

COUNCIL NEWS

■ Shane Van Styn

Mayor, City of Greater Geraldton



It has been a huge couple of weeks especially with the AFL pre-season match here in Geraldton between the West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers and what an amazing reaction we've had from our community. The City was absolutely buzzing in the lead up to the match and we saw a sold out crowd on the day pack the WA Country Builders Stadium for the Derby.

We really couldn't have asked for a better day and a better crowd! There was a great community feel amongst everyone and the event was a great indication of what we are capable of hosting in the Midwest.

It is a big focus for the City to bring large scale events to the region and our goal is to attract some big sporting names. We know how much of a sporting culture we have here in Geraldton and we are putting things in place in the hope we will see some big sporting events here in the near future!

The JLT Community Series match has been labelled as one of our biggest events ever and the flow on effects it has had on our economy have been huge.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who attended the game and helped us to make it such a success! I look forward to the next big sporting match.



Talk About Greater Geraldton



2016 Food Safety Award Winner

Congratulations go out to Subway Wonthella for winning the 2016 City of Greater Geraldton Food Safety Award which recognises food businesses that go the extra mile in food safety.

Extended Trading Hours

On 1 July 2017 a 12-month trial period of deregulated trading hours (subject to Minister approval) is set to begin with the following conditions:

- All shops are regarded as general retail shops unless they fall under any one of the other categories including: small retail shops, special retail shops, filling - service stations or motor vehicle shops;
- Traders do not have to open, however may choose when they open within the specified trading hours;
- 8.00am – 9.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday;
- 8.00am – 5.00pm on Saturday;
- 11.00am – 5.00pm on Sunday;
- 11.00am – 5.00pm on public holidays;
- Closed on Christmas Day, Good Friday and ANZAC Day



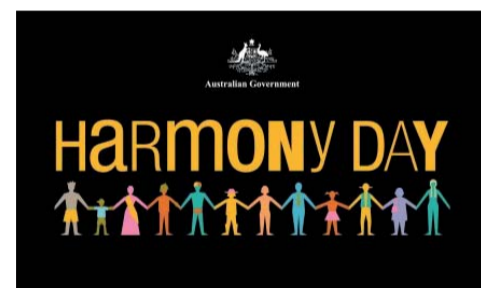
Film Feast 2017

The inaugural Film Feast is hitting Queens Park Theatre this month with film and food from all around the globe!

Attendees will indulge in movies, cuisine and entertainment from Nigeria, Brazil, India and the Silk Road over four unique nights.

Join us as we celebrate Harmony Week through international film and culinary style.

For information on Film Feast, visit www.queensparktheatre.com.au



Harmony Day

Geraldton will be buzzing with activity as the community comes together to celebrate Harmony Day on 21 March.

In addition to Film Feast being hosted by the City of Greater Geraldton, Avivo and the Midwest Multicultural Association will be hosting a Harmony dinner with a twist on Friday 17 March.

Then on Saturday 18 March from 10.00am-2.00pm Stow Gardens on the Geraldton Foreshore will come to life with a celebration of diversity, including a parade of nations, multicultural performances and a variety of food stalls.

For more information on these great events, visit the City's Events Calendar www.cgg.wa.gov.au



MID WEST ART PRIZE 2017

Mid West Art Prize

The Mid West Art Prize is back! Artists around the state are invited to submit their works and can win across a number of award categories.

Prizes include:

- City of Greater Geraldton Overall Award for Excellence \$20,000
- Rio Tinto Midwest Aboriginal Art Award \$5,000
- REDFM Youth Award \$3,500
- Local Member (MLA) People's Choice Award \$1,500
- Bendigo Bank Mid West Award \$1,500

Artists who wish to enter must fill out an entry form, available from the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery website. Entries close on 1 May with the exhibition opening 16 June 2017.

A huge thank you to Rio Tinto Midwest, RedFM, Ian Blayney MLA and Bendigo Bank Geraldton for their generous support.



Community Directory

We are pleased to announce that our digital Community Directory is now live!

The new directory makes it easier for groups listed to update their details, ensuring that they don't miss out on potential new members due to outdated information.

Listing services and clubs is completely free, to submit your information visit our website at www.cgg.wa.gov.au