



# 2023 WA State Rally Pingelly October 12-16, 2023



Pingelly is a town and shire located in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia, 158 kilometres from Perth via the Brookton and Great Southern Highways.

The Pingelly area was first settled in 1846 when shepherds took up leases around freshwater springs. Incomes were supplemented by cutting sandalwood trees, hunting kangaroos and stripping mallet bark to tan leather. A permanent settlement was established around 1860 and the town was gazetted in 1898.

Pingelly was named after the Aboriginal word 'Pingeculling' meaning 'small gully of water'. The attractive town offers a rare insight into Western Australia's pioneering history.

The Pingelly Shire is a rich and diverse farming area and contributes greatly to the State's wool and grain exports. The surrounding areas produce wheat and other cereal crops. The town is a receival site for Cooperative Bulk Handling. In the ABS Census 2016 it had a population of 1,146.

The Pingelly Shire contains some of the richest and most diverse floral areas in the world, The main wildflower season is between August to December and peaks in September and October.

## *Pingelly Recreation and Cultural Centre (PRACC)*

This recently built 5,470 sqm facility will be the location for the rally.

It was built for sporting, recreation, and cultural purposes and opened in January 2019.

The PRACC is a unique facility in the region equipped with a bar, bistro, indoor sports hall (Basketball, Netball, Badminton and Volleyball), synthetic tennis courts, 10 rink bowls green, sporting oval, gymnasium and multiple function and meeting room.

The PRACC's Stringybark Bistro is named after the stringybark timber the PRACC was built of. The bistro provides a good selection of meals.



## *Redgum Caravanners – Your Hosts*

Redgum is pleased to be able to organise, manage and host fellow caravanners at the 2023 rally.

Pingelly is a small town that has an excellent recreation facility that will cater well for the needs of the rally. The shire has welcomed the event and see it as a great benefit to the community.

In October 2023, subject to funding grants, they are planning a month-long festival of Food, Arts & Music with food trucks a possibility. This could coincide with the rally providing benefits to both groups.

While the town may be small there are many attractions in the area that will keep attendees busy if they don't want to venture far out of town.

## The Weather

Pingelly Weather in October	
Record high	36.5
Average high	22.2
Average low	8.4
Record low	-1.1
Average rainfall mm	25.0
Average rain days	7.2
Average humidity	42%

## Getting There

Situated 158km SE of Perth, Pingelly is an easy and scenic 90 minute drive from the Perth metropolitan area.



## Registrations

Clubs have been asked to include the State Rally as a replacement for their normal October rally. Some clubs have already included the State Rally as either an end point or a start point for a tag-a-long which is a great idea.

Registration for the rally is not planned to commence until about March 2023. This enables the Committee to discuss details with the Shire and establish a better framework for the rally incorporating the Shire's festival plans as well as firming up activities and entertainment for the rally.

## Rally Planning

Now that the location has been chosen, planning the schedule for the rally has commenced. A draft outline is provided below although it will likely change over time.

We are looking to host the usual favourites like disc bowls, ladder golf, etc.

There will be a raffle and entertainment on some of the nights. ACCWA plans to hold a Delegates meeting on the Thursday night as was done at the 2021 Bunbury State Rally.

A number of different craft activities are being planned.

Workshop suggestion for caravan maintenance, caravan weighing, first aid and others are being considered.

With the Shire planning their festival this may impact some of the activities. As we work with them on these plans they will be incorporated into the schedule. The Shire is planning to have some food trucks and pop up music locations over their festival period.

We will be working with the Bistro to make meals available for those who wish to have a break from cooking.

## Indicative Schedule

Thursday Oct 12	Friday Oct 13	Saturday Oct 14	Sunday Oct 15	Monday Oct 16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vans arriving for the Delegates meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vans arriving</li> <li>Registration</li> <li>Sightseeing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walks, exercise</li> <li>Bring and Buy</li> <li>Games</li> <li>Sightseeing</li> <li>Workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walks, exercise</li> <li>Bring and Buy</li> <li>Games</li> <li>Sightseeing</li> <li>Workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walks, exercise</li> <li>Pack up and go</li> </ul>
<b>Evenings</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Hour</li> <li>Delegates Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rally Opening</li> <li>Happy Hour</li> <li>Bistro Meals</li> <li>Entertainment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Hour</li> <li>Bistro meals</li> <li>Entertainment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Hour</li> <li>Bistro meals</li> <li>Rally Closing</li> <li>Entertainment</li> </ul>	

## Local Attractions in Pingelly and Surrounding Areas

The rally will provide the normal rally activities and if the Pingelly shire's October festival gets the nod there should be plenty more to keep attendees busy. If not there are many attractions in the area that are short drives from the township and well-worth the visit, especially if the wildflowers put on their usual great show.

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<b>The Cross</b>	Situated on private property on the east side of town, the Cross stands 15 metres high and is illuminated at night. The cross was built by local farmer, Graeme Lange, as a symbol of peace and hope.
<b>Boyagin Rock Nature Reserve</b>	Situated 26km north-west of Pingelly, Boyagin Rock rises 50 metres above the surrounding countryside and is a very popular scenic area with a profusion of wildflowers in spring. It is one of the last preserves of the native wildlife and plants which once dominated the area with stands of powderbark, jarrah and marri. Picnic facilities are available. For more information, see <a href="http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au">www.dpaw.wa.gov.au</a> . The local Aboriginals believe that if you walk to the top of Boyagin Rock without stopping, you will live a long life, so slip on your walking shoes and explore the area.
<b>Dryandra Woodland</b>	South-west of Pingelly, Dryandra Woodland is home to over 100 bird species and 24 mammals, offering visitors an excellent opportunity to observe some of the State's threatened and unique mammals. It is an especially scenic area with magnificent woodlands and spectacular wildflowers in spring. The Barna Mia Animal Sanctuary provides an opportunity to view endangered marsupials in a natural setting. For further information, see <a href="http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au">www.dpaw.wa.gov.au</a> .
<b>Moorumbine</b>	Moorumbine, situated 8km east of Pingelly, was the first townsite in the area and was settled in 1864. The Moorumbine Heritage Trail is a short walk or drive through the old townsite and features many sites of historical significance including the early settlers' cottages and St Patrick's Anglican Church which was consecrated in 1873 and is still in use today.
<b>Pingelly Heights Observatory</b>	Join your local hosts, Susie and Trevor, for a guided tour of space through astronomical telescopes. Open Saturday nights or by appointment during October to April. No. 25 Pingelly Heights, (off Aldersyde Rd)
<b>Tutanning Reserve &amp; Percy Marshall Research Centre</b>	Tutanning is an important natural remnant of original fauna and flora in Pingelly, Wheatbelt region. The reserve is 2381 hectares in size and encompasses the Dutarning Range. It is nestled among agriculture land, making it a vital fauna refuge. Come experience the great Australian Bush and make the most of your stay at the Percy Marshall Research Centre situated only 90 minutes from Perth. Experience the divide, where the Hotham meets the Avon!! Bushwalking, bird watching, wildflower rambles, trail driving and spotlighting or just unwinding are just some of the activities you can enjoy. With over 80 species of birds and 750 species of wildflowers, there is a lot of sightseeing to experience at Tutanning. BBQ's are available at Tutanning to soak up the peace and tranquillity whilst enjoying dinner under the best night sky you could ever see.