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Shire to Introduce Paid Parking to Guilderton Foreshore

At its December Council meeting the Shire of Gingin resolved to introduce metered parking at the Guilderton Foreshore car park, in accordance with its *'Parking and Parking Facilities Local law 2004'*. It also agreed to issue **free parking passes to all ratepayers within the 6041 postcode**, with further passes available to other Gingin Shire ratepayers upon application.

Given the Guilderton Foreshore's popularity with tourists and locals – particularly during busy peak periods - Council considered the installation of paid ticket parking machines as an option to address parking congestion concerns as well as mitigating additional foreshore maintenance costs. However, Council did not wish to penalise the local members of the Guilderton community who may wish to attend the local facilities during these peak periods and as such a 'Resident Parking' option was considered.

The Shire has already undertaken considerable improvements to the Foreshore, including the installation of a boat ramp, fixed deck area and finger jetty, and re-design and re-surfacing of the car park which will now include ticket parking machines. The car park will be a combination of paid ticket parking with **free timed parking available in front of the Guilderton Store**.

It is expected these improvements will increase the number of patrons/visitors to the Foreshore and ticket parking (\$5 per day per vehicle) will be used to offset increased maintenance and upkeep costs of the Foreshore ie, additional rubbish collections, ablution and facilities cleaning, lawn maintenance etc, and to allow orderly management/control of the car park into the future. All revenue raised would be placed into a restricted cash account for future expenditure on maintenance and upgrade works on the Foreshore.

In addition to free parking passes for locals and ratepayers, free parking is also available at the top car park or residential streets for any overflow parking. Ticket parking at the car park will take effect toward the end of January 2017.

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