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Budget Bulletin

2024-25

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Message from the

Shire President



Welcome to the Shire of Gingin's Budget Bulletin for 2024-25.

For the 2024-25 financial year the Shire's annual budget has been set at **\$41.02 million** which is the largest annual Shire budget set to date. It includes a Capital Works Program of \$12.56 million, a substantial Annual Roads Program of \$7.73 million, and a Plant Replacement Program of \$2.37 million.

With a 6% rates increase this financial year, rates revenue is expected to be \$11.07 million, with the balance generated from State and Federal grants, as well as fees and charges. This year's budget was another tight one to balance as we continue to battle rising costs of doing business along with the considerable infrastructure needs of our rural and coastal communities, particularly those pertaining to roads, built environment, and ageing and unavailable plant.

Big ticket **capital works projects** this year include continuing major upgrades for Guilderton Caravan Park, Lancelin Sporting Complex bowling green upgrade, and major works to the Lancelin Independent Living Units.

Major **road projects** prioritised this budget include Cullalla Road, Wannamal Road West, Orange Springs Road, and Sadler Road.

Among the Shire's **plant for replacement** are two prime movers, a water tanker, bush fire brigade fire tanker, and light tanker. A detailed list of all projects can be found on the next page.

We are also progressing **waste management reform** for the Shire to bring us in line with WA Government's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who has supported Council and the Administration through another challenging year. I'm also very grateful for the dedication of the Staff who, at times, have to work in some difficult situations and do a great job in the process. Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow elected members for their continued support and commitment to our communities.

Cr Wayne Fewster
Shire President



Tip Pass Update!

You may be wondering why there isn't a new tip pass in your Rates envelope this year - this is because we are changing over to a new system!

In the coming months, the Shire will be rolling out an information campaign about how we are improving our Waste Management processes. This will include providing all ratepayers with a **new plastic Waste Facility Pass card** which is issued once so it can be reused every year, instead of the old card pass which had to be replaced every year.

The tentative rollout date for this campaign will be **late September/early October 2024**. All your waste service information will arrive at this time, and will include details of interactive community waste drop-in sessions and tours of our landfills and recycling facilities in the Shire.

In the meantime, **please keep using your 2023/24 Tip Pass** which will remain valid until your new card arrives.



New plastic card pass coming soon!



Valid until new plastic card pass has been issued

Budget Breakdown

Key projects and priorities for 2024-25 at a glance...



Annual Road Program \$7,728,960

- Ledge Point Road
- Orange Springs Road
- Seabird Road
- Sadler Road
- Wannamal Road West
- Cullalla Road
- Mooliabeenee Road
- Weld Street Bridge
- Contribution to works, Cheriton Road



Healthy & Safe Community \$1,240,467

- Lancelin Independent Living Units – plumbing repairs for 3 units and painting outside of premises
- MAF mitigation works (whole of Shire)
- Community Resilience Project (Minderoo) , including community fire awareness / planning, seed allocation, and other projects
- Gingin Waste Transfer Station
- GESC - additional minor works
- Bus shelter replacement



Community Infrastructure including recreation facilities \$1,864,107

- Granville Civic Centre - replace kitchen
- Gingin Regional Hardcourt Upgrade - basketball courts and rings (community grant)
- Granville Park - benches and seating replacement, and turf
- Delivery of pathway projects
- Jim Gordon VC Trail Concept - trail renewal design
- Guilderton Caravan Park upgrades
- Guilderton Country Club - pipe replacement and wall repair
- Harold Park - remove and reinstall gazebo
- Pioneer Park - replacement of earthenware plumbing pipes
- Lancelin Sporting Complex - power upgrade, bowling green upgrade, contribution to replace pump shed and bus shed door
- Ledge Point Off-Road Vehicle Area Phase 2 Project - fencing, viewing platform, wheelchair access, and landscaping
- Seabird Hall - replace shade cloth rear patio
- Gingin Shire Administration Centre - upgrade to customer service area and office roof renewal
- Lancelin Depot fencing



