

Council to Community



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.



Adoption of the Strategic Community Plan

At its Council Meeting held Tuesday, 15 March 2022 Council adopted the revised Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032 (SCP).

Community consultation for the major review of the SCP was undertaken in June 2021 via several community workshops and an online survey where we asked the community 'how do you imagine our future?' An additional opportunity to provide comment on the draft plan was offered from January - February 2022.

The Strategic Community Plan is the overarching document which informs Council around community direction. It is fed by community feedback and reviewed every 2 years (minor) and 4 years (major). The aspirations set out in the SCP guide the setting of priorities for the Corporate Business Plan and funding allocations under the Annual Budget. These three plans, together with the Annual Report, form the Shire's Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework (sometimes known as the IRP Suite).

Council thanks the community for their feedback on this plan. Without it, Council does not have any strategic direction. A copy of the SCP can be viewed/downloaded from the Shire's website (www.gingin.wa.gov.au/reports-and-publications) or alternatively a hardcopy is available from either the Shire's Gingin Administration Centre or our Lancelin Office.



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.

April

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Social distancing resumed for Council Meetings

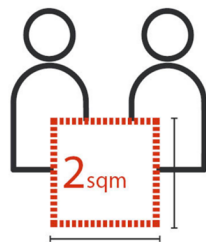
With the re-introduction of the 1 person per 2 sqm rule by the WA State Government, social distancing measures have been resumed for Council Meetings held in the Shire's Council Chambers.

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.



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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**FOOD VANS IN GUILBERTON
FOR THE EASTER LONG WEEKEND**

While works continue with the renovation of the Guilderton Store, the Shire has organised for several food vans (including a coffee van and an ice-cream van) to be in Guilderton for the Easter long week from 15-18 April 2022.

More details about which food vans will be onsite, times, etc. will be made available through the Shire's Facebook page in the near future.

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 opened 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.

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SAVE THE DATES!

- **29 March 2022 - Restricted Burning Period commences. This date is tentative due to recent hot and dry conditions.**
- **19 April 2022 - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin**