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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hi Everyone

This year we formed a new Sunshine Festival Committee with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We made a decision to form a stand alone organization in order to be more focused on our objectives. This Committee has been working hard since we opened our office in the Chamber of Commerce building. The theme "Standing Tall" portrays the positive image that Geraldton represents in the Mid West, and we are proud to be a part of it. As you will see in the rest of this programme we have a run filled four days, stretching from short to tall and from music to mayhem in our city.

One of our aims of this Festival, was to widen the base of our Community involvement. The support we have received so far, has been overwhelming. I would like to thank the business community and local authorities for their generous support.

Now it's your turn to come and "Stand Tall" with us and join in the fun with the whole family.

Cheers,

Trevor Osman, President



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A great finale to our Dragon Boat Classic 1996 was the awarding of Community Event of the Year. It really capped off a great and successful day with a record 800 competitors and some 5,000 on beach spectators.

We applaud the Festival Committee decision to bring all other activities to the beach area to complement the crowd facilities on the day.

The Geraldton Yacht Club looks forward to another great day at the foreshore beach on Sunday from 9.00am. Everybody is welcome to make use of the food and drink stalls provided.

Edrick Delfos, Dragon Boat Classic Co-ordinator

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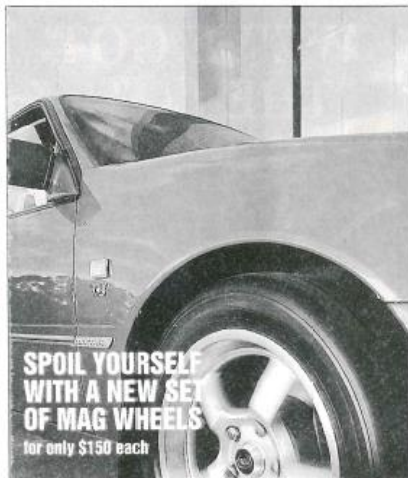


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There are fun rides, the Lions caterpillar, a bouncy castle, a variety of stalls, Constable Care, face painting and the Mulberry Cottage Candy Man.

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You will be able to enjoy a quiet drink in an atmosphere which will be debonair and sophisticated.

See you at the "Festival Club" 7.00pm Saturday Night.



A huge day out for all the family at little or no cost. GBC is proud to be associated with this year's Festival again and have pulled out all the stops to ensure a great day for all, culminating in the GBC/Sun City Ford Fireworks Display.

Peters & Brownes Group are on board again with the kids activity tent along with Pam Molloy, Shane Heriot and Dave Meder to entertain the whole family. Also appearing will be Flip & Flop Family Circus, Pat-rick the Magician, David Stinson and Doopa Dog.

Geoff Blight will be presenting his Animal Farm with a competition for guess the weight of the pig.

Other activities will include a rod casting competition, mini-putt golf, the Maitland Car & Machinery Classic plus a variety of displays, and heaps of food and drink stalls to tempt everyone.

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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1

Throughout the Festival

Gtn Arts Society Inc. will have its Spring Exhibition
Gtn Regional Museum will again be running its very popular holiday programme

Time: 7.30pm

Festival Talent Quest

Gtn Secondary College, Carson Tce Campus

Open to ages 10 and above, an opportunity for budding artists to strut their stuff and win great prizes. This promises to be a night of exciting entertainment not to be missed.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2

Time: 10.00-4.00

Cultural Trust - Exhibition of Crafts
Admission is FREE. The Pottery Club will be serving morning and afternoon teas in the courtyard.

Residency - 321 Marine Tce

Time 10.30am

Camera Club
A "Walkabout" photography lesson for children. Film supplied. No cost involved.

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Time 2.00pm

Fancy Dress Pet Parade
Sponsored by Midwest Business Centre & QPT Dress up your pet, win a prize and be in all the fun of this annual event.

QPT Amphitheatre

Time: 4.00pm

Inaugural Sunshine Festival Indigenous Youth Model Competition
Fashions by Yanay Yanma. Modelled by Bundi Gnarlu Model Academy.