Environment & Coastal Management \$117,500

- Environmental community project funding allocations (Community Funding Program)
- State NRM Program Community Stewardship contribution
- Edward Island Point sand renourishment



Plant Replacement Program \$2,370,435

(includes \$1,055,000 c/forward from 2023/24 owing to unavailability of plant and DFES funding of \$804,300)

- Replacement of bush fire brigade light tanker
- Replacement of bush fire brigade fire tanker
- New flat bed crew cab truck
- Replacement of water truck
- Replacement of prime movers x 2
- New Administration vehicle



Community Grants & Activities Community Funding Program \$144,708



Tourism & Economic Development \$100,000

- Purchase of road reserve, Guilderton
- Gingin Heritage Trail - review and upgrade of concept design

Your Rates Explained

Rates & Charges

Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

At the Shire of Gingin's Special Council Meeting on 13 August 2024 to adopt the Budget for 2024-25, it was resolved that the rates and charges specified hereunder be imposed on all rateable properties within the District of the Shire of Gingin in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Waste Avoidance Resource Recovery Act 2007*.

Rates

General Rate – Gross Rental Values (GRV) – 9.8154 cents in the dollar on all Gross Rental Valued rateable land within the district.

Differential General Rate – Unimproved Values (UV) – 0.4742 cents in the dollar on all Unimproved Valued rateable land (excluding Rural Intensive and Mining) within the district.

Differential UV Intensive Rate – Unimproved Values (UV) – 0.6999 cents in the dollar on all Rural Intensive and Mining Unimproved Valued rateable land within the district.

Minimum Payment

The minimum payments of \$1,323 for GRV rated properties, \$1,531 for UV rated properties (excluding Rural Intensive and Mining), and \$2,609 for Rural Intensive and Mining rated properties have been determined by Council on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable rates contribution to enable the Shire to deliver essential services.

Rubbish Charges

All Urban and Rural Residential properties with a residence are charged \$256 per annum per service of one 240 litre capacity mobile rubbish bin.

Collection of a second or subsequent rubbish bin/s for all properties is charged at \$256 per bin per annum excluding your recycling bin which is supplied free of charge.

Non-urban properties on Avon Waste's existing service route on application are charged \$256 per annum per service of one 240 litre capacity mobile rubbish bin and \$256 for the second or subsequent bin/s excluding a recycling bin which is supplied free of charge.

Industrial and commercial properties that are not vacant are charged \$300 per annum per service for one 240 litre capacity mobile rubbish bin. Collection of a second or subsequent bin/s for industrial/commercial properties is charged at \$300 per bin per annum.

Waste Management Levy

A waste management levy of \$188 is charged on all GRV properties and UV properties. Properties used for commercial purposes are levied at \$260.

This levy contributes to funding current and future waste infrastructure and initiatives, and entitles each of these properties to their own waste facility pass with specified access capacities.

What is the ESL?

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a portion of your rate payment that is forwarded to DFES to fund the Career Fire and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Bush Fire Brigades, and SES units throughout WA.

Late Payment Penalty – Rates, ESL, Waste Management Levy & Rubbish Charges

A charge of 7% per annum calculated daily by simple interest will apply as follows:

- No instalment option taken – interest shall begin to accrue on Rates and/or ESL and Rubbish Charges that remain unpaid at 11 October 2024. Eligible pensioners are exempt.
- Instalment option taken – interest shall begin to accrue daily on any rates instalment payment that remains unpaid after the due date of the instalment, and will continue to accrue until such time as the instalment is paid. Eligible pensioners are exempt.

- Interest on Rates and/or ESL, Waste Management Levy, and Rubbish Charge arrears will continue to accrue each day until arrears are paid.

Instalment Plan Interest Rate

A charge of 5.5% per annum calculated daily by simple interest will apply from 1 July 2024. Eligible pensioners are exempt.

