



COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

October – November

Our Community News

Local Government Elections – 19 October

The 2019 Local Government Elections will take place on **Saturday, 19 October 2019**.

The Shire's Gingin Administration Centre will be open on Election Day between the hours of 8am and 6pm to accept any votes that haven't already been returned to the WA Electoral Commission by post and to issue replacement voting packages if needed. The counting of votes will commence at the Gingin Administration Centre at 6pm and results are expected to be made available to the public on Sunday, 20 October via the WA Electoral Commission's website (www.elections.wa.gov.au). The Shire will also make the results available on its website (www.gingin.wa.gov.au) from Monday, 21 October.

Your candidates for 2019 are:

- Sorenson, Erik
- Vis, Andrea
- Harris Johnson, Carolyn
- Peczka, Frank
- Fewster, Wayne
- Balcombe, Linda
- Court, Jan



Candidate profile details are available on the Shire's website (www.gingin.wa.gov.au) or by visiting the WA Electoral Commission website (www.elections.wa.gov.au).

It is not mandatory to vote during local government elections but your Council represents you and your community so the Shire strongly encourages you to have your say by casting your vote.

Any further queries can be directed to the Returning Officer appointed by the WA Electoral Commission, Carrie Edwards, on 0457 201 449.

Australia Day Awards – Nominate Now!



The Shire of Gingin is seeking nominations for community members who have stepped up and performed admirably within our community. There are four award categories that you may nominate a community member or group/event within.

They include:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

A person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

YOUTH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Under 25 as of 26 January 2020 - a young person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Over 65 as of 26 January 2020 - an older person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP (group or event)

A group doing outstanding work or for an event staged in the community during the past year

Nominations close **31 October 2019**.

To find out more and to nominate, simply fill in the online form found at the following link - www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/.

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25 Years of Curtin Surveying Students at Guilderton Caravan Park

This year celebrates the 25th that students enrolled in the Bachelor of Surveying degree at Curtin University have stayed at the Guilderton Caravan Park whilst they have undertaken their field surveying trips.

Every September residents and regular visitors are probably now familiar with seeing the fluorescent-jacketed students (and lecturers) crawling over the hill near the Bowra & O'Dea memorial forest to the North of Guilderton Road.



This field camp is a key element in the education and training of future generations of land surveyors by giving them real-world experience in sometimes challenging conditions. Without being able to utilise the Guilderton Caravan Park this would simply not be possible.

Over the past quarter of a century the surveying students have had to endure a wide spectrum of weather conditions ranging from baking sunshine to electrical storms to torrential rains. They've also had to contend with the native fauna with many returning to Perth with the scars from tick bites. The 'lowlight' was a bite from a Tiger Snake but the student recovered fully and returned to the field camp the day after.



As well as offering camping sites and powered caravan bays, Guilderton Caravan Park boasts 10 self-contained chalets. The Curtin surveying students and teaching staff book one chalet per group for the duration of the field camps. When there are large numbers of students the ablutions block is a godsend to make sure the students don't become too "on the nose".

All in all, these facilities are ideal for hosting field trips and many school excursions also use the Caravan Park and its excellent facilities.

Professor Featherstone, the teaching coordinator for all these 25 years said "without the excellent facilities and hospitality of the Caravan Park and its wardens, we simply would not have been able to run this valuable educational exercise for so long. On a personal note I always love my time in Guilderton and now realise that I have spent more than a year of my life living in the Caravan Park".

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Swimming Pool Opening

If you haven't heard already, the swimming pool opened on **Wednesday, 16 October 2019**.

The opening times are slightly different this year with the pool being open 7 days a week from 9am – 7pm. The pool will still be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for morning swimmers but from 6am – 8am now instead.

| | General Admission Prices | Multiple Visit Prices | Season Passes |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Adults (16 and over) | \$4.50 | \$45.00 | \$130.00 |
| Child (5 – 15) | \$2.50 | \$25.00 | \$70.00 |
| Child (under 5 years) | \$1.80 | \$18.00 | \$36.00 |
| Concession | \$3.30 | \$33.00 | \$65.00 |
| Family Pass | \$13.00 | \$130.00 | \$330.00 |
| Spectators | Free | - | - |

The Open Day/Enrolments for Swim School are on Sunday, 20 October 2019 from 10am until 2pm. Enrolment in the Gingin Aquatic Swim Squad (aka the Super Seals) will be Monday, 21 October 2019 from 3:30 until 5pm.

If community members have any further queries, please contact the Swimming Pool Manager, Fran Haenni on (08) 9575 5154 / 0447 790 291 or email poolmanger@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Osprey Pair Take Up Residence



In our last issue the Shire reported on the community driven project to install an osprey nest at Lancelin after Western Power were forced to remove their current nest which was situated atop a power pole.

On 26 September one of the Shire's Ranger, Chad Donaldson, managed to capture this great shot of a nesting pair that has taken up residence. A fantastic result for all involved in this community project.

Save the Dates!

- **16 October** – the Swimming Pool has opened!
- **19 October** – Local Government Elections take place.
- **20 October** – Gingin Aquatic Centre Swim School Open Day.
- **31 October** – nominations close for the Australia Day Awards. If you know someone doing amazing things in our community then nominate them now! Visit www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate
- **19 November** – next Council Meeting at 3pm.

Please go to the **Events Calendar** on the Shire's website www.gingin.wa.gov.au for more details for these event and others.