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Open Boat Launching Facility Endorsed for Ledge Point

At its November Council meeting, the Shire of Gingin resolved to endorse Ledge Point as the preferred site for an open boat launching facility.

Further to the findings of the Boat Launching Facilities Study produced by coastal engineers MP Rogers Associates in 2015 in which the two most suitable locations were identified as Ledge Point and Lancelin, the Shire of Gingin requested the Minister for Transport to provide assistance in further guiding Council in making a determination as to the preferred location of the boat launching facility. On 15 November 2016 the Shire received a letter of support from the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Bill Marmion, for Ledge Point as the preferred location.

The major contributing factor to the decision is navigational access through near-shore reefs. Ledge Point has the access required for this type of facility and also has the flexibility for expansion.

In addition to the endorsement of Ledge Point as preferred site, Council agreed to undertake preliminary design work and costings for development of Old Ledge Point Road to link the town sites of Ledge Point and Lancelin should construction of the ocean boat launching facility proceed.

Council also agreed to commission a concept design for a low level boat ramp to be located within Lancelin Bay in the vicinity of Department of Transport's existing fuel jetty. The emphasis for the Shire now is to proceed to detailed design and tender specifications for the open boat launching facility, to be completed by 30 June 2017. The Shire will also commence discussions with Department of Transport and the State Government to explore funding options for this infrastructure.

This is a great opportunity for the Shire of Gingin which will support tourism, economic development and community wellbeing throughout the Shire, as well as becoming a major regional destination point.

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