Due Dates for Payment of Rates, ESL, Waste Management Levy & Rubbish Charges

No instalment option: 11 October 2024

Two instalments option:

- 11 October 2024
- 14 February 2025

Four instalments option:

- 11 October 2024
- 13 December 2024
- 14 February 2025
- 22 April 2025

Alternative Arrangements for Payment of Rates

Upon application the Shire may accept payment by way other than one, two or four instalments (subject to agreement in writing by both parties). A single administration fee of \$15 will apply for this type of payment. Eligible pensioners are exempt from this charge.

Paying Your Rates

Rates can be paid in person at the Gingin or Lancelin Shire Offices by cash, cheque or EFTPOS (excluding American Express and Diners cards).

The Shire also offers the convenience of 24 hour, 7 days a week payment by BPOINT (credit card) on 1300 276 468 or via gingin.wa.gov.au/make-a-payment or by BPay for cheque and savings accounts.

Rating Objects and Reasons

The rates in the dollar (\$) for the various rates are calculated to provide the shortfall in revenue required to make up the budget deficiency to enable the Shire to provide the level and range of works and services required in the 2024-25 financial year after taking into account all non-rate sources of revenue.

Purpose: UV - Rural and Rural Other (including exploration and prospecting tenements)

The objective of this differential rate category is to impose a differential general rate on land held or used for the purposes of rural broad acre farming, rural residential, rural industry, and other non-intensive uses.

Purpose: UV - Rural Intensive/Mining

The objective of this differential rate category is to impose a differential general rate on land held or used for the purposes of the following land uses defined within the Shire of Gingin Local Planning Scheme: Agriculture Intensive, Animal Husbandry – Intensive, Aquaculture, Industry – Extractive, Industry – Mining.

UV - Rural and Rural Other

The reason for this rate is to reflect the lower impact on transport infrastructure and monitoring of land use/environmental impacts compared to the Rural Intensive/Mining – UV category. It also ensures that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the ongoing maintenance and service provision of works, services, and facilities throughout the Shire.

Proposed Rate in \$: 0.004742

Minimum payment in respect to UV - Rural and Other

The object of the proposed minimum payment of \$1,531 is to ensure that the proportion of total rate revenue derived from Rural and Rural Other UV properties is consistent with the overall rate increase for this category. This rate is considered to be the base minimum rate by which all other UV rated properties are assessed. It also recognises that every property receives some minimum level of benefit of works and services provided.

Rural Intensive/Mining – UV

The reason for this differential rate is to reflect the higher impact on transport infrastructure and monitoring of land use/environmental impacts compared to Rural and Other – UV properties, and the capacity to pass on the rates charge as a business cost. It also ensures that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the

ongoing maintenance and service provision of works, services and facilities throughout the Shire.

Proposed Rate in \$: 0.006999

Minimum payment in respect to Rural Intensive/Mining - UV

The object of this minimum payment is to reflect the additional costs from this sector associated with the higher impact on transport infrastructure and environmental monitoring.

The minimum rate of \$2,609 also ensures that the proportion of total rate revenue derived from Rural Intensive/Mining UV properties is essentially consistent with the overall rate increase for this category and recognises that every property receives some minimum level of benefit of works and services provided.

A summary of the differential rates to be used for the 2024-25 rating period are as follows:

Differential Rating Category	UV Rate in \$	Minimum Rate	Income
Rural & Other - UV	\$0.004742	\$1,531	\$2,710,814
Rural Intensive - UV	\$0.006999	\$2,609	\$1,070,237

In arriving at the differential rates in the dollar, Council has attempted to balance the need for revenue to fund essential services and facilities with the desire to limit any increase on the ratepayer to affordable levels.

The differential general rate and minimum payment differs from that set out in the local public notice to accommodate additional reserve funding for future work.

More Rating Objects and Reasons information is available at gingin.wa.gov.au/rates.

Green Waste Kerbside Collection

OCTOBER 2024

Each year the Shire of Gingin undertakes a green waste kerbside collection service for Residential and Rural Residential properties. Residents wishing to take advantage of this service will need to have green waste placed on the verge by no later than **Monday 7 October 2024**.

