

## COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

### Shire of Gingin Firefighters Leave for Canada

Our very best wishes and thoughts are with Evan Lawrence, Nikki Woods, James Morton and Tom Kusters who have been selected to form part of the WA contingent to assist with wildfire containment efforts in Canada.

Career firefighter Evan, and volunteer firefighters Nikki, James and Tom have approximately 4.5 weeks of arduous firefighting ahead of them and will be assisting the Canadian authorities protect communities from the devastating wildfires that have broken out across the country over the last 2 months.



The Australian contingent will form part of a larger international contingent of firefighters from Europe, Africa, NZ, and Central & South America. We expect the team home mid-August.

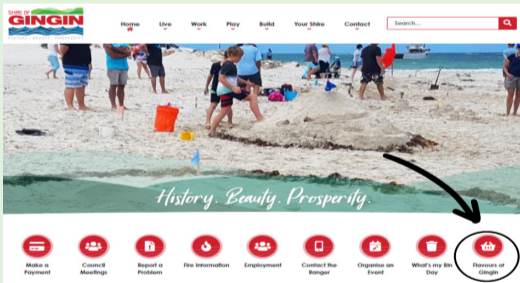
### New Electric Vehicle Charging Station in Lancelin

The newly installed electric vehicle (EV) station located on Rock Way adjacent Wangaree Park in Lancelin is now fully operational. The new EV station is the first for the Shire and features charging ports for two vehicles and a Paymate EFTPOS/credit card facility with options to pay by RFID card or an app. It will allow drivers to top up their electric vehicles and get to the next location in as little as 15 minutes.



### Flavours of Gingin Website is Live

A dedicated website for the Shire's Flavours of Gingin event is now live. The new website contains information about the event, what's on offer and how to get involved by being a stallholder, sponsor or entertainment vendor. You can find its quick link on the home page of the Shire's website [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au) or go to [flavoursofgingin.com](http://flavoursofgingin.com).



### Council Decisions

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

- Decommissioning of the Guilderton Fire Shed and reclassifying it for municipal use - *approved by Council.*
- Inclusion of Community Funding Program amounts in draft 2023-24 budget for consideration - *agreed by Council.*
- Consideration for the purchase of Lot 7 Dewar Road, Granville for future Gingin Sporting Precinct - *agreed by Council.*
- Application for Development Approval for proposed extractive industry (sand & limestone) on Lot 31 Douglas Road, Beermullah subject to conditions - *approved by Council.*

In addition, 10 other items were presented to/deliberated by Council.

More information on the decisions from this Council meeting can be found in the Meeting Minutes which are available for viewing at [gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings](http://gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings), or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

### Have Your Say! Coastal Management Documents – Infosessions & Call for Public Comment

The Shire of Gingin is entering the final phase of its 'Our Coast. Our Journey' project. We are now seeking public comment on the revised integrated Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) and Coastal Management Strategy (CMS) documents prior to Council adoption.

As part of the consultation process, we are hosting two (2) community information sessions. Both sessions will be a drop-in style with final draft documents, information, maps, and background reports available for review. We will also have a number of key project personnel available for your individual questions and to enable you to best make a submission.

#### DROP-IN SESSION ONE – LANCELIN

Saturday 12 August 2023, 10am - 12.30 pm  
Wangaree Community Centre, 131 Gingin Rd, Lancelin



#### DROP-IN SESSION TWO – SEABIRD

Saturday 19 August 2023, 10am – 12.30pm  
Seabird Hall, Chalon Avenue, Seabird

To access the documents and for more information, please scan the QR code or visit the Community Consultation section on the home page of the Shire's website [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au).

