



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

MAR/APR 2024

Welcome to our new Shire Councillors!

Congratulations to Hayley Billing and Brad Anderson, for being elected as Councillor, and to Mark McKenzie, Phil Van Der Merwe and Renee Manning for being re-elected as Councillor, during the 2023 Ordinary Local Government Elections. Congratulations also to Lisa O'Neill for being elected unopposed as Councillor for the Merredin District during the 2024 Extraordinary Local Government Elections. Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr Van Der Merwe and Cr Manning will hold office until October 2027, while Cr Anderson and Cr O'Neill will hold office until October 2025.



Cr Hayley Billing



Cr Brad Anderson



Cr Lisa O'Neill

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APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 30 April 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. 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/





ENGINEERING

CBD Redevelopment Project Update

Town Centre: Demolition is currently underway at the Town Centre, with the existing toilet block and Visitor Centre building having now been removed. Site set-out has been completed to identify the layout of the new infrastructure. Over the coming weeks, ground works for services will be completed along with final site levelling.

Frequently Asked Questions: Town Centre

Q) Will the EV Highway chargers remain open during the works?

Yes, the chargers will be accessible to the community throughout the duration of the project.

Q) Will there be power provided within the Town Centre that is accessible during events?

There will be significant electrical and lighting upgrades as part of the works. This will include multiple power bollards which will cater for a range of events, from small market days to large scale outdoor concerts or events.

Q) Are public toilet facilities going to be available during the construction phase of the project?

There will be temporary toilet facilities available in the Barrack St western carpark, which is a short distance from the Town Centre and Apex Park. These facilities will include an all-access toilet and parenting facilities.

Q) Will the entire skatepark be replaced?

As the Shire has been able to secure the required grant funding through Lotterywest, the skate park will now undergo a full replacement. A brand new 600m² skatepark which will include a full bowl, half pipe, and a learn to skate area, amongst other exciting elements, is planned.

Q) What will happen to the time capsule during construction?

The Shire understands the important history of the time capsule and as such, it will be removed from the existing turf area in the town centre during construction to ensure it remains safe. The Shire will then display the time capsule at the Merredin Regional Library until it is due to be opened in 2029.

Apex Park: Demolition works and site set out identifying the layout of the new infrastructure has been completed. Final

leveling and ground works have progressed and are to be completed in the coming weeks.

The Shire has been working with the Contractor to finalise the design of the new slide tower which will be a key feature of the new park. The slide tower will have four different levels and be 9m high. It will be positioned on a raised mound for a total height of approximately 11m, offering a fantastic view of the surrounding town.

Over the coming months you will see footpaths, landscaping and the construction of the new skate park. This will be followed by installation of all the new play equipment.

The new skate park will include a bowl, halfpipe, and learn to skate elements among others.

Frequently Asked Questions: Apex Park

Q) Will the old equipment from Apex Park be relocated?

Unfortunately, the majority of play equipment that is being removed from Apex Park as part of the revitalisation works is in poor condition and no longer meets Australian Standards and therefore cannot be relocated to another area.

The Shire will continue to assess the condition of the remaining play equipment as it is removed, and should any be found to be in a suitable condition that meets the required standards, we will explore opportunities for relocation. Parts from the equipment that are in good condition may be used as replacement parts for some other existing equipment in other areas.

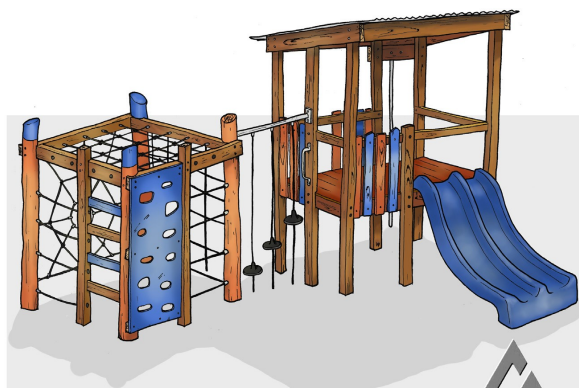
Q) Are the toilets part of the scope of works in Apex Park?