Conditions for collection:

- Where possible, keep all green waste clear of reticulation, footpaths, street signs, poles, and fences.
- Piles for collection must be no larger than 5m³. Contaminated green waste and piles greater than 5m³ will not be collected. A notice will be left by the contractor detailing the reason why your green waste was not collected.
- If residents require the contractor to return to collect their waste, then charges will apply.
- Residents who miss the collection period will have to dispose of their green waste at their own cost.
- Collected green waste will be chipped, conditioned, and offered free of charge to Shire of Gingin residents. Keep an eye on the Shire's website, Facebook page, and Country and Coast newsletter for details of where and when mulch will be available for collection.

Please contact the Shire on **9575 5100** or **mail@gingin.wa.gov.au** if you have any queries about this year's green waste kerbside collection.



NO lawn clippings, sand, wire, steel posts or rocks.

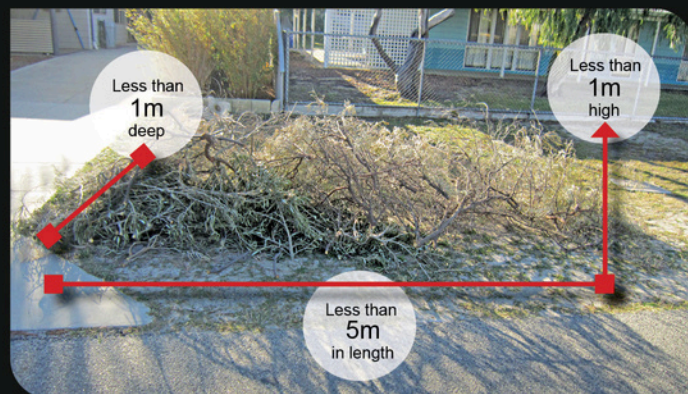
NO spiky vegetation eg, bougainvilleas, cacti, or date palm fronds.

NO plant root balls, succulents, stumps, or other chunky plant material.

NO large tree trunks with limbs greater than 150mm in diameter.

Please ensure:

- Green waste is uncontaminated. Contaminated material can cause breakage to contractor machinery or serious injury to the operator.
- Tree branches/limbs are less than 150mm in diameter.
- Prunings are laid out with the ends facing the street.



Want to Stay Informed?

How we're able to communicate with you...

We're a big Shire with lots of different communities and demographics - we have younger generations who prefer digital technology and social media to get their news, right through to senior community members who prefer to read printed material.

So keeping everyone informed in the way they prefer to be informed is a challenge for us. However, we are continuing to work on and improve our means of communication as best we can with the resources available to us. Currently, we share Shire news and information in the following ways:

- 👍 Shire website **gingin.wa.gov.au**.
- 👍 Social media - **Facebook** (and on-shared to all our community Facebook groups) and **LinkedIn**.
- 👍 **Emails** to Shire community groups who kindly share news and information to their networks for us.
- 👍 Shire **notice boards** and community venues for posters advertising public notices, meetings and events, as applicable.



👍 Monthly newsletters x 2:-

Country & Coast News published in Coastal Courier (upper coastal), Moore River News (lower coastal) Gingin Buzz (Gingin/rural), and Northern Valley News (all Shire), and email subscription.

Vollie Hub made available via email subscription.

To receive either of these newsletters via email go to "Your Shire" at gingin.wa.gov.au to subscribe.

Please note correspondence via post is limited to targeted communications only (eg, personalised letters or special campaigns) as it is expensive.

How you can communicate with us...

Give us a call! We have a fantastic Customer Service team in both Gingin and Lancelin Offices who are happy to assist you.

- Gingin Administration Centre - 9575 5100
- Lancelin Office - 9575 5155 Ranger Services - 9575 5140

Write to us! Email us at mail@gingin.wa.gov.au or send a letter to PO Box 510, Gingin, 6503.

Fill out a feedback form! To report a problem, give feedback, or make a complaint visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/contact-us.

And if we've done something well, why not let us know? Any encouragement or compliments from the public are shared with all Staff and Councillors, and are gratefully received. 👍



Emergency Services Levy for a Safer State

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) helps deliver essential fire and emergency services across Western Australia.

