



# Shire News

Pingelly: People and Progress



### Restricted Burning Period Extended

The Restricted Burning Period has been extended until midnight Monday 20 May 2019 inclusive, permits to burn are still required up to this date.

### Shredded Paper

The Shire of Pingelly currently has bags of shredded paper available. If you are interested in making collection of some please attend the Shire Administration building, 8.30am—4.30pm Monday to Friday to collect. This is offered on a first in first served basis.

### Council Lunch Catering

The Shire of Pingelly is seeking applications from local community groups or clubs to cater for the upcoming financial year Shire Council Meetings lunches held on the third Wednesday of each month excluding December and January. Those interested in applying are encouraged to submit their expression of interest in writing to the Shire by Friday 7 June 2019. We also ask for local businesses as a back up if community groups cannot for some reason cater on the day. For more information please contact Lisa Body on (08)9887 1066 or ea@pingelly.wa.gov.au.

### Rates Incentives

The Shire of Pingelly is seeking expressions of interests from local businesses to donate vouchers to be given to residents as an incentive to pay their rates on time. Those wishing to donate their vouchers will also have the opportunity to provide relevant advertising material to be sent out with the 2019/20 rates notices. Please contact Rebecca Billingham on (08)9887 1066 or sfo@pingelly.wa.gov.au for more information or to register your interest by Friday 14 June 2019.

### Shire Operating Hours

Monday to Friday  
8.30am to 4.30pm  
(Closed Public Holidays)

Receipting closes 4:30pm  
Licensing closes 4:00pm

### Council Meetings

Wednesday 15 May 2019  
Commences 2:00pm

### Upcoming Events

Nil

### Recycling Collection Dates

Tuesday 7 & 21 May  
Tuesday 4 & 18 June  
Tuesday 2, 16 & 30 July

### Waste Collection

Every Tuesday - Please ensure your bin is out on the verge for collection by 6am.

### Tip Opening Hours

7.30am - 4.00pm  
Friday, Saturday,  
Sunday and Monday

### Pool Opening Hours

Currently closed.  
Opens again in Summer.

### Community Gym

24 hours a day,  
7 days a week.  
Membership Required.  
Closing 30 June 2019, please contact the PRACC for new memberships after this date.

### Ranger Services

24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
Ph: 0459 678 154

### Shire Councillor Contact Information

Bill Mulroney: 0427 871 191  
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## Works Update



- The Parks and Gardens Team continue with their town maintenance program.
- A bitumen two coat seal has been completed on a section of York Williams Road between North Wandering Road and Ulbrich Roads.
- Work to replace a timber bridge structure with concrete box culverts has begun on Bullaring Road at Bridge No 3097. The bridge is located approximately 400 metres east of Dwarlarking Road turnoff on Bullaring Road. Construction of a gravel side track for traffic to bypass the bridge works will be completed by the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. Once the side track is open removal of the timber bridge will start. The project is expected to be completed by mid-June. Motorists are advised traffic management will be on site and to follow signage and speed limits set.
- Traffic hazard signage is in place on Aldersyde Road east of Powell Road to warn motorists of a road failure. Repairs will be carried out as soon as a crew is available.
- Minor building maintenance issues completed.

**Mark Dacombe,**  
**Acting Chief Executive Officer**

## *Shire News and Social Media*



Want to stay in the know with all things related to the Shire of Pingelly? You can find us, like us and follow us on Facebook, check us out on our website at [www.pingelly.wa.gov.au](http://www.pingelly.wa.gov.au) or get access to our Shire Newsletter via the Pingelly Times or delivered straight to your inbox by calling the Shire on (08) 9887 1066 or emailing Lisa Boddy at [ea@pingelly.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@pingelly.wa.gov.au) and having your details added to the email list.

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Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

## Old Pingelly Hospital Demolition Works

As you may be aware, the old Pingelly Hospital (located on Stratford and Brown Street) is being demolished. The new Pingelly Health Centre is open, located the corner of Somerset and Brown Street.

You may notice some increased traffic and demolition noise at the site of the old Pingelly Hospital, starting the 29 April 2019 for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Demolition work can occur Monday to Saturday from 7.00am until 5.00pm.

The demolition will be conducted by Brajkovich Demolition & Salvage (WA) Pty Ltd.

Thank you for your patience during this period.

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Birch  
Redevelopment Project Officer - Southern Inland Health Initiative  
WA Country Health Services – Southern Wheatbelt

26 April 2019



SHIRE OF PINGELLY  
DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

An exciting opportunity exists for a Director of Technical Services to join the Shire of Pingelly.

This is a key position reporting to the Chief Executive Officer. This senior position is responsible for the strategic planning, management and reporting of Council's operations including Engineering, Planning, Building, Emergency Management, Environmental Health, Parks, Gardens, Waste Services, Capital Works and Asset Management.

