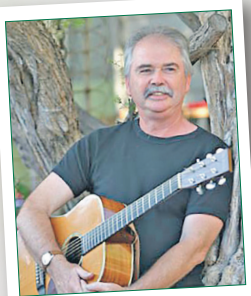


Council to the Community

March 2016

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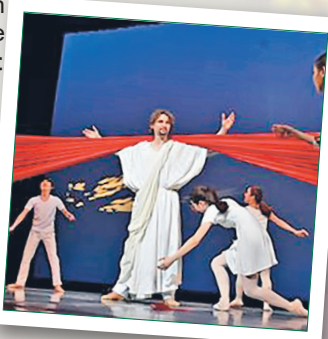
Bernard Carney Free Concert – Guilderton



The GCA is delighted to present musician Bernard Carney to perform a free concert suitable for the whole family on **Saturday 19 March**. The venue is Gabbadah Park and the concert will commence at 4.00pm. Refreshments will be available for sale from the Moore Men's Shed.

International Ballet Comes to Gingin

The Uniting Church Gingin is proud to welcome the **ABC-Tokyo Ballet Company** to Gingin who will perform 'Messiah – a Man With a Mission' ahead of this year's Easter celebrations.



This is a **FREE** one-night only concert to be held on **Tuesday 22 March** at the Soundshell, Granville Civic Centre Grounds starting at 7.00pm, supper provided.

For more information please go to the Shire's Facebook page or contact Kim Mouritz on 0408 904 074.

Easter Art Show – Guilderton



The GCA is pleased to host the Easter Art Show on **Saturday 26 March**, 9.00am-1.00pm in the Guilderton Community Hall. Exhibitions include artwork by local artists who work with photography, sculpture, ceramics and jewellery. There will also be a raffle with terrific art prizes, so why not get friends and family together to enjoy this popular annual event in Guilderton.

Shire Notices

March and April Council Meetings – Change of Venue
Venues for the March and April Council meetings have changed. Details are as follows:

- **Date:** Tuesday 15 March 2016
- **Venue:** Shire of Gingin Council Chambers, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin.
- **Date:** Tuesday 19 April 2016
- **Venue:** Lancelin Angling & Aquatic Club, Hopkins Street, Lancelin.

All Council meetings commence at 3.00pm.

Office Closures Over Easter

The Gingin and Lancelin Shire offices will be closed for the following public holidays:

- Good Friday 25 March
- Easter Monday 28 March

Lancelin Office and Library Continuation of extended hours

Following a six-month trial, the Shire of Gingin will continue the extended opening times for the Lancelin office and public library indefinitely. Opening times are Monday to Friday, 9.00am-4.00pm, closed for lunch from 1.00-1.30pm.

Councillor's Corner

Interview with Cr John Elgin



Congratulations John on your election to Council in October. How long have you lived in the Shire of Gingin?

Originally from Euroa, Victoria I moved to WA in 1978 and for the past 13 years I have called Seabird home.

Can you tell us a bit about your background?

I have been running my own business for the last 25 years which employs about 40 people, depending on the contracts we have at any given time. I've been married to the same lucky girl for 43 years, and we have two sons who have children of their own and who both run their own businesses as well. I have always been a bit on the competitive side, and enjoyed kayaking and boxing for many years until I did enough damage and had to stop. I love football and barrack for the mighty Magpies.

What Shire issues are you passionate about?

I am keenly interested to see a retirement village in Gingin and an elderly care facility somewhere on the coast. I would also like to see more tourism in our Shire - not only would it generate additional funding and income streams to enable more community projects and help to renew and revitalise our own assets, it would also create employment opportunities for our locals.

What do you appreciate the most about the Shire of Gingin?

I love the Shire of Gingin because it most closely mirrors Euroa where I was born (minus the ocean!). All the communities are so willing to contribute to the Shire's care and protection, and give so much. I am fortunate to be serving at a time when councillors and Shire staff are at a peak with knowledge, experience and a real energy that they are prepared to share with me. It is a real honour to represent the fantastic people of the Shire of Gingin.

How do you envision the Shire of Gingin to look in 10-20 years?

I believe it's important for us to stay relevant for the next twenty years so that we can have some control over what happens in our Shire. With Wanneroo and Joondalup ever-expanding it's imperative that we continue to deliver to our ratepayers. That said, I see Gingin as a vibrant tourist destination catering to coastal and rural interests.

Our Community News

Lancelin Sporting Complex Upgrades a Welcome Boost

As part of its **2015-16 capital works program**, the Shire of Gingin has carried out a number of improvements to the Lancelin Sporting Complex which have so far included:

- Bowling Club – installation of new lights on the A-green
- Gun Club – new toilet facilities, connection of water to site, and upgraded access road
- Golf Club – plant & equipment shed upgraded, purchase of new fairway, greens and T-box mowers
- Pirates Football Club – new access road under construction

Lancelin Sporting Complex president, Cr Sandra Smiles, is delighted with the improvements. "These works are a fantastic boost to this facility and will definitely help attract new membership," she said.

Woodridge Tennis Court to get a Makeover

The Shire of Gingin advises that the multi-stage **Woodridge Tennis Court resurfacing project** will commence in early March. In order to carry out the work the court will be closed from March to early April, and the Shire apologises in advance for any inconvenience the closure may cause. Looking forward to a new and improved facility.

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre in Gingin



The Mobile Service Centre will once again be visiting Gingin on **Thursday 10 March**, 9.30am – 3pm and will be located at the Granville Civic Centre car park.

Visit the centre to find out about payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people. On this trip the Australian Taxation Office will also be available to assist with tax and superannuation queries.

Virtual Rottnest Swim

With the SunSmart Gingin Triathlon and official Rottnest Virtual Swim originally scheduled for the same weekend the Gingin Aquatic Centre hosted the Rottnest Virtual Swim a week early on Sunday 21 February.

A very determined **Gingin Superseals Swim Club** overcame its wooden spoon status from 2015 and beat last year's winners, Gingin Guppies, in the 20km (800 lap) race. Results are as follows:

- 1st place - Gingin Super Seals Swim Club (6hrs 30mins)
- 2nd place - Gingin Guppies (6hrs 40mins)
- 3rd place - Shire Bits and Pieces (7hrs)

A shout-out has to go to Beck Foulkes-Taylor on the Shire team who alone completed 304 laps or 7.6kms! Congratulations to everyone who competed... you are all winners in our books.

SunSmart Gingin Triathlon 2016



The SunSmart Gingin Triathlon kicked off beneath cool overcast skies with 136 participants - our best supported event yet! As in previous years, competitors included the young, not-so-young and all ages in between. The champions of the Bendigo Bank Long Course were:

- Female winner - Michaela Maynard 46:08
- Male winner - Adrian Whittaker 43:48

Full results for both the Bendigo Bank Long Course and the Slater and Gartrell Short Course will be made public shortly. The Shire of Gingin would like to extend a special thanks all the volunteers who helped out on the day to make the event such a success.