

SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

JULY 2021



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ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, 20 July 2021 at 6pm
Council Chambers - Cnr King and Barrack Streets

To ensure that Councillors can provide the most accurate and informed responses possible, we invite you to submit your questions in writing no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

We also ask that you register your attendance through the Shire of Merredin website via the link below.

bit.ly/AnnualElectorMeeting

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July Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 20 July 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, 16 July. Public questions can be submitted by 2.00pm on the day of the council meeting by completing the form here: www.merredin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/



Farewell, Calvin!

This month we farewelled a valued member of our team, Calvin Shotter, the Executive Manager of Engineering Services. Calvin began working at the Shire in August 2020 amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. He came into the role with big shoes to fill, and consistently stepped up to the challenge from the first day he walked through the door!

It wasn't long before he appointed himself as the office jokester, making it his mission to get everyone to laugh at least once a day. Calvin brought with him a radiating energy of positivity and a beaming smile that was the highlight of everyone's day.

When asked about what he thought his biggest achievement was while working at the Shire of Merredin, Calvin humbly said he could not single himself out of any achievements, as everything was a team effort. "I'm proud of the work that my team and I have done, including the cemetery upgrades, and the main street especially improving the Visitor Centre lawn."

Calvin was also very honoured to be part of the Piazza project and said it was a lot of hard work to get it up and running, but was well worth it to see so many community members enjoying the space.

Although his time living in the Shire was short, Calvin said he had a few favourite spots that he will never forget. "It blows me away every time I come up over the hill and see the wind farm. That is so impressive to me, when you come up past the airport and see that, there something about them, they are so specky!"

Calvin and his wife made the tough decision to leave the Shire after a once in a lifetime opportunity close to their heart presented itself. Although we will miss Calvin very much, we wish him all the best with his future endeavors.



Merredin Cemetery Upgrades

The Merredin Public Cemetery development is currently underway. The works aim to revitalise and expand the existing cemetery and improve the visual amenities of the area. The works also include reworking and repairs to the fencing, and the construction of a new asphalt surface for both existing and newly constructed lanes, kerbing works have also been completed to allow for the creation of seven additional cemetery sections to expand the life and availability of plots within the Merredin Public Cemetery. This project was made possible by funding provided by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.



Coffee with a Councillor

SATURDAY 10 JULY
10am - 11.30am at Cafe 56

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Coffee with a Councillor Returns

Last month the Shire held a successful 'Coffee with a Councillor'. This initiative provides Councillors and Community members with an additional channel to communicate about issues of interest or concern.

Come down to Café 56 on Saturday, 10 July 2021 from 10:00am – 11:30am for an informal chat with one of our Councillors or the CEO about any Shire matter you have on your mind.

Apex Park Redevelopment

The Shire of Merredin is pleased to invite all community members to have their say on the Apex Park Redevelopment Concept Plan, which has been developed following extensive consultation which took place in 2019 and 2020. The Conceptual Design is now open to further community comment, which will be presented to Council in late July.

This schematic plan recognises the community’s vision to create a landmark entry point into Merredin’s town centre. Transforming the area from a playground to a park, the development will create a space that caters to our local community needs while providing a series of visual cues to draw in passing visitors from Great Eastern Highway. Imagery indicated within the plan are for example only, with final product selection to be completed during detailed design phases.

The following key features are proposed:

- Skate Park extension (suited to BMX and scooters)
- Basketball half court
- Youth hangout space including facilities such as ping-pong, wi-fi, a solar charging station and lighting
- A selection of ‘Mega Play’ elements (for example only Climbing Tower with Slides, Flying Fox and Climbing Net)
- A selection of junior play elements including nature play interactivities
- Cycle/Scoot paths
- Retention of mature trees and the introduction of a number of additional trees and native planting
- The introduction of new materials, surfaces and colour palettes, creating a landscaped park reflective of the local bushland, granite outcrops and salt lake formations
- The introduction of new turfed and formalised picnic spaces including, barbecue, a harvest long table, the relocation/re-use of existing picnic tables and shelters
- Modification to existing shed to create openings on all four sides
- Relocation and modifications to the existing car park layout

The Shire proposes to utilise Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding of \$473,000 and Shire funds to construct the first stage of this plan before 31 December 2021. Future stages will be constructed using Shire and/or other grant funding.

Hard copies of the Plan are available for viewing at the Merredin Regional Library, Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre, and the Shire Administration Building.

You can have your say via the Shire website here: bit.ly/ApexParkConceptPlanFeedback or submit your comments in writing at the Shire Administration building, PO Box 42 Merredin WA 6415.



2021/22 Collection Calendar

The 2021/22 collection calendar is now available for viewing on the Shire of Merredin website. A hard copy of the calendar will also be included in your Rates Notice that will be posted out mid July.