We encourage everyone to have a say on this important topic. Send us your feedback by email, post, or by dropping your submissions into the Shire offices, details below:

- Shire of Gingin Administration Centre, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin
- Lancelin Office, 255 Vins Way, Lancelin
- PO Box 510, Gingin WA 6503
- Email: [mail@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@gingin.wa.gov.au)

Submissions close 4pm, **Monday 28 August 2023.**

### Project Updates

Our Operations teams will be undertaking the following works and projects in August:

- CWA Building - floor replacement.
- CU@Park - drainage works.
- Lancelin Sporting Complex - continuation of works to resolve water tank issues.
- Routine maintenance works throughout the Shire.

### Save the Dates!

**Coastal Management Infosessions - Lancelin:** Saturday 12 August, 10am - 12.30pm & **Seabird:** Saturday 19 August, 10am - 12.30pm (see previous article for more details).

**Local Government Election Candidate Information Session -** Tuesday 22 August from 6pm, Guilderton Hall.

**Flavours of Gingin Long Table Dinner (ticketed event)** - 10 November (visit [flavoursofgingin.com](http://flavoursofgingin.com) for more information).

**Flavours of Gingin** - 11 November 10am - 11pm, Granville Park, Gingin.

For more information on these events, please go to the Events Calendar on [gingin.wa.gov.au](http://gingin.wa.gov.au).

### Celebrating Our Elders in Guilderton



On 5 July, the Shire of Gingin hosted its "For Our Elders" event in celebration of NAIDOC week at the Guilderton Foreshore. Yued Elder Darryl Dawson facilitated the Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and sharing of indigenous history of the region. He also shared his personal connection to the area and performed a didgeridoo presentation. Members of the community braved the winter weather and enjoyed the opportunity for learning as well as the free sausage sizzle, Aboriginal artwork stall, and special craft activities for the kids.

### Protocols for Public Question Time

Historically the Shire hasn't received many questions during Public Question Time, and for that reason Council has not felt a need to strictly apply the Local Law provisions.

However, members of the public are increasingly taking the opportunity to put questions to Council. To ensure that Public Question Time is conducted effectively and efficiently, and all members of the public wishing to ask questions get an opportunity to do so, the following protocols are now in place for all Council meetings:

- A period of 15 minutes will be allocated for Public Question Time in accordance with reg. 6 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.
- Each member of the public with questions will be permitted to ask up to three (3) questions before other members of the public are invited to ask their questions. If a person wishes to ask more than three questions, then that person will be given the opportunity to ask further questions only if time permits once all others wishing to ask questions have been given the opportunity to do so. If more than one person has further questions, then each person will be permitted to ask one further question in turn until all questions have been answered or the allotted time expires (whichever occurs first).
- Questions of which prior written notice has been given to the CEO will be prioritized.

### Local Government Elections 2023 Candidate Information Session

The 2023 local government election for the Shire of Gingin will be conducted as a postal election by the WA Electoral Commission in October.

There are six (6) vacancies to be contested at this election.

If you are interested in standing for election as a Council member, a Candidate Information Session will be held as follows:

**Date & Time:** Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 6.00pm.

**Venue:** Guilderton Hall, Wedge St, Guilderton (next to Guilderton Country Club).

Potential candidates can register their attendance by contacting Lee-Anne Burt, Coordinator Governance, on 9575 5130 or email [Lee-Anne.Burt@gingin.wa.gov.au](mailto:Lee-Anne.Burt@gingin.wa.gov.au).

### Greenwaste Kerbside Collection

Each year the Shire of Gingin undertakes a green waste kerbside collection service for Residential and Rural Residential properties. This year's collection is scheduled to follow the King's Birthday Long Weekend which falls on 23-25 September. Residents wishing to take advantage of this service will need to have green waste placed on the verge no later than **Monday 25 September 2023.**

### Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2024 - Nominations Open!



Nominations are now open for the 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Awards presented annually on Australia Day, 26 January. Nominating is the perfect opportunity to acknowledge those making an outstanding contribution to the Shire of Gingin community. Nominations close on **31 October 2023**. To nominate please visit: [citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate](http://citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate).