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August - September

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Coastal Erosion Update

Progress continues in order to address the coastal erosion issue impacting much of the Shire of Gingin's coastline. During the past month the Shire has taken the following actions:

- Received the report it had commissioned from coastal engineers to address the erosion at Grace Darling Park, Lancelin.
- The Coastal Erosion Working Group met to discuss the report and determine a recommendation for Council.
- Council voted to accept the Working Group's recommendation which was to install a wall of geo-textile sandbags (soft wall) at Lancelin over approximately 250-300 metres. The tender process is to be commenced shortly with Council continuing to advocate for funding in the meantime.
- A plan was also made to hold a meeting in Lancelin to discuss the soft wall option. A date is yet to be set.
- The ABC reported on 1 August 2019 on the coastal erosion issue facing WA shorelines. With the issue now in the media spotlight, staff and Council vowed to continue to advocate to WA's politicians for a long term strategy.
- The coastal engineers have been contacted again to prepare a new report for the installation of the geo-textile sandbags.
- In relation to Seabird and the proposed groyne walls, staff are still working with the local community to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of the installation of groynes.

The Shire will bring the community more updates as they occur. If community members would like to know more or to get involved in helping to resolve this issue, please contact the Shire on (08) 9575 5100.



Mid-Year Small Community Grants

The Shire Mid-Year Small Community Grants will open Monday, 23 September and will close Friday, 18 October 2019 at 4pm. Once open the grant opportunity will be promoted by the Shire online and community groups and clubs will be notified via email if the Shire has their contact details. If you would value the opportunity to attend a 'Project and Grant Writing Session' please contact the Shire's Community Development Officer, Helen Sutherland, on 0419 604 101 or email cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au to register your interest.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please be advised that this is the last and final round of Mid-Year Small Community Grants that the Shire of Gingin will offer (unless otherwise advertised). In future all applicants will need to apply to the annual Shire's Community Grants (program) which opens around mid-February annually. Applications will be assessed in conjunction with the upcoming Annual Budget. In other words: if you would normally apply for the mid-year small grants funding round then you will now need to apply for the annual Shire Community Grant round instead.

REMINDER: All re-occurring events and activities that receive annual Shire funding must submit a grant application. If an application is not received as per the Shire's Community Grant Guidelines then the projects/events will not be eligible for grant funding.

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Budget Adopted for 2019/20

This year Council has adopted another low rate increase of 2.75% to the rate in the dollar across UV and GRV rated properties with a minimum UV rate of \$1,400 and \$1,110 for GRV properties. A differential minimum rate of \$2,548 has been applied with an average 7.5% increase to the rate in the dollar. Council believes this is sufficient for us to manage the coming year's projects and services (with assistance from government grant funding) as well as keeping it as low as possible for our ratepayers for another year.

This financial year the Shire's annual budget has been set at \$33.2 million which includes a Capital Works Program of \$14.37 million. A number of big ticket projects for the coming 12 months include:

• Gingin Emergency Services Facility	\$2.2 million
• Redfield Park Fire Shed	\$460,000
• Lancelin Sea Wall – Grace Darling Park	\$550,000*
• Guilderton Caravan Park – Replace Waste Water (design & construction)	\$400,000
• Lancelin – Hinchcliffe lookout public toilets	\$100,000
• Pathways expansion / renewal / upgrade	\$105,063
• Lancelin – Skate and BMX Park (Stage 2)	\$200,000*
• Lancelin Foreshore Development – Cunliffe Street Carpark	\$500,000

*Project is subject to receipt of external funding

Funding has also been provided for:

• Plant Replacement Program	\$2.08 million
• Community events in partnership with Bendigo Bank	\$91,816
• Annual Road Program	\$1.8 million

Another big project scheduled for this year is the Orange Springs Road upgrade which will be fully State Government funded to the tune of just over \$5 million.

We are delighted to have a number of local businesses coming on board for the first time to sponsor our Early Rates Incentive Scheme and we thank wholeheartedly those businesses who are sponsoring once again. These generous contributions make up terrific prizes for 10 lucky early ratepayers and this scheme really does help us action community projects sooner rather than later.

I'd like to thank the Shire Staff and Councillors for their dedication and hard work over the past 12 months and for their efforts in producing another balanced budget for the coming year ahead. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the wider community for your encouragement and support.

Cr Sam Collard
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Gingin Outdoor Activity Space Project Update

The Community Working Group (CWG) and Shire of Gingin are progressing the Gingin Outdoor Activity Space project after the recent community consultation to review the Concept Design.

Thank you to all the people that contributed their views and ideas which were considered in the final concept design. They were most appreciated. The location is now confirmed as the corner of Weld St and Jones St, adjacent to the Granville Civic Centre carpark. The feedback was predominately positive acknowledging specific features and design in addition to expressing appreciation for the space as an interactive space for all ages. There were also numerous suggestions for additional features and some concerns around the location, particularly as a site for the annual British Car Day

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Day organisers to explore shared and/or alternative options for car club displays in future, noting this will not affect the 2020 event. Council endorsed the Concept Design and location at the 20 June 2019 Council Meeting. The CWG are now working on fundraising and sponsorship to support already committed funds and grant funding applications. In addition a Technical Working Group has been formed with five representatives from the CWG with two Shire Councillors to determine the final design and to focus on the technical specifications. This will be undertaken by a consultant and supported by Shire officers.

To review the consultation summary and final Concept Design visit the Shire's website www.gingin.wa.gov.au, specifically the Community Projects and Partnerships page.

To support the CWG with fundraising please contact Gingin Community Resource Centre on (08) 9575 1253 or email crc@gingin.net.



Community Working Group (CWG) representative James Bayliss, Cr Kim Rule, CWG representative Vernon Hyne, Cr James Morton, CWG representative Spencer Clark, CWG President Aaron Croft and CWG Secretary Jenna Treloar.

Change of Phone Number

The main phone number for the Shire of Gingin Administration Centre has recently been changed. It is now **9575 5100**. If community members could please note the new number, it would be much appreciated. The old number (9575 2211) is still in use for the moment but the Shire will eventually cease to use it.

Save the Dates!

- The next Council Meeting date will be **Tuesday, 17 September 2019**.

Please go to the **Events Calendar** on the Shire's website for more details of this event and others.

Council Decisions

The following community based decisions were made by Council at the Shire's **July Ordinary Meeting**:

- Erosion Mitigation – Grace Darling Park – Council agreed to undertake a tender process to install the geo-textile sandbag wall option at Lancelin and to continue to advocate for funding.
- 3 Applications for Development Approval – 2 granted by Council.
- Gingin Outdoor Activity Space – Technical Working Group – Council agreed to form and to appoint Cr Rule and Cr Morton to the group.

The following decisions were made by Council at the Shire's **July Special Meeting**:

- Adoption of the 2019/20 Shire of Gingin Budget – adopted by Council.

More details on the above items of business and any other matters from this meeting can be found in the Council minutes which are available for viewing on the **Agenda & Minutes** page on the Shire's website www.gingin.wa.gov.au or in person at either the Shire's Administration Centre, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin or Lancelin Office, 255 Vins Way, Lancelin.

Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 3pm and members of the public are welcome to attend.