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2016 SENIORS WEEK

The Shire of Christmas Island continues to organise the 2016 Seniors Week on the Island. Seniors Week has been observed for 18 years now, beginning in 1999 in the International Year of the Older Persons (IYOP). The Community Services Section of the Shire is responsible for coordinating the week-long events which are widely supported by the community.

Senior members aged 65 and over are invited to experience the culinary delight of Christmas Island at the various functions held in their honour. Seniors Week is a time to raise our Island elders into the spotlight, a chance for the younger generations to say thank you for their past and ongoing contributions to the Island.

At the Opening Ceremony of the Seniors Week held at Poon Saan Community Hall on Monday 18 July 2016, Mr Chew Boon Beng, Shire's Manager Community Services opened the ceremony with an introduction of the event. He encouraged all seniors attending at the Morning Tea to actively enjoy all activities and to meet with all sponsors at different venues around the Island during the Week. The Deputy Shire President Cr Foo Kee Heng and the Shire's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Price each gave a brief speech to thank the seniors for their contributions. The President of the CI Seniors Association Mr Ang Ah Him thanked the seniors for their support and attendance. He thanked the Shire officers for coordinating the celebration of annual Seniors Week on the Island. There were more than 50 people attending the opening ceremony.

The Seniors Week continues with a series of activities hosted by various organisations on the Island, including Seniors Fun Activities with Juniors; Seniors Health Promotion and Morning Tea at the Hospital; Seniors MINTOPE Tour and Lunch Picnic at Tat Jin House and Buffet Dinner at Rumah Tinggi Restaurant hosted by the CI Phosphates; Seniors "Stay on Your Feet" Programs jointly presented by IOT Health Service and the Shire; Seniors Brunch at the New Vision Centre to be hosted by the CI Women's Association. The Seniors Week concludes on Sunday 24 July 2016 with a Grand Dinner with Sponsors and Seniors to be held at the Lucky Ho Restaurant.

The Shire of Christmas Island would like to thank those generous organisations and individuals for their continuing support of this important event since its inception.



Please join us for 25th
annual memorial service
In Loving Memory of
Mr Gordon Bennett

When: Saturday, 30th July 2016
at 2:30 pm
Where: Resting Place of Gordon
Bennett at the Chinese Cemetery



Birthday of Deity Guan Di
Celebration
Grants Well Temple
Wednesday 27th July 2016
4.30pm

Ullambana Festival
(Ghost Festival)
Sheng Wong Temple - Drumsite
Wednesday 3rd August 2016
4.30pm





ACKER CI OPEN 2016

Christmas Island Golf Club hosted the 5th ACKER CI Open over the third weekend in May. Thank you to **ACKER Pty. Ltd.** major sponsors of the event and to our other valued sponsors:



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Thank you to the numerous volunteers who volunteered their valuable time to ensure the course was in the best possible condition. Thank you to 9 off island visitors, members and community members who played in the event and to the CIGC Committee for their ongoing commitment.

The ACKER CI Open weekend of golfing activity started on Wednesday night at the golf club with 60 people challenging their minds to a quiz night with quiz master Michael Keogh's questions. Well done to the winning team of the Conquistadors, Kat, Ado, Matty, Simon, Steve and Nisah.

On Friday the 20th 44 golfers took to the course for the first event of the ACKER CI Open. The 9 hole individual Stableford round was won by Ian Francis with a fantastic 24 points. Runner up was Darren Bird on 22 points and third on a count back was Zach Graffin with 21 points. Thank you to the Wednesday lady golfers for creating a fantastic spread of food.

The three person 9 hole ambrose was great on Saturday the 21st with in excess of 65 golfers on course. The winners for the day were Ian Francis, Gerard Rasenberg and Graeme Dent. Runners up were Adrian Beaven, Tony Yates and James Arkinstall. There were plenty of prizes given away, well done to all of the winners. A special thanks to Kheong and the ACKER team for all of their efforts in putting on such a fantastic afternoon, a delicious meal was served and the Lion Dancers took centre stage against a magical backdrop.

The 18 hole stroke event saw a field of 38 contenders, congratulations to our ACKER CI Open winners for 2016.

- 1st place Zach Graffin nett 51**
- 2nd place Hayden Faulkner nett 58
- 3rd place Darren Bird nett 59
- 4th place Rhys Bird nett 60

A fantastic weekend celebrated by all. Thanks to Kheong and the ACKER team. Bring on 2017



Winners (L) D. Bird, H. Faulkner, Z. Graffin, R. Bird