Please note the new times for the Merredin Landfill have changed as following:

SHIRE OF MERREDIN INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT		2021/2022 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) *Household *Barricopplin PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING IN BARRICOPPLIN		RUBBISH - Every week Monday - Merredin, Thursday - Merredin, Merredin Hill, Nanganapan and Barricopplin.	
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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	

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- Saturday & Sunday: 10.00am - 12.00pm
- Public Hols 12.30pm—3.00pm

The landfill site will be **CLOSED** on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Good Friday.



Library News

New e-Resource Available

The Merredin library is adding to its suite of e-resources available free to library members. The Library e-Resources Information Directory delivers one-click direct access to more than 100 encyclopedias, reference journals, more than 10,000 global TV and radio Stations broadcasting in over 100 languages, extensive information for Mental Health resources, parenting, lifestyles and more, even go on a 'live' African Safari. There are more than 100,000 courses from over 100 universities from around the world, including Harvard and Cambridge – all for FREE, although you may have to pay for a certificate.

All content is carefully selected and uploaded by librarians, library administrators, teachers, lecturers and academics so you know it can be trusted. Stay tuned for more at the Merredin Library.

INFORMATION SESSION (OVER 50'S)

FRIDAY 23 JULY



Learn About;

- What's Facebook?
- What's Gumtree?
- How to recognise a scam
- Stay safe online & more!

Feel free to bring some nibblies.
Tea and coffee provided!



1.30PM
MERREDIN LIBRARY
FREE!



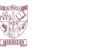
MERREDIN REGIONAL LIBRARY

0-5 YRS
BOOT CAMP
FRIDAY, 30 JULY
9.30am - 11.30am

Brought to you by
Eastern Wheatbelt Early Years Network

Come along to the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre to learn about gross motor skills whilst the little ones enjoy some free activities!

This FREE event is supported by



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June Council Meeting Summary

The June Ordinary Council Meeting was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 15 June 2021 at 4:00pm. At this meeting, Council resolved the following;

- Grant development (planning) approval for the placement and use of a commercial grade food trailer on Lot 12577 Merredin – Nungarin Road, Merredin for production and packaging of granola utilising locally grown oats
- Adopt the 2019/20 Annual Report, and receive the Auditor's Report and Management Report from the Auditor General for the 2019/20 financial year; and
- Holds its Annual General Meeting of Electors on 20 July 2021 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers

View the minutes of the June Ordinary Council Meeting here: bit.ly/JuneCouncilMeeting2021

Odgers Retires After 24 Years!

Allan has marked his final day with Shire of Merredin after an impressive 24 years of service.

Allan was born in Subiaco, and moved to Hines Hill when he was a little tacker when his father got a job on the railways. Allan attended school at North Merredin Primary School for a few years before moving to Kondinin. Soon after, the family made the big move to Perth where he completed his schooling.

Allan's first job was as a store man at a plumbing business. After a few years he decided to pick up his stuff and move back to Merredin which is where he met his lovely wife Bev. After working for the Shire of Merredin for 2 years, they decided to move too Kalgoorlie for a change of scenery. Allan returned to Merredin in Nov 97' and started back at his job on the shire. Allan's jobs included driving the rubbish truck and maintaining the retic which was a 9.00pm - 6.00am job. Allan then started on the grader and continued that for 24 years.



Allan says that the biggest change he has seen in his years at the Merredin Shire was the development of the Merredin Recreation Ground.

Now, as his last day at the Shire has arrived, his plans for retirement are to spend it with Bev, his children and grandchildren, not forgetting the time he will spend working on his HQ 1 tonne Holden Ute. Allan will also be spending time in the garden, maybe not as much time as the thousands of hours he has spent on the grader though!



The Shire are thankful for the many years of service that Allan has given and sincerely wishes him all the best as he enters his retirement. Allan has been a valuable employee of the Shire and will be missed by all.

REPORT LOCAL ISSUES IN A SNAP!

FREE FROM THE APP STORE & GOOGLE PLAY



Snap
Send
Solve



Gateway Merredin Festival

Welcome to GATEWAY MERREDIN - WA's newest regional festival!

Born from a community's passion to showcase it's unique history and hidden treasures, the inaugural Gateway Merredin festival will be one to remember this 24 - 26 September.

With a program, jam packed with illumination projections, live entertainment, unique historic tours and the State's newest public art trail, our 2021 "Troops, Trains and Treasures" program offers something for everyone!

So dust off your boots, roll up your swag and head out yonder, we look forward to seeing you in the heart of the wheatbelt this spring!

Be sure to follow the Gateway Merredin social media accounts as listed below for all the latest news and announcements about the Festival. Alternatively, you can also visit the events page on the Shire of Merredin website.





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Meet the New Staff at the Shire!

