

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

June - July

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Our Community News

Coastal Erosion

The Shire of Gingin has been in discussions with the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) since late 2018 to secure funding in order to address the ongoing issue with coastal erosion at Lancelin.

For the past twelve months since the community meeting on the issue the Shire has actively been working to source alternative funding to address the situation which has continued to deteriorate. The Shire does not possess adequate funds on its own to address the erosion (without having to resort to raising rates) and consequently has sought assistance from the State government on this matter. Unfortunately discussions have been ongoing with DFES during this time and a decision has not formally been made yet.

The Shire understands the frustration of community members, especially with the storm surges that have occurred over the weekend of 8-9 June 2019 and the consequent damage that has transpired along the foreshore in Lancelin in several areas. The Shire can only ask that the community continues to practice patience as the Shire works to secure emergency funding to address the situation.

If community members can continue to steer clear of the eroded areas until emergency repairs can be made, the Shire would very much appreciate your assistance.

Big Turnout for Arthritis Workshop

Getting older isn't always fun, especially when conditions like arthritis can have a big impact on day to day life.

The Moore Rivers Weight Watchers group, with assistance from the Shire of Gingin, organised for a volunteer speaker from Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA to come to the Country Club in Guilderton on Wednesday, 29 May 2019.

Paul Forrestal presented on his topic to a huge crowd of 80-85 community members. Paul's presentation was not only informative but also provided some useful tips and contacts in addition to a demonstration for several products.

At the end of the presentation he answered a volley of tricky questions from attendees before the event was capped off with an array of refreshments provided by the ladies of the Moore River Weight Watchers Group.

For community members unable to make it to the workshop Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA can be found at the Wyllie Arthritis Centre, 17 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park WA 6008 or contacted on 9388 2199 or 1800 011 041. They also have a website - www.arthritiswa.org.au.

The Shire of Gingin hopes to collaborate with other community groups and organisations to bring workshops on similar topics to the Shire again in the near future.



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Beach Emergency Number (BEN) Signs Update

The State government has developed a multi-agency/ multi-faceted shark hazard mitigation strategy known as 'Beach Emergency Number (BEN) Signs'.

Currently the Shire of Gingin is in the process of arranging for these signs to be installed at approximately 70 locations along the Shire's coastline and in other areas of the Shire. The exact placement of each sign is currently in the process of being determined by the Shire in consultation with local community groups in the area. Where available, the signs will be placed on existing poles with other signs to reduce signage pollution. The Shire expects that all of the new BEN signs will be installed by summer 2019/20.

The purpose of the BEN signs is to serve as provision of information to community members that can be quoted to emergency services in the event of an emergency. Quoting the information on the nearest BEN sign will help emergency services accurately pinpoint the location of the emergency.



When visiting the beach community members should take note of their closest BEN sign location and its information. In the event of an emergency, dial triple zero and quote the unique code and other sign specific information. Where possible someone should wait at the BEN sign until emergency service crews arrive.

BEN signs may also be referred to when reporting shark sightings to Water Police on 9442 8600. This will help beach managers implement beach closures earlier with accurate location information.

All BEN signs installed under the State government's program are reversible with a uniform red and green sign on the front and a beach closure sign on the back held in a lockable frame. Each BEN sign has a unique code based on an area prefix followed by a one to four digit number. The official location name (if there is one), the address, suburb and nearest intersection are also on each sign.

For further information please contact Helen Sutherland, Community Development Officer, via cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au or call 0419 604 101.

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.

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Notice of Completion for Building Projects

The Shire would like to remind anyone building or contracted to build that when the project works have been completed, a 'Notice of Completion' form must be completed and returned to the Shire within seven (7) days.

The submission of this form is required as part of obtaining a Building or Demolition Permit from the Shire and generally the Shire will send the form pre-filled upon completion of works. The builder or contractor simply needs to review the form for any amendments and then sign off on it and return it to the Shire.

If community members have any queries regarding this form please contact the Shire on (08) 9575 5100.

Save the Dates!

- The next Council Meeting date will be **Tuesday, 16 July 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 **May Ordinary Meeting**:

- Draft Strategic Community Plan 2019-2029 – *adopted by Council*.
- Treasure Trove – Gingin Community Op Shop Inc. – *approved by Council subject to no negative responses being received during submission period for public comment*.
- Lease between the Shire of Gingin & Gingin Scout Group – *endorsed by Council*.
- Recision of Motion – 20 November 2018 Council Meeting – Ledge Point Exercise Equipment Soft Fall – *rescinded and approved for relocation by Council*.
- Ledge Point Information Bay – *approved for upgrading 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.

