



HAVE YOUR SAY

A Community Perceptions Survey is currently being conducted to poll our community's current views on how the Shire of Pingelly is doing across all areas.

This Survey will assist the Shire in decision making; areas of focus and priorities for the community and to help develop the Community Strategic Plan which, when developed will guide the Shire of Pingelly over the next 4 years. As such, it is of highest importance that you have your say in the poll and tell us what you think we are doing well and where we need to focus in the future.



The Survey has been emailed to some residents, mailed out, advertised through social media and is available through the below QR code.

The Survey will be open until 25 March 2022 so please make sure that you participate before that deadline.

SHIRE OPENING HOURS

8.30am to 4.30pm
Weekdays (closed
Public Holidays)
Closed between
12.30pm-1.00pm daily
Licensing Closes 4pm

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

16 March 2022

Ordinary Council
Meeting
commencing 2pm

TIP HOURS

7.30am - 4.00pm
Saturday - Monday

POOL HOURS

11:30am—6:30pm
Wednesday—Monday
Closed Tuesdays
Season closes 31
March 2022

RANGER CONTACT

24 hours / 7 days
Ph: 0459 678 154

WASTE COLLECTION

Every Tuesday

RECYCLING DATES

22 March 2022
5 April 2022

BUSINESS BBQ SUNDOWNER

On Tuesday the Shire of Pingelly had the pleasure of holding a Business BBQ Sundowner at the Pingelly Retreat Motel with new business owners Pete & Kare.

The purpose of the sundowner was to bring all shop front business owners along the Main Street together to socialise, raise concerns and support each other as well as put names to faces.

As part of the Shire of Pingelly's strategic plan, the Shire hopes to hold these business get togethers every 3-4 months at various locations within the Main Street to develop, promote and sustain not only the businesses, but Pingelly as a community.

Thank you to Pete & Karen for allowing us to hold this event at your premises and for giving us guided tours of the renovation progress so far. Exciting things to come for Pingelly Retreat Motel!





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. In celebration of this day, the Shire of Pingelly held a morning tea in Memorial Park. The morning was a delight with many women and men coming together to support the event. Cr Jackie McBurney made the following speech:

"Good morning everyone and welcome to our morning tea to help celebrate International Women's Day 2022. My name is Jackie McBurney and I am the Deputy Shire President for the Shire of Pingelly.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the Noongar people of this area and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay respect to both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people past, present and emerging.

*International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate **all** women and acknowledge the role that each of us plays in our homes, in our community, in our workplaces, in our nation and throughout all nations. However, I firmly believe it is an opportunity to celebrate women and their achievements – not an opportunity to denigrate men and lessen their achievements. Men and women have different strengths and true national prosperity, longevity and sustainability can only come from accepting and revering those different strengths and allowing each to thrive.*

International Women's Day grew out of the labour movement and can be traced back to early 1900s, with 15000 women marching through the streets of New York demanding shorter working hours, better pay and the right to vote. Later a communist activist named Clara Zetkin advocated for a special international women's day and that day was formalised when women in Russia went on a wartime strike on March 8th 1917, demanding "bread and peace". Maybe they need to do it again in 2022. Much later in 1975 the United Nations accepted and recognised the first International Women's Day, and it has continued as an annual event.

The United Nations announced their theme for 2022 as "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow." What a worthy theme. I firmly uphold the beliefs and values that underpin gender equality is so many ways, but I also uphold the values of gender equity and having equitable rights is different from having equal rights. I firmly support equal pay for equal work – for both men and women. I abhor sexual abuse and violence against women, but also against men. I firmly support the notion that a woman can do many jobs that have traditionally been a man's domain, but the reverse is also true. Why can't we have a balance. Why can't we have a situation where the best person for a job is the one to

be employed – not simply the best man or the best woman. I firmly believe that just because I am a woman doesn't mean I have the capacity or the right to perform any task that a male can perform. There are many "women's causes" that seem to be currently gaining prominence, but some of them do women an enormous disservice and portray women as being nasty and vicious. Sometimes the 'Cause' can get in the way of good judgement and sensible, rational arguments. Gender equity is vitally important. There are times when only a woman can do what a woman can do and only a man can do what a man can do.

Professionally I love being a woman – I loved being a successful school principal. I loved having to make difficult decisions. I loved having to use a raft of different financial, management and relationship skills. I loved having a professional career. I love being a local shire councillor. I love being able to stand here before you and freely voice my opinion, without the fear of being burned at the stake. I love exercising my political right to vote for whomever I choose. I love having financial freedom. I love feeling safe.

Personally I love being a woman. I love receiving compliments. I love that I can laugh and cry in public. I love that a man might open a door for me! I love hearing the odd wolf whistle (not that I've heard them on very many occasions!) I love being a mum. I love having a strong bloke around to do some heavy lifting for me. I love having my husband to hold me in his strong arms when I'm sad.

I thank all those strong women who have gone before me that have enabled me to be and to do all those things. To all those female activists that have created my right to do all those things and more – I say thank you. But let's not lose the balance.

I urge all women to find the voice of reason, good judgement and common sense. To find the voice that will help create a balance in the current gender argument; and to find that voice in a way that is respectful and kind to our fellow human beings.

Ladies and gentlemen – on this International Woman's Day 2022, let's not lose the balance. Let's be that voice of reason that celebrates the uniqueness and beauty of all – irrespective of gender, and celebrate the strengths within each one of us."





UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun Day

25 March 2022

Pingelly Country Collective

2 April 2022

Youth Week Holiday Program

11-15 April 2022

Blessing of the Roads

14 April 2022

POOL CLOSURE

Pingelly Swimming Pool will be closing on Thursday March 31 2022.

Thank you to Steve for once again running the Pool this season.

2022-2023 season will commence Tuesday November 1 2022.

SHIRE COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

The Shire has implemented a number of COVID-19 precautions over the last months. This includes a number of office staff working remotely to limit exposure and transmission of the virus and ensuring that services can be provided with minimal disruption even in the event of a positive COVID-19 case. As there are fewer people in the office, the office now shuts for lunch between 12:30pm-1:00pm. Other measures include online or outside meetings, mask wearing and work teams for outside staff.

These measures were tested recently as the Shire experienced a positive case which caused the office to be shut for deep cleaning on Tuesday 8 March 2022. The measures put in place have proven effective as there has been no transmission of the virus between customers or staff.

This positive case is a timely reminder to take all precautions to avoid contact and transmission of COVID-19.

BEST OF LUCK DEANNE



The Shire of Pingelly would like to Thank Deanne for her commitment and dedication to the Shire of Pingelly over the last two Years.

Deanne joined our team as the Executive Management Corporate Services back in July 2020. All the best Deanne with your next adventure.

ENJOY LONG SERVICE TONY



Tony is enjoying his well earned long service leave. Tony started with the Shire in 2011 and is a very valuable team member to the Shire of Pingelly especially within the Depot.

We would like to thank Tony for his contributions over the last ten years. Congratulations Tony.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

Response guidelines as per our current charter.
Email: response within 7 working days
Writing: response within 7 working days
Queries made by phone or in person will be dealt with promptly or an appointment made to attain required information.

RATES PENSIONER REBATES

For all eligible rate payers looking to claim the 2021/2022 rebate, you must have paid the outstanding rates amount less the rebate amount by 30 June 2022 to be entitled.

ONLINE COUNCIL MEETING

As Western Australia is in an active phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shire is conducting the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 16 March 2022 on zoom. This meeting is still available for all to view and is accessed via the below QR code.

The meeting will commence at 2PM as per usual. The meeting agenda has been uploaded to the Shire's website.