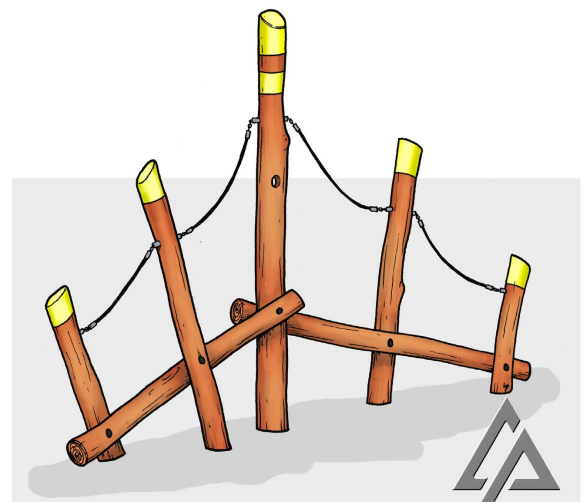
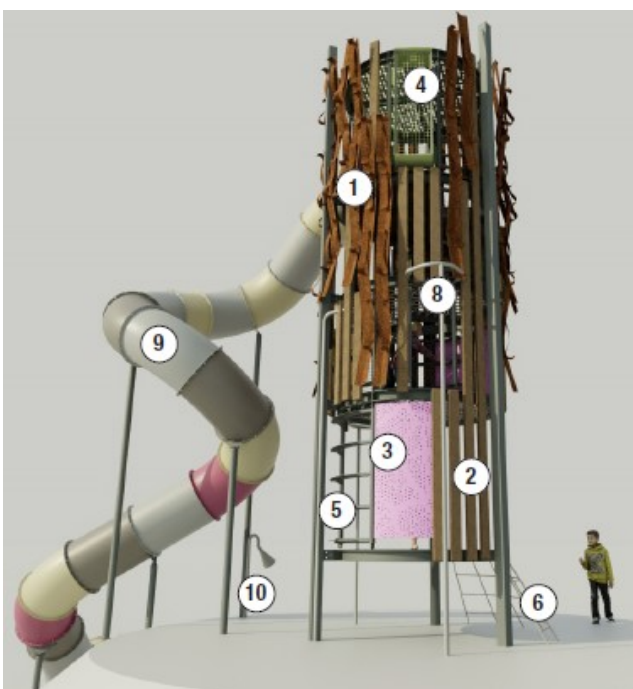
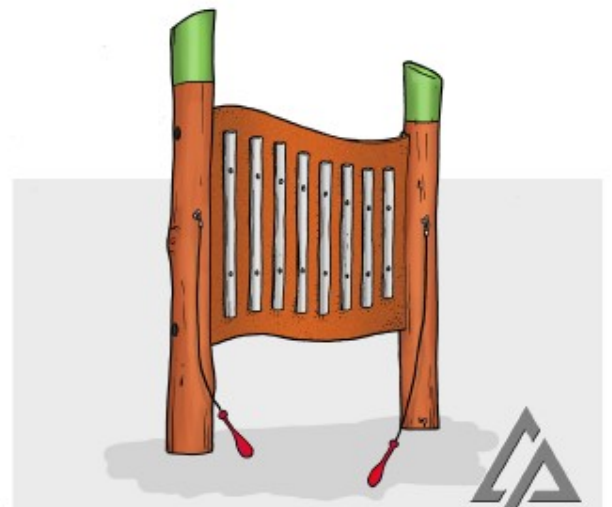
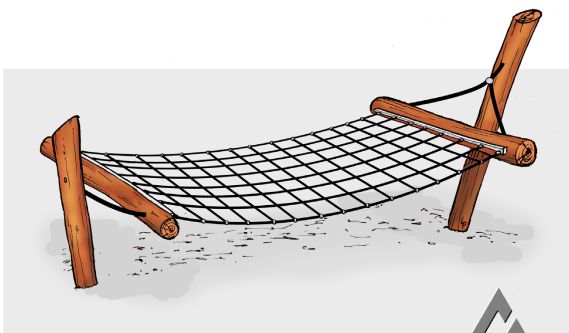
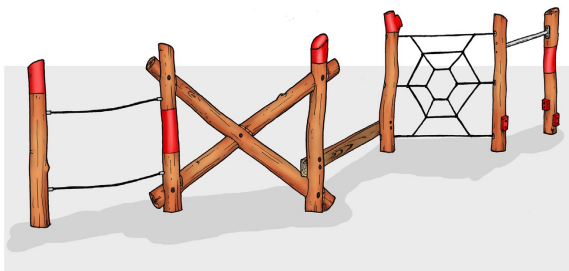
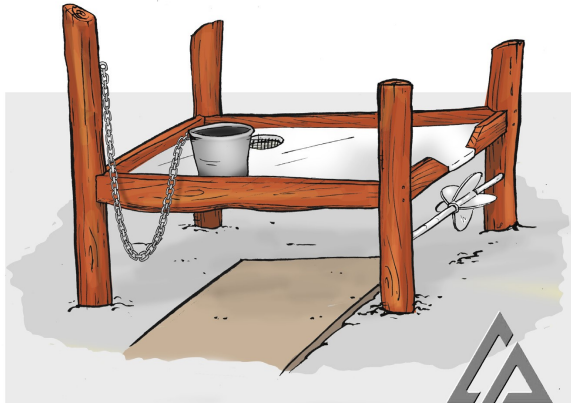
Due to the Shire being able to secure additional funding, the toilets will now be upgraded as part of the works. The toilets will be located in the same space as the previous block.

