

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY JANUARY

What's on in... January

Happy New Year to our community! The Shire of Gingin is pleased once again to be part of several fantastic community events being held over summer.

Lancelin Ocean Classic – Week of Events

Don't miss this fantastic international event in Lancelin. A weekend of family-friendly activities will be taking place at Wangaree Park on 7-8 January, followed by four days of thrilling competition of the Lancelin Ocean Classic 2017 from 12-15 January. For more information please visit lancelinoceanclassic.com.au.



Music in the Park – Saturday 14 January

Gabbadah Park, Guilderton from 5.30pm – 10.30pm
Join us in Guilderton for an exciting night of live rock and roll with Twenty Feet Beat, face painting and bouncy castle fun for the kids.



Australia Day Event – Thursday 26 January

The Shire of Gingin, in partnership with the Neergabby Community Association, will once again be hosting the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards, details as follows:

Where: Neergabby Grounds

When: Free breakfast at 7.30am and official proceedings at 9.00am

This is a wonderful family-friendly event with a fun water-slide planned for the kids.



Ledge Point Sandcastle Competition – Saturday 28 January

The Ledge Point Country Club is pleased to be hosting the 9th Annual Ledge Point sandcastle competition at the Swimming Beach between the groynes at Ledge Point from 9.30am – 12.30pm. The competition will be **independently judged by a Perth artist** and will include a sausage sizzle at the Ledge Point Country Club. For more information please contact Faye Paul on 0410 300 704.



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Save the Dates!

Lancelin Triathlon 2017 – Sunday 19 February.
Register now for this exciting inaugural event!
For more information visit gingin.wa.gov.au.

More Summer Suite events coming your way...

- 4 March 2017 – **Jazz and Movie in the Park** – Key Biscayne Park, Ledge Point – 4:00pm to 8:30pm
- 12 March 2017 – **Gingin Triathlon** – Recreation Grounds, Gingin – 7:00am to 10:30am
- 25 March 2017 – **Arts in the Park** – Granville Park, Gingin – 4:00pm to 10:00pm

Don't Drink and Drown



With the arrival of summer we would like to remind our community of the dangers of drinking alcohol in, on or around water.

The alarming number of deaths among 15-24 year olds led to the Royal Life Saving Society WA establishing the Don't Drink and Drown campaign, which aims to reduce the number of alcohol-related drowning deaths and injuries in this high-risk age group by educating and promoting the Don't Drink and Drown messages.

When a young life is cut short due to drowning the impact of that death is felt throughout the community, with their friends and family living with the aftermath every day. **Drowning as a result of excessive alcohol consumption** is preventable, and it is the role of both the person themselves and their friends to reduce the risk.

Four key actions that every person can do to stay safe around water:

- Know your limits
- Only swim during the day and in well-lit areas
- Never swim alone
- Look after your mates

For more information visit lifesavingwa.com.au.

ClubTalk Workshop in Lancelin... Make Your Club More Tech Savvy!



Do you look after your club's website, Facebook page and/or online communications? Attend an exciting, hands-on and **FREE workshop** for club committee members. Topics include:

- Social media for beginners
- How to build your club a website
- Online communications and social media policies, volunteering toolkit, DSR resources
- Overview of online club management tool 'TidyHQ'.

When: Wednesday 22 February 2017
at 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Where: Lancelin CRC, 117 Gingin Road, Lancelin
(between IGA and post office)

There will also be a **free bus service** departing the Shire Office in Gingin at 5.00pm with coastal town pickup. Refreshments included.

To book your spot in the workshop and/or bus, please RSVP Helen Sutherland by Thursday 16 February 2017 at clubdev@gingin.wa.gov.au or phone 9575 5162 or 0419 604 101.

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Firebreak Variation Reminder

All Shire residents are reminded that a Variation is required if you wish to have **mown firebreaks rather than bare earth firebreaks**. A Firebreak Variation Application Form may be found at the back of your Firebreak Order booklet, also available on the Shire's website. This explains the requirements for firebreaks as well as information on Building Protection Zones. For any further information, feel free to call the Duty Ranger on 9575 5140.

Also, a hearty "well done" to the residents of Sovereign Hill on the quality of their firebreaks this year. Concerted efforts over the past four years have resulted in a huge improvement throughout the estate.

Keep Your Head Above Water

A reminder to anyone heading to rivers and estuaries – including the Moore River area - for the holidays to be mindful of amoeba risks. Swimmers should be aware that when **water temperatures rise above 20°C** amoeba organisms may be present, particularly in shallow waters. Minimise the risk by keeping your head (and your children's) above water.



FREE Breast Screening – Lancelin

Women 50 years or over, have a **FREE** breast screening mammogram every two years. Once is not enough.



The BreastScreen WA mobile service will be at:

Lancelin Hall (Carpark)
Cnr Gingin Road & Mirragliotta Street
from 27 January - 6 February 2017
Dates are approximate and may be subject to change.



For an appointment, phone BreastScreen WA on **13 20 50**
www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au

Shire Notices

Office Closure – Australia Day

Please note that the Gingin and Lancelin Shire Offices will be closed on the Australia Day public holiday, **Thursday 26 January 2017**.