

Council to Community

March

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Lawn Mowing during Fire Bans

Of late the Shire has been receiving a lot of queries in relation to lawn mowing and if you are allowed to undertake this when either a Total Fire Ban or a Harvest, Hot Works & Vehicle Movement Ban (or both) has been put on.

To clarify, DFES has advised on their website that "this depends on how the equipment is powered. The operation of any equipment powered by an internal combustion engine on bush, crop, pasture or stubble (including residential grass/lawns) is not allowed. Exceptions may apply if the equipment is part of an agricultural activity and the local government hasn't implemented a Harvest Vehicle Movement Ban during the Total Fire Ban. There are further exceptions for business and industry (e.g. a lawn mowing business) where the conditions prescribed in the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954* are met, which include notifying DFES.

Electric or battery powered equipment or machinery can be used. However, activities that may cause sparks (e.g. mowing dry grass) should be postponed."

To summarise: it is preferred that if you can postpone it then you do so. However, if it's urgent that it be done then provided your grass isn't dried out then it can be done. This is subject to the provision however that it be done with either an electric or battery powered lawn mower. Or if you are a contractor/business undertaking mowing works and you have met the conditions prescribed under the Act and have notified DFES, then you are also permitted.

ENQUIRIES

Contact the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Phil Barrett, on 0408 943 576 during office hours.

Roadworks for Wannamal Rd West Floodway

Works have commenced to repair the damaged floodway on Wannamal Road West. These works will be ongoing for approximately 3 weeks.

Motorists are asked to please proceed with caution due to the operation of heavy machinery and personnel in the area.

ENQUIRIES

Contact the Shire's Operations Department on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.



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Prohibited Burning Period extended to 14 March

Pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the Prohibited Burning Period within the Shire of Gingin has been extended until midnight on Monday, 14 March 2022.

During this time **NO BURNING** is permitted for any reason. This includes open cooking or camp fires.

Weather conditions have been extremely hot and dry this summer, especially over the past 3 weeks. Given this and the risk to the community should any controlled burns get out of control (as they did in Corrigin/Bruce Rock several weeks ago), the decision was made to extend the Prohibited Burning Period.

Further enquiries may be directed to Phil Barrett, the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Gingin, on 0408 943 576.

Guilderton Foreshore Ablution Works - Painting in March

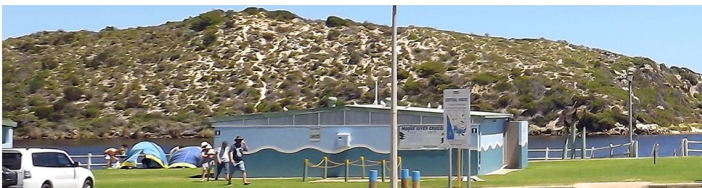
We recently announced that the ablutions on the foreshore in Guilderton are getting a much needed touch up.

For the duration of 5 days in March (9 - 11 and 14 - 15) painting of the ablutions both inside and out will be undertaken. They will remain open but access will be limited whilst the painting works are carried out. Please be aware of staff and contract workers moving in the vicinity undertaking these works.

Other works on the ablutions also being carried out (or already carried out) include plumbing upgrades, carpentry repairs/replacement and a deep clean of the ablutions.

ENQUIRIES

Please contact the Shire's Operations & Assets department on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.



Road Works around the Shire



Guilderton Boardwalk Repairs

The boardwalk at Stephens Crescent in Guilderton has been temporarily closed after a recent inspection deemed it to be unsafe.

Shire staff are currently working on having repairs undertaken.

ENQUIRIES

Contact the Shire's Operations & Assets Department on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.

Cowalla Bridge Works in March

Maintenance works are required to be undertaken on Cowalla Bridge on Cowalla Road.

Consequently Cowalla Bridge will be closed from 6am - 6pm daily. The bridge will be open at night from 6pm - 6am to all traffic whilst these works are undertaken from 28 February to 4 March 2022.

The Shire will endeavour to undertake these works promptly during this time period although works may take an additional few days after the set time period.

The Shire understands that this bridge is on a major road with a decent amount of traffic so we thank the public in advance for your patience whilst we undertake these works.

Please plan ahead and travel east/west via Gingin Brook Road and onto either Indian Ocean Drive or Brand Highway. Bennies Road, Nabaroo Road and Karakin Road will be for local traffic only and not accessible for heavy vehicles.

ENQUIRIES

Contact the Shire's Operations & Assets Department on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.



SAVE THE DATES!

- 14 March 2022 - **Restricted Burning Period commences**. This date is tentative due to recent hot and dry conditions.
- 15 March 2022 - **Ordinary Council Meeting** at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin
- 18 March 2022 - **Community Funding Program application period closes**. Apply via gingin.wa.gov.au/funding-and-grants

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