Q) Will the entire park be fenced?

Yes, the existing fence will be retained as part of the works.

Apex Park Equipment Examples





eRates

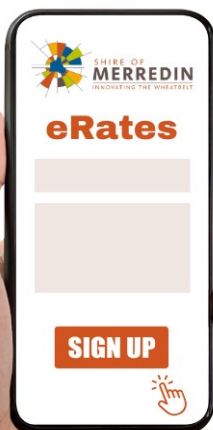
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SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
HEART OF THE WHEATBELT

The Shire of Merredin are excited to introduce a new convenient and eco-friendly way for you to receive your rates notices—electronically!

In our ongoing efforts to enhance our services and embrace technology, we have launched an Online Form for residents to sign up for Electronic Rates.



Why Go Electronic?



Instant Delivery

Receive your rates notices directly to your email inbox, ensuring you get them promptly without any delays.



Environmentally Friendly

By opting for electronic rates notices, you contribute to the reduction of paper usage, helping us make a positive impact on the environment.



Convenience

Access your rates notices from anywhere at any time, without the hassle of sorting through physical mail.

How to Sign Up

It's quick and easy! Simply visit our website by typing in the address below and fill out the Online Form dedicated to Electronic Rates. Provide your contact details and preferred email address, and you're all set to receive your rates notices electronically.



bit.ly/electronicrates

We understand that change can be challenging, but we believe this transition to electronic rates notices will greatly benefit you and our community in the long run. However, if you prefer to continue receiving paper notices, no action is required, and you will continue to receive your rates notices by mail.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to creating a more sustainable future for our Shire. If you have any questions or need assistance with the sign-up process, please don't hesitate to contact our Rates Department at rates@merredin.wa.gov.au



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VISITOR CENTRE

New Permanent Space for the Visitor Centre

We are excited to announce that the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Center (CWVC) has found a new home at the Merredin Train Station!

The Train Station was chosen due to its prime location within the CBD, the size of the space, and limited amount of modifications required, ensuring a quick setup for our team. Plus, it's perfectly situated for those hopping off the Prospector train, making it accessible for prospective visitors.

We're thrilled to breathe new life into this underutilised building, transforming it into a hub of activity for travellers and locals alike. With prime caravan and RV parking, we're creating a space that caters to visitors' needs.

The move to the Merredin Train Station will follow a short period of up to four weeks temporary relocation to Cummins Theatre, which commenced on Tuesday, 5 March 2024.

To prepare the Train Station building, some minor works will be carried out from Tuesday, 5 March 2024 for approximately 4 weeks. To assist with these works being completed safely, the carpark immediately in front of the building will be closed.

We can't wait to welcome you to the new CWVC! Stay tuned for more updates regarding opening dates.

Shire of Merredin Surplus of Requirement Sale

Save the date for the Surplus of Requirement Sale, to be held at the Merredin Tip on Saturday, 20 April 2024 from 11:00am until 1:00pm.

Strictly cash, cheque or EFTPOS on the day of sale unless prior arrangements have been made with the agent.

