

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER

Resident Perception Survey 2023

As a thank you for completing the comprehensive survey, five randomly selected participants have each won \$100. The results of the survey will be used to inform the minor review of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032, planned for early next year. Thank you to all that participated in both the simple and comprehensive survey options.



2023 Resident Perception Survey

Do you know someone who is making an outstanding contribution to the Shire of Gingin Community?



Nominations are still open for the 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Awards which will be presented on Australia Day, 26 January. To nominate go to: citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate. Closing Date: **31 October 2023**.

Firebreak Reminder

Have you started thinking about your firebreaks yet? Owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Gingin have a legal requirement under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to install and maintain your firebreaks from **1st November to 15th May every year**. Don't leave your firebreaks until the last minute, start maintaining them now.

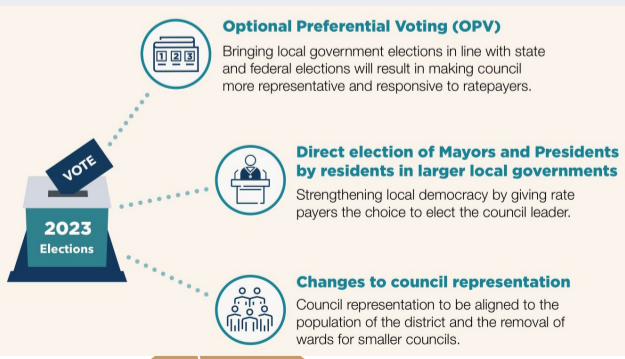


Local Government Reform

The State Government is introducing the most significant reforms of local government in 25 years. These reforms will strengthen the transparency, accountability, and efficiency of local governments, enabling stronger local democracy while ensuring a better response to the needs of ratepayers and residents.

Some of these reforms will have a direct impact on voting in the October 2023 local government elections.

You will find details of the reforms on the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries website at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/lg-act-reform.



Upcoming Projects

Our Operations teams will be undertaking the following works and projects in the next couple of months

- CWA floor replacement project.
- New limestone border to Seabird swing set at Frank Douglas Park.
- Renovation of the gazebo next to ablution block at Seabird.
- Guilderton Cafe freezer upgrade.

VacSwim Enrolments Open!

VacSwim enrolments are now open for the 2024 summer season.

In summer, VacSwim is a terrific activity during the long break. Whether your children are learning to swim, building their skills, or aiming for their Bronze Medallion, there is a program that is suited to them.



VacSwim summer programs will be held on the following dates:

January Program 1 2024: 03/01/2024 to 12/01/2024 (8 days)

January Program 2 2024: 15/01/2024 to 25/01/2024 (9 days)

Enrolments are required. Enrolments close: **Thursday, 26 October 2023**

Find out more about locations and how to enrol on the

Council Decisions

The following decisions were made by Council at the Shire's August Ordinary Council Meeting:

- Guilderton Country Club - Renewal of Lease - *Adopted by Council.*
- Adoption of 2023/24 Shire of Gingin Budget - *Adopted by Council.*
- Club Night Lights Program Application - Gingin Community Recreation Group - *Adopted by Council.*
- Lancelin Bowling Club - 10 Rink Synthetic Green CSRFF Application - *Adopted by Council.*

In addition, 5 other items were presented to/deliberated by Council.

Please note that the commencement time for the next Council meeting scheduled for **19 September** has been **changed from 3:00pm to 5:00pm**.

More information on the decisions from this Council meeting can be found in the Meeting Minutes which are available for viewing at gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

Greenwaste Kerbside Collection

Each year the Shire of Gingin undertakes a green waste kerbside collection service for Residential and Rural Residential properties. This year's collection is scheduled to follow the King's Birthday Long Weekend which falls on 23-25 September. Residents wishing to take advantage of this service will need to have green waste placed on the verge no later than **Monday 25 September 2023**. Please remember there are conditions for collection which include that piles must not be contaminated or be larger than 5m³. Visit gingin.wa.gov.au for all collection criteria information.

Dog & Cat Registrations

Dog and cat registrations are coming up for renewal on the **31 October 2023**.

All dogs and cats within the Shire of Gingin are required by law to be registered as follows:

- Dogs** - Age **3 months** and over
- Cats** - Age **6 months** and over

A few things to be mindful of:

- If you are a new resident to the Shire of Gingin, you need to carry out a Registration Transfer for your pet.
- Let us know if your pet has passed away.
- Ensure that your contact details are up to date. Please advise us of change of address in writing by emailing mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.

If you are a **stock owner**, please make sure our Rangers' Department has your NLIS tag number and your contact details in case of an escapee as this makes it far easier for Rangers to locate the owner of lost stock.

The Golden Feather Hunt

Will you find a gold feather at your local library?

Scribblers Festival have hidden thousands of feather shaped bookmarks in the Childrens and Young Adult section of public libraries across Western Australia.

Look for a Topaz, Silver or Golden Feather at our Gingin and Lancelin Libraries to claim a fantastic prize.

The Golden Feather hunt will begin on **Monday 4 September 2023**.



Save the Dates!

Flavours of Gingin Long Table Dinner – Friday 10 November 2023, Granville Park, Gingin. Go to flavoursofgingin.com to register your attendance.

Flavours of Gingin – Saturday 11 November 2023, Granville Park, Gingin

Seniors Movie Matinee - Wednesday 29 November 2023 10:30am - 2:30pm, Granville Civic Centre, Gingin

Green Waste Kerbside Collection - Monday 25 September 2023 (residential and Rural Residential properties).

For more information on events in the Shire, please go to the Events Calendar on gingin.wa.gov.au.

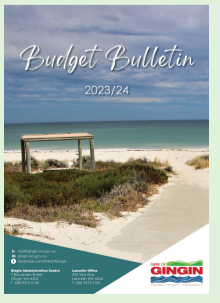
If you have a community event to promote in the Shire, please email our Community Development Officer, Michaela White at cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au and we will include it on our Events Calendar and promote it on our Facebook page.

Annual Rates Mailout

If you are a ratepayer in the Shire of Gingin, please note rate notices will be posted early September, so keep an eye on your post box or letter box in the coming days.

Inside your envelope with your Rate Notice and Budget Bulletin are the following **IMPORTANT** documents you need to keep:

- Firebreak Order and Bush Fire Information
- Tip Pass & Guilderton Foreshore Parking Pass
- Waste Recycling Calendar



If you have any questions regarding this year's rates mailout, please contact our Rates Team on 9575 5100 or mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.