



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

JULY 2022

From the CEO's Desk

With the crisp chilly winter mornings and stunning afternoon sunsets, I am certainly enjoying my first Wheatbelt winter in the wonderful town of Merredin. It certainly is an exciting time for our country town, with construction of the first stage of the CBD Project – Pioneer Park commencing last month.

Inside this issue of our Shire Newsletter you can read about what's next for Pioneer Park, the Town Square and Apex Park, and estimated dates of completion for stage 1. I encourage community members to check in regularly on our website for live updates via the following link: bit.ly/CBDProjectUpdates

This is also an exciting time for the Shire of Merredin with a number of new positions being created to align with the Shires strategic direction. Meet all the new faces making great contributions to our local community on page 4 and 5.

If you would like to keep up to date with all of the latest news, sign up to receive a hard copy of our newsletter or to be added to our e-newsletter distribution list, please email Rose via media@merredin.wa.gov.au.

I look forward to catching up with you all very soon while I'm out and about our beautiful town.

Lisa Clack,
Chief Executive Officer



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July Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 26 July at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers on the Cnr of King and Barrack Streets. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. The Agenda will be available to view on the Shire of Merredin website. Public questions can be submitted by 2.00pm on the day of the council meeting by completing the form here linked below. www.merredin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/



Eric Hind Scholarship Awarded

Merredin Shire President Mark McKenzie was proud to present this year's winners of the annual Eric Hind scholarship to four lucky music students.

This annual music scholarship is awarded by the Shire of Merredin to young, talented, and aspiring musicians in the Shire. This scholarship is named in honour of Mr Eric Hind to recognise and acknowledge his contribution to the Shire as a Councillor and his accomplishments as a violinist.

Earlier this year, all applicants for the scholarship were interviewed and performed a piece of music for our panel members, Mr Roy Butler, Mr Brian Goddard and Cr Ross Billing. We are pleased to announce that this year the panel concluded that each of the four applicants were deserving. This means the scholarship prize fund was increased and split four ways into part-scholarships.

On behalf of the Shire of Merredin, we would like to congratulate our four winners, Mana-Rae King, (pictured) Sean Martin, Reuben Davies and Connor Davies. We hope this scholarship will help you pursue your musical interest and live out your passion for music.



Burning Periods

The Restricted Burning Period will commence on **Friday, 16 September 2022**, and will continue until **Monday, 31 October 2022**, and from **Saturday, 18 February 2023** until **Thursday, 16 March 2023** (Permit Required).

The **Prohibited Burning Period** will commence on **Tuesday, 1 November 2022**, and will continue until **Friday, 17 February 2023** (NO burning).



Our Ref: NA

Offer No: D01-2022 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

The Shire of Merredin invites offers for individual disposal of the following property/s:

- Lot 106, Deposit plan 72476, Certificate of Title Volume 2808, Folio 492
19 Maiolo Way, Merredin, WA 6415
- and
- Lot 1326, Deposit plan 214662, Certificate of Title Volume 2574, Folio 361
71 MacKenzie Crescent, Merredin, WA 6415

Further information is available by contacting Lindon Mellor on 08 9041 1611 or emcs@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Offers are to be marked "Private & Confidential – Disposal of Property/s D01-2022", addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and will be received up to 12.00pm WST on Friday 29 July 2022. Offers are to be submitted via email to admin@merredin.wa.gov.au (preferred), posted to PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415 or hand delivered to the Shire Administration Office, corner of King & Barrack Streets, Merredin WA 6415, during normal business hours. Late offers will not be accepted.

Lisa Clack
Chief Executive Officer



We invite members of the community to join the ANZAC Day committee in the planning and delivering of ANZAC Day Services in 2023

Register your interest by emailing ccd@merredin.wa.gov.au or phone 08 9041 1611



ENGINEERING

Corella Management Program

A management program to trap, and remove Butler's Corella's, a declared pest in the wheatbelt, will commence in Merredin this month.

The current large local population is causing significant environmental destruction, long-term damage to important habitats for other species such as the endangered black cockatoo, and significant damage to our playing surfaces, native vegetation and infrastructure.

The Shire of Merredin's management will include a multi-pronged humane approach, as part of a regional natural resource management program.



CBD Project Update — Pioneer Park

Construction of Stage 1 of the CBD Project Pioneer Park kicked off in April, with the creation of a new carpark. With the kerbing already in place, asphaltting this month will see completion of the car park swinging off Great Eastern Highway between the Military and Railway museums.

