

SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



LIVE MUSIC RETURNS TO CUMMINS THEATRE!

After overwhelming demand, interest, and support for live music in Merredin, the Cummins Theatre is excited to announce the arrival of two new initiatives aimed at bringing quality live music to the Cummins Theatre stage.

The first initiative is the Wheatbelt Touring Circuit. Presented by WAM and with support from RAC, the Wheatbelt Touring Circuit sees leading acts from WA's metro areas combining with talented upcoming and established acts from the Wheatbelt. The Cummins Theatre will be presenting two of these performances on Saturday July 16th and Friday September 16th.

The second initiative is Lunchtime Escapes. Presented with the support of Lotterywest, Lunchtime Escapes are day time concerts of beautiful live music. Each concert begins at 11:00am with high tea where audiences can enjoy a selection of cakes, finger sandwiches, and other

delectable delights in the intimate surrounds of the Tivoli Room and Tivoli Garden. A selection of tea and coffee will also be available and included in the ticket. At 12:00pm the live music begins and audiences are invited to bring their own lunch to enjoy during the concert. The Cummins Theatre will be presenting the first of these performances on Thursday July 21st and Saturday October 22nd. Doors open at 11:00am for both shows with music commencing at 12:00pm. More details about these shows can be found on the Cummins Theatre website www.cumminstheatre.com.au

JULY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

Tales of Times Past | Senior Centre

EVERY TUESDAY (EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

Storytime at the Library | 10:30am | Free

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- 7 July** Official Opening of Merredin Regional Library
Library | 3:00pm | Free
- 10 July** Shakespeare Workshop Showcase Performance
Cummins Theatre | 6:30pm | Free
- 16 July** Wheatbelt Touring Circuit - Live Concert One
Cummins Theatre | 6:30pm | Free
- 21 July** Lunchtime Escape Featuring Brianna Louwen
Cummins Theatre | 11:00am | \$20 adult (\$15
concession) | Includes High Tea
- 24 July** Merredin CRC Markets | 9:00am | Central
Wheatbelt Visitor Centre lawn
- 31 July** Fun Run | Merredin Regional Community &
Leisure Centre | 9:00am | \$10 pp



Brianna Louwen - Visiting Cummins Theatre for Lunchtime Escapes

Council Meeting

The next ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building, in Council Chambers, on Tuesday 19th July 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 18th July 2016

Reporting Nuisance Dogs

It is every dog owner's responsibility to ensure that their dog(s) do not bark excessively. Whilst barking is a dog's means of communication and may also alert the owner to an intruder or danger, persistent barking in a manner not considered to be normally habitual in the dog may be considered a nuisance.

If your neighbour's dog(s) is barking excessively you can complete a Nuisance Dog Form and submit to the Shire

Ranger to take action. The Ranger will issue a warning to the dog(s) owner. In most cases, this warning is enough for the owner to remedy the problem.

If the owner does not comply and the situation is not resolved you can complete a barking record. This record provides evidence of the dog's excessive barking and is required for further legal action against the owner.

The Ranger can be contacted on 0400 240 787.

Sporting Club Fundraising Opportunity

Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre are offering fundraising opportunities for volunteers who want to raise funds for their sports team/club.

With frequent events, meeting and social occasions happening at the Grandstand Bar there is regular need for bar attendants. Individuals can volunteer their time during these events and their time will be paid at award hourly rate the sports team or club of their choice.

All volunteers must have a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) licence. You can find a list of course providers on the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor Website.



To register your interest or for more information contact Marilyn Sayers at the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre on 9041 3033.

Fun Run 2016



The annual Fun Run is on again!

Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre will be hosting the Fun Run on Sunday 31 July starting at 9:00am.

The event is open to all ages and fitness levels, with options to complete distances of 3, 6, 9 or 12km. If you don't want to run, you can walk or push (pram or wheelchair)

This event will raise funds for Diabetes WA who work to provide education and support to people suffering diabetes as well as funding research.

Registration is \$10 and can be paid at the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre.



Merredin a Tidy Towns State Finalist

Merredin is a State Finalist in the Keep Australia Beautiful Heritage and Culture category which recognises a community's commitment to the conservation and celebration of the community's indigenous and non-indigenous heritage and culture.

