



Attachment 1 - CEO017

Mr Tony Brun
Chief Executive Officer
City of Greater Geraldton
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26th November 2012

Dear Tony

Re; Australia Day Trading 2013

Thank you for your enquiry to the Mid West Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MWCCI) in relation to the support, or otherwise, on the issue of trading on the Public Holiday for Australia Day 2013.

As you would be aware, Australia Day in 2013 falls on the Saturday with the gazetted Public Holiday being Monday the 28th of January 2013.

This means that businesses will be open for trade on Australia Day (the Saturday) in the normal course of their business activities and should they then open on the Monday Public Holiday they would be subject to paying their staff at the rate of double time and a half for any hours worked.

This penalty rate makes it uneconomic for small to medium sized businesses to contemplate opening and for that reason the Chamber and its members do not support trading on the Public Holiday.

The Chamber will continue to support the City of Greater Geraldton with your Australia Day celebrations in whatever way we can, unfortunately with the calendar falling the way it does next year means that many will miss the events that take place in the morning and afternoon of the 26th.

Should you have any questions in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

W A (Bill) Headley
Chief Executive Officer

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