

SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



New Library Well Received

From Monday 21st March staff and a volunteer tirelessly packed up and moved more than 16,000 items and dismantled over 360 shelves. After a break for Easter, the staff and 6 volunteers began reassembling the library.

On Monday 4th April saw the reopening of the Merredin Regional Library after it was relocated from its original location on Queen Street.

We have received very positive feedback from you, our community, with many pleased that that the school building will continue to be used for the community.

Many people, the library staff included, are impressed with such an increase in space! Wendy has mentioned that she would like to see the extra space be used for more community activities and events such as author events, Tales of Times Past and holiday activities.

MAY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

Tales of Times Past | Senior Centre

EVERY TUESDAY

Storytime at the Library | 10:30am | Free

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- 6th May,** Cummins Kids Music Video Premiere, Cummins Theatre 7:00pm, Free
- 7th May,** Phil Doncon Art Exhibition, Cummins Theatre, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, \$10
- 8th May** Destination Merredin - Music & Memories, Roy Little Park, 9:30am to 3:30pm, Free
- 19th May** Marty Putz, Cummins Theatre, 6:30pm, \$12.50
- 27th May** Comedy Hypnosis Show, Cummins Theatre, 7:30pm, \$35 adults, \$29 concession



Council Meeting

The next ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building, in Council Chambers, on Tuesday 17th May 2016 and will commence at 3:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The agenda will be available to view on the Council website on Monday 16th May 2016

Wool Bale Planters Steadily Progressing

The Wool Bale Project, as part of the Shire of Merredin CBD beautification plan, is moving forward. With 20 planter boxes now constructed by the team at Merredin Men's Shed, we are now searching for local farming families who would like to have their wool type and brand displayed on the planter boxes. Stage two of this project will record the history of each family.

We would also like to invite keen gardeners who would like to assist in the growing of flowering plants as well as providing care and watering to the flowers once in the planters.

This month you will be able to see some of the wool bale planter boxes on display at Two Dog's Home Hardware, CRT, Elders and Landmark.

If you are interesting in displaying your family's wool brand, or if you would like to help in maintaining the plants please contact Marilyn on **9041 1611** or project1@merredin.wa.gov.au



Planter on display at Two-Dogs



Alex and Lauren planting poppies

Field of Poppies Project

Did you see the poppies on the highway around ANZAC Day? Over the last few months the Shire of Merredin have been co-ordinating the Field of Poppies project, calling on our creative community to craft poppies out of any medium. With the goal of displaying 10,000 poppies along the rock wall on the Great Eastern Highway, the project aims to encourage community creativity and togetherness while giving people a way to remember those who served.

The Red Poppy (or Flanders Poppy) has long been recognised as the flower of remembrance. During the First World War these plants were noted to be the first to flower in the devastated battlefield of France and Belgium. The rich red flower would go on to become a very powerful symbol for remembering those who gave their lives

New Roads to be Resealed

A recent reseal job on Totadgin Hall Road funded by Roads to Recovery has come in significantly under budget. At Council Meeting on 19th April it was suggested that the residual funds be used to reseal other roads in need. Council have approved for the Shire to use these funds to commence resealing 12.6km of road on Korbel West Road, Hines Hill North Road and Nokaning West Road

Your Feedback

We encourage your feedback and ideas to help us make our community newsletter even better with every issue. There have been a few changes made to the layout of the newsletter to maximise space for information.

In the future we will be reassessing our distribution methods in order to meet the balance between community reach and cost efficiency. Any feedback can be directed to the Shire Administration on: **(08) 9041 1611** or media@merredin.wa.gov.au

Disability Parking Laws

A reminder to drivers that it is against the law to park or stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless the driver or the passenger is a person with disabilities and is displaying an ACROD sticker. Extract from *Local Government Act 1995 - Local Law No. 8 - Parking and Parking Facilities* states:



- 6.15 *Stopping in a parking stall for people with disabilities*
- (1) *A driver shall not stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless—*
- (a) *the driver's vehicle displays an ACROD sticker; and*
 - (b) *either the driver or the passenger in that vehicle is a person with disabilities.*

Disobeying this law is an offence and a \$300 infringement will be issued to any vehicle parked in a disabled bay failing to display an ACROD sticker



Your Waterwise Aquatic Centre

Merredin District Pool is celebrating its recent endorsement as a Waterwise Aquatic Centre.

In February 2016 the Water Corporation and Leisure Institute of WA Aquatic Inc. (LIWA) reviewed and accepted the Water Management Plan (WMP) set out by Merredin District Pool. The WMP outlines the current water saving techniques used by our pool as well as action plans to implement further water saving practices and efficiency targets.

In addition to the acceptance of the Water Management Plan, the Water Corporation and LIWA also endorse the Merredin District Pool as a Waterwise Aquatic Centre recognising our commitment to water saving techniques.

The Shire of Merredin is already endorsed as a Waterwise Council and we are pleased to have our Merredin District Pool facilities now endorsed as well.

Your local swimming pool will be formally endorsed in August 2016 at the Leisure Institute of WA Aquatic Inc. (LIWA) State Conference Dinner.



See Merredin by E-Trike

The Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre have received two E-Trikes!

An E-Trike, is an electric pedal assist tricycle, designed for easy travelling around town. The Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre purchased these E-Trikes as a way of encouraging a new way for both tourists and locals to explore our wonderful town of Merredin.

The purchase of these E-Trikes were made possible through Royalties for Regions Visitor Centre Sustainability Grant Program and with the support of E Bikes R Us

Visitors to the Destination Merredin Mother's Day Picnic will be some of the first to see and test the 'New Wheels', with the Trikes being introduced for hire at the festival. At Roy Little Park.

These trikes will be available for hire at the **Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre**. Speak to Robyn or Carina on **9041 1666**



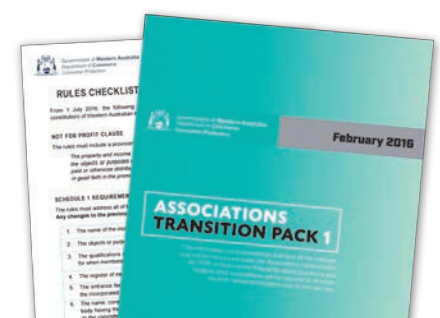
Robyn testing out one of the new E-Trikes

Changes for Incorporated Associations

The Department of Commerce have announced there have been several changes to regulations for Incorporated Associations. The new changes have been introduced in the new Associations Incorporation Act 2015, which has replaced the Associations Incorporation Act 1987, and will be effective from 1st July 2016.

Changes to the Act include information your association must provide, eligibility of new committee members and changes to financial reporting requirements.

To help you understand the upcoming changes to the Associations Incorporations Act you can contact the Department of Commerce on 1300 136 237. Alternatively we have collected some documents that will help your association's transition to the new rules. You can obtain these documents on our website or by contacting Michelle at the Shire on **9041 1611** or media@merredin.wa.gov.au



Destination Merredin presents:

Music & Memories

A Heritage Week Celebration

Friday 6th May

Premiere Screening of the Music Videos produced by Cummins Kids at their Music Video Workshop

Preview of Art created by award winning, Merredin born artist Phil Doncon

When 6th May | 7:00pm

Where Cummins Theatre

Cost Free

Contact Emma Davis | Theatre Manager
9041 3295

Destination Merredin Festival

In 2016 Destination Merredin will be celebrating the talented local people who have contributed to the music and entertainment culture throughout Merredin's history, and the impact of music on the quality of life in the Wheatbelt.

There will be several events being held from Friday 6th May until Sunday 8th May. There are events suited to all age groups and are family friendly. Destination Merredin is a part of the National Trust Heritage Week Festival

For more information about these events please contact the **Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre on 9041 1666**

Saturday 7th May

Meet Merredin born artist Phil Doncon and view his unique and energetic artistic style

Cocktail Night at the Tivoli Room with nibbles, drinks and live music

When 7th May | 7:00pm until 9:00pm

Where Tivoli Room | Cummins Theatre

Cost \$10.00 per person

Contact Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre
9041 1666

Market Stalls

If you would like to hold a market stall at the Mother's Day Picnic on Sunday 8th May, please contact Robyn or Carina at the **Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre on 9041 1666** for a booking form. With the event coming soon be sure to get in quick!

Phil Doncon Live Art Performance

We are very excited to have Phil Doncon back in town for this event. For those who are not familiar with him, Phil is an incredibly energetic and inspiring artist born and raised right here in Merredin.

Phil will be exhibiting his amazing artwork at Cummins Theatre as well as providing our community with two live art performances at the Destination Merredin Mother's Day Picnic on 8th May. To learn more about Phil Doncon you can visit his website:

<http://www.phildoncon.com.au/>



Sunday 8th May

Mother's Day Picnic in the Park - Join us for a family fun day with church service, white dove release, markets, games, photo booth and musical jam session and workshop. Featuring live art performance by Phil Doncon and Tales of Times Past

When 8th May | 9:30am until 3:00pm

Where Roy Little Park

Cost \$10.00 per person

Contact Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre
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