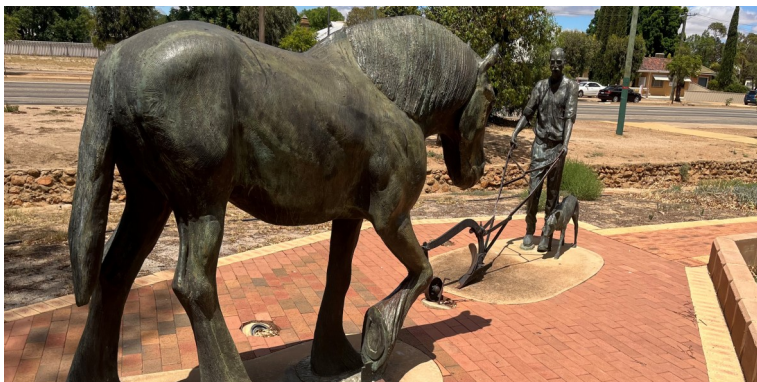


This aspect of the project is expected to be a great opportunity to show off our outstanding local Railway and Military museums with better and safer access.

Rob Endersbee, the enthusiastic owner and curator of the Military Museum, says he is pleased to see the progress on the carpark and upgrade of Pioneer Park. With over 200 visitors a month, the new carpark will make it much safer for visitors to visit the museum and not have to reverse out on to a busy highway.

The Railway Museum also tells an important story of local history and buildings. Its Chairperson Jane Patroni says it's exciting to see the development moving ahead and that they are awaiting the completion of Pioneer park with interest.

Other aspects of Pioneer Park that will be upgraded include new lighting, recreation spaces and landscaping. The current drainage will also be upgraded to a 'living stream' allowing grass to be installed over the top. The bronze 'Horse at Work' sculpture pictured below will also be returned to the park in a new position once construction is completed, which is projected to be October 2022.



CBD Project Update — Town Square & Apex Park

The detailed designs for both the Town Square and Apex Park are now in progress after a Tender was awarded in April. These designs will incorporate feedback from the community, and will also include a number of exciting upgrades including more play equipment!

Merredin Town Square will be transformed into a large outdoor event space and a space for the community to connect and tourists to explore. Apex Park will become a multi-generational play and recreation area for families and young people.

The construction tenders are expected to be advertised in November and awarded in January 2023. This will allow for construction of both Apex Park and Town Square to commence simultaneously in February 2023.

Join us in welcoming our new Manager Community and Culture, Leanne Bryant! Leanne has previously worked at the Shire in the Community Development role. As part of her new role, Leanne will be overseeing the running of the Cummins Theatre and engaging with our local community.

"I am thrilled to be back in Merredin and looking forward to working with the community, community organisations and business's on future community events, workshops and shows."



Please welcome a familiar face to our Shire team - Dave Hayes Thompson. Dave has been a local in town since 2005, and has joined us as the new Building and Maintenance Officer.

"I am enjoying working as part of the team here at the Merredin Shire as they have all been very helpful and welcoming. I look forward to maintaining all the shire properties."



Two more new faces at the Shire Administration Office include new Media and Communications Officer, Rose Crane, and Student Engineer, Lachlan Anderson.

Rose has joined us after completing a 4 year stint working as the Media Adviser to the Federal Member for Durack, Melissa Price.

"I was so pleased after the May '22 election to move 'across the road' and take up the Media and Communications officers role while Kohdee is on maternity leave."

I moved the Wheatbelt many years ago after a lovely Tammin farmer whisked me away from my ABC TV and Radio News career. I now worry a lot about when it might rain! I have been very fortunate to have had several interesting community and career roles since then, including presenting the Triple M Rural Focus program from the Merredin studios and I now feel so privileged to be welcomed to this talented Shire team."

Meanwhile, Lachlan joined us in April and is currently completing his studies at Murdoch University where he is currently studying Renewable Energy Engineering and Electrical Power Engineering.

"I am 'looking forward to making a difference in this beautiful community and gaining all the experience there is to offer."

Big thanks to the team for the warm welcome and continued help in finding my feet in this new role."



In May we welcomed Chloe Townsend to the Community Services Team as the Acting Deputy CEO / Executive Manager Community Services.

