



CHRMAP Workshops in Guilderton & Lancelin



Participants workshoping at the Lancelin session.

Council would like to extend our sincere thanks to those community members who participated in the recent Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Plan workshops in Guilderton and Lancelin on Saturday, 31 July and Sunday, 1 August.

A total of 21 people took time out of their weekend to provide feedback and valuable input to help fill information gaps around risk assessment and adaptation options for the Shire's four coastal towns of Guilderton, Seabird, Ledge Point and Lancelin. These workshops follow-on from public consultation previously undertaken in preparation of the Shire's initial CHRMAP and inundation studies in 2019 and 2020.

Anna Kelderman and Joanna Garcia-Webb, coastal issue specialists from Shape Urban who have been contracted by the Shire for this phase of the project, did an excellent job facilitating the workshops and making this difficult issue informative and meaningful.

A summary report on all feedback will be available for public inspection in the near future.

Enquiries

For more information about this project, please contact Meredith Taylor, Coordinator Community Development & Services on (08) 9575 5139.

Do you have any illegally built structures on your property?

If you have any buildings or structures on your property that you have not obtained planning or building approval for then now is your chance to get this sorted. The Shire is allowing an amnesty period during which retrospective planning and building application fees (as per the Shire's Fees & Charges 2021/22) will be waived.

The amnesty period will end as of 31 January 2022. During this amnesty period only, all retrospective planning and building applications will be exempt from the retrospective fee but the standard Development or Building Application fees will still apply.

This will allow owner occupiers of properties within the Shire the opportunity to rectify any illegal or non-compliant structures that you may never have approached Council for approval to construct.

This opportunity is being offered to allow owner occupiers time to sort out any outstanding approvals with the Shire prior to the Shire having to undertake any legal action for non-compliance as per the *Local Government Act 1995*, Building Code Australia (BCA) or the *Town Planning Regulations 1996*.

ENQUIRIES

Contact the Shire's Planning & Building Services on (08) 9575 5100.

Staff keeping busy!

The weather might be very wintery at the moment and we can't travel overseas right now but Council's team of Shire staff have been flat out this year dealing with a variety of tasks.

ANNUAL BUDGET DELIVERY

Currently it is the time of year where staff and Council prepare the Shire's Annual Budget and review Fees and Charges. Given the finance department have recently overhauled the Shire's outdated financial system and chart of accounts, it's been a tall order to deliver on the budget this year in a timely manner. However, the Budget was adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 17 August so rate payers can expect to receive your annual rates mail out in early September.

Please make sure you retain your Fire Break Orders, Recycling Calendar, Tip Pass, Parking Permit and Rates Notice which will be included in this mail out!



September

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BUILDING & PLANNING SERVICES

The country's current housing shortage means all across Australia we are seeing a record number of planning and building requests to local governments to build new homes.

Our Shire is no exception with planning and building permit applications doubling or more in comparison to recent years. For the upcoming Council Meeting alone there will be 12 x planning applications for Council to address.

Council asks that the community please exercise patience with staff who are working long hours to get all the incoming applications for planning and building processed promptly.

OUTDOOR & TOWN MAINTENANCE WORKS

One of the Shire's busiest departments at the moment is our Depot crew, particularly our Parks & Gardens team. The woolly weather has created a lot of issues across the entire Shire meaning that the customer service requests have been coming in thick and fast.

The brook in Gingin has been doing its best to escape its confines and flood Granville Park. Staff have had to remove more boards than usual this winter to keep things under control.

Travellers passing through our Shire and stopping to visit has been great to see as they are supporting our local businesses by visiting the area. For the third time this year however, staff have had to organise for the caravan dump point in Gingin to be pumped out again. It goes to show just how many people are in the area!

Other tasks around the Shire have included undertaking a re-run of the pipework from the second storey roof at the Recreation Centre in Gingin as the original pipework was causing gutters to overflow resulting in flooding in the Aquatic Centre change rooms.

Repairs have also been undertaken at Chantels Playground in Frank Douglas Park Seabird to replace missing hand holds.

Staff recently installed sand traps at Edward Island Point and have given Wangaree & Harold Park ablution blocks a top-to-bottom makeover.

In terms of gardening, the roses have been pruned at the Arts and Crafts building and some mowing and hedging has been achieved between showers. Staff have also been called out to deal with a lot of downed trees on our roads including KW Rd (thanks to Lancelin Police for their help with that one), Nolan's Bridge bend on Gingin Brook Road, branches throughout Marchmont Estate and the Gingin town site in general and also in Woodridge with a large tree coming down there. This is just a small handful of tree issues staff have dealt with recently across the whole Shire.

The Roads crew have also been very busy dealing with storm damage and roads being underwater or close to it which has caused a variety of issues throughout the Shire.

ARTWORK INSTALLATION - GUILDERTON

Recently staff met with representatives from the Moore Arts Group onsite at the Guilderton Foreshore to discuss the proposed location and logistics for their latest art installation.

The artist, Adrian Toomey, had a vision to install a rotating art piece (aluminium fish), and with the weather being blustery and cold, waves crashing on the rocks and sea foam flying through the air, it made it easier to assess whether a moving artwork piece would work.

GINGIN 150th & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Shire's Events team has also been very busy planning the Gingin 150th in conjunction with community members and Councillors. This large event has required a significant amount of planning, liaison with the community, sponsors, etc. and the sourcing of materials and resources. The 150th will be Gingin's 2021/22 event for the Shire's Summer Suite of Events. Staff have also started planning work for the other suite events including the Lancelin Triathlon which will return on 20 February 2022, Music in the Park on 8 January and the Shire's Australia Day Picnic Breakfast in Neergabby. We can't wait to bring our community these exciting events!

Keeping backyard chickens safely

Many of us love our classic 'bacon and eggs' especially when the eggs have come from our own backyard. However, did you know harmful bacteria like Salmonella can be found in chickens and the egg laying environment contaminated by their faeces?

The following tips will help you and your family prevent food poisoning when keeping chickens in your backyard.

1. Always wash your hands with soap after handling eggs and chickens.
2. Discard cracked and heavily soiled eggs. Bacteria can get into cracked eggs and grow.
3. Don't wash eggs (bacteria on the shell will get into the egg). Instead wipe off any visible dirt with a dry cloth or paper towel.
4. Eggs should be collected daily and inspected for cracks and cleanliness.
5. Store eggs in the refrigerator in a separate clean container away from ready to eat foods to prevent cross-contamination.
6. Keep the nesting material and litter clean and dry. Encourage nesting/laying off the ground.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **1st week of Sept to mid-month - Rates Mail Out**
Keep your Rates form, Fire Break Orders, Recycling Calendar, Tip Pass & Parking Permit!
- **21 September - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin**
- **9 October - Gingin 150th from 10am to late in Granville Park**
Fireworks, artisan stalls, history displays, Bendigo Bank Billy Cart Race, competitions, lost trade demos & more! Camping available at the football oval Saturday night. Book online via gingin150th.com.au
- **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