



STATE CELEBRATION IN GNALLA WANGKINY PARK

On the evening of Wednesday, 6 December, members of the Pingelly community gathered at Gnalla Wangkiny Pocket Park to revel in the Tidy Towns State Celebrations. This free community celebration was not only a testament to Pingelly's dedication but also an occasion to celebrate the town's outstanding success in clinching this prestigious award. The heart-warming atmosphere and the delightful dinner, provided by the Pingelly Hotel combined to make a wonderful evening. Shire President, Jackie McBurney, delivered an inspiring speech that resonated with the audience, emphasising the significance of community effort and the collective pride in Pingelly's accomplishments. Following this speech, Kaye Watts, on behalf of Pingelly Somerset Alliance spoke on the success of the Virtual Village. As state finalists in the Community Wellbeing Category, Pingelly Somerset Alliance demonstrated their commitment to fostering a thriving and connected community. Their presence and recognition underscored the diverse avenues through which Pingelly continues to excel.

The Young Legends Winner, Dylan Cheney, took the stage to share his perspective and contribute to the sense of achievement that permeated the event. Dylan's youthful energy and commitment to community betterment served as a beacon of inspiration for all attendees. The Shire of Pingelly also won secured victory in the Heritage Category. This commendable achievement recognised the both the Shire's and community's exemplary efforts in the redevelopment of the Town Hall with the buggies and sulkies collection donated by Neil Gill, stands as a testament to Pingelly's commitment to preserving its historical legacy. The Heritage Trail, by the Pingelly Tourism Group and Pingelly Museum and Historical Group, also played a pivotal role in earning this accolade. Furthermore, the added an extra layer of the Heritage Festival highlighted the richness of the town's heritage landscape.

The event served not only as a moment of celebration but also as a poignant reminder of what can be accomplished when a community comes together with a shared vision for a better, more vibrant future.



SHIRE OPENING HOURS

8.30am to 4.30pm
Weekdays
Licensing Closes 4pm

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11am to 6pm
Tuesday - Sunday

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

2pm 12 December 2023
Shire Office

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2023 Shire Office

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PINGELLY CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

What an enchanting evening unfolded at the launch of the 2023 Pingelly Christmas Village! The atmosphere was imbued with the spirit of the season, as festive cheer resonated through the air and the night sky dazzled with the radiant glow of Christmas lights, casting a magical spell over the gathered community.

The highlight of the night was undoubtedly the Christmas tree competition, where participants showcased their creativity and holiday spirit. A round of applause goes to the winners: Janette Millar claimed the coveted 1st place, while Bec Cousins secured the 2nd spot. The People's Choice award was bestowed upon Bendigo Bank, a testament to their outstanding contribution to the festive landscape.

A sincere expression of gratitude is extended to the unsung heroes behind the scenes, whose efforts ensured the success of this memorable night. The dedicated Shire staff and the skilled workers at the Pingelly Men's Shed deserve special mention for crafting the visually stunning Christmas trees that adorned the village.

Ian James, the mastermind behind the handcrafted photo prop items, added an extra layer of charm to the event, while Doug and Chris Goldsmith provided a musical backdrop that resonated with the joyous spirit of the season. Thanks to Noel Mutschin and his team for the enchanting nativity scene that transported attendees into a world of wonder.

The community's active participation in the Christmas tree competition was heartening, and the vibrant market stalls and food vans not only added flair and flavour but also contributed to the festive cheer that permeated the night.

Sheryl Lee's contribution in present wraps for the Christmas Village deserves special recognition. A resounding applause is reserved for Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the magical elves, whose presence brought smiles to faces young and old.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you is extended to the community who turned up in numbers, making this Christmas Village launch an incredible turnout. Together, the community created a magical evening that will linger in the hearts of everyone who shared in the joy and festivities



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To all members of our Pingelly Community

What an honour it is to serve as the President of the Shire of Pingelly! Thank you for giving me this incredible opportunity.

This year has been a time of change! We bid a very fond farewell to Cr William Mulroney, who retired from Council after having served as Shire President for a good number of years, earning the respect of our community. As his deputy, I personally thank Bill for being a great teacher and mentor. His willingness to share his knowledge of local government has certainly assisted in my transition to President. Thanks Bill.

Whilst losing a member of the team is always sad, it does come with the silver lining of having new members come on board. We were delighted to welcome Clinton Cheyney as a new

Councillor and also reinstated Peter Narducci for a further four year term. Their passion and commitment to our community have already made a positive impact, and I am confident in the wealth of experience and fresh perspectives they bring to the table.

