

**Can you believe it is August already? That means there is only 144 days till Christmas!!!**

11th August 2017

Now before you close the browser in disgust at me mentioning Christmas in the first week of August, I wanted to mention our amazing [Christmas Day Buffet](#) & our [New Year's Eve Buffet](#) that we run annually.

Both functions are always extremely popular and sell out fast, so please do not hesitate to contact our Functions Manager on [functions@abbeybeach.com.au](mailto:functions@abbeybeach.com.au) to book your Christmas Buffet spot. Also this year we have some [Christmas Packages](#) which include accommodation and our Christmas Buffet. Please check the website for these amazing [deals](#)!

Now back to the present, and it was great to see so many familiar faces staying with us over the July School Holidays. The indoor heated pool and spa was definitely the place to be as the winter weather continued across the South West. That hasn't deterred many of our guests venturing out from Augusta to see the annual migration of whales, with all tour charters reporting back to us that they have had some great action with lots of playful young whales showing off!

In the coming months we look forward to the annual [wildflower season](#) across the South West, with the cape to cape track from Cape Leeuwin to Cape Naturaliste one of the best places to see these native wildflowers in full bloom.

There are plenty of local guided tours who will be happy to take you on a tour of the wildflowers or if you are happy to explore on your own, our friendly reception staff will be happy to provide you a map of the cape to cape and of the region, and will if you ask nicely provide you with some 'secret spots' that us locals like to keep a secret!

Starting from next month, I will be passing over the blog to our General Manager Mr Rod Hughes, who will continue to provide you all with an insight into the monthly happenings at the resort and of course the region too.

Thank you all for taking the time to read.

Best Wishes  
Jordan Palk

## Winter Down South

4th July 2017

So I would like to start my blog with a weather update!

It has been cold! I know those who visit Busselton in the summer probably will not believe me, but if you live from Perth down, you will know what I mean.

The temperatures dropped so much on Monday night that Bluff Knoll (the highest point in WA) which is part of the Stirling ranges near Albany experienced snowfall! Now before you rush outside to buy your sledges for your school holiday trip down south, I think there is more chance of me playing for the Australian cricket team than us experiencing snow, but that doesn't mean that there isn't a whole ton of other amazing winter experiences in the [Margaret River region](#) that you can't enjoy.

[Cabin Fever](#) is one of the most talked about events in the region this July, with the region putting a hold on hibernation with to welcome 10 days of wintry goodness. With over 25 events and a celebration of regional produce this inaugural event is a great way to experience what the region has to offer this winter.

Also celebrating its 10th anniversary this August is the [Cinefest Oz Film Festival](#). Having welcomed such Australian screen legends as Hugo Weaving, Joel Edgerton and David Wenham this celebration of Australian filmmaking, not only showcases a variety of films, but the South West as well!

Here at the resort, the school holidays are well and truly upon us, and it is great to see so many families enjoying the facilities such as our 25m heated indoor pool and spa which is always very popular at this time of year. For guests looking to explore the region, the caves such as [Mammoth Cave](#) in Margaret River are always popular at this time of year and we are delighted once again to report directly from the whale watching tour companies that the annual migration has once again started with whale watching tours currently leaving from Augusta on a daily basis.

If you are staying with us over the school holidays or beyond, please do not hesitate to ask one of our reception staff members about the range of tours that we can book for you. With a number of the wine tours that operate in the region picking you up direct from the resort reception, which means you can enjoy even more wine that is plentiful in the region.

Well that's it from me for another month. I hope to welcome you all down to the resort over this winter period. We have some amazing [deals](#) currently on and I encourage everyone to check out are winter promotion rates in the booking tool on the homepage.

Stay Safe

Jordan