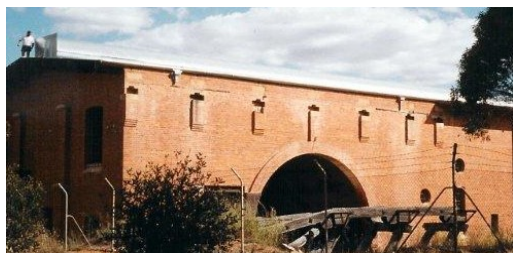


SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



Funding Confirmed for CEACA Seniors Housing Project

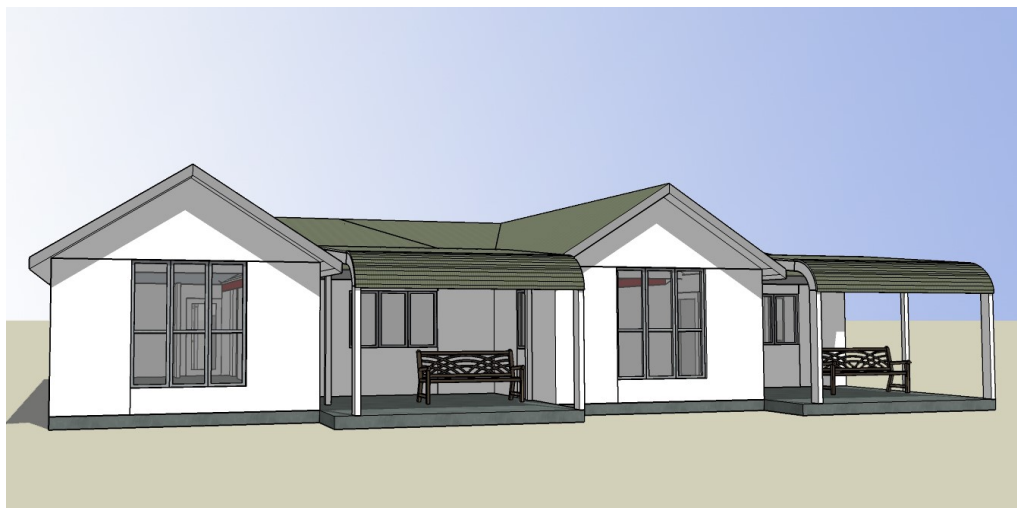
The Shire of Merredin is pleased to advise that the Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc. (CEACA) has recommended that the Shire signs contracts with Pindan Contracting to commence construction on the landmark CEACA Senior Housing Project.

The WA State Government has recently confirmed its commitment to providing \$15 million of required funding for the construction phase from the 'Royalties for Regions' funding scheme.

The regional aged housing project will see 72 Independent Living Units (ILUs) built in the Central East Wheatbelt to provide ageing-in-place housing for senior residents living in the region. 26 of these ILUs will be built in Merredin. Construction of the first units is expected to commence onsite in late March 2018 and it is anticipated that the project will be completed in 2020.

Residents in the Shire of Merredin interested in either renting or buying one of these units are requested to add their names to the waiting list - please contact Vanessa Green, Executive Assistant, at the Shire on 9041 1611 to do so. Details on units, purchase prices and rentals will be released soon.

Below: One of the concept designs proposed for the ILUs to Council at its May 2017 Council Meeting.



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Report It!

Spotted an issue around town? Report it to the Shire via the FREE Snap, Send, Solve app (compatible with iPhone and Google Play phones) and get it sorted ASAP. Just snap a photo, input the location and any details and send it through to us. We can then get right on resolving it.



March Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 20 March 2018 at 3:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on Council's website on Monday, 19 March 2018.

Corella Control Program: Success

The Shire of Merredin is pleased to report that the program to encourage the corellas to move on from the Merredin town site using the 'bird scare shot' tactic has been a success.

The 'bird scare shot' was employed for a total of seven days during the early morning and evening. The cull licence granted to the Shire was not required at this point in time.