No matter where you live in our vast State, you will see the ESL hard at work.

The ESL helps protect 2.9 million Western Australians by funding the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and its volunteers to respond to bushfires, storms, cyclones, floods, road crashes, hazardous spills and search-and-rescue missions.

It supports around 26,000 fire and rescue, marine and emergency services volunteers and more than 1,800 career firefighters, operational and corporate staff from DFES to provide around-the-clock fire and emergency services.

Your ESL contribution also helps fund fire and emergency vehicles, aerial fleets, life-saving equipment and emergency services facilities.

To learn more about how your ESL is calculated, including information on the different rates, limits and concessions visit dfes.wa.gov.au/esl.

Throughout 2023-24, the ESL provided essential funding for firefighters and emergency services volunteers to respond to more than 32,000 emergency incidents including:



Fire Response

Over 10,300 fires including:
5,800+ bushfires and more than
1,300 structure fires



Severe weather

About 1,500 requests from the
community for assistance after
storms, cyclones and floods



Marine rescue

More than 1,500 search-and-rescue
missions at sea



Road crash rescue

More than 2,900 road crash rescues



In 2024–25 the Emergency Services Levy will also fund:



Triple Zero (000)

Responding to an estimated 40,000 calls for emergency assistance from the community



Emergency Vehicles

Powering the frontline with more than 2,400 emergency response vehicles



Training

Developing firefighters and volunteers to be at the forefront of emergency response



Bushfire Mitigation

Supporting 95 local governments through funding bushfire mitigation to reduce risk to protect people, property and the environment



Supporting Emergency Services

Providing grants to fund volunteer Bush Fire brigades, State Emergency Service units and Marine Rescue groups



Fire and Emergency Facilities

More than 600 Fire and Emergency Facilities operating around the clock to protect communities in an emergency



Aerial Fleet

Dropping 17 million litres of fire suppressant and flying around 2,300 hours to fight fires, gather intelligence and transport emergency personnel and equipment



Emergency WA

Publishing around 9,000 alerts and warnings to keep communities informed before, during and after emergencies



Safety and Education

Preparing Western Australians to reduce their risks and increase resilience in the face of natural disasters and emergencies



Early Rates Incentive Scheme

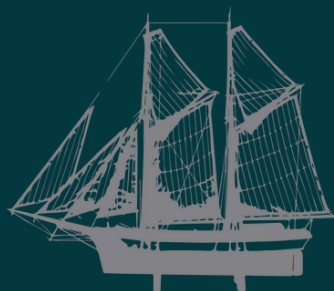
The Shire of Gingin is once again offering you 10 exciting chances to win! If you pay your rates in full by **Friday 11 October 2024** you will automatically go into the draw to win one of 10 prize packages - with the major prize valued at \$5,000! These prizes have been made possible by all our wonderful sponsors and the Shire.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

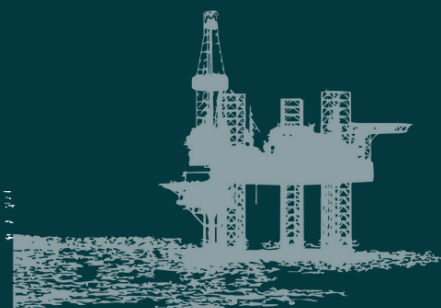
We are very grateful for the support of many local and regional businesses for sponsoring the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme. This year we want to say a huge thank you to the following 2024-25 sponsors:



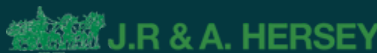
Seabird 1874 Sponsors



Grace Darling 1914 Sponsors



Key Biscayne 1983 Sponsors



Would you like to be a Major Sponsor?

At the time of this Budget Bulletin, we still have sponsorship opportunities available for the **Gilt Dragon 1656** level.

There is also still time to consider sponsoring any of the other levels if you are interested.

For more information and a sponsorship application, please contact our friendly Rates Team on 9575 5100 or rates@gingin.wa.gov.au.



Gilt Dragon 1656