

Release Date: 12 April 2017

## MEDIA RELEASE

*Please attribute the information below to Shire President, Cr David Roe*

### **Changing Places Facility Coming to Guilderton**

As part of its commitment to support an inclusive, vibrant and healthy community, the Shire of Gingin will commence construction of a new Changing Places facility in Guilderton after Easter. Changing Places are secure, clean facilities for people with disability who need space and assistance to use ablutions when out and about in the community.

The new facility will be located at the bottom of Edward Street next to the foreshore car park and will be a free-standing steel framed Colorbond-clad building. Builders for the project are Daves Property Improvement and construction will commence on 24 April 2017. The estimated completion date is scheduled for 30 June 2017.

It is expected there will be some disruption to the foreshore area for the duration of construction which may consist of area closures for public safety and possibly some parking bays being blocked next to the building site.

The cost of the Guilderton Changing Places facility is \$121,000 - the Disability Services Commission (via WALGA) has provided \$110,000 grant funding toward the cost, with the Shire providing the balance.

In May 2015, the WA State Government committed \$2 million to support local governments establish a network of Changing Places across WA, the first of its kind in Australia. The project is being implemented in collaboration between the Disability Services Commission, the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) and National Disability Services (NDS) WA.

-Ends-

*For further media details contact:*  
Mr Jeremy Edwards  
Chief Executive Officer  
T: 08 9575 2211 E: [ceo@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@gingin.wa.gov.au)