The Shire will continue to monitor the Merredin town site in case the corellas choose to return. It is expected that they are likely to do so around September when they begin their summer migration.

In the mean time the Shire is glad to note that the red-tailed cockatoo, pink and grey galahs and other native birds have begun to return to the Merredin town site.

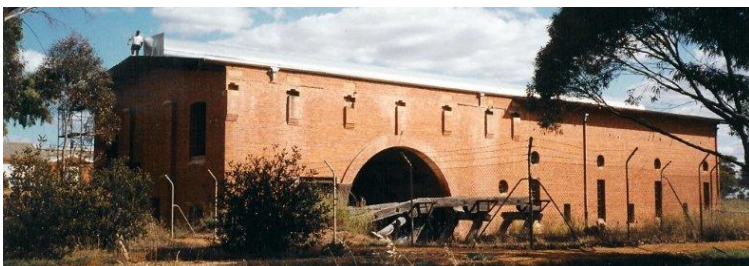
Below: The absence of the corellas has seen an influx of native wildlife, including the pink & grey galah, returning to Merredin



No. 4 Pump Station Works

Previously the Shire of Merredin, in conjunction with the National Trust of Western Australia, was successful in its application to the Australian Government Department of the Environment 'Protecting National Historic Sites' 2017 program to undertake maintenance work and prepare architectural and structural documentation and costing for conservation works to No 4 Pump Station.

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 February, Council voted to provide financial support towards the restoration works at the No 4 Pump Station, being a cash allocation of \$10,540, in the 2017/18 Budget funded from the estimated surplus identified in the mid-year financial review. The works to be undertaken will be the removal of asbestos works. In future the next stage the Shire hopes to undertake includes conducting further maintenance works which will be drainage, securing openings and cleaning out the boiler and engine room.



The annual Destination Merredin: Mother's Day Event will not be held this year. In its replacement, the Shire of Merredin is collaborating with the Military and Railway Museums to host a Museums Open Day, scheduled for 14 April 2018. Look out for details in the near future.

CBD Improvements Update

Members of the public will have noticed recent works undertaken around the CBD including asphalt re-sealing, new linage, new kerbing and the erection of new sheltered seating. Funding for these CBD improvements is provided from the Royalties for Regions: Community Chest Funds administered through the Wheatbelt Development Commission.



Official recognition of the project will be in conjunction with the Museums Open Day Family Event and official opening of the Rolling Stock Cover project scheduled for 14 April. Look out for further details in the near future.



In 2018 Sport and Recreation (WA) will be processing all KidSport applications (to be submitted online) for the Shire of Merredin.

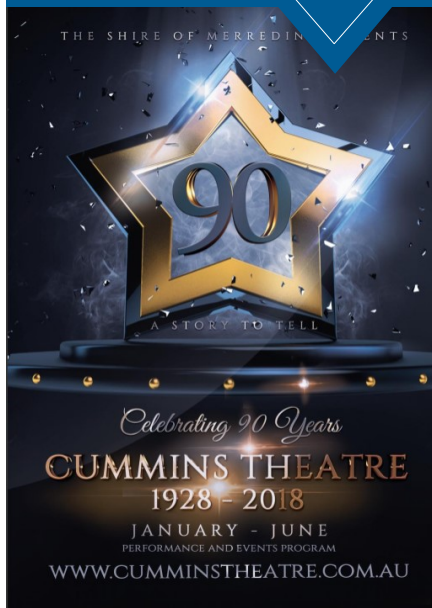
What does this mean for clubs?

For all children who reside in the Shire of Merredin you only need to enter the voucher code to validate the voucher. An invoice does not need to be created for the Shire. Once the voucher has been validated an automatic payment will collect all validated vouchers and Sport and Recreation (WA) will pay your club directly. Within this process an invoice will be created and can be accessed in the club portal. To ensure you receive payment please ensure your details in the system are accurate i.e. club name, bank details and ABN.