"Everyone has been really welcoming and I'm looking forward to continuing to meet people, if you see my around town please say hello. I'm enjoying exploring the region on weekends and I am looking forward to working with Council and the community on a number of projects."



We have welcomed another new face to Cummins Theatre, Michelle Endersbee! Michelle has worked in theatre and events for the last decade, with a number of companies including FRINGE WORLD, The Blue Room Theatre, Proximity Festival, Whisky + Boots and Fremantle Festivals. Creative director of Lady Great Theatre Co, Michelle has a wealth of experience in all areas of theatre, as well as experience in tour management, events, communications and festival programming.



NAIDOC Week Celebrations '22

The Shire of Merredin was a proud supporter of this year's NAIDOC week, painting the centre circle of the of the Merredin Rec Centre oval as the Aboriginal flag for the game between Burracoppin and Nukarni (pictured below).

There was also a free documentary 'Off Country' and a double bill performance at the Cummins Theatre, Stardust + the Mission and The Stories of Swing.



MERREDIN CHRISTMAS & GALA NIGHT WORKING GROUP

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF
PLANNING AND DELIVERING
MERREDIN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
AND GALA NIGHT EVENT HELD
IN DECEMBER 2022?

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
BY EMAILING ccd@merredin.wa.gov.au
OR PHONE 08 9041 1611



E-Trike Hire

Our 2 e-trikes are now
back in action and
available for hire from
the Visitor Centre!

They can be hired on
hourly, ½ day, full day
or 48hour rates. \$10/
\$15/\$25/\$40.

For more information,
or to book the E-Trikes,
please contact the
Visitors Centre via
9041 1666.



VISITOR CENTRE

New Merredin Brochure Hitting the Shelf

The team at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre is gearing up for a busy winter travel season, with plenty of enquiries about local attractions already coming through.

They have just completed an updated 'Rediscover Merredin'

Great info for visitors to town and those locals who want to get to know their patch a little better.

Drop in and pick up a free hard copy of the Rediscover Merredin brochure, or download one from their website here: bit.ly/RediscoverMerredin



Product of the Month-Merredin Souvenirs

We have some new design Merredin Stubby Holders in stock for \$9.50. Featuring images of Merredin attractions, they are the perfect leaving present or gift for a loved one. We also stock a number of Merredin branded products including, hatpins, spoons, keyring, stickers, pens, coasters and souvenir coins.

Pop in and browse our souvenir range.





Department of Education
 GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Premier's Reading Challenge

Reading can take you *anywhere*

Register for the Premier's Reading Challenge to start your magical journey.



Premiers Reading Challenge

The team at the Merredin Library are again supporting the annual Premier's Reading Challenge. Students from Kindergarten to year 10 are invited to uncover great mysteries through the world of books!

The challenge is to log 12 or more book titles from May to 9 September and readers will go in the draw to win prizes.

The benefits of the challenge include:

- ▶ encourage students to enjoy reading and read more books;
- ▶ build self-esteem, pride, school unity and a sense of achievement among students
- ▶ increase the number of library books borrowed; and
- ▶ increase the involvement of parents in their child's reading

More information about the reading challenge is available via premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au or pop in and see the very helpful team at our local library.



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2022/2023
 COLLECTION
 CALENDAR

RECYCLING - Fortnightly

Zone 1 Recycling: Merredin North of railway line and West of South St. (inc houses on West side of South St.)

Zone 2 Recycling: Merredin South of railway line and East of South St. (inc houses on the East side of South St.)

Nangeenan
Hines Hill
Burracoppin

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING IN MUNTADGIN.

RUBBISH - Every week

Monday - Muntadgin.

Thursday - Merredin, Hines Hill, Nangeenan and Burracoppin.

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2022/2023

NOTE: Nothing is to be bagged

LANDFILL OPENING HOURS
Chandler Road Landfill Site is CLOSED on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday - please check with Council for any changes.

Chandler Rd. Landfill Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 12:00pm
12:30pm - 3:30pm
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday: 10:00am - 12:00pm
12:30pm - 3:00pm

RECYCLING BINS WILL BE COLLECTED EVERY FORTNIGHT.



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What To Put In Your Recycling Bin

- Glass- Bottles and jars etc. (rinsed and lids removed)
- Plastic- Bottles and containers rinsed etc. (with 1, 2 or 3 printed on the bottom/side)
- Paper- Un-soiled, un-tied newspapers, paper, magazines, telephone books etc.
- Cardboard- Un-soiled flattened boxes and cartons etc.
- Aluminium & Steel- Cans, tins, clean foil, aerosol cans etc.
- Liquid paperboard- Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons etc.

