

Council to Community

GOT QUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!

Local government is more than just roads, rates and rubbish – in today's modern world we handle a wide range of services and issues right across the Shire of Gingin.

We'll continue working hard to keep you informed and up-to-date with the latest happenings throughout the Shire however sometimes you may have a question on a topic we haven't talked about in a while or perhaps you want to report an issue you've noticed. In this case we more than welcome your questions, feedback and reports!

Contact the Shire on (08) 9575 5100 / mail@gingin.wa.gov.au or drop us a line on our Facebook page.

New Summer Suite Line Up for 2021!

The Shire is excited to announce a brand new line up of events for the Shire's Summer Suite of Events 2021.

It's been a long year with few social engagements thanks to COVID-19 with the Gingin Triathlon as one of the first casualties. However, 2021 is a brand new year and the Shire has a great line up sure to entertain many.

Things will kick off on 9 January with an old favourite – **Music in the Park** in Gabbadah. Second on the list is the **Australia Day Picnic Breakfast** at Neergabby on 26 January which joins the Shire's Summer Suite of Events this year. Previously this event was held separately. The third event will be the much anticipated return of the **Gingin Triathlon** and coming in April will be a brand new event – an **Arts Festival** to be held in Lancelin.

Going forwards the Shire will only run 1 x triathlon per year in either Gingin or Lancelin. In 2022 the triathlon will therefore take place in Lancelin. In the year that either town is not hosting the event, an alternate event will take place instead which is consequently why Lancelin will host an Arts Festival in 2021.

The Party in the Park event (Lancelin) and the Music & Melody in the Park event (Ledge Point) have been retired from the Summer Suite of Events with the Shire keen to refresh the Summer Suite of Events program. Attendance has also been steadily declining at these two events in recent years.

All of the events are **FREE** to attend except for the Gingin Triathlon which has a participation fee. The Shire's Summer Suite of Events is brought to you by the Shire of Gingin in partnership with Bendigo Bank - Gingin Community Bank Branch & Lancelin Branch.

Further enquiries – contact the Shire's Events Team on (08) 9575 5162 / events@gingin.wa.gov.au.



2021 marks 150 years since the town site of Gingin was gazetted in 1871 is one of WA's oldest towns. Its history is rich with stories of pioneers, stockmen and women, Aboriginal culture and many more memories of times gone by.

In honour of Gingin's Sesquicentenary (150th), Council is arranging for a celebration to be held on Saturday, 9 October 2021 in Gingin. This anniversary event offers a unique and time sensitive opportunity to display and celebrate the founding history of Gingin and the Shire's other communities by extension.

A Project Team is in the process of being established with key community representatives to be invited by Council. The Shire will be relying heavily on community involvement so whilst you may not be on the Project Team, we do encourage you to send an expression of interest to the Shire if you (or your organisation) would like to be involved. Council and the Project Team will also be seeking suggestions for activities to form part of the celebrations so if you have any ideas or want to volunteer to be involved then please visit - www.gingin.wa.gov.au/forms/expressions-of-interest-and-suggestions-for-gingin-sesquicentenary-event/27.

Community members from our other communities in our Shire are also invited to be involved as this event will not only showcase the history and attributes of Gingin but also our other communities who are closely linked with Gingin. So whether you're from Lancelin, Guilderton, Seabird, Ledge Point or any of our other communities, please get involved. There are still a few years yet before the Shire's other four gazetted town sites will reach their centenary (Guilderton – 2051, Lancelin – 2050, Ledge Point – 2055 and Seabird - 2068) but when their time comes we hope to celebrate these significant milestones too.

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November

#WeAreInThisTogether

North Link Extension between Gingin & Chittering

The State Government is proposing to extend the new North Link (Tonkin Highway) even further north to create the Great Northern Highway Bindoon Bypass (GNHBB). The Bypass will pass along the boundary line between the Shire of Gingin and the Shire of Chittering to connect to the upgraded New Norcia bypass. It will be 66km in total length including construction of 61.6km of new highway and 4.4km of improvements to the existing highway.

The proposed Bindoon Bypass will reduce vehicle kilometres travelled by enabling triple road trains to travel along the entire length of the corridor (which they currently can't do), thereby avoiding the need to stop and decouple at Wubin.

There is strategic merit for the project given the importance of the Great Northern Highway as a freight link between Perth's metropolitan area and Australia's north-west.



The majority of the project's benefits are vehicle operating cost savings. There will also be travel-time savings, reduced environmental emissions and safety benefits through the removal of trucks from Bindoon's town centre.

At this point in time it is proposed that the road construction works will commence in 1 – 2 years.

Further information about the proposed bypass is available from the Australian Government's Infrastructure Australia website - www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/map/bindoon-bypass. Alternatively visit the MainroadsWA website - www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects-initiatives/projects/regional/Great-northern-highway-muchea/.

Upcoming Roadworks

The following roadworks are in progress for the next month:

- Ongoing construction of the Orange Springs Road \$5.2 million upgrade
- Maintenance grading in the North East of the Shire
- Road patching as required
- Drainage works as required
- Undertaking slashing and fire breaks on Shire blocks and road verges

Further enquires about these works may be directed to the Shire's Operations team on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.

Free Mulch Collection Points – Now Ready To Collect!

The Green Waste Kerbside Collection has finished for another year and the mulch generated from the green waste collection is now available free of charge to all Shire of Gingin residents.

The following is a list of locations where the mulch may be collected from. Please take only what you need.

- Gingin – Recreation Centre
- Guilderton – Old Cricket Pitch
- Lancelin – Shire Depot (open yard on crn Masters & Mullins)
- Ledge Point – Fire Shed
- Ocean Farms – Community Hall
- Redfield Park – Fire Shed
- Seabird – Tennis Courts
- Seaview Park – Community Hall
- Sovereign Hill – At the Entrance of the Estate
- Woodridge – Fire Shed

Further enquires may be directed to Danica Todd at the Shire Depot on (08) 9575 5169.

SAVE THE DATES!

1 November – Fire Break inspections commence

17 November – Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin

Physical attendance at Council meetings by members of the public is restricted (unless COVID-19 restrictions have changed by then). Please register to attend Council Meetings by contacting the Shire's Governance Support Officer on (08) 9575 5127.

22 November – the Prohibited Burning Period commences

30 November – Submissions close for Food & Beverage Capability Guide

This **FREE** guide allows you to showcase your food and beverage product range to wider audience of consumers and buyers. Visit www.gingin.wa.gov.au/central-coast-wheatbelt-food-capability-guide.aspx to apply now!