



CELEBRATING OUTGOING COUNCILLORS

PRESIDENT WILLIAM MULRONEY ESM

The Shire President, William (Bill) Mulroney has not stood for re-election in 2023. Bill has had an exceptional career and impact as Shire President for the last 6 years, Deputy President for 6 years and 6 years as a Councillor.



On his watch Pingelly has made exceptional strides forward including the:

- Construction of the award winning PRACC - the largest wooden structure in the southern hemisphere built since World War 2;
- Development of the Pingelly Health Centre utilising cutting edge telehealth services in conjunction with WA Country Health Service;
- Redevelopment of Memorial Park for all ages;
- Attraction of a full time GP ;
- Development of the Pingelly Aged Appropriate Accommodation (PAAA);
- Management of various emergency situations;
- Redevelopment and reuse of the Pingelly Town Hall; and
- Improvement of countless services and facilities.

Even before Bill was elected to Council, Bill worked for the Pingelly community in many different roles as a Shire employee. As an employee and Councillor for nearly 40 years, Bill has worked tirelessly with local people visiting his house on a daily basis and making near constant phone calls to community members and stakeholders to represent the community interest. Bill has spent countless hours over the past 40 years volunteering for the community both formally and informally. Typical of Bill's sacrifice was his leadership of the Pingelly Scout Group for over 10 years. This was a great personal sacrifice, as well as a sacrifice by his family. Great credit is due to Lorraine Mulroney for this sacrifice and for Bill's success.

Eminent Service Award 2023 & Local Legend Semi Finalist 2023

Bill has been the Local Manager of the Pingelly SES for since 1984 for which he has received the Outstanding Achievement Medal (OAM) and the Emergency Services Medal (ESM) as well as the National Medal and FESA Long Service Medal. In this role, Bill has been first responder for many road crash rescues which is comes with a significant physical and emotional load.

From the very start of Bill's career as a police officer in Queensland when he was first on the scene at one of Australia's worst air crash disasters at Winton through to the current day, Bill can only be described as a legend. No wonder then that he is a semi-finalist in the 'local legend awards and received the Eminent Service Award both in 2023.



SHIRE OPENING HOURS

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

2pm 18 October 2023
Shire Office

CONVERSE WITH THE COUNCILLORS

5.30pm 18 October 2023
Shire Office

TIP HOURS

7.30am - 4.00pm
Saturday - Monday

RANGER CONTACT

24 hours / 7 days
Ph: 0459 678 154

WASTE COLLECTION Every Tuesday

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CR ANTHONY OLIVERI

Cr Oliveri did not stand for re-election in 2023. Anthony is the local owner of the Pingelly Village Grocer (IGA) which creates a fantastic touch point with the community.

Driven by this connection to the people in our community, Anthony nominated for Council and has been an invaluable leader within Council for the past 6 years. Anthony's head for business and direct conduit to the community through the IGA has been a real asset to Council.



Anthony is family orientated—having 8 children of his own. He was an avid supporter of the Memorial Park rejuvenation, and is a driver of project such as improvements made to the skate park and the establishment of a 'pump' track (for bikes), to create an enjoyable youth precinct in town.

Anthony also is very community minded as evidenced by the number of community grants provided to various community organisations over the years. He spearheaded the Pingelly Gift Card initiative along with the Shire and other business owners and has been a great advocate on behalf of Pingelly. Anthony is to be commended for the service that he has given the community over the past 6 years.

MINISTER'S PLACE INNOVATION AWARD WINNER

The Gnalla Wangkiny Park/Pingelly Pocket Park **was recognised as winner of the Minister's Place Innovation Award 2023** and a trophy awarded to the Shire President, William Mulroney on Monday 18 October 2023 (image right) by the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable David Michael MLA.

The name Gnalla Wangkiny Park was suggested by our local community and chosen by Council as it reflects the intention of the Park. 'Gnalla' means us/our and 'wangkiny' means language and speaking or talking. The Park is to talk, yarn, listen to each other as we sit around the fire or in front of the stage.

The Park was developed in close consultation with many local people. It previously was fenced off to mitigate anti-social behaviour, but now is available for use by all of the community. The dual naming of the Park reflects this welcome to all.

