

POSITION VACANT

A rural ministry position has become vacant near Geraldton in W.A. for a self-funded Bible teacher.

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Introducing ministry in Mingenew, WA.

About Mingenew church



The Mingenew Church of the Resurrection was built in 1908 from local stone. The church was originally in the Perth diocese but has been a part of the North West Diocese for over two decades.

A small but faithful congregation meets twice a month for at 11:30am family service (1st Sunday of month) with bring and share lunch, and 5:30pm Holy Communion service (3rd Sunday of month). The congregation has had a number of key families leave the region in the past few years, but is keen to grow and reach their community.

Opportunities to serve in Mingenew

1. **Church services** – the church is open to meeting in different ways and thinking about how to engage with their community. They highly value good bible teaching and instruction.
2. **Pastoral care** - this rural farming community is very open to pastoral care from the church. There are many opportunities to “share you life and the gospel” (1 Thess.2:8) with people.
3. **Scripture in the school** – Mingenew primary school is very open to church representatives teaching S.R.E (Special Religious Eduation) in the school. This is a great way to make contact with families whilst teaching children about Jesus from the Scriptures. The minister currently teaches years 4/5 and 6/7.
4. **Community events** – there are a number of community events in which the minister can get involved including “Blessing of the Season”, Mingenew Expo, Carols by Candlelight, “Thanksgiving service”.

About the current Dongara/Mingenew ministry

The Rev. Matt Malcolm (with his wife Corinne and children Kate, Sam and Lucy) is currently the minister in charge of the Parish of Dongara/Mingenew. Matt travels to Mingenew for services, SRE in the school and visits. The Malcolm’s live in the rectory next to Dongara church.

Matt would continue to be involved in Mingenew, but would hand over oversight of the church to the incoming minister.

About the need and the package

There is a need for a minister to live and serve in the town of Mingenew. They would be welcomed into the community and be a Christian presence and witness in the town. This would be a great encouragement to the congregation who have had ministers coming from Dongara for many years.

The church can offer a minister (retired or otherwise) and his wife a fully furnished house in the town, and a car if necessary. Initial transfers (air or road) would be covered by the diocese.

There is no stipend available, but the minister may look at raising support if necessary.

The minister and his wife would also enjoy all the support and encouragement from Diocese including clergy conferences, retreats and other resources.

About the Mingenew shire



Mingenew has a wealth of assets not always obvious at first glance. The change of seasons brings on a whole new landscape including climatic changes. There are a number of drives well worth undertaking throughout the year to gain a real perspective of Mingenew.

The name Mingenew derives from either: Minganu - Place of Many Ants or Mininoo - Place of Many Waters

Both of these names were used by Aboriginals from the area. Records indicate settlement of the district occurred in the 1850's, although Europeans explored the area prior to this date.

Since settlement, the area has been renowned for its agricultural achievements. Stock and grain have been the mainstays of the district with the CBH Grain Receivals Point being the largest inland facility in the Southern Hemisphere. The area has ample underground water supply, which aided the development of the settlement.

There are numerous original buildings still in use throughout the shire at present. Most of the buildings date back to the late 1850's to early 1900's.

Mingenew is a place to soak up the very essence of country hospitality and lifestyle with the clean air and shimmery stars shine. Situated only 383km north of Perth on the Scenic Midlands Way and 35 minutes from the tranquil ocean and the Irwin River Estuary. The Capital of the Mid West – Geraldton is only 110 kilometres away.

Mingenew is at latitude 29.12' South and longitude 115.26' east and 153m above sea level. The Shire is adjoined by Shires of Three Spings, Irwin and Mullewa.

The climate in Mingenew ranges from 20's to 40's in summer with a pleasant winter average from approximately 12 up to the low 20's. Our average annual rainfall is in the vicinity of 400mm.