

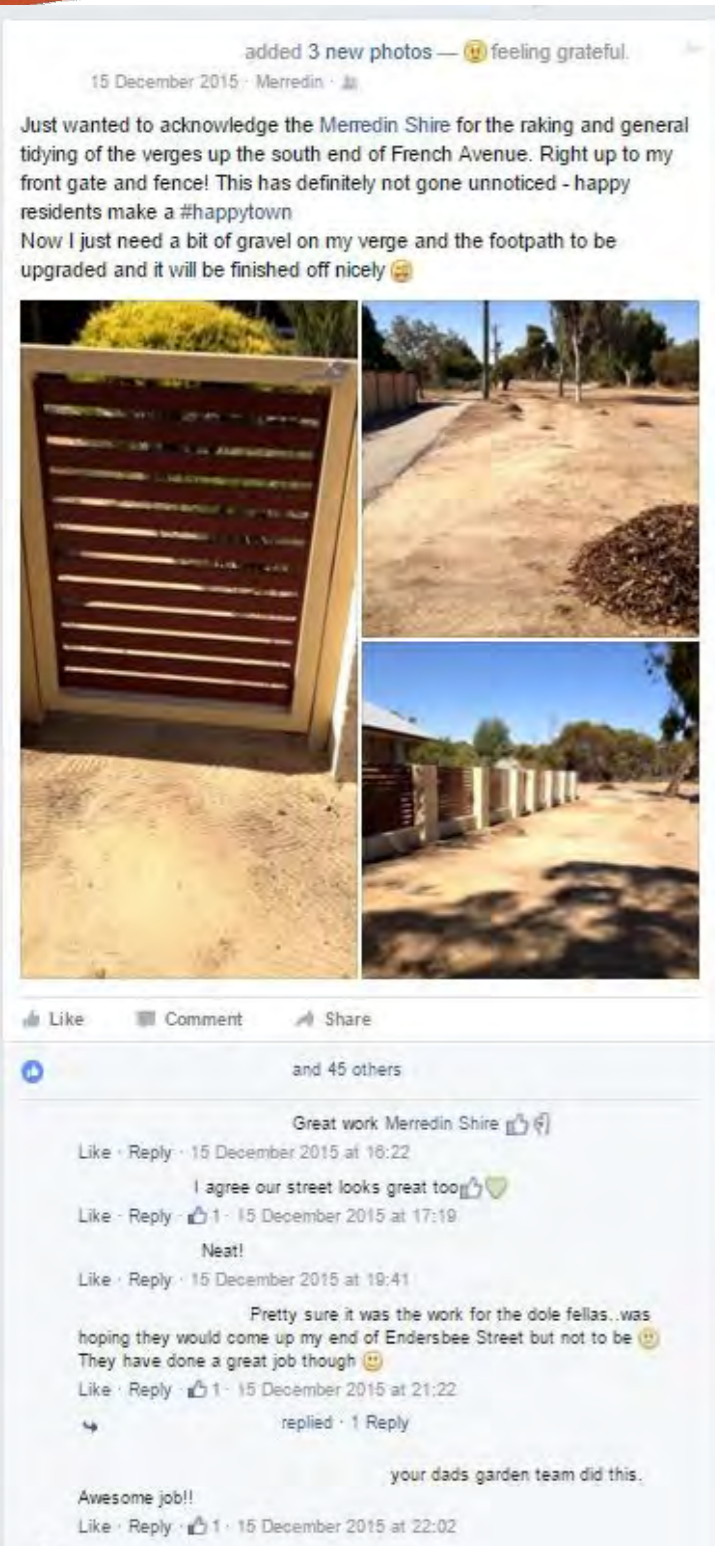
Max Employment job seekers great asset

Shire staff and the Max Employment job seeker work crew have been delighted to hear all your positive feedback on social media and over phone about the tidy streets and community spaces.

While most of the work in the green spaces around town is maintained by the Shire Parks & Gardens crew, the past six months of street verge cleaning has been completed by a job seeker team; people who are working on community projects for their work and income benefit payment.

Everyone involved with these street clean-ups are seeking long term employment. Projects like this offer them the opportunity to show prospective employers their skills and work ethic and all would be grateful for the chance for a new start in a positive workplace.