Scan the QR Code below to find out more or to view the sale items!



PUBLIC NOTICE

Offer No: Do2-2024

Disposal of Property

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

Lot 502 Crooks Road, Merredin, WA, 6415, Deposit Plan 53957, Certificate of Title Volume 2667, Folio 178.

Further information is available by contacting Leah Boehme, Executive Manager Corporate Services on (08) 9041 1611 or emcs@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Offers are to be marked "Private and Confidential – Disposal of property Do2-2024," addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, and will be received up to 2:00pm WST on Tuesday, 9 April 2024. 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 and Barrack Streets, Merredin, WA, 6415, during ordinary business hours. Late offers will not be accepted.

John Merrick, *Temporary Chief Executive Officer*

Request for Quotes

RFQ23 - 23 - 24 - Kerb Replacement - Bower Street, Merredin

The Shire of Merredin is seeking quotes from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for replacement of concrete kerbing on Bower St, Merredin in the 2023/24 financial year.

Submissions are to be lodged electronically via tenders@merredin.wa.gov.au by 2:00pm on Friday, 5 April 2024. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Road Reconstruction Works

Please be advised that road reconstruction works will be taking place on the following roads;

- ▶ Merredin – Naremben Road, between Barnes Road and Briant Road, from Monday, 1 April until Monday, 22 April.
- ▶ Goldfields Road, between CBH entrance and Crooks Road, from Monday, 18 March – Thursday, 18 April.

Delays of 15 minutes should be expected during these works. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.





Merredin District Olympic Swimming Pool Notice

Please be advised that the Swimming Pool is now closed for the season, as of Friday, 15 March 2024.

We would like to thank the community for another wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back in November for the start of the 2024/25 season!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

2 APRIL

Paper Craft

Make a moving fish, a paper pompom or other fun things

4 APRIL

Gargoyles

Make fun, ugly gargoyles with paper plates and craft sand

9 APRIL

Paper Bag Puppets

Make puppets out of paper

11 APRIL

Clay Fun!

Make multi coloured clay creatures or fun clay animals

PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED FOR ALL CHILDREN UNDER 10

Bookings essential | Limit of 40 participants | No walk-ins

All sessions are 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
 Telephone: (08) 9041 1222
library@merredin.wa.gov.au
www.merredin.wa.gov.au
facebook.com/ShireofMerredin



MERREDIN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Rules for Portable Pools

In Australia, if you have a portable or inflatable pool that can be filled to a depth of 30cm and is used by people, you need to install a pool fence.

There are many types of portable pools, ranging from small plastic or inflatable paddling pools, specifically designed for young children, to larger more solid inflatable pools or flexible sided pools with frames that can accommodate adults.

If your inflatable pool is a temporary fixture in your garden, you don't need to invest in and install a permanent fence structure made of steel, glass or aluminium. But you still must meet all fencing laws for your jurisdiction while the inflatable pool is in place and filled with water.

If you don't abide by the rules and are caught by your local council with incorrectly installed pool fencing that doesn't comply with Australian standards – or even no fence at all – you may get a fine.

Visit www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/portable-pools to download the Rules for Pools and Spas brochure, which provides further comprehensive guidance on the pool safety barrier requirements in Western Australia.

A hard copy is available by calling the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Building and Energy Division on 1300 489 099 or email be.info@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Shire of Merredin Easter Hours

We're taking a break over Easter! The following Shire facilities will be CLOSED from Friday, 1 April 2024 until Monday, 1 April 2024 inclusive;

- ▶ Shire Administration Building
- ▶ Cummins Theatre
- ▶ Merredin Regional Library
- ▶ Merredin Regional Community & Resource Centre
- ▶ Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre

The Merredin Landfill Site will be CLOSED on Friday, 29 March 2024 ONLY, then will open 10:00am—3:00pm from Saturday, 30 March 2024 until Monday, 1 April 2024 inclusive.

In the event of an emergency, please call 000. For urgent matters relating to Dogs and Cats, please call the Ranger on 0400 240 787. For any other urgent matters, please call the Shire office number on (08) 9041 1611.



