

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

Inspiring Videos for National Volunteer Week 2023

From 15 - 21 May 2023, the Shire of Gingin celebrated all the volunteers who do such valuable work in our community.

With the support of Volunteering WA, our Community Services team produced a series of videos which tell the stories of a number of our very own volunteers.

We would like to thank Rob, Sylvia, Robin, Wendy and Harlan for sharing their stories and for being inspiring role models within our community.

If you would like to watch the videos, you can find them on the Shire of Gingin's Facebook page or Youtube channel.

Ever thought about getting involved as a volunteer? Why not get in touch with one of our community groups. Visit gingin.wa.gov.au/local-organisations-clubs-and-facilities.



Project Updates

Our Operations teams will be undertaking the following works and projects in the next couple of months.

- Guilderton Bowling Club gravel carpark upgrade including repositioning of the gate.
- Topping up of soft fall in playgrounds throughout the Shire.
- Planning the Moore River boardwalk repair in Guilderton.
- Removal of shade sails at the GOAS and Aquatic Centre for the winter season.
- Tree pruning throughout the Shire.
- Commence GPS mapping of reticulation and irrigation solenoids, bores, meter boxes, and septic tanks throughout Shire.
- Continuation of grading and rolling gravel roads throughout Shire.
- Test/tag electrical items, fire equipment checks, and maintenance, termite and pest control checks, and treatments to Shire buildings and assets.

Community Consultation – Surveys Open!

We currently have **three** surveys open to the community – more information and links to each one can be found on the **Community Consultation page** of the Shire's website gingin.wa.gov.au.

Resident Perception Survey 2023

The Shire is now undertaking its Resident Perception Survey, results of which will help us plan for the future and inform our two-yearly review of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan. The Shire has engaged Research Solutions as an independent research company to administer the survey. This year, we are providing our community the option to complete either a long and short version of the survey.

Survey closing date – 30 June 2023.

Youth Survey for Parents, Guardians & People Who Work with Young People

We received many thoughtful and insightful responses to the recent Youth Survey, and now we want to hear from parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, or anyone who interacts or works with individuals aged 10-25 years.

Survey closing date – 16 June 2023.

Juniper Home & Community Care Survey

Service provider of care, accommodation, and support services for older Western Australians – Juniper – is currently conducting a survey to gain a better understanding of the home and community care needs of residents living in the Shire of Gingin. They are keen to understand how many community members are accessing a Home Care Package or Commonwealth Support Program, as well as how many members need support but have not yet tried to access services.

Survey closing date – 30 June 2023.

Unrestricted Burning Period in Effect

The Shire of Gingin entered its Unrestricted Burning period from 2 May to 30 September and permits to burn are not required during this time.

While there are no fire restrictions on burning during this period, we encourage everyone to be vigilant and responsible for their burns. This includes the good practise of letting neighbours know you are planning to burn, and registering your burn with DFES on 9395 9209.

Honeycomb Standpipe - Temporary Closure

Please be advised that the Honeycomb standpipe, located on Honeycomb Rd in Gingin, is temporarily closed until further notice. Once the standpipe is operational again, we will provide an update.

In the meantime, users are asked to seek alternate sources for non-potable water collection, and we thank the community for your cooperation.

Council Decisions

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

- Development approval for an expansion to the existing Extractive Industry (sand and limestone) on Lot 222 (280) Caraban Road, Caraban – *approved by Council subject to conditions.*
- Development approval for a Rural Industry (Wheat Milling Plant) at Lot 42 Hoy Road, Coonabidgee – *approved by Council subject to conditions.*
- Development approval for two (2) chalets on Lot 413 (598) Caraban Road, Caraban – *approved by Council subject to conditions.*

In addition, 5 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, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

Celebrating Youth Week

Youth Week (14 - 22 April) celebrates the unique and important contribution that people aged 10 - 25 bring to the community, and this year the Shire was pleased to hold a number of events for our young people.

Youth Fun Day

This year's Youth Fun Day was held on Wednesday 19 April at Gabbadah Park in Guilderton, and the day was jam packed with activities, including the Game Vault trailer, Ninja obstacle course, live reptile handling, mechanical bucking bull ride, and free sausage sizzle cooked by the Guilderton Community Association.



Holyoake and the Bindoon Suicide Prevention team were also on-site having important conversations with youth about mental health and the harm of drug and alcohol use.

Barefoot Bowls



This inaugural event for youth over the age of 18 was a great success. Held at the the Gingin Bowling Club on Friday 21 April, club volunteers taught the group of mostly beginner bowlers a new bowling game called Jack Attack which allowed for a fun, friendly competition that was suitable for everyone's skill level.

While there were only a few shining examples of bowling finesse, a great time was had by all, with plenty of spot prizes and tasty food. Special thanks to Stephen Fewster and Steve Beckwith from the Gingin Bowling Club for facilitating the evening.

End of Season Pool Party

Youth Week finished off with a perfect blue-sky day for the end-of-season pool party at the Gingin Aquatic Centre on Saturday 22 April which consisted of lawn games, giant floaties, sausage sizzle, and lots of swimming. Everyone enjoyed the visit from Walter and Wendy, the Watch Around Water mascots.



Save the Dates!

Lancelin Night Market – Sunday 4 June 2023, 4:30pm - 8:30pm, Wangaree Park, Lancelin.

Becoming an Elected Council Member Forum – Wednesday 7 June, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, DLGSCI Leederville Office, 246 Vincent Street Leederville.

Gingin Red Cross Morning Tea and Lawn Bowls - Thursday 1 June and Friday 9 June, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Gingin Bowling Club.

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

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

Sponsor in Focus - Bendigo Bank

Proudly supporting the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme

On 25 March Bendigo Bank was pleased to organise and host a networking luncheon in Gingin to celebrate International Women's Day 2023. This year's theme was 'embracing equality' with a focus on women in business. The event attracted over 80 attendees as well as 12 local small business stall holders who held a mini market on the day. Guest speakers included Ashlee Harrison from Zero2Hero, 2022 Women's Lawyer of the Year Shayla Strapp, and several local business advisors from Business Local – Wheatbelt. Local musician Savannah Solomon provided entertainment and catering was supplied by a new local start up business. The day was a huge success with proceeds donated to local Scouts group and Zero2Hero. Following on from this event there have been discussions on holding more networking sessions to support women in the Gingin Shire business community.