This month, the Shire has welcomed two new staff members to the Administration team! Lorraine has joined us all the way from Esperance as the new Records Officer, while Merredin local Sheree Lowe has come on board as the new Emergency Services Officer. Both Lorraine and Sheree are no strangers to Local Government, with Lorraine working with Shire of Bourke, and Sheree having previously worked for the Shire of Merredin.

A Message from Lorraine

"I have recently relocated from Esperance with my Husband for work here. I am happy to join the Merredin Shire and have enjoyed the warm welcome, in spite of the chilly weather.

We look forward to exploring the Merredin Shire and getting involved in the community."

A Message from Sheree

"Many of you will already know me as an active local emergency services volunteer.

I'm looking forward to bringing that knowledge and experience to the Shire to further my contribution to the safety of my community."



JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

6 JULY

PICTURE FRAMES

Decorate picture frames

8 JULY

CLAY FUN

Make multi coloured clay creatures or fun clay animals

13 JULY

PAPER BAG PUPPETS

Make puppets out of paper bags

15 JULY

MASKS

Make masks for disguise and fun!

Parental supervision required for all children under 10

Bookings essential, limit of 40 participants, no walk-ins
Sessions will run from 10.30am - 11.30am - Come dressed for fun!

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE \$2 PER PARTICIPANT

BOOK YOUR PLACE BY CALLING THE LIBRARY ON (08) 9041 1222

For more information please contact Wendy at the Library

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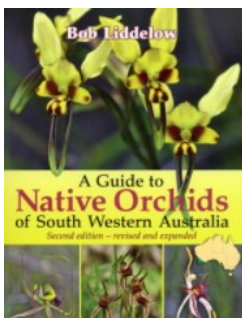
Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre Updates

New Retail Stock at the Visitor Centre

We have new gift range from 'Aspects of Nature,' a WA artist with charming WA bird and wildflower prints on Magnetic Note Pads and Pen Sets, Bookmarks and Gift Cards.



Wildflower Books and Colour Coded Guides



Wildflower season is imminent, and the range of Wildflower and Orchid identification books and guides is fully stocked and are recommended for anyone keen on wildflowers in the Wheatbelt and beyond.

Come in and browse our range and if you are planning some travel in our wonderful State, we have the best range of brochures for WA and you can pick up an Annual Park Pass for WA National Parks while you are here!

Cummins Theatre Stage CLOSED

The Cummins Theatre stage has been closed until further notice due to safety concerns regarding the rigging over the stage performance area.

The issue with the equipment is centred around the failure of two manual winch bars, from which the stage lights are hung. The Shire of Merredin have engaged expert riggers to investigate the issues in order to identify and rectify the problem as quickly as possible.

It is due to the above reason that we regrettably have to cancel / postpone some of the schedule shows including;

- Taste of Ireland—CANCELLED
- Matt Hale Comedy Hypnotist—Postponed 4 September
- Miss Westralia—Postponed 1 August

Patrons will be contacted soon in regards to ticket rescheduling / refunds.

The Cummins Theatre would like to thank all of our patrons for their understanding with this decision and it is hoped that the problem can be resolved without too much delay.

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A TASTE OF IRELAND
THE IRISH MUSIC & DANCE SENSATION

CANCELLED

2021 AUSTRALIAN TOUR
Cummins Theatre, Merredin
6th July 2021 – 7.30pm

Don't rely on the luck of the Irish...
Book Now: www.atasteofirelandshow.com

Morning Melodies Concert Series

Friday 9th
July 2021

Come and join us for our
Morning Melodies concert for 2021.
'A great place to catch up with old
friends and even make new ones'

Featuring - Elysia Jazz Duo

Doors open at 10:30am for morning tea.
Concert starts at 11:00am - 12:00pm

Tickets are \$15* and include morning tea.
(Bookings essential for catering purposes)

Book at www.cumminstheatre.com.au
or at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre

*transaction fees may apply



CUMMINS THEATRE



SHIRE OF
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A NEW AUSTRALIAN MUSICAL

MISS WESTRALIA

BY MADELINE CLOUSTON, JAKE NEILSEN, MATTHEW PREDNY & AMELIA BURKE

CUMMINS THEATRE

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST - 7PM

TICKETS AT [HTTPS://WWW.CUMMINSTHEATRE.COM.AU/EVENTS/](https://www.cumminstheatre.com.au/events/)



Amphibian

by Duncan Graham

An epic story of displacement, loss
and adapting to different worlds.

27th July 2021

Cummins Theatre, Merredin

Ages 10+



A Windmill Theatre Production
presented in association with Cummins Theatre

CUMMINS THEATRE

Tickets available at CUMMINSTHEATRE.COM.AU or
in person at the CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITORS CENTRE



HYPNOTIST MATT HALE



BONKERS

on tour 2021

Cummins Theatre, Merredin

Sat 4 Sept Doors 7pm, Show 7.30pm

Tix/info: cumminstheatre.com.au or scan here

