



# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

JANUARY 2021

## Gala Night 2020 a Huge Success!

Hundreds of Wheatbelt locals attended Merredin’s biggest night of the year, Gala Night, on Thursday, 17 December from 6pm onwards. The annual event was one to remember, with new aspects introduced including zones that were designed to keep everyone happy and safe! The zones included the Marketplace, Sideshow Alley, Eats Street, Leisure Zone, Toddler Zone and the Chillout Lounge.



Photo: Sideshow Alley was a hit with the adults and kids!

The streets were lined with market stalls and food vans that delivered enticing, delicious aromas into the air, while local businesses opened up their shops for late night trading. The buzzing atmosphere was ignited by wonderful local entertainment including Merredin College Choir, Churches Fraternal Choir, Brother and I, and Erin Pope.



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### February Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 16 February at 4:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building on the Cnr of King and Barrack Streets in the Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on the Shire of Merredin’s website on Friday, 12 February. Public questions can be submitted by 2.00pm on the day of the council meeting by completing the form here: <https://www.merredin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/>

### Business Directory

Would you like your business to be displayed on the Business Directory located on the Shire of Merredin website? Businesses can easily add their own listings by heading to the Shire website and filling in the form.

Shire of Merredin President Julie Flockart addressed the community on the main stage before inviting RAC representative Sarah to the stage to say a few words. This led into the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the pop-up piazza, which was created in partnership between the Shire and RAC through the Reconnect WA Initiative (see below).



As the sun set over Merredin, children let loose in their very own designated “Leisure Zone,” where they enjoyed water play and silly string in a contained environment. The Toddler Zone attracted a crowd, with a bouncy castle, face painting, and lots of fun games on offer. Sideshow alley drew the teenagers in, while the pop-up bar was also a huge hit with the adults and was packed for the whole night!



*Photo: The addition of the Leisure Zone was a favourite!*

Four lucky Golden Ticket winners won the chance to ride in with Santa on the Merredin Men’s Shed train, before Santa took his seat on the Visitor Centre front lawn and posed for photos. A big thank you to Santa and his helped for taking the time out of their busy schedule to visit us down in Merredin – we all loved seeing them!

Thank you also to the Gala Night working group, stallholders, businesses, and volunteers who gave their time to be at the event ensuring there was plenty to see and do for people of all ages.

To the sponsors that assisted in the delivery of the event; Lotterywest, Collgar, Risen Energy, Desert Eagle Helicopters, Merredin IGA, Merredin Community Resource Center, Merredin Men’s Shed, CBH, Shire of Kellerberrin, Shire of Mukinbudin, Triple M, Merredin SES, and Merredin Playgroup, we couldn’t of done it without you, thank you!



**We would love to hear about what you liked most about Gala Night 2020! Complete our survey by visiting <http://bit.ly/GalaNightSurvey> or scanning the QR code below.**



## EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

### Records Officer

Corporate Services

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Full Time

The Shire of Merredin is seeking an experienced person to join our Administration Team. The successful applicant should have well developed communications, time management, and developed numeracy and reconciliation skills.

Conditions of employment will be in accordance with the Local Government Industry (WA) Award 2020 with the current salary being (Level 7 step 2) \$58,413 per annum plus superannuation.

A position description is available on the Shire of Merredin website. Please forward your resume and covering letter to emcs@merredin.wa.gov.au. Applications close **4pm on Friday, 5 February 2021.**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Geoff Garside on (08) 9041 1611.

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### Environmental Health Officer

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Full Time

The Shire of Merredin seeks applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons to fill the position of Environmental Health Officer. This is a unique position requiring an energetic, highly self-motivated person who will enjoy the challenge of working with forward thinking individuals and be an essential part of Council's Development Services team.

A competitive salary package will be negotiated which includes a cash component of \$78,801 to \$87,920 (dependent upon experience), generous superannuation, four weeks leave per annum, subsidised Council housing and limited use of a Council vehicle.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Mr Peter Zenni on 08 9041 1611 or emds@merredin.wa.gov.au for further information. Alternatively, a position description is available via our website.

Applications addressing the selection criteria and including a detailed CV and the names of recent referees are to be emailed to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au by **no later than 4.00pm on Wednesday, 27 January 2021.**

## New Colours for the Merredin Library

The Merredin Library received a facelift during the break! Each of the library sections now boasts one of the colours from the Merredin logo, and the reading area now has new, comfy furniture.

Why not come in and let us know what you think!



## Pop-Up Piazza Update

What a pleasure it was to launch the first stage of the Merredin pop-up piazza in the heart of our CBD on Gala Night! After many months of minimal opportunity to connect as a community at large, it was only fitting that we could come together to enjoy the results of this project at the biggest event of the year!

Reconnect WA is a fantastic initiative of the RAC, which has partnered with the Shire of Merredin to deliver our pop-up piazza project to create a space in the centre of town for all to enjoy. Stage two of construction will be completed within the next few weeks, with shade cloth, more seating and free community events coming up! The plants will also be returning, after spending the break in our Shire greenhouse where they received lots of water and shade.

It is important to remember that this is a temporary project, in place for about 3 months. The Shire received funding from the RAC to create this space for the community. 75% of this project is funded through the Reconnect WA initiative, that looks at reclaiming roads and creating public spaces. The temporary nature of the project allows us to tweak the design along the way, testing ideas for possible incorporation in the future redevelopment of the CBD.

We really want to hear what you think about the pop-up piazza project. If you haven't already, we encourage you all to have your say by visiting the following link [bit.ly/PiazzaProjectSurvey](https://bit.ly/PiazzaProjectSurvey) or by scanning the QR code displayed around town, and in the piazza.

# Australia Day POOL PARTY

## 26 JANUARY 2021

MERREDIN DISTRICT OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL

**12 PM - 6 PM**

- Sausage sizzle
- Fun activities
- Games

THIS IS A **FREE** FAMILY EVENT!

For more information please contact Darcie at the Shire

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## REGIONAL TOUR FEB 6 - MAR 27

CUMMINS THEATRE IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
 THEATRE180 & CINEMASTAGE  
 PRESENT THE AWARD-WINNING AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC

A.B. Facey's  
**A Fortunate Life**

IMMERSIVE LIVE THEATRE PERFORMANCE  
 ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY JENNY DAVIS & STUART HALUSZ

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

**Cummins Theatre - Merredin**  
 Saturday 20th February 2021

Doors open @ 6:30pm / Show starts @ 7:00pm / Tickets \$10 - \$15

Book online @ [www.cumminstheatre.com.au](http://www.cumminstheatre.com.au)  
 or in person at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre





# Australia Day SUNDOWNER

## 26 JANUARY 2021

### MERREDIN POP-UP PIAZZA

**FROM 7 PM ONWARDS**

**PICNIC DINNER | ENTERTAINMENT  
 BLUE LIGHT DISCO | POP-UP BAR  
 BEAN BAGS & MORE!**

THIS IS A **FREE** EVENT HOSTED BY THE SHIRE OF MERREDIN!

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## AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST 26 JANUARY 2021

REFLECT. RESPECT. CELEBRATE

*We're all part of the story*





**FREE Breakfast commencing 8am**  
 Everyone welcome - on lawn in front of Merredin CRC  
 Corner of Barrack and Queen Streets

This event is supported by



