

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Gingin Guilderton Lancelin Ledge Point Seabird



Invitation for Public Comment Draft Strategic Community Plan

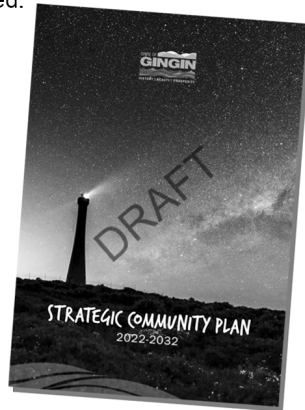
**Public comment is invited for the
draft Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032.**

The Strategic Community Plan (SCP) is a major component of the Shire of Gingin's Integrated Planning & Reporting Suite together with the Corporate Business Plan, Annual Budget and Annual Report. Under the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* each WA local government is required to have these documents and to review them regularly.

The SCP is currently undergoing a major review (which occurs every 4 years) with community consultation undertaken last June via a public survey and community workshops held in Gingin, Guilderton and Lancelin. The draft document has been built based on the feedback provided by the community at the time of this consultation. Council however, is now offering a second and final opportunity to the community to provide feedback for this document before it is officially adopted.

To provide comment on the draft Strategic Community Plan before it goes back to Council for formal adoption, please visit the Shire's website (gingin.wa.gov.au/forms/draft-strategic-community-plan-feedback/30) to complete the online form prior to the **closure of the comment period at 4pm on Thursday, 24 February 2022.**

Enquiries may be directed to mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.



Music & Memories in the Park

It may have been a windy evening but Gabbadah Park in Guilderton was the place to be on Saturday, 8 January for the Music in the Park event.

Over 350 people enjoyed the live performance by Perth band Coastal Drift while enjoying the chilled party vibe under the trees with family and friends.

Kids loved the Bucking Bull ride, slushies and glo-sticks while the adults kicked off their shoes for a few dances. Redfield Park First Aid Post hamburgers and sausage sizzle were such a huge hit they actually sold out.

This was the 8th Music in the Park event which is part of the Shire's annual Summer Suite of Events and this year was supported by Bendigo Bank.



Guilderton Boardwalk closed for Repairs

The boardwalk at Stephens Crescent in Guilderton has been temporarily closed after a recent inspection deemed it to be unsafe.

Shire staff are currently working on having repairs undertaken.

ENQUIRIES

Contact the Shire's Operations & Assets Department on (08) 9575 5100, option 7.

Restricted Burning Period

The Restricted Burning Period is due to commence from 1 March 2022 subject to conditions being appropriate.

Residents of the Shire of Gingin district wishing to undertake any burning between 1 March and 31 May are reminded that you will need to apply for a permit from your local Fire Control Officer (FCO) to burn any grass, paddocks, bush, etc. Refer to your Fire Break Orders (www.gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-breaks-bans-information) for a list of local FCOs.

REMEMBER – YOUR FIRE: YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

If you have misplaced your copy of your Fire Break Orders (posted to all rate payers last August) then copies are available for downloading from the Shire of Gingin's website – www.gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-breaks-bans-information.



REMEMBER - you must comply with the conditions set out on your Fire Permit. You are asked to comply with these conditions for a number of reasons including the safety of yourself and your neighbours.

Further enquiries may be directed to Phil Barrett, the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Gingin, on 0408 943 576.

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.

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.

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Guilderton Foreshore Ablution Works

From next week the Shire will be undertaking a series of works at the ablutions located on the foreshore in Guilderton. These works are being undertaken to address long outstanding issues and we trust that community members will exercise patience whilst these works are ongoing. The ablutions will remain open for public use but we ask that you please be aware of staff and contract workers moving in the vicinity undertaking these works.

Works will include plumbing upgrades, carpentry repairs/replacement, painting inside and out and a deep clean of the ablutions.



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Lawn Mowing during Fire Bans

Of late the Shire has been receiving a lot of queries in relation to lawn mowing and if you are allowed to undertake this when either a Total Fire Ban or a Harvest, Hot Works & Vehicle Movement Ban (or both) has been put on.

To clarify, DFES has advised on their website that "this depends on how the equipment is powered. The operation of any equipment powered by an internal combustion engine on bush, crop, pasture or stubble (including residential grass/lawns) is not allowed. Exceptions may apply if the equipment is part of an agricultural activity and the local government hasn't implemented a Harvest Vehicle Movement Ban during the Total Fire Ban. There are further exceptions for business and industry (e.g. a lawn mowing business) where the conditions prescribed in the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954* are met, which include notifying DFES.

Electric or battery powered equipment or machinery can be used. However, activities that may cause sparks (e.g. mowing dry grass) should be postponed."

To summarise: it is preferred that if you can postpone it then you do so. However, if it's urgent that it be done then provided your grass isn't dried out then it can be done. This is subject to the provision however that it be done with either an electric or battery powered lawn mower. Or if you are a contractor/business undertaking mowing works and you have met the conditions prescribed under the Act and have notified DFES, then you are also permitted.

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Contact the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Phil Barrett, on 0408 943 576 during office hours.

Do you know how your Council operates?

Western Australia's Constitution requires that the State Government establish local governments to provide services for the community.

Local Governments are the closest tier of government to the community and are established under the *Local Government Act 1995*. This Act sets out that the general functions of a local government are to:

- Provide for good government;
- Provide services and facilities to meet the community's needs;
- Deliver services effectively and efficiently; and
- Be accountable to the community.

A Local Government comprises two parts – a Council and an Administration. The Council is responsible for:

- Setting the strategic direction of the council;
- Determining the range and scope of services to be provided;
- Approving the Annual Budget;
- Ensuring an appropriate administration structure; and
- Adopting policies.

The Council is made up of Councillors (also known as elected members) and the President or Mayor. Our Council is led by a President, (Towns and Cities are led by Mayors). The President does not have any more power than other Councillors but does have extra duties to perform such as chairing Council meetings, carrying out civic and ceremonial functions, liaising with the CEO and speaking on behalf of the local government.

The duties of a Councillor are to:

- Represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents;
- Provide leadership and guidance to the community;
- Facilitate communication between the community and the Council; and
- Participate in the local government's decision-making processes at Council and committee meetings.

Councillors have no power to act individually and decisions are made collectively at Council meetings.

To find out what the duties of the Administration is, how Councillors are elected, how you can participate in Council Meetings (Petitions, Deputations) and how to contact your local Councillor, please visit the Shire's website - www.gingin.wa.gov.au.

All of your Councillors (no matter where they live in the Shire) represent all community members across the Shire. If you have an issue you would like one of your Councillors to speak about on your behalf to the rest of Council then please contact them.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **20 February - Lancelin Triathlon at 7am in Lancelin**
Find out more via the Shire's website/Facebook page
- **24 February - Public comment period for the draft Strategic Community Plan closes at 4pm**
- **15 March - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin**
- **18 March - Community Funding Program application period closes. Apply via gingin.wa.gov.au/funding-and-grants**