If you know of a job vacancy or would like to discuss the possibility of employing one of these fantastic workers, please contact Marilyn at the Shire.



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The next ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in Council Chambers, on Tuesday 19th April 2016 commencing at 3pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda should be available to view on the Council website on Monday 18th April.



New planters nod to heritage

Our main streets will soon be adorned with new planter boxes and colourful flowers thanks to Stephen and the team at the Merredin Community Men's Shed. The planters have been designed to replicate branded 'wool bales', the unique planter boxes will acknowledge our many farming families with their wool type and brand. The project is part of our CBD beautification plans and stage two will record each family history.

If your family would like to have their brand on our new planters, or if you're a keen gardener who would like to assist in growing and caring for flowering plants in the planters, please contact Marilyn, Community Liaison Officer on 90411611.

Events in the Shire of Merredin

EVERY MONDAY
Tales of Times Past at the Library. All welcome

EVERY FRIDAY (FROM 8th APRIL)
Storytime at the Library. 10.30am, free.

APRIL EVENTS

8th April: Dylan and Young at the Cummins Theatre. \$25, 7pm

19th April: Ordinary Council Meeting at the Shire Administration Office, 3pm

25th April: Anzac Day. Dawn service departs Post Office for the cenotaph at 5.45am, followed by breakfast at the Cummins Theatre. Morning service departs from the Post Office for the Cummins Theatre at 10.30am, followed by morning tea. "Let Us Entertain You" variety show at the Theatre at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea.





Dylan and Young

Celebrate the timeless masterpieces of BOB DYLAN and NEIL YOUNG with an unforgettable 90 minute performance starring the renowned John Hastwell [Aussie Bob] and Stuart Day [Young Neil], with acoustic bassist Quinton Dunne.

8 April 2016 / 7pm
Cummins Theatre / \$25 per ticket

Community forums postponed

Since October last year, Council has been debating whether or not to continue holding their annual community forums in Hines Hill, Burracoppin and Mundadgin. Despite surveys distributed via post, Facebook, the website and information about the survey printed in the Merredin-Wheatbelt Mercury and broadcast in an interview on RadioWest, we have only received **10 responses**. Council's decision has been to postpone these forums until there is significant community interest in resurrecting them.

Make your own music video

Building on the amazing success of the Silent Film Making Workshop in 2015, Desiree Longworth and Brandon Bowman return to the Cummins Theatre for a one week workshop where the youth of Merredin can create their own music video. Working closely with the West Australian Music Industry (WAMI) students will have the opportunity to create a music video for a professional song!

April 11th – 15th 2016
10:00am – 4:00pm daily
These workshops are \$40 for Cummins Kids members

This event is part of the Cummins Kids initiative and is proudly supported by Lotterywest, CAN, and the Shire of Merredin.



New travel stock and local crafts

As well as offering information on travel throughout WA, the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre also stocks a range of art and craft products, souvenirs and local history books. We have recently received some wooden toy trucks by Merredin local Malcolm Robartson, as well as a platter made from a wine barrel and some adorable animal travel pillows. Pop in and see what unique local treasures are on offer.



Fairy tales at the Cummins Theatre

A princess, a penguin, and one big bad wolf have been on the loose at Cummins Theatre!

As part of the Cummins Kids initiative, children have been writing, rehearsing, and performing their own fairytale productions. Led by storytelling superstar Mark Storen and assisted by Zoe Street and Rhiannon Petersen the children have been learning all about the storytelling process from building characters, to writing scenes, to choosing which princess dress best represents their character. Workshops commenced on March 8th and have been running everyday after school from 4pm-6pm with the final workshop to take place on Friday March 18th. The result is two new retellings of the Little Red Riding Hood story which will be presented on Monday March 21st as part of Harmony Day Celebrations.

These workshops have been free for our Cummins Kids members and would not have been possible without the support of Lotterywest, The Shire of Merredin, Merredin Men's Shed, and Merredin Repertory Club.

Anzac Day 2016

Dawn service at the cenotaph
Parade departs from the Post Office at 5.45am, followed by breakfast

Morning service at Theatre
Parade departs from the Post Office at 10.30am, followed by morning tea

"Let us Entertain You" Variety Show at Theatre
2pm start, followed by afternoon tea



New urban art wall at Avon Youth