What NOT to put in Recycling Bin

- Greenwaste (e.g. Grass clippings, garden cuttings inc. soil and leaves)/Organics/Food Scraps
- Styrofoam
- Electrical Goods
- Computers, Mobile Phones, e-waste
- Nappies
- Steel Products other than steel cans (Recycle at landfill site)
- Food Soiled Pizza boxes
- Plastic Bags
- Clothes
- Cigarette Butts

REGULAR RUBBISH AND RECYCLING SERVICES

- Council's waste and recycling services operate all year round.
- Please place your bins out the night before your collection day or before 6AM on the morning of your collection day (lid opening facing the road, a distance of at least 50cm apart between bins).
- Please note Christmas Day is the ONLY public holiday that will affect collection dates.
- Refer to Council newsletters for advice of changes.

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ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL (ACM)
Asbestos Containing Material can be legally disposed of within the designated area at the Chandler Road Landfill Site. ACM must be separated from other material for disposal. ACM must be wrapped in a manner that prevents asbestos fibres entering the atmosphere. ACM waste or material containing asbestos must be contained and sealed (double-lined or double bagged) in heavy duty, BLACK plastic (at least 0.2mm thick). Wrapped or bagged ACM must be marked with the words 'CAUTION ASBESTOS'. For more information contact the Shire of Merredin on 08 9041 1611.

TYRES
We DO NOT accept tyres at the Chandler Road Landfill Site. Please contact the Shire of Merredin on 08 9041 1611 for appropriate tyre disposal options.

WASTE OIL COLLECTION
Council operates a residential waste oil collection facility at the Chandler Road Landfill Site. Used motor oil can be taken for disposal during Landfill opening hours. There is a per litre charge for disposal. FREE door to door waste oil collection options are available for farming, industrial and commercial industries. For more information contact the Shire of Merredin on 08 9041 1611.

drumMUSTER
The drumMUSTER programme is operational within the Shire of Merredin. The collection of farm chemical drums occurs at the Chandler Road Landfill Site during operating hours only. For more information contact the Shire of Merredin on 08 9041 1611.

Illegal Dumping
Dumping of any items outside designated waste disposal areas is illegal. Fines of up to \$62,000 (individuals) or \$125,000 (corporations) may be imposed on persons found guilty of this offence.

IF IN DOUBT LEAVE IT OUT OF YOUR RECYCLING BIN!

Designated recycling areas have been provided at both the Chandler Road Landfill site and at certain locations around town sites. These areas are available to everyone. Council encourages everyone to use these areas in order assist in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and extend the life of Council's landfill.

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Morning Melodies

Cummins Theatre
Friday August 12th

Morning Tea at 10.30
Concert starts 11am
Bookings Essential
\$15
Morning Tea is included in ticket price

Get tickets via Cumminstheatre.com.au
or at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

ANTHONY LAMOND
PRODUCTIONS
presents

COMEDY GOLD

with
Ting Lim | Squirly
Jon Pinder | The Nelson Twins

Sunday August 21 Cummins Theatre, Merredin

Ticket: \$25
Ticket can be bought online:
www.cumminstheatre.com
Or at the
Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre

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Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

LONG TAN

VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY
MEMORIAL SERVICE

a monkey baa theatre company production

EDWARD THE EEMU

puppetry, music & unique storytelling...
a brand new interpretation of the loved picture books!

based on the books
by sheena knowles & rod clement
written for the stage & directed by eva di cesare

"I absolutely love what you have done...
clever, quirky & very original"
Sheena Knowles, author

monkey baa theatre company
NSW
Australian Government
Australia Council for the Arts
ARTS TOUR
JAMES & EBBETT
Older People's Trust

This project is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.
This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

18TH AUGUST 22

Arrive 3.45pm for a 4pm start
REFLECTION POND, ROY LITTLE PARK
All Welcome

MERREDIN.WA.GOV.AU/EVENTS
For enquiries: ccd@merredin.wa.gov.au

Honouring
Vietnam
Veterans'
56 years on
from the
battle of
Long Tan

Cummins Theatre, Merredin
August 24th, 2022
Tickets \$10
via cumminstheatre.com.au
or at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre

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