** shortly in the Shire of Gingin:

- Resealing works for Edwards St (Seabird), Mullins Way (Guilderton) and Weld St (Gingin). Awaiting sealing contractor

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

Work/Asset Projects

The following projects have recently been **completed** by the Shire of Gingin:

- Upgrade of Granville Park Ablution Block

The following projects are **currently in progress** around the Shire of Gingin:

- Gingin Football Lighting Tower partial renewal (2 x Lights)
- Construction of Gingin Emergency Services Centre (expected to be completed April 2022)
- Design of the renewed Gingin Weir structure
- Construction of Gingin Outdoor Activity Space (minor finishes left)

The following projects are **due to commence** shortly in the Shire of Gingin:

- Installation of new town entry statements for the Gingin town site (2021/22 Financial Year)
- Upgrade of the Guilderton Foreshore Ablution Block

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

**Gingin is 150
this year!**

To celebrate there will be an
event in Gingin on
Saturday, 9 Oct 2021
Visit gingin150th.com.au
to learn more!

SAVE THE DATES!

- **16 July - Youth Photography Competition closes at 4pm**
Visit www.gingin.wa.gov.au/forms/youth-photo-competition to enter!
- **20 July - Ordinary Council Meeting** at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin
- **31 July - Lower Coastal Community Consultation Workshop** from 1-4.30pm at the Guilderton Community Hall
REGISTER IN ADVANCE - call (08) 9575 5125
- **1 August - Upper Coastal Community Consultation Workshop** from 1-4.30pm at the Lancelin Sporting Complex
REGISTER IN ADVANCE - call (08) 9575 5125
- **Rhyme & Story Time** - every Monday at 9.30am at Gingin Library and every Wednesday at 9.30am at Lancelin Library
Gingin - (08) 9575 5153 / Lancelin - (08) 9575 5155