QPT Forecourt

Time 5.00pm

GRAND OPENING
A carnival of sound, dancing and displays will start the Festival with a bang. Members from local and professional groups will present a collage of entertainment. Japanese Display sponsored by the Japanese Consulate - includes Japanese cooking, karate & Ikebana competition.

QPT Forecourt

Time: 6.30pm

Opening Concert
Sponsored by Shire of Greenough/City of Geraldton. The opening Concert presents a vast number of entertainers, including the Geraldton City Band, local entertainers "The Shantymen" and "Pan Arkestra" a Latin American band, who use a dazzling array of instruments to perform music across centuries from the raw indigenous music of the Andes to sensuous sixteenth century love song. South American pipes along with double base, piano accordion, guitar, drums and vocal harmonies will give this Concert a carnival atmosphere.

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 3 - THE GERALDTON GUARDIAN CHILDREN'S DAY

- Time: 8.30am** **McDonald's Family Breakfast Fun** **McDonald's Carpark**
Ronald McDonald will be hosting a carnival of entertainment including: Flip & Flop Family Circus, with a performance from Ballet Enchante'. Full fun of the fair, with Bouncy Castle, Merry-go-rounds and the Lion's Train. Football personalities from past years will be there to give budding stars a few hints and the Buccaneers will be there to sink a few baskets.
- Time 8.30am** **McDonald's/Guardian Little Miss & Mr Tiny Tot Judging** **McDonald's Carpark**
- Time 10.30am** **Ronald McDonald Magic Show** **McDonald's Carpark**
A magic show, hosted by Ronald McDonald "HIMSELF". For the first time Ronald McDonald will appear in Geraldton to help promote the Festival. "A REAL FUN SHOW".
- Time: 10.00-4.00** **Cultural Trust - Exhibition of Crafts** **Residency, 321 Marine Tee**
Admission is FREE. The Pottery Club will be serving morning and afternoon teas in the courtyard.
- Time: 12.30pm** **Pavement Art Competition** **Anzac Terrace**
Sponsored by Jacksons Drawing Supplies. Bring along your chalks and be creative on the sidewalk. This is a favourite amongst children, great prizes to be won.
- Time 1.00pm** **Sand Sculpting Competition** **Town Beach Foreshore**
Sponsored by Bluff Point CWA. This popular event, is once again on the calendar. We are expecting bigger and better creations this year. Great prizes to be won.
- Time 2.00pm - 5.00pm** **Festival Under Age Rage** **Rollerdrome**
A fun event for ages 6 - 12. This will be a disco with games and lots of fun in a party atmosphere.
- Time 7.30pm** **96.5FM Festival Rage at the Drome** **Rollerdrome**
Sponsored by 96.5FM. This is an underage disco with local bands providing live music with DJ and fantastic light show. Prizes will be given throughout the evening with the theme of the night being the Safe Sex Message.
- Time 7.30pm** **The Rotary Masked Ball** **Entertainment Centre**
Hosted by the Rotary Club of Geraldton/Greenough in aid of the Asthma Foundation. A gala evening of entertainment and dancing. Live music provided by the Kalamunda Swing Band and a number of local entertainers. Tickets at \$50 per head are available from the Art Gallery, Chamber of Commerce, Tourist Bureau, QPT and TAFE.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 - THE GERALDTON BUILDING COMPANY FAMILY FUN DAY