The fact that Pingelly has been awarded such a prestigious award—the inaugural Minister's award above all of regional Western Australia is a great credit to Shire and to the Pingelly as a whole.



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TOWN HALL AND MUSEUM GRAND OPENING

The Shire President, William Mulrone ESM opened Town Hall and Museum at the Town Hall at 11am Saturday 23 September 2023 following significant renovation to the Town Hall and reorganisation of the History and the Pingelly Museum and Historical Group. Thank you to both of these groups for their contributions.

This opening event and light lunch was attended by approximately 50 people with more than 100 people visiting the Museum at the Town Hall across the opening weekend.

The Shire President made the following opening speech:

Ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon and welcome to the official opening of our beloved Pingelly Town Hall on this beautiful Saturday, the 23rd of September 2023. It is an immense pleasure and privilege to stand before you as your Shire President and extend a heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you on this historic occasion.

I would like to acknowledge all those have gone before. We stand on their shoulders. Firstly, I acknowledge the Aboriginal people and their history on this land over countless generations. I also acknowledge the more recent history and the 150th anniversary of local government in our community, a true testament to our enduring commitment to self-governance.

It is important to celebrate these milestones as they mark how far we have come and provide opportunity for us to reflect on those who have gone before. We also celebrate 150 years of the Mourumbine Church, a spiritual cornerstone in our district, and 60 years of Tutanning Wildflower Walks, showcasing the natural beauty of our region.

The redevelopment of the Town Hall is testament to the Pingelly Town Hall Committee and Shire staff. Their unwavering dedication and hard work have breathed new life into this cherished building. Through their efforts, we have transformed this heritage place into a home for some of the finest historical collections in Pingelly.

But this magnificent building isn't just about bricks and mortar; it's a repository of our town's rich history and a reflection of our collective spirit. I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed to the remarkable items that now reside within these walls.

To the Pingelly Museum and Historical Group, thank you for re-opening the museum and creating displays that allow us to journey back in time and connect with our past.

A special mention is due to Mr. Neil Gill for his generous donation of a wonderful collection of buggies and sulkies. Each one of these artifacts carries a story waiting to be shared, a piece of significant history that deserves to be told.

We must also recognize the outstanding work of Alan and Bryan Higgins. Their dedication shines through the portraits that grace this room, portraits that honour the soldiers from Pingelly, serving as a true testament to our local heroes who have made us proud.



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Shire President's opening speech continued...

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Shire of Pingelly, including our wonderful staff and Councillors, for their invaluable contributions to the restoration and completion of this building. Your dedication and hard work have been pivotal in making today possible.

This Town Hall not only holds significance; it proudly displays it. Together, we have built a hub of history, a place of profound meaning, and an educational space for all who wish to visit. As you step into the front foyer, you will find the Driver Reviver, a place for visitors to relax, savour a cup of coffee, and delve into the deep history that surrounds us.

Western Australian Heritage Awards Finalist 2023

Today I am also proud to announce today that the Shire of Pingelly is a finalist in the 2023 Western Australian Heritage Awards in the 'Contribution by a Public or Private Organisation' category along with the City of Rockingham and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. This category is for community-based or non-profit organisations whose contribution demonstrates a commitment to cultural heritage and/or heritage-related work, services or programs in Western Australia. The Heritage Minister, David Templeman commented that "The three finalists are shining examples of local governments that are committed to protecting and preserving Western Australia's significant local heritage places, which are valuable pieces of our historical legacy."

Pingelly together has been recognised for the:

- Culture and Arts Framework
- The revitalised History and Heritage Group
- Accommodation and display of the Neil Gill Collection
- Men's Shed refurbished agricultural vehicles
- Heritage Trail
- People of Pingelly Project
- Refurbishment of the Town Hall and Courthouse
- Inaugural Heritage Festival

I, for one, am incredibly proud of Pingelly. We are strong as individuals, as a group, but most importantly, as a collective. Together, we have preserved our heritage, and today, we celebrate it.

In conclusion, as we embark on this new chapter with the official reopening of our Town Hall, let us cherish the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a future filled with unity, prosperity, and the continued growth of our wonderful Pingelly community.

Thank you and may the legacy of Pingelly continue to shine brightly. Enjoy this historic day!



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