

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Gingin Guilderton Lancelin Ledge Point Seabird



Adoption of the Strategic Community Plan

At its Council Meeting held Tuesday, 15 March 2022 Council adopted the revised Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032 (SCP).

Community consultation for the major review of the SCP was undertaken in June 2021 via several community workshops and an online survey where we asked the community 'how do you imagine our future?' An additional opportunity to provide comment on the draft plan was offered from January - February 2022.

The Strategic Community Plan is the overarching document which informs Council around community direction. It is fed by community feedback and reviewed every 2 years (minor) and 4 years (major). The aspirations set out in the SCP guide the setting of priorities for the Corporate Business Plan and funding allocations under the Annual Budget. These three plans, together with the Annual Report, form the Shire's Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework (sometimes known as the IRP Suite).

Council thanks the community for their feedback on this plan. Without it, Council does not have any strategic direction. A copy of the SCP can be viewed/downloaded from the Shire's website (www.gingin.wa.gov.au/reports-and-publications) or alternatively a hardcopy is available from either the Shire's Gingin Administration Centre or our Lancelin Office.



Is your soil really safe? Test it today

The benefits of growing produce in your own backyard are well recognised. However, less well known is the effect soil contaminants can have on backyard produce and human health.

Macquarie University is focusing in on potential metal contaminants in garden soils through their soil testing program VegeSafe. VegeSafe provides Australians the opportunity to submit soil samples for analysis and get advice for remedial action if contamination is present at unacceptable levels.

For more information (including how to get involved) visit the VegeSafe website - www.360dustanalysis.com.



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Thank you to CU@Park for sponsoring the 2021 Rates Incentive Prize Night.

Restricted Burning Period commenced 29 March 2022

The Prohibited Burning Period has ended with the Restricted Burning Period now commenced. This period will run from 29 March to 31 May 2022 although the end date may be extended if conditions remain dry and the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Fire Control Officers (FCO) judge that it remains unsafe to end the Restricted Period on the proposed date.

During the Restricted Burning Period you need to apply for a Permit from your local Fire Control Officer (FCO) (refer to your Firebreak Orders posted out to ratepayers last year for your area's FCO and their contact number - www.gingin.wa.gov.au/fire-breaks-bans-information) at least 1 week before you burn.

PLEASE BE KIND TO YOUR LOCAL FCO

The public is requested to please remember that FCOs are volunteers first and foremost. When interacting with your local FCO please observe the following:

- Please contact your local FCO between the hours of 7am - 7pm only. Outside of these hours is completely unacceptable. Our FCOs are volunteers with families and jobs/businesses outside of their FCO duties. Please respect their right to their own time.
- The refusal of a fire permit is final. Please respect the FCO's decision. By not issuing permits until it is considered safe to do so, FCOs are protecting you (the permit holder) from the risk of prosecution should a controlled burn escape. Please be patient and treat your local FCO with kindness.

Enquiries

Please contact Phil Barrett, Chief Bush Fire Control Office, on 0408 943 576 during office hours.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN APPLYING FOR A PERMIT

- Contact your local FCOs first
- Leave a message if you don't receive an answer. No message = no call back
- Be polite - rude/abusive phone calls, messages & texts will be declined by the FCO
- If you can't get one local FCO, try another local one. They may be at work or on holidays if you don't hear back in 48 hours
- If after that point you still haven't heard back, call any other FCO in the Shire. Refer to the list in your Fire Break Orders

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Health Star Ratings for Packaged Foods

New changes are coming to the Health Star Rating System (www.healthstarrating.gov.au), making it easier for consumers to choose healthier packaged foods. These changes include adjustments to the star rating calculation for certain foods and drinks. Less healthy nutrients, such as sodium (salt) and sugar, will reduce a star rating more significantly, and dairy foods will be adjusted according to the type of dairy product (e.g. dairy-based desserts). To help consumers understand all the changes, a new consumer fact sheet has been released (<https://tinyurl.com/mtdzuxwv>). The front-of-pack labelling system rates the overall healthiness of products and assigns a rating from a half star to 5 stars based on the nutritional profile of a product, weighing up the nutrients and ingredients you want more of compared to ones you should limit.

For any specific questions, contact frontofpack@health.gov.au.

Vacant Position

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING OFFICER Full Time

The Shire of Gingin is pleased to offer an excellent employment opportunity for a Communications and Marketing Officer to join the Chief Executive Officer's team working at the Gingin Administration Centre.

This position will be responsible for the development and coordination of all communication, media and marketing strategies and programs to effectively inform the community and promote a positive image of the Shire of Gingin. Previous experience in the communications and marketing environment will be highly regarded.

The position is a Band 7 of the Local Government Industry Award 2020, which is a salary of between \$71,100 and \$74,899.65 per annum dependant on experience and level of skill, plus superannuation up to 15% superannuation.

To Apply

Applicants may view a copy of the Position Description and apply online via www.gingin.wa.gov.au/employment-opportunities. Alternatively written applications may be emailed to mail@gingin.wa.gov.au or posted to Mr Aaron Cook, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Gingin, PO Box 510, Gingin WA 6503 and marked "Private & Confidential" **by 4pm on Friday, 29 April 2022**. A police clearance and medical check will be required later in the process.

Applications should include a Cover Letter outlining their interest in the position, a separate document (maximum of 3 pages) regarding their ability to meet the requirements of the role as outlined in the Selection Criteria (refer pages 1 & 2 of the Position Description) and a current CV.

Enquiries

- Genesia Koorasingh, Human Resources – (08) 9575 5124
- Aaron Cook, Chief Executive Officer – (08) 9575 5125

Note: Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify your application.

Aaron Cook
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Safe use of Commercial Garden Soils

Cases of Legionnaires' Disease commonly increase during Autumn and Spring as gardeners get back outside and start using packaged potting mixes and bulk soil supplies. This disease can be deadly for the elderly or people with a weakened immune systems.

The Shire promotes the safe use of commercial garden soils and encourages the community to follow health advice in their use, particularly by our elderly residents.

Further information is available on the Department of Health's website - www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/J_M/Minimising-the-risk-of-a-Legionella-infection-at-home.

Have you changed your name or address?

If you move home, change your name or a family member has recently become deceased, please let us know promptly by updating your contact details with us including if you have any pets (dogs, cats, etc.) that have moved location with you.

By not telling us you may miss out on receiving notices from the Shire which could result in the issuing of an infringement. Other scenarios include not being able to contact you to return your pet or livestock if lost and impounded by Shire Rangers.

If you have changed your name don't forget that not only do you need to update your details with us but you will also need to ensure that your details have been updated on the Certificate of Title for your property with Landgate (www.landgate.wa.gov.au).

To update your details download the online form on our website from www.gingin.wa.gov.au/rates.

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=24.

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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SAVE THE DATES!

- **19 April - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin**
- **29 April - Submission period closes at 4pm for proposed Woodridge Roadhouse.**
To make a submission visit www.gingin.wa.gov.au/news/public-community-invited-for-proposed-roadhouse-in-woodridge/289
- **17 May - Ordinary Council Meeting at 3pm at the Shire Administration Centre, Gingin**