

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Gingin Guilderton Lancelin Ledge Point Seabird



Ledge Point Sandcastle Competition

On Sunday, 6 March 2022 the Ledge Point Country Club held their popular annual Sandcastle Competition.

It was perfect weather with clear blue skies and ocean. Around 300 people enjoyed the family friendly event with many children getting in on the action and crafting some amazing creations.

The competition was followed by a free sausage sizzle and awards presentation at the Ledge Point Oval.

This community event was supported through the Shire's annual Community Funding Program.



Building Surveyor Appointments (Thursdays only)

Like many business in WA right now the Shire of Gingin has some employees which are currently working from home.

If you need to see our Building Surveyor, please contact the Shire to book an appointment to see her on (08) 9575 5131. Our Building Surveyor is only available for appointments currently on Thursdays.

Level 2 Business Assistant Packages announced by State Government

The WA Premier has announced a Level 2 Business Assistance Package for WA businesses to provide assistance for financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the Level 1 support package for business, the assistance programs for Level 2 will provide financial hardship payments for small – medium sized business with 50% of greater loss in revenue over the January – April 2022 period. The package also provides support for hospitality businesses and commercial sporting franchises.

The Grants Program will open in March. More information can be viewed below and on the WA State Government website - www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/level-2-covid-19-business-assistance-package-support-western-australian-businesses.

Enquiries about Local COVID-19 Cases

The Shire of Gingin has been receiving a large number of enquiries about active COVID-19 cases in our communities. The Shire can advise that we are not informed about the number of cases or who may have contracted COVID-19 in our communities by the State Government. That information remains confidential between the patient and their doctor.

Community members are advised to continue using the Safe WA app/paper contact registers to check in. Should you come into close contact with someone who has COVID then the authorities will be able to contact you. Please also continue to check the list of exposure sites on the Department of Health's website - www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Locations-visited-by-confirmed-cases. Lastly, if you have cold and flu like symptoms then please get tested and isolate immediately.

If you have any enquiries about community transmission of COVID-19, etc. then please see the State Government's website for further information (www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus) or contact the COVID-19 Hotline on 13 COVID (13 26849).

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Social distancing resumed for Council Meetings

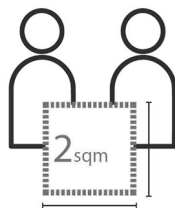
With the re-introduction of the 1 person per 2 sqm rule by the WA State Government, social distancing measures have been resumed for Council Meetings held in the Shire's Council Chambers.

If you would like to attend a Council Meeting, whilst they still remain open to the public, the Shire requests that you please register in advance to attend the meeting. Call (08) 9575 5127 or (08) 9575 5130. Walk ins may be turned away if the meeting has reached capacity so make sure to register to secure your place.

This measure is so that we can manage attendances to ensure that we comply with our safety obligations to members of the public, Councillors and Shire employees. If you are intending to stay for the whole meeting, please be aware that you may be asked to leave the Council Chamber from time to time to permit the attendance of others. Masks are also required to be worn by attendees and hand sanitiser will be provided if members of the public would like to make use of it.

It's been a long journey the past two years but let's keep doing the right thing and exercising patience for a bit longer as WA rides out the Omicron wave.

We're all in this together.



New Water Fountain installed at Wangaree Park

It might have taken a little while to receive the fountain from the supplier (COVID-19 is still continuing to impact all sorts of supply chains both nationally and internationally) but the new water fountain for Wangaree Park has finally been received.

The fountain has now being installed in it's new home in Wangaree Park.

Bookine Road Reseal

The reseal road works for Bookine Road has now been completed.

Shire staff undertook the reseal over the existing seal along a 2.7km length of Bookine Road and provided a second coat to improve the life expectancy.



Safe use of Commercial Garden Soils

Cases of Legionnaires' Disease commonly increase during Autumn and Spring as gardeners get back outside and start using packaged potting mixes and bulk soil supplies. This disease can be deadly for the elderly or people with a weakened immune systems.

The Shire promotes the safe use of commercial garden soils and encourages the community to follow health advice in their use, particularly by our elderly residents.

Further information is available on the Department of Health's website - www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/J_M/Minimising-the-risk-of-a-Legionella-infection-at-home

Cowalla Road Road Works

The Shire has been undertaking road re-construction works on Cowalla Road for the past couple of months. At this stage these works are expected to take approximately another 4 weeks.

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



Report It!

Spotted an issue around your area? Report it to the Shire and get it sorted ASAP via our easy reporting system on our website www.gingin.wa.gov.au/forms/?formid=14.

Once reported to us, we can get onto investigating it and resolving it promptly, whether it be a pot hole, broken signage, fallen trees and more.



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SAVE THE DATES!

- **18 March - Community Funding Program application period closes.** Apply via gingin.wa.gov.au/funding-and-grants
- **19 April - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin**