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Jurien/Lancelin to Joondalup Bus Service

The Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) is funding a pilot service to provide transport opportunities for seniors along the coastal sector (Jurien Bay/Lancelin to Joondalup and return once weekly) for approximately six months, commencing Monday 21 March 2016. The Shires of Gingin and Dandaragan are supporting this initiative.

This is part of Phase Two of the WDC's Creating Age-Friendly Communities in Small Towns Project and forms part of a holistic solution to address aged care issues across the region. This project also aims to improve the level of age-friendly infrastructure, services and inclusion across 43 local governments in the Wheatbelt.

The expected set-off time is 7am from Jurien Bay. Stops along the way include Cervantes, Lancelin, Sovereign Hill and Woodridge. The proposed destinations are the CAT bus service in Joondalup to link to the hospital, and the Joondalup Shopping Centre which will allow access to the metro bus and rail services.

If the service falls on a Monday public holiday the service will instead be held on the Wednesday of that week.

The Shire of Gingin is working towards Age-Friendly status and believes this pilot service supports our 2015-2025 Strategic Community Plan initiatives.

Shire of Gingin residents can purchase tickets by contacting the Lancelin Office on 9575 5155 by Thursday 12 noon prior to the Monday bus service. Bookings are essential and can be made in advance to ensure seating availability. Shire of Dandaragan residents are encouraged to contact their Shire on 9652 0800 for booking information.

This project is funded through the Royalties for Regions Regional Grant Scheme and supports the Wheatbelt Development Commission's aged care initiatives.

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