JOB VACANCY

Grandstand Bar and Restaurant Casuals

Position Status: Casual

\$33.08/hour - \$34.08/hr | Junior Rate: \$17.26 - \$29.82

Are you passionate about delivering exceptional customer service and creating memorable experiences for guests? We are currently seeking dynamic and enthusiastic individuals to join our team as Grandstand Bar and Restaurant Casuals. If you thrive in a fast-paced environment and have a customer-centric mindset, we want to hear from you!

The Role

The Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre is a welcoming and vibrant local space where sports, leisure and recreation thrive together. Reporting to the Grandstand Bar and Restaurant Coordinator, you will play a crucial role in the seamless operation of the Grandstand Bar and Restaurant.

Your responsibilities include providing exceptional bar service, ensuring a clean and organised kitchen and restaurant, and assisting with food preparation as required.

The ideal candidates for this position possess well-developed time management and organisational skills, ensuring efficient handling of tasks and responsibilities. Candidates should demonstrate initiative and enthusiasm, contributing to a positive team environment. A customer-centric mindset, coupled with a commitment to delivering outstanding service and a genuine passion for creating memorable experiences, is essential.

How to Apply

Applications are to include a comprehensive CV, and a separate Cover Letter (max 2 pages), outlining your ability to meet the role requirements.

A position description, containing the Selection Criteria can be obtained online on the Shire of Merredin's website, or via email at careers@merredin.wa.gov.au. Note: The Shire reserves the right to assess applications, interview candidates and make appointments prior to the closing date.

This casual pool will remain open until **4:00pm, Friday, 28 June 2024**. Applications are to be marked "Private and Confidential" and emailed to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au.

John Merrick

A/Chief Executive Officer



JOB VACANCY

MRCLC Administration / Program Officer

Position Status: Permanent/Full Time

Salary: Level 7 range of \$63,209 to \$67,300

Applications are invited for the position of Administration/ Program Officer at the MRCLC. This is a new role and has been developed to complete confidential and efficient administrative duties at the MRCLC and to deliver an effective and courteous service to the general public, sporting groups and community members. A key outcome of the role is to meet community needs in relation to the planning and delivery of recreation programs.

The Role

Reporting directly to the Recreation and Aquatics Manager, this position is key to the successful running of the MRCLC and requires someone that is adaptable, able to think on their feet and effectively solve the day to day issues that crop up. Ideally, you will have good administration skills, experience in or exposure to recreation program development and delivery and understand the challenges of working in a community facing role.

Ongoing, and in conjunction with the Manager, this role will work with community and sporting groups to identify their requirements and develop programs to ensure the best use of the facility.

If you are interested in this role but not sure whether you can meet all the requirements of the position description, reach out to us for a confidential discussion. A/Chief Executive Officer.

If you would like further information about this position please contact Codi Brindley-Mullen, Executive Manager Strategy and Community on (08) 9041 1611 during office hours. If you require information on how to apply, please email careers@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Applications are to be received by no later than **4:00pm, 29 March 2024**, and should be marked "Private and Confidential" and emailed to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au or sent via post to PO Box 42 Merredin WA 6415.

John Merrick

A/Chief Executive Officer



Morning Melodies

Featuring Jay Weston,
Roy Orbison Tribute

Cummins Theatre
Friday, 5 April

Morning Tea at 10.30am
Concert starts at 11am

Bookings essential
\$15

Morning tea included in ticket price

Get tickets at Cumminstheatre.com.au
or Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre



**CUMMINS
THEATRE**

ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL 2024

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN
AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



**DAWN
SERVICE**

MERREDIN CENOTAPH
6:00AM

**MID MORNING
SERVICE**

CUMMINS THEATRE
11:00AM

PARADE COMMENCES FROM POST OFFICE
15 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH SERVICE

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

TIVOLI ROOM
7:00AM



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Contact: Leanne Bryant
P: (08) 9041 3295
E: mcc@merredin.wa.gov.au

YIRRA YAAKIN PRESENTS

SONGBIRD

Cummins Theatre | Friday 24 May, 7pm



WRITTEN BY SHAKARA WALLEY

Tickets Adult \$35 | Concession \$30

Book Online at cumminstheatre.com.au or at Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre

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**THAT'S
WHAT I'M
TALKING
ABOUT**

20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR 2024

SATURDAY MAY 25

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