

Council to the Community

June 2016

Councillor's Corner



Interview with Cr Wayne Fewster

Congratulations Wayne on your election to Council last October.

How long have you lived in the Shire of Gingin?

I have lived in Gingin all my life - I was born here and went to primary school in Gingin, then to Bullsbrook for years 8-10, and Cunderdin Ag College for years 11-12. Came home to work and have only left for holidays.

Can you tell us a bit about your background?

After finishing school I came home and started work in the family business with my father, grandfather, two uncles and Jock Butler working mostly as a beekeeper or helping run the farms at Seabird and Cervantes. During that period I married my wonderful wife Lynley and started our family of four which are all grown up now, with three grandchildren and another on the way. In the late 80s Dad and I decided to go it alone and bought what was then Gingin Fuel Supply which we changed to Gingin Fuel and Tyres which still exists today. We got out of the garage business after 11 years having great support from the local community and purchased the farm at Beermullah where we now live.

I was first elected to Council in 1993 and served for just over 16 years - a few of those years were as Deputy Shire President and two years as Shire President. After a six year break I nominated again for Council and was fortunate to be elected last October.

What Shire issues are you passionate about?

Having lived in Gingin all of my life and having elderly parents of my own, it concerns me that our seniors in all our towns are moving away from their local communities due to the lack of retirement/aged accommodation. However, I am pleased to report we are making progress to rectify this.

I have always had an interest in sport and recreation, and believe we all need to spend more time outdoors. I believe Council's role in assisting or providing facilities to enable us all - especially young people - to participate is important.

What do you appreciate the most about the Shire of Gingin?

Definitely the people. We are very fortunate all our communities have people young and old who give so freely of their time as volunteers to make the places we live so much better - this also gives people a sense of ownership of those communities.

Also, the Gingin Shire has such an interesting and diverse range of industries and places to live - from the coast to the hills and everything in between, there is something for everyone.

How do you envision the Shire of Gingin to look in 10-20 years?

The fishing, tourism and agricultural (both intensive and broad acre) industries will be the main economic drivers and we should see steady growth in all areas. This growth will inevitably enable us to bring those services and facilities we need and expect in the towns.

What's on in . . . June

Community Planting Day – Save the Date!



Moore Catchment Council needs your help to plant 2,000 native seedlings as a step to repair the North Guilderton dunes.

When: Sunday 12 June.

Where: Meet at car park above north groyne
Time: 9.30am onwards (light lunch provided)

RSVP: Rachel on 9653 1355 or 0409 296 264 or email: mcc.nrmo@bigpond.com

Moon in June Party



Looking for a fun, great value night out?

The Guilderton Country Club is hosting a Moon in June Party on **Saturday 25 June**, featuring renowned singer, songwriter, and recording artist, **Frank Genovesi**.

Music from 8.30pm till late. \$10 cover charge, meals available from 5.30pm. Bus transport can be arranged. Contact Cheryl at the Guilderton Country Club on 9577 1013.

Our Community News

How Well is Your Property Numbered?



Rural Street Addressing is an initiative of the Department of Lands and supported by WA Local Governments with rural landholdings. The initiative involves supplying a rural address plate with large reflective numbers to owners of rural properties with a 'habitable dwelling' (ie, house, shearing shed, workshop, gallery etc).

The main aim of RSA plates is to **allow emergency service personnel to quickly identify the entrance to your property**. Other benefits may include accurate delivery of mail and making your property easier for other parties to find (veterinarians, stock officers, businesses, family and friends).

For more information on acquiring a reflective number for your property please contact Roz Bonser at the Shire on 9575 5116.

Australian Government Mobile Service Visit



The Shire will be visited once again by a Department of Human Services' mobile service centre which provides country communities with access to government services such as Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support. It is outfitted with Next G technology, satellite phones and internet connections, laptops and printers.

Details of this visit is as follows:

Gingin

- **Date:** 12 July 2016
- **Time:** 10.00am to 4.00pm
- **Venue:** Granville Park Civic Centre car park

Lancelin

- **Date:** 13 July 2016
- **Time:** 9.00am to 3.00pm
- **Venue:** Lancelin Plaza, Atkinson Way.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available



Do you have a business you'd like to promote in our community?

If so, why not become a sponsor of the Shire's **Early Rates Incentive Scheme**?

We are once again offering four sponsorship packages to our business community, with each package attracting differing levels of promotion. Your contribution will go toward prizes for a number of lucky rate payers to be presented at a prize night later this year. For more information contact either André or Meagan at the Shire on 9575 2211.

Shire Notices

June Council Meeting

The Shire advises the June Council meeting will be held in **Gingin**, details as follows:

- **Date:** Tuesday 21 June 2016
 - **Venue:** Council Chambers, Gingin Administration Centre, 7 Brockman St, Gingin.
 - **Time:** 3.00pm
- Members of the public are welcome to attend.