The successful candidate will have engineering or planning qualifications, or at least five years' demonstrated experience in an engineering environment within Local Government. You must be highly motivated and team focussed. A high level of written and verbal communication skills, an understanding of HR management, conflict resolution, OSH, Local Government Act and Function will be highly regarded.

A total salary package up to \$166,318 pa for a three to five year contract will be negotiated, dependent on qualifications, skills and experience. This includes a cash salary between \$90,000 to \$115,000pa, up to 14.5% superannuation, five weeks' annual leave, together with private use of an executive vehicle and appropriate housing.

The Shire of Pingelly offers a busy team environment with all staff being multi skilled and provides the opportunity to build a career path in local government. The town of Pingelly offers a safe rural lifestyle with good shopping and great sporting facilities together with a primary school and bus connection to the regional high school. Pingelly is located just 90 minutes south east of Perth in the Southern Wheatbelt. Further information about Pingelly can be obtained via the Shire's website [www.pingelly.wa.gov.au](http://www.pingelly.wa.gov.au).

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Mark Dacombe, Acting Chief Executive Officer on (08) 9887 1066 to discuss the position requirements and opportunities for this exciting position. The position description is available at [www.pingelly.wa.gov.au](http://www.pingelly.wa.gov.au) or by emailing [ceo@pingelly.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@pingelly.wa.gov.au).

Applicants must address the selection criteria, include a covering letter detailing relevant experience and qualifications, and a resume that includes two work related referees and contact details. Applications addressed to the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Pingelly and marked "Confidential – Director Technical Services", must be received by 4.00pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The Shire of Pingelly is an equal opportunity employer.

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## RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

### Milly Molly Mandy's Aboriginal Engagement Strategy Research Project



(Image courtesy of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies)

**If you have a child aged 0-4 years and are living in the towns of Brookton or Pingelly, we want to hear from you.**

IPS has been engaged to conduct a research project for the Milly Molly Mandy's Child Care Centre in Brookton. This research will be in the form of three local focus groups with Aboriginal families with children aged 0-4 years. The information sourced from the participants will be used to inform the development of an Aboriginal Engagement Strategy for Milly Molly Mandy's Child Care Centre.

Focus group sessions will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at:

- Pingelly 11am to 12pm
- Brookton 1.30 pm to 2.30pm
- Brookton 4pm to 5pm

**\$20 Gift  
Voucher for  
your input**

A \$20 Gift Voucher will be offered per family after full participation in the research.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Joanne on 0447787875 or [joanne.hill@ipsau.com.au](mailto:joanne.hill@ipsau.com.au) OR Dr Katie on 0448 971314 or [katie.roe@ipsau.com.au](mailto:katie.roe@ipsau.com.au) to book into one of our focus groups.

## MEDIA RELEASE

As President of the Shire of Pingelly, and with the Councillors, have appointed a new Chief Executive Officer to replace Mr Gavin Pollock who resigned to fill a position in another Local Government.

I am pleased to announce that the appointment was made at a Special Council Meeting conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019. The appointee is Ms Julie Burton from the Shire of Murray. Julie comes with some number of years of experience in all facets of Local Government with expertise in finances.

Ms Burton commences duties with the Shire of Pingelly on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019, this is in line with her contract with the Shire of Murray.

There were a number of excellent applicants applying for the position of Chief Executive Officer for the Shire of Pingelly and Ms Burton was the preferred applicant.

The Shire has come through a phase of large project building and now is the time to consolidate those assets into sustainable and manageable community assets.

Budget 2019/20 is fast approaching and Council Staff are processing ready for the Council workshops to present a balanced budget for the forthcoming financial year. To do this the community needs to advise Council of upcoming needs so that these needs can be considered by Council in the budget process. If requests are not in the budget there is little room for them to be allotted monies after the budget has been set. The annual budget is reviewed in March of each year and any surplus monies can then be allocated to projects if they fit the criteria.

Budgets are set in line with the Shire of Pingelly Strategic Community Plan and Long Term Plan Financial Plan which indicates the amount of rates which can be set with the budget to allow a sustainable and balanced budget. These plans are a living document and are reviewed on a regular basis together with the Workforce Plan.

Pingelly Shire finances are in a sustainable position. During this financial year the finances of the Shire have been audited by three (3) independent auditors and have all been credited as being sustainable. Those auditors were AMD Auditors, Department of Local Government Auditors and WA Treasury Commission. The Shire is still sustainable and all but one (1) project budgeted for this financial year will be completed. Shire is awaiting from the Lands Department clearance of Native Title on the Black Spot scheduled for the Bodey and Harper Streets intersection which also incorporates the Yenellin Rd reconstruction.

