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Shire of Gingin News & Information



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Moore River Bacteria Update

The Shire's Environmental team are continuing regular testing of Moore River and bacteria levels are currently within the normal range. However, safety signs remain in place as a warning for anyone swimming in the river

to do so at their risk given that the bacterial levels can change with temperature conditions on any given day. So for your safety, please take care to keep your head above water if you intend to swim in Moore River.

Blocked Culverts & Drains

Unfortunately, our Shire's Operations team are dealing with issues arising from individuals obstructing culverts and drains. Intentionally blocking culverts and drains can result in flooding, infrastructure deterioration, erosion, environmental

degradation, and disruptions to traffic flow. If you become aware of any blockages or damage to culverts and drains in the Shire, please contact the Shire's Operations Department asap on **9575 5100** or mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Proposal to Impose Differential Rates 2024-2025

Pursuant to Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, in its budget for year ending 30 June 2025, the Shire of Gingin intends to impose differential general rates and different minimum rates. Visit gingin.wa.gov.au/news for full

details of the proposal. Submissions from electors and ratepayers about a proposed rate or minimum payment, and any related matters, may be made to the Shire by **4pm, Tuesday 18 June 2024**.

Edward Island Track Closed for Winter

Please be advised that Edward Island access track in Lancelin is now closed for the winter period. The closure of the track is to help it recover, and to prevent further erosion and impacts to the foredunes that may arise from winter storm conditions. We do ask please that everyone respects the barricades, and we thank you in advance for your

cooperation and support during this time. If you become aware of any issues with the closure, please contact our Operations team asap on **9575 5100** or mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.



LOTE4KIDS

The Shire of Gingin is now a part of the LOTE4KIDS community, meaning our Gingin and Lancelin Library members can access a database of children's eBooks and audiobooks in various world languages including Auslan. Each book available on LOTE4KIDS is paired with English translations to enhance

language learning and is available in many formats. LOTE4KIDS is accessible through a user-friendly website and a free, secure mobile App for iOS and Android. Log in with your library card barcode or access code, select a book, and embark on your reading journey. To log in, follow the link below: lote4kids.com/au-shire-of-gingin/.



For Sale by Public Tender - Abandoned Ute

The Shire of Gingin hereby notifies of its intent to dispose of the following vehicle, which has been abandoned in the Shire, by public tender:
• **1993 White Holden Ute - Unregistered.**
For more information and to submit a tender, visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/news.

Council Decisions

The following decisions were made by Council at the Shire's **May** Ordinary Council Meeting:
• Corporate Business Plan 2023 - 2027 - *Carried by Absolute Majority.*
• Application for Development Approval - Bed and Breakfast - Lot 253 (8) Cruden Place, Gingin - *Amended and Carried Unanimously.*
• Road Naming - Lancelin South Estate - *Carried Unanimously.*
In addition, 18 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.

Rain Water Tank Safety

Winter is officially here, but something to be mindful of - dwindling rain water tank levels can stir up sediment, which can impact water quality. You may need to consider alternative sources like bulk water delivery or bore water top-ups if needed. Remember, any water from commercial suppliers must be

treated and from a reliable source. Bore water is an option but requires testing and treatment. For more information on water tank safety, refer to the Health Department link: healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/Water-tanks-on-your-property.

Rural Aid Farming Relief

Rural Aid provides essential support services to farmers affected by natural disasters, offering assistance through financial aid, water, and

fodder, as well as volunteer and counselling services. For more information visit: ruralaid.org.au.

Cat Registrations

The *Cat Act 2011* was introduced to reduce the large number of stray cats being euthanised each year, as well as encouraging responsible cat ownership. If you are a cat owner, you are required to ensure your cat is microchipped, sterilised, and registered with the Shire of Gingin by 6 months of age as required in the *Cat Act 2011*. Your cat is also required to wear a collar and a registration tag to ensure they can be easily

identified and returned to you if they become lost. Cat registration forms are available on our website and in-person at both Shire of Gingin offices. For more information on cat ownership and registration within the Shire, please contact the Community Rangers on **9575 5140** or email mail@gingin.wa.gov.au.



Feral Cats

A feral cat is a cat that is uncontrolled by humans and lives freely in the wild. Feral cats do not depend on human aid to survive and are declared a pest under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*. Local Government Officers are not authorised officers under this Act, this means our Rangers do not have the authority to deal with feral cats.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) have biosecurity officers who are authorised to carry out duties under this Act. For more information regarding the control of feral cats, please contact DPIRD's Pest and Disease Information Service on **9368 3080**.

STRA Information Session in Gingin

The Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) Bill is now an Act. Debate in the Legislative Council on the STRA Bill 2024 took place on 16 April. The Bill was passed and will come into effect on 1 July. Consumer Protection is holding an information session in Gingin

at the Granville Civic Centre on Thursday 20 June. The event will include a briefing from Consumer Protection staff and an opportunity to ask questions about the STRA register. For more information and to register, visit: gingin.wa.gov.au/events

What's on

In the Shire of Gingin?

STRA Information Session
Thursday 20 June, 10:30am - 12:30pm,
Granville Civic Centre, Gingin.



Sense of Place Forum
Saturday 22 June, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Seaview Park Community Centre, Seaview Park.
Moore Clothes Inc. Quiz Night
Saturday 22 June, 6:30pm - 9:00pm,
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

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