Unfortunately, this doesn't quite complete our team of seven councillors and we will be conducting an extraordinary election in February. So if you are at all interested, please reach out to me or our CEO Andrew Dover, to discuss. We would love to see some new faces.

Over the course of the year, we convened eleven Council Meetings. It has been heartening to witness the active participation of our community members, with many attending Council meetings to contribute their valuable insights. Your engagement is crucial to the democratic process, and I am grateful for the diverse voices that have enriched our discussions. Your input has helped shape the new policies and laws that have been introduced by Council this year. It is interesting to note that many of those policies have been changed directly as a result of your suggestions, so please continue to contribute your great ideas.

One of the exciting outcomes of becoming Shire President, has been the opportunity to get to know our Administrative staff more closely, and to get a more thorough understanding of how all the staff operate so well as a team. Both the outside crew and office staff certainly seem to have our community best interests at heart, and I take this opportunity of thanking them all for their efforts. They have each played a unique role in the story of Pingelly. I also thank those who have left the team throughout the year, for their contribution and wish them well in their future endeavours. The many completed projects and extraordinary awards we have won, would not have been possible without the leadership of our CEO, Andrew and the sheer hard work of all his collective team.

As we approach the close of this remarkable year, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, the people of Pingelly. Your resilience, unity, and commitment to progress have made this year truly rewarding. Together, we continue to shape a community that we can all be proud to call home, and which is fast becoming the envy of our neighbours!

Looking ahead, I am excited about the possibilities that the next year holds for Pingelly. The spirit of collaboration and determination that defines us will undoubtedly lead to even greater achievements. I invite each and every one of you to continue contributing your ideas, passion, and energy as we work together to build a future that reflects the aspirations of our wonderful community.

In closing, well done, Pingelly! Thank you for making my first three months as President a truly memorable and fulfilling experience. Here's to the next chapter and the exciting journey that lies ahead.

On behalf of your Council, I wish you and your family a Christmas and holiday season full of happiness and joy.

Personally, Macca and I offer you our gift of kindness, our gift of peace and our gift of laughter.

Warmest regards
Jackie McBurney
Shire President

"Pingelly, Positive by Nature. Let's grow together!"



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CEO's REPORT

As we reflect on the events of the past year, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I present the CEO's report for the Shire of Pingelly for 2023. The year has been marked by notable achievements, community engagement, and a commitment to sustainable growth.

Pingelly has found itself in the limelight as never before, garnering recognition through a series of prestigious awards. We proudly secured the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities State Title, Tidy Towns History & Culture Award, the Planning Excellence Award, the Minister's Award for a Great Place, and the Volunteer Employer Recognition Award. These accolades underscore our dedication to excellence in various facets of community development and planning.

This year significant improvements were made to Wickepin-Pingelly Road, Somerset Street, and the Review Street Bridge. I acknowledge that there is still plenty to do to bring our roads up to a suitable standard. This has been, and continues to be a significant focus for the Shire.

In our pursuit of holistic community development, the Shire of Pingelly initiated several impactful programs. Notably, the 'Age is Just a Number' program, in collaboration with Pingelly Primary School, showcased our commitment to fostering intergenerational connections and community spirit. Additionally, we celebrated the completion of the dual-use path, enhancing connectivity within our community. Approximately, 70% of our town is now within 150m of the dual-use network which connects the town centre, Pingelly Primary School, PRACC, Memorial Park, Pioneer Park to the rest town.

The successful implementation of the Industry Attraction Fund catalysed the establishment of a new business on the main street, contributing to economic growth within our town. This Fund is available for other businesses to establish or expand.

The reinvigoration of both the museum and Town Hall and the instigation of the Heritage Festival underscored our dedication to preserving our rich history. Building on this, the Shire along with the community has developed the Culture and Art Framework which sets out the next steps for the further preservation of our shared history and for the advancement of culture, arts and crafts within Pingelly.

Creative events played a pivotal role in bringing our community together. The FAM Festival, Australia Day celebrations, Heritage Festival, Christmas Village, and numerous others added vibrancy and joy to our town.

The adoption of the Pingelly Community Plan and Youth Precinct Plan, following extensive public consultation lay the groundwork for a sustainable and thriving future for our community.

I am pleased to report that, for the second consecutive year, the Shire of Pingelly received a clean audit, earning commendation from the Auditor General. This achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparent governance.

As we bid farewell to this remarkable year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire Pingelly community, our dedicated volunteers, and the hardworking Shire staff. Your collective efforts have made every moment of this year memorable. I eagerly anticipate the continued collaboration and building on the success of this year.



