

Council to the Community

February 2016

What's on in February



SunSmart Triathlon Sunday 28 February

Time is running out to register for this year's SunSmart Gingin Triathlon 2016.

Kicking off at the **Gingin Aquatic Centre**, competitors have a choice to compete in the Slater and Gartrell Short Course or the Bendigo Bank Long Course.

Early bird registrations close 11 February and standard registrations close 25 February.

For full details and to register for the event please visit the Shire of Gingin website www.gingin.wa.gov.au or contact Cher Groves on 9575 5138 or email triathlon@gingin.wa.gov.au.

Business in Focus

New buildings help community do bigger things



Gingin Community Bank®
Branch and Lancelin branch



Three exciting projects have been opened to the public in three months, thanks to the support of Gingin Community Bank Branch and the Lancelin branch.

The **Gingin Men's Shed** was opened in November after receiving more than \$70,000 in funding from its local branch. This seed funding leveraged financial commitments from Lotterywest and the Shire of Gingin to help fund the community hub, which houses two sheds for metal and woodwork projects, as well as a meeting room and kitchen for men to sit and talk.

The **Moore Men's Shed**, opened in October, was also instigated with an initial grant of \$10,500 from the Gingin Community Bank® Branch and the Lancelin branch, which again leveraged further funding from Lotterywest and the Shire of Gingin. The grant helped build a brand new shed, kitchen, office and barbecue space in the Guilderton town site.

Both Men's Sheds have experienced a significant increase in membership numbers since opening their new buildings.

Also opened in October was the new **Lancelin Volunteer Marine Rescue** building which received \$70,000 from the local bank branches. With funds also committed from the Fire and Emergency Services Authority and the Shire of Gingin, the new building now boasts room for the group's boat and tractor, as well as a new kitchen. A large training room was also included, and this has the potential to be hired out to other community groups.

Gingin Districts Community Financial Services Limited Chairman Stephen Beckwith said he was excited to see all three projects come to fruition.

"With the help of our community partners we've created places for people to get together to talk and work on projects, and also a home for those who help ensure safety on our coastline," said Mr Beckwith. "Thanks to the support of our generous customers we will continue to invest in important infrastructure to help make great things happen in our community."

Our Community News

Guilderton hosts another successful Music in the Park



On 16 January **over 300 people** turned out for an evening of grooving to local band Twenty Feet Beat at the Music in the Park event held at Gabbadah Park. As part of the Gingin Shire's 'Summer Suite', this event was also a fundraiser for the Redfield Park First Aid Post.

Event organiser Julie Polette was delighted with the turnout: "A big thank you to the Gingin Shire and Bendigo Bank for sponsoring this event again this year and to all the people who worked behind the scenes to make this a great event."

Weekly Bus Service Coming to Lower Coastal Area

The Wheatbelt Development Commission is looking to introduce a **six month pilot scheme** to offer residents of the **Gingin Shire Lower Coastal Area a bus service to Joondalup** on a Thursday each week.

It is anticipated that a mini bus and driver will leave Jurien and make its way down the coast picking up passengers in Cervantes and Lancelin before arriving in Sovereign Hill and/or Woodridge about 11.15am. The Joondalup destination would be Lakeside Joondalup Shopping City with the possibility of a stop at the train station and/or CAT bus stop. Departure from Joondalup would be 4pm and cost is \$25 return – bookings would be on a first-come first-served basis.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact Cher Groves at the Gingin Shire on 9575 5138.

Gingin Police Officer gets his 3rd Hook

Gingin-based **Senior Constable Travis Taylor** was officially promoted to sergeant at a recent ceremony held at the Gingin Police Station. Doing the honours was Wheatbelt Police Superintendent Peter Halliday who was happy to replace Travis's epaulettes himself with the new 3-hook set.



Travis was also presented with his 15 Year Service Medal and his Police National Service Medal.

His promotion now means he will be relocating to Midland to lead a response team serving the Central East District. But Travis hasn't ruled out returning to Gingin one day. "It has been an absolute pleasure," he said. "While I'm thrilled to be promoted and looking forward to the next phase of my career, I am going to miss serving the people of Gingin. I would return in a heartbeat."

Save the Date!

FREE EVENT

Jazz and Movie in the Park

Saturday 5 March 2016, 4pm to 8.30pm

Key Biscayne Park, Ledge Point

Bring your own picnic!

WA YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

GINGIN Proudly Sponsors... **Bendigo Bank**

More details: events@gingin.wa.gov.au

For more information on this event, please contact Cher Groves at the Shire on 9575 5138.

Shire Notices

The next Shire of Gingin council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16 February 2016**, starting at 3.00pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