The winner of the Tidy Town Awards will be announced on Friday 23 September.



Official Library Opening

The Official Opening of Merredin Regional Library will be held:

Merredin Regional Library
22 Coronation Street, Merredin
3:00pm Thursday 7th July 2016

Members of the public are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Wendy on 9041 1222 or by email to library@merredin.wa.gov.au

Infant Swimming

Infant Swim classes commenced this month at the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre. The main objective of these classes is to teach water familiarisation and safety to parents and their young children using fun aquatic activities.

Early swimming classes can allow babies to exercise more muscles in the water as they are less restricted by gravity and their ability to sit or stand. Mastering water movements early gives children a head start in learning basic swimming skills, develops coordination and balance by encouraging them to move bilaterally to maintain

equilibrium under water. Doctors often recommend swimming as the exercise of choice for asthmatics; swimming stimulates less wheezing than other forms of exercise likely due to the warm, moist air around pools being less irritating to the lungs.

Learning water safety is important to protect against accidental drowning, which is the major cause of accidental deaths in children under 5.

The classes offered at Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre are suitable for children aged between 6 months and 5 years. The classes run over 6 weeks and are taught by Austswim qualified instructors.

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.

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

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.

AquaFit Instructors Wanted

Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre (MRCLC) are seeking instructors for the AquaFit and Infant Swimming programs. These aquatic programs have been very successful and new instructors are needed to help to meet demand.

The Shire of Merredin will provide assistance to people who wish to become qualified Aquafit and Infant

Swimming Instructors for MRCLC. Contact Marilyn at MRCLC on 9041 3033 or mrclcmanger@merredin.wa.gov.au to express your interest or for more information.



Homemade Gifts at Visitor Centre

Have you seen some of the amazing work by Merredin's creative locals? The Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre (CWVC) has been showcasing some beautiful handmade gifts from talented community members. New arrivals include some intricately handcrafted jewellery as shown in the photograph to the right.

If you are interested in having your handmade creation on display (and for sale) at the CWVC contact Robyn or Carina on 9041 1666.



ActiveSmart

ActiveSmart is a free program to help Wheatbelt residents enjoy a more active, healthy and connected lifestyle in their community.

You can register with ActiveSmart and will receive a phone call to discuss your needs as well as your goals. ActiveSmart will then send out a welcome pack full of goodies to help you stay active and reach your goals.

Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre have

created 5 new walking groups in line with the ActiveSmart program.

For more information about ActiveSmart or to join one of the walking groups please contact the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre on 9041 3033.



School Holiday Activities

There is plenty to do these school holidays with activities and events catering for all children's age groups and interests. Activities include craft at the Library, sports at the MRCLC and a workshop for Cummins Kids at the

Theatre. Details of these activities can be found below. For more information contact Marilyn at Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre on 9041 3033 or mrlcmanager@merredin.wa.gov.au

Baby Boot Camp



Friday 24th June
10:00-12:00noon

Free
Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre

Age 0-4 years

Mixed Sports



Monday 4th July & 11th July
9:30am-12:30pm

\$7 per child
Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre

All Ages

Kids Cardmaking



Tuesday 5th July
10:30am

\$2 per child
Merredin Regional Library

Ages 3 +

Movie Day



Wednesday 6th and 13th July
6-10 yrs at 10:00am
10-17 yrs at 1:30pm

\$7 per child
Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre

Age 6-10 years
Age 10-17 years

Decorate Fans Boomerangs & Parasols



Thursday 7th July
10:30am

Free
Merredin Regional Library

Ages 3 +

Cummins Kids Shakespeare Workshop



27th - 10th July
(Contact Cummins Theatre for times)
Free for Cummins Kids members
Cummins Theatre

Ages 7-17 years

Make colourful dreamcatchers



Tuesday 12th July
10:30am

\$2 per child
Merredin Regional Library

Ages 3 +

Colourful Clay Pot Making



Thursday 14th July
10:30am

Free
Merredin Regional Library

Ages 3 +

Rock Challenge



Friday 15th July
11:00am

Make up a team of four
Bring the whole family
BBQ Burger lunch
Register at MRCLC on 9041 3033

Ages 10-18 years