- Time 9.00am** **Northgate Festival Fair** **Northgate Shopping Centre**
Sponsored by the Traders of Northgate Shopping Centre. Displays and Fashion Shows organized by the businesses of the shopping complex. Patrick the Magician will be on hand to entertain the children.
- Time: 10.00am** **Trade Fair** **Wheat Silos**
Hosted by the Gtn Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Geraldton Rotary Club. Business of the Mid West region displaying their diverse range of products and services in a unique venue.
- Time 10.00-4.00** **Cultural Trust - Exhibition of Crafts** **Residency - 321 Marine Terrace**
Admission is FREE. The Pottery Club will be serving morning & afternoon teas in the courtyard. A 'Home Produce Stall' will be on display.
- Time 12.00pm** **The Western QBE Motor Classic** **Maitland Park**
Sponsored by Western QBE Insurance. This is the inaugural year of this event. Vintage cars and motor bikes will parade from the Wintersun Hotel Bluff Point and lead the Festival Float Parade into Maitland Park, where they will be placed on show for judging. This is a blue ribbon event which will become a regular entry on the veteran and vintage car owners calendar.
- Time: 12.30pm** **The RGC Grand Festival Float Parade** **Cathedral Ave**
Sponsored by RGC Mineral Sands & Geraldton Building Company. The theme of this year's Festival is youth, multiculturalism and "Standing Tall". Floats, dancers, bands, stilt walkers, decorated bicycles and more all celebrating the Festival and the carnival atmosphere. Prizes for each category.
- Time 12.30** **Geraldton Building Company Sun Fun Family Day** **Maitland Park**
Sponsored by Sun City Ford, Home Building Society, Mitchell Fuel Supplies, Geraldton Plumbing Co, Navigator Holdings, Peters and Brownes Group, Cockburn Hire, Midwest Music, Westermovers, JG Engineering. The major, Fun Day for the family. Where can you get a total day out for the family, FREE of entry fees with this much entertainment? PATRICK THE MAGICIAN, FLIP FLOP FAMILY CIRCUS, FIRE SHOW and shows by our local youngsters who have been learning circus skills to feature in this event. This is the main attraction of the Festival and will again be a day for all the family to enjoy themselves.
- Time: 3.00pm** **Family Concert** **Maitland Park**
Sponsored by An Feng Kingstream Steel Ltd. Featuring the KALAMUNDA YOUTH SWING BAND, who have played with some of the greats including Shirley Bassey, George Benson, Vince Jones and Tommy Emmanuel. They have just returned from a very successful tour of England. The Salvation Army Band and the Shantymest plus many more local artists will perform. If you like "SWING", "BLUES" or any type of music, you must not miss this concert.



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SATURDAY OCTOBER 4

Time: 7.00pm **Festival Club** **Queens Park Theatre**
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Time: 7.30pm **Fireworks** **Maitland Park**
Sponsored by GBC and Sun City Ford. Bring your torches, radios and listen to 96.5FM for the music and look at the skies for a spectacular display of fireworks.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

Time: 9.00am **Dragon Boat Racing** **Towns Beach**
Hosted by Geraldton Yacht Club. This is the fourth annual Geraldton Dragon Boat Racing Competition. Each year the amount of entries for this event increase, adding to the competition and excitement making it a spectacle for all to enjoy.

Time: 10.00am **Anniversary Craft Fair** **Gtn Entertainment Centre**
Hosted by Geraldton Patchwork Club. A full day of the best craft displays from around the city and the Mid West.

Time: 10.00am **Trade Fair** **Wheat Silos**
Hosted by the Geraldton Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Geraldton Rotary Club. Businesses of the Mid West region displaying their diverse range of products and services in a unique venue.

Time: 12.30 **Bath Tub Derby** **Town Beach**
Sponsored by Boss Transport and Hosted by Geraldton Naval Cadets. Make your own boat out of anything that floats (or may not) and win a prize. Lots of fun for the whole family.

Time: 6.00pm **Multi-Cultural Mardi Gras** **Marine Terrace - West End**
Sponsored by Ministry of Justice, Country Arts, City of Geraldton and West End Traders. THE GRAND FINALE - The West End of Marine Terrace will come alive with the excitement of "MARDI GRAS". South American Bands, Percussion, Light and Fire are all a part of this celebration of Multi-culturalism and the Festival. Los Chasquis, Idriss and Wadenbah will entertain all the family.

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