

Council to Community

2022
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome Vanessa



We are pleased to welcome **Vanessa Crispe** as the Shire's new **Executive Manager Operations & Assets**.

Originally from Zimbabwe, Vanessa comes to us with several years of operational management experience in the private sector and over 14 years of local government experience, including senior operational management roles with the Shires of Wickiepin, Murchison, Lake Grace

and Boyup Brook, as well as WANDRA project work with the Shires of Gascoyne Junction, Ashburton and Murchison.

Vanessa arrived in Australia in 1997 where, in addition to her busy career, she trained for and competed in numerous endurance sports, including ultra-marathons, triathlons, international horse endurance riding, and long-distance cycling. She is currently training for the Gibb River Challenge in May 2022 which consists of cycling 660km in 4 days over dirt, dust, and corrugations to raise money for the Kyle Andrews Foundation (children with leukaemia).

She is excited to be working for the Shire of Gingin and is looking forward to the challenges ahead and being part of our region's success. We are very pleased to have her skillset on the Executive Management Team and hope you will make her feel welcome.

Firebreak Maintenance Over Coming Months

A reminder to property owners that firebreaks need to be **maintained until 31 May**, as per the Shire's Firebreak Order.

While time can get away from us, it is essential to keep an eye on your firebreaks and continue maintaining them during the hot dry months of the Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods.

Wannamal Road West – Damage Update



The Shire has had to partially close a section of Wannamal Road West because of culvert damage. There is **now single lane access** around the damaged section of road and a 5-tonne capacity limit for vehicles for the next 4-6 weeks while we seek quotes for its repair. Once work commences, the road will need to be fully closed for approximately 2-3 weeks.

In the meantime, the area has been safety signposted and we ask anyone travelling on this section of road to slow down, check for oncoming traffic, and proceed with caution.

We will provide updates when more information is available.

Illegal Building Amnesty Extended

Last September, the Shire offered an amnesty period to landowners with a building or structure on their property that had never received planning or building approval. The amnesty provides a waiver for retrospective planning and building application fees and was scheduled to expire 31 January 2022.

We are pleased to report that the amnesty has been positively received and our Building Services team have received many enquiries. As a result, we are **extending the amnesty to 30 June 2022**.

If you are unsure if a structure or building is approved, you can request a copy of the plans of the structures on your property from the Building Services team or by completing an **Application for Copy of Plans** from

gingin.wa.gov.au/building-forms-and-guides and sending to the Shire for processing (please note an administrative fee will apply).

This amnesty also applies to swimming pools and spas. Any queries please contact the Building Services team on 9575 5100 (option 5).

February

Community Events

Australia Day Picnic Breakfast – Wednesday 26 January



The Shire of Gingin, in partnership with the Neergabby Community Association, is once again pleased to be hosting the 2022 Australia Day Celebrations for Shire residents.

The program will begin with a **FREE breakfast at 7.30am** followed by an official program of events from 9.00am, including presentation of the Citizen of the Year Awards and an Australian Citizenship ceremony.

Come along to the Neergabby Grounds for a great breakfast event with family and friends. Children's activities will also be available.

Groovie Movie by the Pool – Friday 28 January



A great night out for the kids before school starts! Bring your low chairs, bean bags or picnic rug to watch the movie under the stars. There will be food available from the kiosk and a sausage sizzle. Weather permitting, the pool will be open for a late-night swim. The **movie will start at 7.00pm**.

Music & Memories in the Park



It may have been a windy evening, but Gabbadah Park in Guilderton was the place to be on Saturday 8 January for the Music in the Park event.

Over 350 people enjoyed the live performance by Perth band Coastal Drift while enjoying the chilled party vibe under the trees with family and friends. Kids loved the Bucking Bull ride, slushies and glo-sticks while the adults kicked off their shoes for a few dances. Redfield Park First Aid Post hamburgers and sausage sizzle were such a huge hit they actually sold out.

Music in the Park is part of the Shire's annual Summer Suite of Events.

Community Events

Events Coming Soon...

- Lancelin Triathlon, Grace Darling Park – Sunday 20 February
- Virtual Rottneest Swim, Gingin Aquatic Centre – Saturday 26 February

COVID Vaccination Clinic – Lancelin

A COVID vaccination clinic will be operating from the Lancelin Community Hall, Miragliotta St, Lancelin on the following dates in January:

- Thursday 13 January – 10.30am - 5.30pm
- Friday 14 January – 8.00am - 12.00pm
- Thursday 27 January – 10.30am - 5.30pm
- Friday 28 January – 8.00am - 12.00pm

Walk in or book online at vaccinate.wa.health.wa.gov.au

Employment Opportunities Leading Hands x 2

Would you like to be part of a supportive, dynamic team that makes a real difference in our community? The Shire has two excellent positions available in its Operations & Assets Department - **Leading Hand Road Construction** and **Leading Hand Road Maintenance**.

If you'd like more information about either role, please visit the Employment page of the Shire's website gingin.wa.gov.au.

Public Notice

Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. For warnings and advice visit emergency.wa.gov.au.

watercorporation.com.au

