

Farewell JOHN G



After just shy of 15 years at working at the Shire, John "G" Gearing has retired. We would like to thank John for all his years of hard work and dedication as the Building Project Manager. We wish John all the best for his adventures wherever they may take him!



Morning Melodies Concert Series

Cummins Theatre
Friday 15th November 2019

Aardvark Jazz Band are an acoustic jazz trio - banjo, clarinet/sax and double bass. Happy foot tapping trad and New Orleans style music you won't want to miss.

Morning tea 10:30am. Concert 11am - 12pm

Book online, at the theatre or in person at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre.

\$15 includes morning tea. Door sales available

*Bookings in advance preferred for catering purposes.

CUMMINS THEATRE RAMELIUS RESOURCES



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COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 2019

CELEBRATING ITALIAN HERRITAGE AT FESTA ITALIANA!

The Merredin community came together to celebrate Italian heritage at Festa Italiana which took place from Friday 18th until Sunday 20th of October 2019. The festival kicked off on Friday evening at Cummins Theatre with the Elders Golden Sausage contest. Judges and attendees enjoyed a blind tasting of an array of sausages and unanimously voted on a winner.

The festivities continued Saturday morning at the Rec Centre with card games, a game of bocce, wonderful performances including St Mary's Year 3 Class, and a workshop demonstrating how to make pasta. Sicilian author Concetta Sultan provided cooking demonstrations on how to make arancini balls, Sicilian style eggplant, and grilled beef rolls.



Photo: Grant Stainer, Elders Golden Sausage

Festa Italiana came to a close on Saturday night at Cummins Theatre with a dazzling performance by local community choir, A Choired Taste, before offering a mouthwatering three course dinner of antipasto, lasagna, and tiramisu. Italian music was played throughout the evening, with locals dancing the night away.

GALA NIGHT

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Save the Date

DECEMBER 12, 2019

For more information or to book a stall, contact Hannah on (08) 9041 1611

MERREDIN CRC PROUDLY PRESENTS

SENIORS LUNCHEON

12th November 2019

Step back in time with this FREE Senior's Luncheon for Merredin Seniors.

ABBAlicious Lunch

\$15 for non-seniors or people outside Merredin - includes seating in the tiered seats and a beef & gravy roll. Softdrink available.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
CALL 9041 1041
11.30am
Cummins Theatre

Eastern Wheatbelt Early Years Network

Christmas Pool Party

7 December | 9:30-11:30am | Merredin Pool

0-5 years | FREE Event

Join us for a fun morning of water activities, yummy fruit salad and games as we celebrate the end of the year!

This event is a 'Sun-Smart' event.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on 19th November at 3pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on Council's website on Monday 18th November 2019.



PINK MORNING TEA

The Merredin Library hosted its annual Pink Morning Tea on Wednesday October 30 to raise money for Cancer research. 43 people, both men and women, attended the morning tea with many others buying tickets in the raffle, which was drawn by Senior Sergeant Mark Tobiassen.



This year several local businesses donated either prizes or food for the event. Special thanks go to Eastway Food Supplies (including Priestleys Gourmet Delights), Merredin Flowers & Gifts, Merredin French Hot Bread, Merredin Nextra and Merredin Subway for helping library staff to make the morning more memorable. Many thanks also go to Anita Metcalf, Pam Last, Jenny Doncon, Ita Walker and Esther Robartson for their wonderful cakes, sandwiches, scones and more importantly, their time and energy.

CATALYSE MARKYT COMMUNITY SCORECARD

The Shire of Merredin has commissioned CATALYSE to administer the MARKYT Community Scorecard in our district. This is a valuable opportunity to provide feedback on Council's performance, and for the Council to hear and understand the needs and aspirations of local community members.

Scorecards are being sent to all households, and in addition, are available for completion online at www.catalyse.com.au/studies until Friday the 15th of November 2019. We would love to hear from everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Bartley at the Shire on (08) 9041 1611

FIRE BREAK INSPECTIONS

The Prohibited Burning Period (NO BURNING) is now in effect as of November 1st. As such, annual fire break property inspections have commenced to ensure that each property owner has complied with their Fire Break Orders.

Where you have been found to have not adequately complied with your Fire Break Orders, you WILL BE ISSUED with an infringement notice without any warning via post. The penalty for failing to comply with your Fire Break Orders is a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 and the person in default is also liable whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work outlined in the Fire Break Notice 2019/20.

Important Bush Fire Contacts:

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer: Stephen Crook, 0429 411 429
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer: John Flockart, 0428 469 018

WA Contract Ranger Services: Matthew Sharpe, 0400 240 787
Harvest Ban Hotline: 9041 2999
In case of emergency, please call 000

CABERNET AND CANVAS

Cabernet and Canvas was held at Cummins Theatre on Friday the 1st of November. It is a paint and sip style class – more precisely, you sit back, relax and enjoy a guided painting while sipping on a glass of wine, or any drink of your choice.

Although most of the finished cactus paintings turned out rather professional looking, it was two hours of a lot of paint, a little wine, and some great direction to achieve the end result!



REPORT IT!

Spotted an issue around town? Report it to the Shire via the FREE Snap, Send, Solve app (compatible with iPhone and Google Play phones) and get it sorted ASAP. Just snap a photo, input the location and any details and send it through to us. We can then get right on resolving it.



MERREDIN POOL NOW OPEN!

The Merredin Pool is now open for the summer pool season! The pool is open from November to March and caters for lap swimmers, recreational swimmers, private lessons, swimming club, school and vacation and in term swimming lessons.

The normal opening hours for the pool are:
12pm—6pm 7 days a week

The early morning swimming period opened on the 11th of November.

The opening hours for early morning swims are:
6.00am—7.30am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only.
Please note, there is NO early morning swims on public holidays.

Entry Prices:

Adult: \$4.50
Children / Seniors: \$3.50
Spectators: \$1.50
Under 5's: Free

Adult season pass: \$225
Children / Senior season pass: \$130
Family season ticket \$325 (2 adults* and up to 4 children)
* One grandparent only may be substituted for one parent only

** NO SCHOOL NO POOL **

The 'No School No Pool' initiative will be implemented this pool season.

Under this initiative your child will be refused entry into the pool if they have not been at school without a legitimate reason.



MEET THE NEW COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to the Shire of Merredin newly elected Councillors Ross Billing, Renee Manning, Mark McKenzie, and Phil Van Der Merwe. and to re-elected councillor Leah Boehme.



ONLY 7 WEEKS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!



The Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre has a wide range of gift ideas for that special someone. Our range includes local, natural history and children's books, sandalwood gift sets, wooden platters and jewellery.

We have just received *The Pearl Farm*, written by Merredin local Mel Wahlsten. This book is the third in Mel's Children's book series along with *Our Wheat Farm* and *The Wind Farm* to assist in understanding Australia's Primary Industries.

Coming in mid November *The Wooleen Way* – By David Pollock - A remarkable memoir detailing a heroic and unswerving commitment to renew the severely degraded land on Wooleen, a massive pastoral property in Western Australia's southern rangelands.

November special - Australia Free 3 guidebook discounted to \$45.

