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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Successful Lancelin Caravan Park Developer Announced

The Shire of Gingin is pleased to announce that the successful proponents for the redevelopment of the Lancelin Caravan Park - formerly known as Lancelin South Caravan Park - are Reginald and Donna Cocking, and Christopher and Ornella Sialtsis who will be operating under the business name of Experience Holiday Parks Pty Ltd.

This group were one of two applicants shortlisted by the Shire's Lancelin Caravan Park Evaluation and Selection Committee, and although the other applicant withdrew from the process the submission from Experience Holiday Parks was of a very high standard and subsequently they were recommended as the preferred applicant to Council.

This group of experienced operators, who also manage the Central Caravan Park at Ascot as well as the Mandurah Caravan and Tourist Park, will be investing \$5 million over five years to develop the park to a high coastal tourist destination standard which will include self-contained cabins, a full enclosed heated swimming pool with public access, adventure playground, new ablution and camper kitchen facilities, road infrastructure and much more.

Council has also recommended the successful proponents taking over interim management of the existing park whilst negotiations continue with regard to a prospective lease. A business plan is currently being prepared by the Shire and will be given Public Notice under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1997*. In addition, the Shire will seek permission from the Minister for Lands to amend its Vesting Order at the site to enable a 21 year lease with a 21 year option to renew.

Work on Phase 1 of the redevelopment is expected to commence in early 2018 provided the relative approvals are granted.

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