

# COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

# MARCH

## What's on in... March

### GINGIN 2017 TRIATHLON

The Shire is once again pleased to be hosting the Gingin Triathlon on **Sunday 12 March**. Kicking off at the Gingin Aquatic Centre, competitors have a choice to compete in a Long or Short Course. Registrations close **Wednesday 8 March**.

For full details and to register please visit the 'Events' area of the Shire's website [www.gingin.wa.gov.au](http://www.gingin.wa.gov.au) or contact Cher Groves on 9575 5138.

#### Arts in the Park

**Saturday 25 March 2017** – Granville Park, Gingin – 4:00pm to 10:00pm.

Join us at beautiful Granville Park for an evening of live music, dancing, art exhibitions and great food. Overnight camping will be available and hampers can be pre-ordered.

For more information contact Gingin CRC on 9575 1253.



## Our Community News

### Infrastructure Improvements

Over the next few months the Shire will commence work on the following projects:

- Hawcroft Place (Lancelin) – installation of cul-de-sac head and drainage
- Sovereign Hill Bus Shelter – replacement of bus shelter and minor earthworks
- Mooliabeenee Road and Wowra Drive – installation of turning pocket (including asphaltting of intersection)
- Lancelin Plaza – installation of new shade shelter and seating
- Roe Street (Gingin) – installation of a retention basin
- Dewar Road, Weld Street and Brockman Street (Gingin) – intersectional works (Black Spot funded project)
- Brockman Street and Cheriton Road – intersectional upgrade works.
- Drainage works across the Shire

### Small Pets to be Trialled at Lancelin Caravan Park

At its February Ordinary Meeting, Council amended its conditions of entry to Lancelin Caravan Park to allow visitors with small pets to stay, **as a trial until 30 June 2017**. The caravan park currently has a 'no pets' policy, however on account of significant numbers of 'grey nomads' visiting Lancelin who travel with a small companion dog or cat, Council decided to trial the concept before making a final decision.

### Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 - Draft for Public Comment

The Shire is inviting any interested community members or stakeholders to comment on the Draft Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027. The new Plan was informed by the valuable input provided by community - we were really pleased to see so many people participate in the consultation activities in the second half of 2016.

You can download the Draft Strategic Community Plan and informing documents from the Shire's website – go to 'Latest News' on the homepage and follow the links to the Strategic Community Plan Review page.

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### \$15 Million for Aglime Routes Upgrade

Important agricultural lime sand transport networks in the Shire of Gingin will be upgraded thanks to a \$15 million commitment by the Liberal National Government announced last month. The **Royalties for Regions** investment will facilitate the safe and efficient cartage of Aglime from coastal areas, where it is sourced, to inland agricultural areas of the Wheatbelt.

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said that Aglime was a critical component in the WA agricultural sector to help farmers counteract the effects of soil acidification.

Transport Minister Bill Marmion confirmed the upgrade would improve priority sections of roads and related intersections between Lancelin and Goomalling. These will include Indian Ocean Drive, Brand Highway and Great Northern Highway to be delivered by Main Roads WA, as well as local road improvements to be delivered by relevant local authorities.



Above: Shire of Gingin's Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Edwards (left), Executive Manager Operations Allister Butcher and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Agricultural Region MLC Jim Chown inspecting damage to edging on Sappers Road from lime haulage back in December 2015.

### Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards

The Shire of Gingin, in partnership with the Neergabby Community Association, was delighted to present a number of well-deserved Community Citizen of the Year Awards as part of its Australia Day celebrations on 26 January. Winners of each category included:

- Community Group Award - Treasure Trove
- Senior Award – Bob James
- Youth Award – Brayden Rule
- Community Citizen Award - Katrina Jacques

The Shire congratulates all the nominees and winners for their outstanding contribution to our region.



### Updates to Vehicle and Dog Restricted Areas

Information on new dog exercise areas and vehicle prohibited areas has recently been updated on the Shire's website. Follow the links to Ranger Services from the 'Services' menu on the homepage.

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### Ledge Point Boat Launching Facility Update

The Nationals WA announced that if returned to government it will commit **\$20 million** towards a safe boat launching facility at Ledge Point and a boat ramp at Lancelin. Member for Moore Shane Love and Leader of The Nationals WA Brendan Grylls announced that the Ledge Point Boat Harbour and Lancelin ramp will be funded by Royalties for Regions and deliver a welcome boost for tourism, local businesses and recreational fishing in Lancelin, Ledge Point and surrounding communities.

In addition, The Nationals will commit \$2 million to upgrade Old Ledge Point Road which links that town with Lancelin.



### Biting insect and mosquito-borne disease risk increase across Western Australia

The Department of Health is warning residents and travellers to take precautions against biting insects following the widespread rainfall and recent flooding events across WA which has created ideal conditions for breeding of mosquitoes and other biting insects.

"Increased mosquito activity is likely to result in an increased risk of the mosquito-borne diseases Ross River virus (RRV), Barmah Forest virus (BFV), Murray Valley encephalitis virus (MVEV) and Kunjin virus (KUNV) in some parts of WA," said Dr Michael Lindsay, Managing Scientist Environmental Health Hazards.

Symptoms of infection may include painful or swollen joints, sore muscles, skin rashes, fever, fatigue and headaches. However, in rare cases these viruses, especially MVEV, can lead to a serious inflammation of the brain and result in long term disability or even death.

"There are no specific cures or vaccines for mosquito-borne diseases in Western Australia, so it is very important that people take care to prevent being bitten," he said.

For more information on mosquito borne disease visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/fightthebite](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/fightthebite).

### Discover Easter Art Competition 2017

The Uniting Church is pleased to invite the community to create and display works of art – including art installations – at Granville Park, Gingin for four days over Easter **14 – 17 April**. The theme is the life, death and resurrection of Christ.



There are a number of categories to enter and **cash prizes will be awarded**. For more information contact Kim Mouritz on 0408 904 074 or [kimmouritz@bigpond.com](mailto:kimmouritz@bigpond.com).

### Message from Shire President David Roe

Sara Roe's family sincerely thank the Gingin Shire community for their condolences and support following the loss of our beautiful wife, mother and daughter-in-law.

David, Will, Lewis, Fred and Bruce.

## Shire Notices

### March Council Meeting – Change of Venue

The Shire wishes to advise the community that it will hold its March Council Meeting at **Lancelin Angling and Aquatic Club**, Hopkins Street, Lancelin on **Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 3pm**.

All residents are welcome to attend.