

## PRACC OPERATING GRANT COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

When the PRACC opened, Council provided an operating grant to the PRACC Inc. of \$80,000 per year for the first 3 years. Council at their meeting on 16 November, is now also providing this \$80,000 grant for the 4<sup>th</sup> year (this current financial year). There were a record number of residents in attendance at the Council Meeting to ask questions and hear the Council's decision.

Council also has committed in the annual budget to repaying over \$1,000,000 from the loans which funded the building of PRACC facility. This avoids paying substantially increased interest on this loan.

Council also initiated an analysis of this operating grant and management models to be undertaken by an independent expert. This analysis is timely as the PRACC has now been operating for 3 years and there is now enough data available to undertake this analysis using the actual net profit figures rather than projections. Any reduction to the grant will be used to create a separate fund for the long term maintenance of the PRACC facility. It is anticipated that these maintenance costs will be substantial in the coming years. This approach will ensure that ratepayers will get best value for money and the operations of the PRACC continue to be supported and some funding is put aside for the future upkeep of the facility.

Shire of  
Pingelly



### SHIRE OPENING HOURS

8.30am to 4.30pm  
Weekdays (closed  
Public Holidays)  
Licensing Closes 4pm

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

2pm 14 December 2022  
Shire Office

### CONVERSE WITH THE COUNCILLORS

5.30pm 14 December  
2022 Shire Office

### TIP HOURS

7.30am - 4.00pm  
Saturday - Monday

### RANGER CONTACT

24 hours / 7 days  
Ph: 0459 678 154

### WASTE COLLECTION

Every Tuesday

### RECYCLING DATES

29 NOVEMBER 2022

## MOUNTAIN BIKE & CYCLING STRATEGY ADOPTED

After listening to the community feedback, Council has adopted the Mountain Bike & Cycling Strategy 2022 – 2026. This document is available through on the Shire's website via the QR code below. This strategy aims to 'Create a place where visitors & locals will choose to cycle' by:

1. Build a Local Cycling Culture
2. Become the Trails Centre for the Southern Wheatbelt

The first part of this strategy – a cycle and walk path between the Pingelly Cemetery and Somerset Street (along Review Street) will start construction next year. This will complete a 4km loop with the All Ages Path which connects the PRACC through the town centre with Pingelly Primary School. Other elements of this strategy are dependant on grants, but the adoption of the strategy will allow the Shire to apply for these grants as they arise.



## LIVE & LOCAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sunday 20 November saw the final installation from the Live and Local Program. This workshop was to help Artists and Businesses learn about marketing, pricing and all the necessities it takes to be a successful musician or business in the music industry.

The Shire of Pingelly has been running the Live and Local program for 2 years after receiving funding from the Live Music Office.

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