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Survey Results Support Paid Parking at Guilderton Foreshore

At its July Council meeting, the Shire of Gingin resolved to implement paid parking at the Guilderton Foreshore car park following overwhelming support for its implementation by community who participated in a recent survey.

In total, 171 respondents completed the survey with 143 (84%) from people living in the Shire of Gingin and 28 (16%) from people residing outside the Shire. Of these, 32 responses were not completed correctly or in entirety.

From the valid surveys processed the following results were revealed:

- Option 1 Introduce paid parking (\$2 per hour or \$10 per day for visitors but free to Shire of Gingin ratepayers) – 101 responses in favour;
- Option 2 Free unlimited parking with an increase in rates (whole Shire pays) three responses in favour;
- Option 3 Free unlimited parking and introduce Specified Area Rate Levy (one area of Shire pays) – six responses in favour; and
- Option 4 Free unlimited parking, no change in status quo 29 responses in favour.

The survey was broadly advertised in regional press, as well as the Shire's website and Facebook page which provided access to the survey link, and was supplied in hard copy format to some community groups.

The results of the survey were tabled at the July meeting and the motion to implement paid parking was unanimously carried by Council.

"We understand this move will not be popular with some sections of the community, however we sought community input on the matter via the survey and the results speak for themselves," said Shire President Cr David Roe. "As promised, we are providing all ratepayers free parking passes to the Foreshore car park."

Two free parking passes are being supplied to all Shire ratepayers in the forthcoming rate notice mail out.

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