

Country & Coast

Shire of Gingin News & Information

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Welcome to Country & Coast!

Welcome to the new look Shire of Gingin monthly newsletter! After 13 years as "Council to Community" we decided it was time to review the layout of the newsletter to make it a more attractive, easier-to-read experience, as well as give it a name that reflects and brings together the country and coastal elements of our region.

The new look has come about from suggestions we received from community members, and a Shire staff "Name that Newsletter" competition for the best, most appropriate new name. We received lots of terrific suggestions from the staff who got to vote for their favourite. The top four most popular names were then provided to Council who made the final decision. Congratulations to staff

members Jarrad Davies and Lee-Anne Burt who both suggested "Country & Coast".

Country & Coast Shire news will continue to be published in the Northern Valley News, Coastal Courier, Gingin Buzz, and Moore River News each month. In addition, a digital version can be emailed to subscribers or viewed on our website and Facebook page.

One of the suggestions we received was making printed copies available at locations around the Shire each month for anyone preferring this option – we are in the process of making this happen and we'll provide an update on where you can pick up a copy soon.

We hope you like and enjoy the new look.

Council Decisions

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

- Replacement of Air Conditioner in Lancelin Sporting Complex - Carried.
- Application for Alistair 'Sid' Mclean Memorial Seat, Lancelin – Alternative Motion Carried.
- Release of Reserve Funds for Ambulance Purchases (Unbudgeted Expenditure) - Carried.

In addition, 25 other items were 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.

Meet your Councillors!

Cr Jason Weeks



Congratulations Jason on your election to Council last October. **How long have you lived in the Shire of Gingin?** I've been a regular since the late 1980s and lived in the Shire for around 16 years. **Can you tell us a bit about your background?** I joined the RAAF straight out of school, then worked in television, sales, tourism, marketing, and mine site and wind farm construction. I also compete and commentate at various national surfing competitions. **What Shire issues are you passionate about?** Preserving and enriching the unique lifestyle options in the Shire. I want to retain the uniquely "country" feel. I am a strong advocate for animal welfare, and am proud of the work our commercial fisheries have done to develop and maintain

a world class sustainable rock lobster fishery. **What do you appreciate most about the Shire?** I love the fact that we are able to drive along the beaches to enjoy our leisure time. The major appeal to me is the diversity of landscapes and lifestyles contained within our borders. **How do you envision the Shire of Gingin to look in 10-20 years?** My vision is to have controlled growth, so that we may share with others and make room for new residents to enjoy and appreciate all that the Shire has to offer, without sacrificing those attributes which make it the unique jewel that our Shire is.

Moore River Bacteria Update

The Shire can advise that the most recent samples taken from the mouth of Moore River have returned to normal.

We have also commenced testing at the Caraban Rocks (rope swing) area and the preliminary results have detected the potential presence of an amoeba which may pose a health risk for swimmers and requires

further testing, and Health Department Safety signage is in place.

Testing will continue on a weekly basis for the next few weeks whilst the weather is hot and river usage is high.



Japanese Entomologists Visit Gingin

On Monday 22 January The Stable Fly Action Group Inc (SFAG) and the Shire of Gingin were delighted to host a delegation of two Japanese professors and eight entomology science students from Kyushu University on a nine-day stable fly study tour in WA. The delegation was formally welcomed at the Shire Council Chambers by Hon Shane Love MLA, Shire President Cr Wayne Fewster, and SFAG Chairman Bob Wilson. Attendees also included representatives from DPIRD and Vegetables WA, Shire staff and Councillors, and SFAG Committee members.

The visit provided a rare opportunity to share stable fly science and management for both countries. Attendees learnt that stable

fly entomology research being carried out at Kyushu University concentrates mainly on biological control of the fly, whereas here in WA where the fly is endemic in the environment, the focus is on management of the fly's breeding source, such as in vegetable crop residue under irrigation.

SFAG Chairman Bob Wilson commented after the event: 'The SFAG committee would like to thank all the people that made the Japanese delegation's visit to Australia such a positive experience'.



Project Updates

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

- Constable St, Gingin - footpath upgrade.
- Scout hall ablation block - asbestos roof removal and replacement.
- Mooliabeenee Road reconstruction.
- Granville Hall - power board upgrade.

CU@Park Cafe Temporary Closure

CU@Park Café in Gingin will be closed for approximately 4 more weeks so that remedial works to the inside flooring and walls can be completed.

Woodridge Bore Operational

We advise the Woodridge community lawns has now been replaced and is back in providing water to the service again.

Granville Park Lawn Restoration

Our Operations team have been busy with lawn restoration and planting works in Granville Park between the church and Gingin Brook.

They have now finished planting the runners which will take about 8 weeks to establish. This means extra watering is required

and temporary additional reticulation will come on between 6:00 - 6:30am, 10:30-11:00am, 3:00-3:30pm and 5:30-6:00pm daily.

We ask everyone to please avoid using the lawn area while the restoration is in progress.

What's on

In the Shire of Gingin?

Laps for Life Challenge!

1 March - 31 March, Gingin Aquatic Centre, Gingin.

Lancelin Primary School Monster Fete

3 March, 9am - 1pm, Lancelin Primary School, Lancelin.

Arts in the Park Exhibition

15 & 16 March, 10am - 4pm, Granville Civic Centre, Gingin.

Arts in the Park

Saturday 16 March, 4pm - 9pm, Granville Park, Gingin.

Easter Art Show & Sales

Saturday 30 March, 9am - 2pm, Guilderton Community Hall, Guilderton.

Moore Men's Shed Open Day

Saturday 30 March, 9am - 2pm, Wedge Street, Guilderton.

Easter Egg Hunt & Live Music

Saturday 30 March, 10am - 1pm, Gabbadah Park, Guilderton.

Gingin Easter Hunt

Sunday 31 March, 10am - 11:30am, Granville Park, Gingin.

Lancelin Arts Festival

Saturday 6 April, 10am - 3pm, Wangaree Park, Lancelin.

Youth Fun Day

Wednesday 10 April, 10am - 2am, Woodridge Community Hall, Woodridge.

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

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

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