

# COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Gingin Guilderton Lancelin Ledge Point Seabird



## Do you need to do your Fire Breaks again?

There has been a little bit of rain this summer which has unfortunately resulted in sporadic fresh green growth around the Shire including on your fire breaks.

All property owners in the Shire of Gingin are required to maintain their fire breaks for the duration of the fire danger season which for our Shire, runs from 1 November until 31 May annually. This requirement is as per the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and the Fire Break Orders which are issued by the Shire to property owners annually in approximately August.

The Shire has received a large number of reports of fire breaks with fresh growth recently. It is important that you maintain your breaks because they are an indispensable defence method in the event of a bush fire. They not only act as an access track for emergency vehicles but they can also slow or halt the spread of grass fires and be used for back burning purposes.

Given two major bush fires have threatened properties and residents both this summer and last, there is no room for complacency. All property owners are reminded to check your fire breaks now. Inspections are ongoing throughout the Shire during the bush fire season and Fire Control Officers and Shire Rangers WILL issue infringements if your fire breaks do not meet the requirements of your Fire Break Orders.

The Shire is serious about bush fires and protecting properties and lives. Please do the right thing and make sure your fire breaks are maintained. This includes checking them yourself personally if you have had a contractor undertake your fire breaks because the responsibility of having maintained fire breaks lies with you as the property owner and not with any contractors that undertake this work for you.

Check your Fire Break Orders for your legal requirements on page 4. If you do not have a copy at home then you may view them on the Shire's website - [www.gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-break-orders](http://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-break-orders).

Further queries may be directed to Phil Barrett, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, on 0408 943 576 during office hours.

**You are legally required annually to undertake the following at your property (unless a 'Recommendation' is indicated). Failure to do so will result in the issuing of an infringement.**

**Compliance is required by 1 November and must be maintained until 31 May annually.**

**A If your property is less than 0.4 Ha (option 1)**

**B If your property is less than 0.4 Ha (option 2)**

**C If your property is 0.4 Ha - 8 Ha**

**D If your property is 8 Ha or more**

### PROPERTY SIZE

**A B C D**

Install firebreaks that are 3m of bare earth for all external boundaries of the property including any areas planned for stubble burning.

✓ ✓ ✓

Install firebreaks that are a width of 20m for areas cleared for the purpose of burning (stubble burning excluded).

✓ ✓

Burn or slash all grass to a height no greater than 50mm.

✓

Trim all vegetation that overhangs driveways, access ways and firebreaks to leave a minimum vertical access clearance of 4m.

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

For your assets it is **RECOMMENDED** that you maintain a 20m APZ surrounding all buildings, large hay stacks and fuel storage areas. Refer to page 15 of your Fire Break Orders for further information.

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For your assets trim back all vegetation overhanging structures.

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## 2021 Community Funding Program

The Shire of Gingin's annual Community Funding Program closes at **4pm on 19 March 2021**.

This program provides the community with the opportunity to apply for funding for projects and events. Applications will be considered in conjunction with the Shire's 2021/22 Annual Budget. Visit [www.gingin.wa.gov.au/community/funding-grants.aspx](http://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/community/funding-grants.aspx) to apply.

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## 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](mailto:mail@gingin.wa.gov.au) or drop us a line on our Facebook page.

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# APRIL

## #WeAreInThisTogether

### Work/Asset Projects

The following projects have recently been **completed** by the Shire of Gingin:

- Re-roof of Granville Civic Centre
- Installation of Beach Emergency Number signs

The following projects are **currently in progress** around the Shire of Gingin:

- Upgrade of Granville Park Ablution Block – some items have been completed with re-roof and painting works. Works remaining are re-tiling of floor areas, minor plumbing replacements, external wall stone cladding. Works expected to be undertaken over 4-6 weeks.

The following projects are **due to commence** shortly in the Shire of Gingin:

- Re-roof of Gingin Bowling Club
- Drainage works at the CWA/Arts & Craft Building in Gingin
- Installation of new town entry statements for the Gingin town site
- Upgrade of the Guilderton Foreshore Ablution Block
- Installation of two replacement water monitoring bores within the Lancelin Sporting Complex by the Department of Water & Environmental & Regulation commencing the week of 1 March. This process is expected to take approximately 8 weeks

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

### Roadworks

The following roadworks have recently been **completed** by the Shire of Gingin:

- Maintenance grading on Wannamal South Road, Wannamal West Road, Red Gully Road, Pin Pin Road and Beermullah West Road

The following projects are **currently in progress** around the Shire of Gingin:

- Reconstruction of Cowalla Rd for 2.5km from Mimegarra Road heading towards Cowalla Bridge has been completed. Now awaiting sealing works
- Reconstruction of Mortimer St, Guilderton have commenced

The following roadworks are **due to commence** shortly in the Shire of Gingin:

- Resealing works on Bootoo St (Lancelin), Edwards St (Seabird), Mullins Way (Guilderton) and Weld St (Gingin).

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

### Report It!

Spotted an issue around your area? Report it to the Shire and get it sorted ASAP via our easy reporting system on our website - [www.gingin.wa.gov.au/forms/?formid=14](http://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/forms/?formid=14).

Once reported to us, we can get onto investigating it and resolving it promptly, whether it be a pot hole, broken signage, fallen trees and more.



### Bushfire Ready Group

Bushfires can start suddenly and without warning. During a major bushfire firefighters will be working to stop the fire but a fire truck may not be available to defend your home.

We all have a responsibility to reduce the risk to our homes and surrounding areas and to take early action to survive a bushfire.

The Shire of Gingin's Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) is developing a local network of Bushfire Ready Groups. These groups are people living within a local area, facing the same bushfire threat and who often have existing social networks already in place.

The groups are run by a Bushfire Ready Facilitator, assisted by Street Coordinators and supported by Fire and Emergency Services personnel.

They meet informally to learn and discuss how to become Bushfire Ready and to work together to prepare and protect their families and properties against bushfires.

#### Are you a Volunteer Firefighter?

#### Could you be a Bushfire Ready Facilitator?

Bushfire Ready Facilitators are volunteer firefighters and they play a key role in coordinating their local communities to work together and undertake activities to reduce the risk of bushfires.

They also work closely with Street Coordinators and provide updates on bushfire information and resources.

The Shire's LEMC is seeking a local bushfire brigade/or services member to become a Bushfire Ready Facilitator.

The LEMC understands that this is a big additional responsibility for any volunteer to take on, especially since volunteers are already stretched quite thin between work, family commitments and volunteering.

This may be a role for a volunteer who is no longer comfortable on the fire ground but would still like to contribute to their brigade and the community.

DFES will support all Bushfire Ready Facilitators by providing access to the Community Preparedness Team and the LEMC team will also assist.

If you would like to nominate to take on this role as a Bushfire Ready Facilitator then please contact Cher Groves, Local Recovery Coordinator, via [Cher.Groves@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:Cher.Groves@gingin.wa.gov.au) or call (08) 9575 5138.

### Save the Dates!

- **19 March – Shire of Gingin Community Funding Program closes at 4pm**  
Visit [www.gingin.wa.gov.au/community/funding-grants.aspx](http://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/community/funding-grants.aspx) for further information and to apply
- **21 March – Gingin Biennial Triathlon at the Gingin Recreation Grounds**  
Visit [www.gingin.wa.gov.au/events/](http://www.gingin.wa.gov.au/events/) for more details
- **10 April - Immerse Creative Arts Festival, Lancelin**  
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- **12-16 April - Youth Week Roadshow at various locations**  
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