More details to come soon. If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the KidSport Team - (08) 9492 9911 or email kidsport@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Theatre Program

Not got your copy of the Cummins Theatre January to June 2018 program yet? Not to worry! Pick up a copy from Cummins Theatre or from the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre. There's something for everyone on at the Theatre for the first half of 2018!



New Tip Hours

The opening hours for the Merredin Tip will change from Monday, 5 March 2018.

The new hours will be:

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:00pm



NBN Roll Out

Fulton Hogan has commenced work in Merredin for the rollout of the NBN network. Any queries about the works should be directed to Ciara O'Flaherty at Fulton Hogan - phone 0438 015 691 or email Ciara.O'Flaherty2@fultonhogan.com.au.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Introducing the Chung Wah Lion Dance Group

2018
HAPPY NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE DOG

Sunday, 4 March 2018
Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre
5:30pm - Lion Dance, 6:30pm - Dinner
\$25 per Head - Bookings Essential - 9041 3033

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SHIRE OF MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

Notice of Public Hearing

The WA Local Government Grants Commission will be at the Shire of Merredin on Tuesday, 13 March 2018 from 9-11:00am to conduct a public hearing in relation to Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) recommendations.

Organisations or persons wishing to make a submission in connection with the FAG recommendations of the Commission at the above hearing are requested to register their interest with Mr Shannon Wood - 6552 1416 or shannon.wood@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

CW Visitor Centre News

New assets for the CVWC have recently been installed which includes a new sign for the CWVC, a new television monitor and new seating. These assets were made possible through funding thanks to the Regional Visitor Centre Sustainability Grant Program supported through the Royalties for Regions funding program.

Want to know a bit about the history of Merredin? The CWVC is selling a USB of historical images for the Railway Museum for \$30.



2018/19 Community Funding Grant

NOW OPEN

Council invites requests for financial support through the Shire of Merredin's Community Funding Program.

The application form is available to download from the Shire website (www.merredin.wa.gov.au). Applications must be received by **4:00pm, 30 March 2018**.

For further information please contact Rebecca McCall, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, on 9041 1611 or email dceo@merredin.wa.gov.au.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW



Your Future Your Say



It's time to review the Strategic Community Plan and set the direction for Merredin for the next 10 years. We need you! Residents of Merredin you can do this 1 of 4 ways:

- 1** Visit us at the Merredin Show, 17 March 2018 from 10:00am at our **Community Create Booth**
- 2** Participate in the **Loomio Online Forum**, 15-27 March 2018. Visit the Shire website for details - www.merredin.wa.gov.au
- 3** Attend **Forum 1** at the Merredin Regional Library, 21 March 2018 from 1-3:00pm. Refreshments will be served
- 4** Attend **Forum 2** at the Merredin Regional Library, 21 March 2018 from 6-8:00pm. Refreshments will be served



★ Merredin Twilight ★ International Food Festival

Hosted by the Shire of Merredin



This Harmony Week Merredin residents will celebrate the wonderful diversity in our town!

Enjoy flavours and music from all over the world!

From France and Scotland, through to Malaysia and Japan, savour the taste right here in your home town!



Friday, 16 March 2018 ~ 6:00pm
Cummins Theatre

Proudly supported by



For more information contact Adim Hajat on 9041 1611 or clo@merredin.wa.gov.au

Calling All Foodies!

We want you for this terrific event! If you love food (no matter where you're from) and you want to share it with people then please sign up to participate in the 2018 'Merredin Twilight International Food Festival.'

You don't have to be Chinese to cook Chinese food - or any other nationality to cook the food of your choice. If you're passionate about food from a particular country then we'd love to have you on board! It's great night to celebrate our diversity with family and friends as part of Harmony Week 2018. Let's not forget the beautiful location!

Visit www.merredin.wa.gov.au/events.aspx for details and to register. Got a query? Hit up Adim, the Shire's Community Liaison Officer - 9041 1611.

Restricted Burning Period:

18 September 2017 - 31 October 2017
17 February 2018 - 16 March 2018



Prohibited Burning Period:

1 November 2017 - 16 February 2018