W.V.Mulroney ESM  
Shire President

## MEDIA RELEASE

### DEMOLITION OF OLD HOSPITAL

As demolition of the old hospital building has commenced it is time to remind the community of the efforts that the Shire of Pingelly made to retain the building for another use i.e., short term accommodation and small conference facilities.

After the information that the Health Services of Pingelly would be relocated to the new facilities the Shire of Pingelly started communication with the Western Australia Country Health Service (WACHS) to ascertain if the Shire could acquire the building for the purposes that have been mentioned. This was to be in collaboration with the Universality of WA as a base for their students that are connected to the UWA Future Farm.

However these discussion didn't eventuate to anything concrete leaving the Shire to pursue other options.

Information was then received that WACHS were calling for tenders for the demolition of the building. It was then that Council pursued another option by communicating with all State politicians advising them that Council would be interested in retaining the building for short term accommodation and facilities in conjunction with UWA Future Farm.

The first reply was received from the Chief Executive Officer of WACHS, Mr Jeffrey Moffet, who advised that owing to the structural instability of the building the decision was made to demolish it. The cost to reinstate the building was prohibitive according to Structural Engineer's reports.

Council was of the opinion that if the State Government allocated two thirds of the demolition funds to Council for the reinstatement of building Council would have an ideal facility with the State Government retaining the other third of the budgeted cost of the demolition.

The final reply from the State Government was from the Hon M McGowan, Premier of WA, please refer to his letter in this week's Pingelly Times regarding the final decision regarding this project.

Tenders were sought and the successful tenderer was Brajkovich Demolition and Salvage WA Pty Ltd. who have commenced the demolition of the building. On completion of the demolition of the building the Land will be left as a clean piece devoid of any contamination and transferred to the Shire of Pingelly as freehold for future development.

W.V.Mulroney ESM  
Shire President



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**Premier of Western Australia**

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Your Reference: A959

Mr Gavin Pollock  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Pingelly  
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Dear Mr Pollock

Thank you for your letter dated 17 April 2018 regarding the Pingelly Hospital Site (Lot 852, Reserve 23668).

I understand that the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Chief Executive wrote to the Shire of Pingelly on 18 December 2017 and outlined the reasons why the Shire's preferred option was not supported by WACHS.

Following extensive planning, WACHS determined refurbishment of the existing Pingelly Hospital buildings as too costly and unviable to repurpose. I appreciate the Shire's desire to seek potential future benefits for the community by acquiring these buildings. However, WACHS' position remains unchanged and demolition is currently on schedule to occur in mid July 2018.

If you require further information in relation to this matter, I encourage you to contact Mr Sean Conlan, Regional Director – WACHS Wheatbelt, on 9621 0702.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Mark McGowan MLA  
**PREMIER**

**17 MAY 2018**





Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

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Enquiries to: Sean Conlan, Regional Director, 08 9621 0705

Gavin Pollock  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr Pollock

**Pingelly Hospital Site (Lot 852, Reserve 23668)**

Thank you for your letter dated 23 November 2017.

The Shire of Pingelly has proposed the following options to WA Country Health Service (WACHS) regarding the future of the Pingelly Hospital Building:

- Option 1: The Shire to be provided with 75% of the allocated demolition budget to support future partnerships and further development of the site that will see the building deliver economic benefits to the community. This would require the building and land being transferred to the Shire as a freehold title.
- Option 2: WACHS demolish the building and provide the Shire with a clean, clear and level site as a freehold title.

I am advised that all previous discussions with the Shire of Pingelly have been based solely on land swap arrangements excluding any additional transfer of funds.

As part of the assessment process and decision making in proposing a new build health centre, WACHS undertook building condition audits on the existing hospital. Refurbishment was deemed too costly and unviable due to a number of factors including the buildings age, annual operating costs, deferred maintenance liabilities and annual maintenance costs.

A large number of old buildings and land contain concealed building conditions that cannot be identified prior to commencing works. These can include but are not limited to items such as buried asbestos, non-compliant electrical circuits and deteriorated water pipes, all of which add to the risk of redevelopment.

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Additionally, the current Pingelly Hospital is a very large building with interconnecting services, such as hot water, electrical, fire detection, etc. This would make any alterations expensive and potentially unviable.

WACHS appreciates the Shire's desire to foster future partnerships and provide additional services to the community. However, it is likely the Shire will encounter similar issues when trying to adapt the buildings for future alternative use.


In consideration of the above information, WACHS is supportive of option 2 as proposed by the Shire of Pingelly, which is to demolish the building and provide the Shire with a clean, clear and level site as a freehold title. WACHS will commence the process of demolition and transfer of title.

Should you have any further queries please contact Marie Baxter, Acting Regional Director – WACHS Wheatbelt on 08 9621 0705 or Graeme Leverington, Senior Project Manager – Infrastructure & Planning, WACHS Wheatbelt on 08 9621 7810.

Yours sincerely



Jeffrey Moffet  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

 December 2017