

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 in fact 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 right throughout the Shire but 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 Shed for Lower Moore River Working Group

At its meeting held 15 September, Council voted unanimously to replace the shed in Guilderton that the Shire owns which is utilised by the Lower Moore River Working Group. The condition of the shed had increasingly deteriorated in recent years and was considered to be quite poor. The shed was also constructed of inappropriate materials such as asbestos.

The replacement of the shed will be of great value to the Lower Moore River Working Group who carry out terrific environmental management. The group is a non-political working group which is focused on the Lower Moore River and its surroundings. The group undertakes a variety of activities throughout the region including management of weed infestations, revegetation, walking trails and boardwalks construction and/or maintenance, fishing platforms maintenance and management of erosion due to traffic.

Council hopes the new shed will prove of great use to the working group and the continuation of their work in the region.

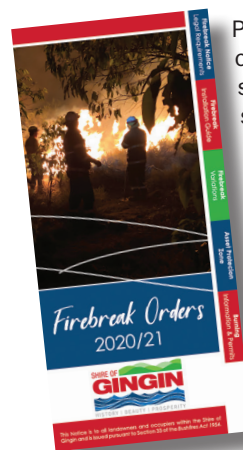
Whale Carcass in Lancelin

On Wednesday, 2 September the Shire's Operations Team was called in to deal with a slightly more unusual job than normal which was the removal of a whale carcass from the beach in Lancelin.

The carcass had washed ashore and had evidently been in the water for an extended period of time. Fortunately with assistance from Lancelin Sands and the Department of Transport, a tarp and netting was able to be secured from Jurien Bay that afternoon and the carcass was wrapped up and secured further up the beach. It was removed the following day and taken to the tip to be buried.



Fire Break Orders Error



Please be advised that there is a small typo on page 7 of this year's Fire Break Orders. The sentence "You must also maintain a water supply of 25,000L for every 5 ha of plantation or part thereof" should read 50 ha – not 5 ha.

This has been corrected in the copy of the Fire Break Orders available on the Shire's website – www.gingin.wa.gov.au.



Rates/Fire Break Orders Mail Out Delay

Due to a printing error unfortunately there has been a delay in some of the Shire's Rate Payers receiving their Rates Notices, Fire Break Orders, etc. this year.

Firstly the Shire would like to apologise for the confusion and any inconvenience caused. The first rate payment for the year (or in full) was due 16 September so if you still haven't received your Rates Notice then please contact the Shire immediately on (08) 9575 5126.

Tip Pass & Parking Permit

If you have not received your Rates Notice then Rate Payers can continue using your 2019/20 Parking Permits and Rubbish Tip pass (also contained in your Rates Mail Out). The Shire's Rangers and Landfill Managers have been made aware of this and will accept these if presented to them. It is expected that date will be announced when the 2020/21 Tip Pass and Parking Permit will need to be presented instead in late September/early October.

Enquiries may be directed to the Rates Department – (08) 9575 5126.

Coastal Inundation Study

The Shire is pleased to report to the community that the Coastal Inundation Study has finally been received by Council. This report is crucial to the Shire's success to obtain major funding to undertake more long term coastal erosion works in Lancelin, Ledge Point, Seabird and Guilderton i.e. the geo-textile wall at Grace Darling Park.

In the past the Shire was unable to obtain major funding from the State Government due to a lack of appropriate studies having been conducted. Baird Australia (Baird) undertook the study on behalf of the Shire. The study examines extreme water levels in coastal areas during severe storms and tsunami events. The study has determined design water levels that will be used to inform coastal planning in the Shire at the key coastal town sites of Lancelin, Ledge Point, Seabird and Guilderton, consistent with the guidelines of the State Coastal Planning Policy 2.6 (SPP2.6).

A copy of the study is available for viewing on the Shire's website - www.gingin.wa.gov.au/services/coastal-erosion.aspx.

Upcoming Roadworks

For the information of community members, the following roadworks are in progress for the next month:

- Ongoing construction of the Orange Springs Road \$5.2 million upgrade
- Maintenance grading of Mimegarra Road and Nilgen Road
- Road patching as required
- Installation of guideposts
- Ongoing roadside slashing and spraying

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

Council Decisions

Council's primary role is to make decisions about what direction the Shire and its communities will take on numerous matters. Council strives to make these decisions in line with community expectations but also to ensure adherence to the relevant legislation and outside factors such as State Government direction.

The community is strongly encouraged to read the Agendas and Minutes of Council. A snapshot of some of Council's decisions made at its **September** Ordinary Meeting can be viewed as follows:

- Waiver of hire fees for Arts in the Park 2021 events – Council agreed to waive as in-kind support for this community event.
- Draft Shire of Gingin Public Health Plan 2020-2023 – Council adopted this plan. Subject to final formatting being undertaken, this plan will be made available for public viewing in the near future.
- Dedication of Land as Road Reserve (Great Northern Highway Bindoon Bypass) – Lot 7776 Wannamal Road South, Mindarra – Council agreed to the dedication of land for the bypass.

More details on the above items of business and 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

16 October – the Gingin Aquatic Centre opens for the 2020/21 season!

20 October – Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin

Physical attendance at Council meetings by members of the public is restricted. Please register to attend Council Meetings by contacting the Shire's Governance Support Officer on (08) 9575 5127.

31 October – Nominations close for the 2021 Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards

If you know an amazing person or group that have done great things in our community over the past 12 months then nominate them now for the 2021 Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards!

Visit www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate.