

Proposal | Free RV Parking Area



Introduction

The purpose of this discussion paper is to determine the level of support from the community and other stakeholders for a 72 hour free Recreational Vehicle (RV) parking area to be integrated into a parcel of land within the Pingelly townsite.

At the conclusion of the consultation, a report will be prepared for Council, presenting the feedback received, as well as any further matters that have arisen from additional research.

All views are welcome and encouraged, to consider this important opportunity to increase visitation and accommodation options within the townsite, and the benefits it may bring.

Background

Self-contained recreational vehicles are those that can contain, within the vehicle, fixed shower and toilet, sullage (grey) and black water waste (sewerage) storage, and have capacity for carrying multiple days' worth of drinking water.

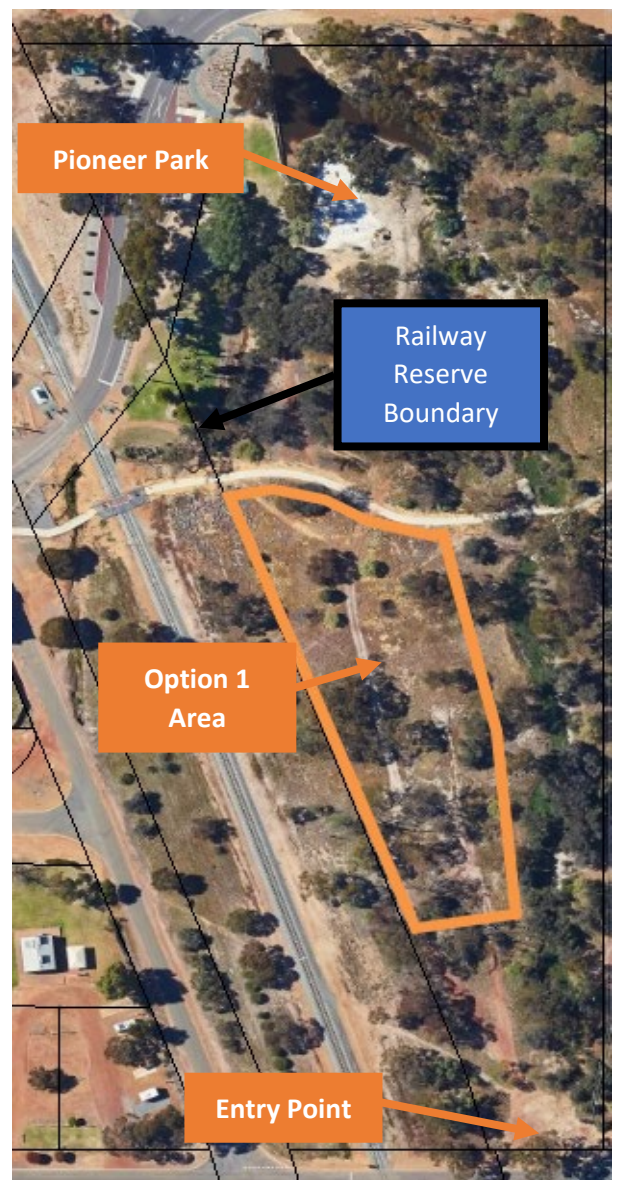
In Australia, the popularity of RVs continues to grow. Where travellers were once heavily reliant on services provided by caravan parks, a shift has occurred toward larger self-contained vans, and a desire to stay in cheaper sites with less services. The drive tourism market plays a significant role in the Wheatbelt visitation numbers, and is an important contributor to local businesses.

There is currently no free RV parking within the Pingelly townsite, however, free parking areas exist in townsites to the north and south. This is likely to increase the "drive-through" status of Pingelly, in favour of other locations with free accommodation that encourage visitors to stop and explore their town and surrounding areas.

Proposal

The trial proposes allowing fully self-contained RVs to stay for up to 72 hours. Tents and vehicles that are not fully self-contained, will not be permitted to use the location. These visitors will be required to make use of the existing caravan park. Two areas within the Pingelly townsite have been identified as potentially suitable sites.

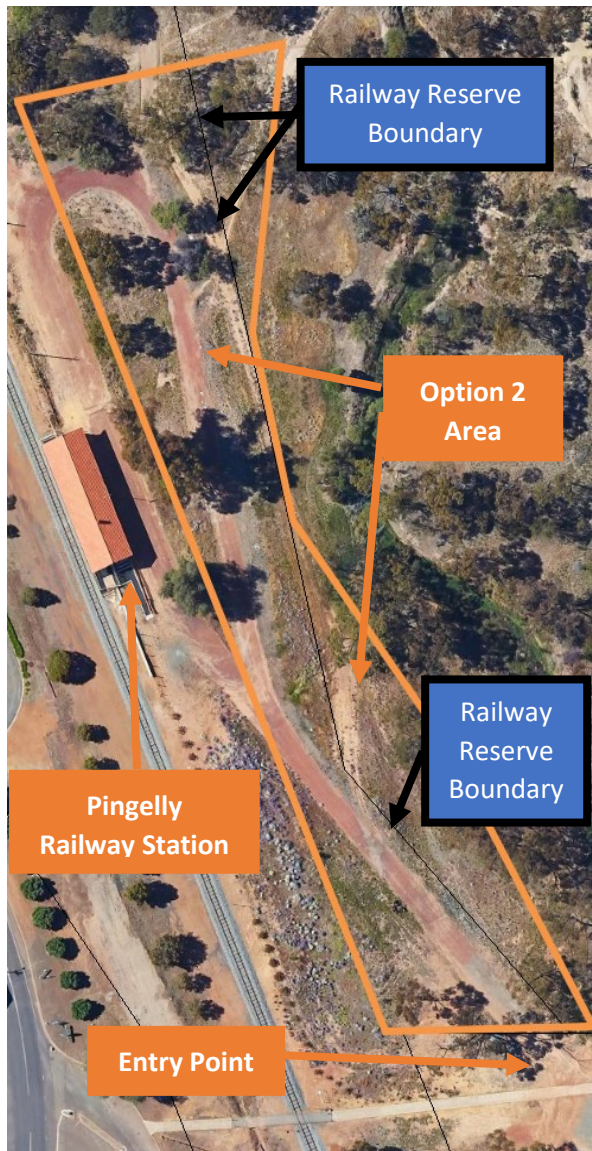
Option 1 – South of Pioneer Park



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Option 2 – Adjacent to Pingelly Railway Station



Analysis of options:

- Both sites are in relatively close proximity to the town centre, with Option 1 being closer to the existing dump point at the caravan park.
- Option 2 would require negotiations to occur with the Public Transport Authority (PTA) due to a portion of the area identified being within Railway Reserve. This may be a lengthy negotiation process, delaying the RV site indefinitely.

- Option 2 provides for an expanded area, with land available further to the north of this site, noting this becomes increasingly further from the town centre.

What will it cost?

- To offer this facility, approximately \$1,500 is required to erect specially designed signage to define the rules and type of vehicle permitted.
- The grounds are currently maintained by the Shire of Pingelly, and this would continue. Options for waste disposal may to be required within the site to preserve amenity. This requirement will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Other considerations:

- There is expected to be negligible, if any, lost revenue from the Caravan Park, as travellers utilising free camping self-contained sites typically plan their itinerary around the availability of free sites.
- A review can be undertaken at any time if concerns arise.
- There is the potential for refuse to be left at the site. This would be monitored by staff. Generally, visitors are respectful of the terms and conditions of free camping sites.
- Compliance with the maximum length of stay will be in general self regulating, and as a minimum, this will be monitored by the Shire ranger service.

Feedback

The closing date for submissions regarding this proposal is Tuesday 3 March 2020.

Questions

For further information regarding this proposal, please contact:

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Questions

Do you support a RV site in the townsite of Pingelly?

Yes No

If no, please provide the reasons for your response:

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If yes, please indicate which option you think would be most suitable:

Option A – south of Pioneer Park
 Option B – adjacent to the Pingelly Railway Station

If your preference is Option B, would you support an interim RV parking area at Option A, to allow a timely implementation of an RV parking area in Pingelly?

Yes No

Is there anything else that you wish the Council to consider when making a decision on this proposal?

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Thankyou for your input.

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