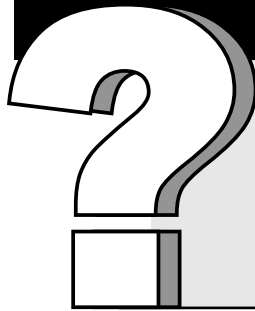


COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Gingin Guilderton Lancelin Ledge Point Seabird



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.

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.



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 Erosion Update

Funding Success

The Shire is pleased to advise the community that Council has received four grants to address coastal erosion. As such, the Shire has received \$154,576 in grant funding in total. Two of the grants were awarded under the Coastal Management Plan Assistance Program (CMPAP) from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. The first was for the Revision Lancelin project which was successful in obtaining \$69,865 from a total project cost of \$141,170. The second was for the Coastal Hazard Risk Management & Adaptation Plan (CHMAP) and Inundation Study Integration which is for \$51,400 from a total project cost of \$106,100. Council is also waiting to hear if it has been successful in obtaining a further grant from the same program for the Coastal Management Strategy grant which is for \$31,962 from a total project cost of \$66,925. The other two grants the Shire was successful in being awarded were from the Department of Transport under the Coastal Adaptation & Protection (CAP) grants scheme. These were for the Ledge Point / Guilderton Groynes Assessment grant for \$13,476 from a total project cost of \$26,926 and the Hotspot Coastal Monitoring project for \$19,835 from a total project cost of \$42,735. Council was advised that it did not receive the Seabird Seawall Assessment grant for \$12,190 from a total project cost of \$24,381. This is fantastic news for the Shire and will mean that Council can now take some big steps forward in addressing the issue of coastal erosion.

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 long term coastal erosion planning strategy and will be important for any future applications for funding to undertake more long term coastal erosion works.

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 has undertaken this 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.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

#WeAreInThisTogether

Annual Budget Available Now



The 2020/21 Budget is now available for viewing on the Shire's website. This year the Shire has adopted a 0% rate increase as mentioned in previous articles. The total revenue the Shire collects from Rate Payers remains unchanged from 2019/20. This year the Shire will be undertaking some big projects including:

- Gingin Incident Control Centre - \$2,181,500*
- Lancelin Skate Park Bowl (at BMX Track) – Stage 2 - \$218,000*
- Gingin Regional Playground - \$1,025,890*
- Cunliffe Street Development - \$500,000*
- Granville Civic Centre Building repairs, roof & ceiling replacement and LED lighting - \$145,500

*Project is subject to receiving external funding.

Despite the financial strain caused to many of our local businesses by the pandemic, the Shire is delighted to welcome a number of local businesses which have come on board to sponsor the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme. We thank those businesses wholeheartedly for their support this year given the unique circumstances. This scheme really does help us to action community projects sooner rather than later. Their generous contributions will make up terrific prizes for 10 lucky early ratepayers – some of whom may very much welcome the opportunity to win one of the prizes if they have been doing it tough because of the pandemic. The date for the random prize draw is 18 September with the Prize Night to occur in November.



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.

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

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.

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