

Council to Community

Shire news and information for our Gingin country communities

General News & Information

Shire Receives Most Accessible Community Award

At the WALGA AGM on Monday 3 October, the Shire of Gingin won two Most Accessible Community Awards for the Gingin Outdoor Activity Space project.

The GOAS project was nominated by Shire staff for the MACWA Infrastructure and Public Open Space Inclusion and Accessibility category, which was won by the Shire and who also received the MACWA Overall Winner award.

The Shire was up against some very stiff competition, including the Cities of Kalamunda, Fremantle and Perth, and to win both awards was formal recognition of an outstanding and most-deserving community-led project.

Accepting the awards was Shire President Wayne Fewster who was attending the WALGA AGM with Cr Andrea Vis and Shire CEO Aaron Cook.

Photo L-R: City of Albany Mayor and Regional Capitals Alliance of WA Chair Dennis Wellington, award sponsor and General Manager of Idea2Life Mark Vella, Shire President Wayne Fewster, and MACWA Ambassador Cr Melissa Northcott from City of Armadale.



Woodridge Horse & Pony Club Special Achievements

Congratulations to the Woodridge Equestrian Centre for a remarkable few months of competition. A number of junior local riders represented Woodridge and successfully placed at the recent Pony Club WA State Show Jump event, and the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championship.

The Woodridge Horse & Pony Club have also been busy fundraising so they can send members to the prestigious Equitana event in Melbourne. In addition to receiving 18 free tickets, they've managed to raise over \$3,000 with the help of generous community and local business support.

And a special 'well done' to Chenin Hislop who has been chosen to represent WA at this month's Pony Club International Dressage event. Chenin will be competing in USDF Training Level Test 1 which is being judged by Pony Club Canada. All the very best Chenin!

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Asbestos Awareness Month



STOP PLAYING RENOVATION ROULETTE!
it's not worth the risk!

National Asbestos Awareness Month (1–30 November) aims to draw attention to the dangers of asbestos when renovating or building homes, particularly during the current renovation boom and tradie shortage.

With deadly asbestos lying hidden in one-third of Aussie homes and as the popularity of renovating continues, there are increasing concerns that homeowners are taking avoidable risks with asbestos, jeopardising their health and the health of others when doing DIY renovations. Tradies are also at risk because they're more likely to come into contact with asbestos in their day-to-day work.

If you're planning to renovate a building that was constructed before 1990, please visit asbestosawareness.com.au where you'll find user-friendly, potentially life-saving information.

GDHS Student Council Experience the 'Real Deal'

Last month, the Shire's Ordinary Council Meeting was brought forward a bit earlier so the Gingin District High School Student Council could attend and experience first hand how a local government runs a meeting.

It provided great insight for the students and gave them something to compare to their own meetings.

The GDHS Student Council meets every week at school with their teachers Ms Kapor and Mrs Morton, and then once a term they attend the Shire Office to hold their own formal meeting in the Council Chambers with assistance from Shire's Community Development Officer, Olivia Forbes.

The Shire is always pleased to support this initiative which helps to encourage youth leadership within our community, and it is great to see the students interact with each other to help organise projects, fundraisers, and events for their school.

Pictured below: several of the GDHS Student Councillors and their teachers Robyn Kapor and Kym Morton with the current Shire of Gingin Council.



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Projects Update

Guilderton Gets a Fabulous Fish!

Locals and visitors to Guilderton will have another work of art to admire with the installation of a characterful fish sculpture on the foreshore, which was designed and created by artist Adrian Toomey.

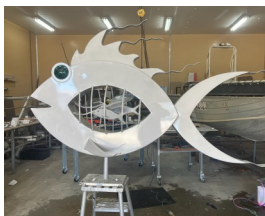
The project has been made possible through the efforts of Anne Gilkes, Kerry Jones, Joel Collins, and Bruce Maguire from the Moore Arts GCA group who raised the funds, and was supported by the Shire's annual Community Funding Program.

The sculpture will now form part of the Guilderton Arts Trail.

Anyone interested in Adrian's work can contact him at:

oceangallery@bigpond.com.

The Fabulous Fish!



And it's on! Artist Adrian Toomey with his newly installed sculpture

Shire staff installing the pole



Council Decisions

The following decisions were made by Council at the Shire's **October** Ordinary Council Meeting:

- Variation of operating hours for take-away coffee outlet on Lot 1 (86A) Gingin Road, Lancelin during Lancelin Wind Festival—*approved by Council*.
- Application for Amended Development Approval for proposed composing facility on Lot 10 (1340) Wannamal Road West, Boonanarring—*approved by Council*.
- Unbudgeted expenditure to repair floodway crossings on Maria and Laura Roads, Wanerie—*approved by Council*.
- In addition, 12 other items were presented to / deliberated by Council.

More details on the above items of business and any other matters from this meeting can be found in the Meeting Minutes which are available for viewing at gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

Firebreak & Bushfire Reminders

Have You Maintained Your Firebreak Correctly?

As part of their routine firebreak inspections, our Rangers have noticed that some firebreaks have not been installed properly.

Just a reminder that firebreaks must be **3m wide** with a minimum **vertical clearance of 4m**, and be installed by 1 November.



Do You Have a FIREPROOF Plan?

In a bushfire, indecision can be deadly. Having a fireproof plan will give you, your family, and property the best chance of survival.

Discuss three simple questions below with your household and neighbours:

1. WHEN will you leave?
2. WHERE will you go?
3. WHAT will you take?

Complete or improve your plan with the bushfire survival planner at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. A bushfire plan can help keep you and your family safe. Create one now in under 15 minutes.



For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/prepare

Save the Dates!

Woodridge Spring Fair—Sunday 6 November, 9.00am-4.00pm at King Drive, Woodridge.

Lancelin Night Market—Wednesday 9 November, 4.30pm-8.30pm at Wangaree Park.

Seniors' Week Movie Matinee Event—Wednesday 9 November. Screening of "Elvis" at Gingin Men's Shed.

Ordinary Council Meeting—Tuesday 15 November at 3.00pm, Shire of Gingin Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Focus On Art Photography Workshop with Dale Neill—19-20 November at Guilderton Community Hall.

Guilderton Arts & Craft Markets—Sunday 18 December, 9.00am—1.00pm, Gabbadah Park

For more information on these events, please go to the **Events Calendar** on gingin.wa.gov.au.

If you have a community event to promote in the Shire, please email Olivia at cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au and we will include it on our Events Calendar and promote it on our Facebook page.