

Council to Community

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Congratulations to Gingin on your 150th



Photo - Linda Balcombe

On behalf of Council, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Project Team, sponsors, volunteers and the community of Gingin on the occasion of your 150th Anniversary for the township of Gingin.

The 150th event, held in honour of the township of Gingin and its community, was simply a marvellous example of community spirit and hard work. In Western Australia only a small handful of communities have reached this momentous milestone. The 150th aimed to showcase the long and rich history of Gingin and what it means to be a resident of Gingin today with the event featuring many different activities. From the local produce to the history displays (showcasing Gingin's strong pioneering stories and links to both the metro area, coast and with the Yuat Nation just to name a few) to lost trade demonstrations, competitions, live entertainment, market stalls, fireworks and more – this event exceeded all expectations.

It is an absolute credit to the Project Team that was formed just 12 months ago that this event was ultimately so successful. Council and I have heard nothing but wonderful comments from event attendees in relation to the Gingin 150th with a great number expressing their wish to hold an event of this scale annually in Gingin.

Council and I would specifically like to acknowledge the Project Team who have worked so hard on this event over the past year. Our thanks to Aaron Crofts, Carolyn Brodie-Hall, Carrie Edwards, Dianne Miller, Kerry Fewster, Rachael Brown, Robert Brodie-Hall, Robert Kestel and Robyn Kapur. I would personally like to also acknowledge my fellow Councillors who were part of the Project Team – Cr Kim Rule and Cr Linda Balcombe and also Shire staff Amy Gibbs (Team Leader), Meredith Taylor and Miranda Wallace. All involved committed to undertaking countless hours of work behind the scenes in order to ensure the success of this event so my congratulations and thanks to you all.

To the many other Shire staff that also assisted in the preparation and running of this event – my thanks to you. From the various garden and road works undertaken by the Operations team prior to and during the event to the direction of traffic and support to the main project team by Administration staff on the day of the event – none of this



would have been possible without your support.

To the team at Hills Billy Cart Inc, Shalom House, the community volunteers and all the sponsors who contributed to this event – thank you and congratulations. Your contribution made this event a reality for the Gingin community and without your support, it would not have been possible.

To the community of Gingin – Council and I offer our congratulations. The Gingin 150th will go down as a significant event in Gingin's history and no doubt many of you now have special memories of this event.

To our residents in Guilderton, Lancelin, Ledge Point, Seabird and our estates – thank you for your support provided to your fellow community members in Gingin. Council and I look forward to the day that each of you also reach your respective milestones of 100 years and so forth since your gazettal. The events sure to be held then to mark those occasions Council and I are in no doubt will also create many more wonderful memories for our community residents.

Congratulations on your 150th Gingin. I hope that the next 150 years will continue to bring you more terrific community memories and opportunities as the township of Gingin continues to go from strength to strength.

Cr Wayne Fewster
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Council Sworn In – Shire President & Deputy Shire President Elected

Congratulations to the new Shire of Gingin Councillors duly sworn in at yesterday's Council Meeting by Mrs Margaret Greenwell JP.

Councillors Kim Rule and Frank Johnson were re-elected to office with Councillor Erik Sorensen being newly elected and Councillor Robert Kestel returning to office having previously served as a Councillor for the Shire in years past. Thank you to outgoing Councillors, James Morton and Jacquie Lobb, for their service to Council during the past 4 years.

Congratulations to Cr Wayne Fewster who was re-elected as the Shire President and to Cr Kim Rule who was also re-elected as the Deputy Shire President.

Council and the Shire would like to thank Mrs Greenwell for her services rendered as a JP for the ceremony. The new Council is looking forward to commencing their duties.

Are your Fire Breaks ready for inspection?

From 1 November inspections of your fire breaks and your property for hazard compliance will commence.

As a measure to control and/or prevent the spread of bush fires within the Shire of Gingin, all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire's district are required to clear fire breaks and maintain those fire breaks from November to May annually.

Your Fire Break Orders (issued by post earlier this year) contain instructions for what your requirements are. If you have misplaced your copy however, then copies are available online from the Shire's website. Visit www.gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-break-orders.

FIRE BREAK CONTRACTORS

Your orders also contain a list of Fire Break Contractors and their contact details if you need assistance with undertaking your fire breaks.

ADDITIONAL WORKS

Once inspections commence you may receive a works notice to undertake additional work. This happens from time to time when your fuel load is calculated to be too high by the

inspecting officer. You are encouraged in the first instance to contact the officer who issued the notice to discuss the required works if you have any queries. More information about fuel loads is available from the following fact sheet on the Shire's website - www.gingin.wa.gov.au/bush-fires-property-protection.

Together we can help reduce the bush fire risk for this bushfire season to ensure the safety of our community, firefighters and yourself.

Dog & Cat Registration Renewals are due from 1 November

All cats and dogs within WA are required to be microchipped and registered (dogs from 3 months + and cats from 6 months +) as per the *Dog Act 1976* and *Cat Act 2011*. Cats are also required to be sterilised unless exempt under the *Cat Act 2011*.

This is a reminder that dog and cat registration renewals expire as of 31 October annually so in order to renew, you need to touch base with the Shire from 1 November to undertake a renewal (unless your pet already has a Lifetime Registration). Registrations can be renewed for either one or three years. Lifetime registration is also available. Either download and complete the relevant form from our website (www.gingin.wa.gov.au/responsible-cat-dog-ownership) and email it back to us via mail@gingin.wa.gov.au or pop into either our Gingin Admin Centre or our Lancelin Office to complete the form and pay for your renewal. A breakdown of renewal fees as per the *Dog Act 1976* and *Cat Act 2011* can be viewed on the relevant registration forms

MOVED HOME OR CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?

Please update your pet's registration details with us if you've moved to the Shire of Gingin or within the Shire to a new address. By doing so, you will help us to be able to easily return your pet to you should they get lost.

If you have moved out of the Shire of Gingin, please touch base with your new local government to transfer your pet's details to them. You should also contact us when you move for your Registration Certificate to take to your new local government which will make it easier to do your pet transfer.

If you've changed your phone number or email then it is also a good idea to update those with us to in order to ensure we can contact you quickly should your pet end up in the pound.

HAS YOUR PET PASSED AWAY?

If your fur baby has passed away, please let us know so that we can update their details in our system.

If you have any queries regarding the registration of your pet, please contact the Shire's Rangers on (08) 9575 5140.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **1 November - Cat & Dog Registration Renewals due** Visit www.gingin.wa.gov.au/responsible-cat-dog-ownership to download a form to complete and return or visit a Shire office
- **1 November - Fire Break Inspections commence**
- **16 November - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin**
- **Rhyme & Story Time - every Monday at 9.30am at Gingin Library and every Wednesday at 9.30am at Lancelin Library**
Gingin - (08) 9575 5153 / Lancelin - (08) 9575 5155

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