

SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



Vandalism on the rise

We're noticing incidents of vandalism starting to spike again in recent weeks.

Everything we have to repair or replace is staff time and ratepayer funds that has to be diverted from other more productive projects or maintenance of your town.

Your help is essential in curbing this rise. Remain aware when people are acting suspiciously in public, and report it to the police when you see any areas of your town being vandalised.



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"Kalgoorlie Bitter" tower repairs

The iconic "Kalgoorlie Bitter" tower by the Highway in Pioneer Park is in need of repairs after a recent inspection found several cracks.

We have begun looking into sources of funding to make the necessary repairs to the tower, and methods of doing so.

In the meantime, please keep your distance from the tower and respect the fencing that has been put in place around it for your safety.

October Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building, in Council Chambers, on Tuesday 24 October 2017 and will commence at 3:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on Council's website on Monday 23 October 2017.

Meet this year's Council candidates!

The Returning Officer received 6 nominations for the 4 vacancies. It's great to see the local interest this year.

You can read the full candidate profiles in the Shire of Merredin Administration Office, or online at the WAEC website (www.elections.wa.gov.au)

Meet your 2017 Council candidates:



Romolo Patroni



Roy Butler



Ashley Boardman



Julie Flockart



Caroline Blakers



Mal Willis

How the election will happen

All eligible electors will receive a postal voting package around three weeks prior to polling day (Saturday 21 October 2017). The package will include a list of the candidates and their profiles, ballot papers, instructions on how to vote and a declaration. To vote, follow the instructions included in the package.

The Returning Officer must receive your postal voting

package before 6.00pm on polling day. If you do not think that your postal voting package can be returned by post in time, you can deliver it by hand to a polling official or at the Shire Administration Office.

Any queries can be directed to Returning Officer, Brenda Hobbs on 0427 013 360 or by emailing her at LGro_mer@elections.wa.gov.au

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Every Tues	10:30am	Storytime at the Library	Library	Free
3 October	10:30am	Clay Creations	Library	\$2
5 October	10:30am	Wheatbelt Rocks	Library	\$2
10 October	12:30pm	1080 Accreditation Workshop	Merredin CRC	Free
21 October	6:00pm	Local Government Elections polling closes	Shire	
24 October	3:00pm	Council meeting	Council Chambers	
24 October	6:00pm	Annual Electors' Meeting 2016/17	Council Chambers	
27 October	7:30pm	Super quiz night	Rec Centre	\$80 per team
31 October		Dog and cat registrations expire	Shire	From \$20

Successful lambing starts now

1080 Accreditation
Workshop

10 October
12.30pm - 4.30pm
at Merredin CRC

Learn how to conduct a successful fox baiting programme, become accredited to handle 1080, get help with your permit application (and we'll cover the application fees) at this free workshop.
Lunch provided

For more information contact Dylan on 0488 471 727



Gala Night

14 December 2017

Book your stall now!

Stallholder registrations due before 7 December 2017
Stallholder fee of \$20 applies

For stallholder bookings and enquiries please contact
Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre on 9041 1666



Annual Electors Meeting 2017

Tuesday 24 October 2017 at 6:00pm at Shire Admin Centre

We know you have a lot on your mind, we know you have questions, and we know you have great ideas.

So please join us at this year's Annual Electors Meeting as we present our 2016/17 Annual Report



Full information can be found at www.merredin.wa.gov.au or by contacting Vanessa on 9041 1611 or ea@merredin.wa.gov.au

FUN THINGS TO DO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

	JOIN THE CIRCUS 4 days of circus based workshops with Circus WA. Cummins Theatre - 10am/11am/1pm - \$20 per participant	26-29 SEPT
	INFANT SWIMMING Free swimming lesson during Learn2Swim Week. Merredin Rec Centre - 9am - 3pm - Free	26 SEPT
	CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Make a decoration for the Christmas tree, and for home as well! Merredin Library - 10:30am - \$2 per participant	26 SEPT
	CONSTRUCTION FUN Come and create with pop sticks, pipecleaners and more! Merredin Library - 10:30am - \$2 per participant	28 SEPT
	CLAY CREATIONS Make multi coloured clay creatures or fun clay animals. Merredin Library - 10:30am - \$2 per participant	3 OCT
	WHEATBELT ROCKS Come and paint rocks to hide around town. Merredin Library - 10:30am - \$2 per participant	5 OCT



For more information contact:
Merredin Recreation Centre on 9041 3033
Merredin Regional Library on 9041 1222
Cummins Theatre on 9041 3295

Kyle Hughes-Odgers picture books

The Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre has restocked their supplies of picture books by Kyle Hughes-Odgers, the artist who recently completed the murals on the Merredin CBH silos.

The colourful, hardback books retail at \$24.95 each. Get in quick - the last batch of his books sold out before we could let you know the Visitor Centre had them!



Overcoming barriers to baiting

“Overcoming Barriers to Baiting in the Eastern Wheatbelt” is a project aiming to assist landholders gain accreditation and permits for 1080 baiting of feral pests as well as providing financial assistance toward feral pest control programmes. This programme helps in 3 ways:

- 1080 accreditation workshops to help landowners become accredited in handling 1080 and submit their application;
- Financial contributions toward the permit fee; and
- Assistance in purchasing baits for qualified landholders.

The Merredin workshop will take place at the Merredin CRC on 10 October from 12.30pm - 4.30pm and lunch will be provided.

There is no cost to attend the workshop.

For more information about the workshop, please contact Dylan Copeland on 0488 471 727 or nrmo@icloud.com.

Annual Electors' Meeting 2016/17

The Annual Electors' Meeting to consider the Shire of Merredin Annual Report 2016/17 will take place on Tuesday 24th October at 6:00pm in the Shire of Merredin Council Chambers.

This is a great opportunity for you to come in and ask questions or make your opinions known in an official setting.

For more info, to register online, submit a question or download the Annual Report, visit www.merredin.wa.gov.au

Fun in the sun at the Community Garden

A number of 0-4 year old children and their parents enjoyed a morning of sunshine, play, facepainting and morning tea in the Community Garden last month. The kids learned about watering and weeding, potted their own strawberries and went on a butterfly treasure hunt!



Q&A - Cat and Dog Registrations

Q. It's dog and cat registration time again. What do I need to do?

A. All cats that have reached six months of age are legally required to be sterilised, microchipped and registered with your local government office. Similarly, all dogs that have reached 3 months of age must be microchipped and registered.

All registrations are due on 1 November each year. 1-year, 3-year and lifetime registration is available. A number of concessions and discounts are available - visit www.merredin.wa.gov.au/ranger-services.aspx or phone 9041 1611 for more information.