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OFFICE CLOSURE

We would like to inform you that the Shire office will be closed for the holiday season, starting from 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 21, 2023, and will reopen on Monday, January 8, 2024. During this period, licensing services will be unavailable. We kindly ask for your understanding and encourage you to plan any licensing-related matters accordingly. As the year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May your Christmas be filled with joy, and may the New Year bring you prosperity and happiness. We look forward to serving you again in 2024. Until then, we hope you have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OUTSTANDING ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS

It seems that a few of our furry friends might have been a bit forgetful about their registration.

If you received a notice a while ago and haven't had a chance to complete the registration process, now is the purr-fect time to do so! Registering your pet isn't just a legal obligation; it's a crucial step in ensuring the safety and well-being of your four-legged family members. By registering, you not only make the reunification process quicker in case they decide to embark on a solo adventure but also save yourself from those pesky fines that might come your way if our diligent ranger happens to pick them up.

We understand life gets busy, but taking a moment to register your cat or dog is a small but significant step toward keeping them safe and secure at home.



RATES 3RD INSTALMENT DUE

This is a friendly reminder that the third instalment of rates is due on January 29, 2024. We understand that circumstances may vary, and if you're facing difficulties in meeting this deadline, we encourage you to visit us at the Shire Office. Our team is here to assist you in arranging a suitable payment plan that accommodates your needs. Your satisfaction and financial well-being are important to us, and we are committed to working together to find a solution.

COMMUNITY & EVENTS ROUND 2

Round 2 of the 2023-2024 Community & Events Grant funding is now OPEN! Are you passionate about making a positive impact in our community? Here's your chance to bring your ideas to life! We're thrilled to announce that applications are now being accepted for grants of up to \$5000, with a fantastic 75% of your costs covered! Whether you're planning a community event, workshop, or initiative that fosters connection and engagement, we want to hear from YOU! Ready to turn your vision into reality? Scan the QR code below to access your application form and take the first step towards bringing positive change to our community. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make a difference! Act fast, gather your ideas, and let's create something amazing together!



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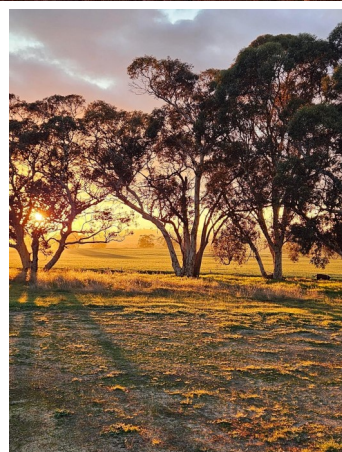
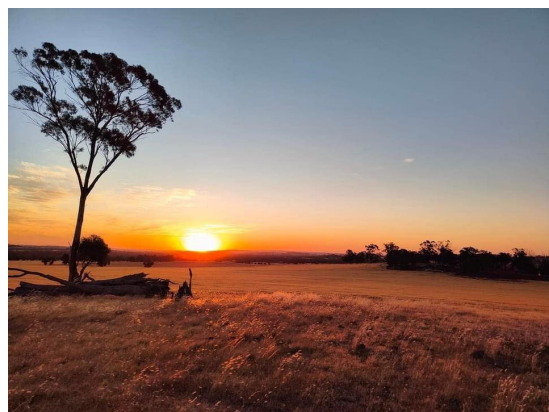
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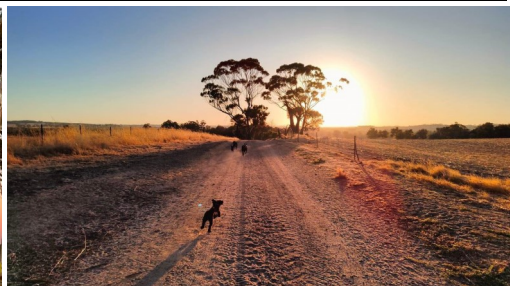
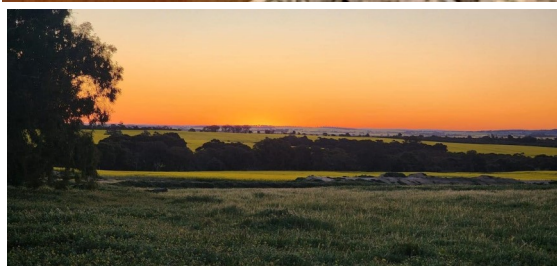
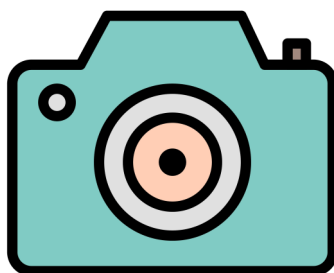


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