

SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



Medical Students back in Merredin

Twenty nine doctors in training from Notre Dame and Curtin University were unleashed on Merredin 13-16 March when they visited the town ship and other country towns around the area to get a taste of practicing medicine in the Wheatbelt. The students were billeted by local families—a very big thank you to those families. Whilst in Merredin they visited the local medical practices, the hospital, schools, took the time to check out a farm, the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre and other facilities and attractions in Merredin. On Thursday night they put on a special dinner for their host families at the Cummins Theatre. It was great to have them and Merredin can't wait to meet the 2019 batch of students.



'Destination Merredin' Evolution

As reported in the Shire's previous newsletter, 'Destination Merredin' will not take place in 2018. The event in fact is set to evolve in a new way with it to be renamed in 2019. A name for the event is yet to be decided. The 'Destination Merredin' name will be kept but will evolve to become a hash tag and be used for branding all Shire events going forwards from May 2018. Each event will keep it's individual name but will utilise '#DestinationMerredin' for postings to social media. Community organisations are also invited to utilise this hash tag for their events. Permission must be obtained from the Shire in order to do so to ensure no misuse of the brand occurs. Further details will be published to the Shire website shortly and made available in the Shire's 27 April publication in the Phoenix and 1 May Shire newsletter.

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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.



April Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 17 April 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, 16 April 2018.

Thanks Merredin for Your Feedback

The Shire of Merredin has recently been making a lot of noise on social media and via other platforms about a four year major review of its Strategic Community Plan (SCP). This ten year plan sets the strategic direction for the aspirations of the Merredin community. It is created through feedback from members of the community and details the aspirations of the community as a whole for the next ten years. It is reviewed every four years to check off milestones achieved and set new ones based on feedback received.

A great deal of feedback was received during the review period and the Shire would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to those who participated. Merredin should have a plan that reflects the aspirations of its community across its many spectrums and the Shire is pleased to report that it received a lot of input from across a very broad range of areas from various community groups and individuals.

The manner in which this feedback was received was via a booth installed at the Merredin Show, two public forums held at the Library on Wednesday, 21 March, a visit to the secondary students at Merredin College where they were asked to fill in a simple 3 question survey, via the Wheatbelt Business Network which kindly assisted in asking some of Merredin's business owners their thoughts and aspirations for Merredin's future and through an online website platform know as Loomio where the Shire asked the Merredin community to discuss a series of three different questions.

Going forward this feedback will now be reviewed and analysed by independent facilitators. A summary of the key findings and the draft plan will be made available for public comment prior to the adoption of the new plan. The adopted plan will then be made available to the public through the Shire website or paper copies will be available from the front counter.

Twilight Food Festival

Palak is an amazing Indian cook. She might not be a household name but newly arrival to Merredin in 2017, she has been working locally and entertaining her friends with her delicious Indian cuisine. Last year at the Gala Night she set up a juice stall with her friend in front of the IGA. This year she says she is very excited to do it again. It's not only to get people to sample her cooking but also to meet the community members for which she has a high regard. Palak represents much of what the Food Festival is about: a celebration of the culinary and cultural diversity of Merredin.

The Festival was held on the 16 March 2018. Coinciding with the Merredin Show the following day proved advantageous with different visitors arriving for the Show also taking the time to visit the Festival. From small beginnings this event

has certainly gained traction and a once small get-together has grown and evidently is forming into a rich celebration of cultural diversity that is our Merredin community.



The event is a fusion of "old meets new" through food and the people that participate in the cooking. The festival highlights the growth of different cultures in the area, as well as interest in ethical cuisines such as hickory smoked beef by Greg and Ben - an emerging trend and tradition of pit bosses and the like.

We had a little trouble in finding willing participants for the festival however found out that it has its own momentum. People just love getting involved and showcasing what it means to be Swiss, German, Spanish, Scottish and Bangladeshi.

There is a consistent theme of sharing knowledge. Ordinary people have amazing cooking stories. The human connection and eating together is also pivotal. You can learn how to do anything on the internet but people want that connection. As the saying goes "they want to break bread together".

Without volunteers and additional funding these events would not have been possible. Thank you to Lotterywest, Collgar and the many volunteers that helped set up Cummins Theatre and cleaned up after the event. Last but not least at the very heart of this festival is a huge thanks to the community members who cooked their national cuisines for tasting. The Shire of Merredin hopes to continue this collaboration with many great ideas from our local cooks and the community.



Boomerang Bags

This great initiative has commenced in Merredin with the first couple of 'Boomerang Bag' sewing bees being held at the Library over the past few weeks.



If you'd like to get involved, please contact Wendy at the Library for details - 9041 1222. You will need to bring along a sewing machine to make the bags. If you don't have one but would still like to participate then there is plenty of material that needs cutting up to make the bags.

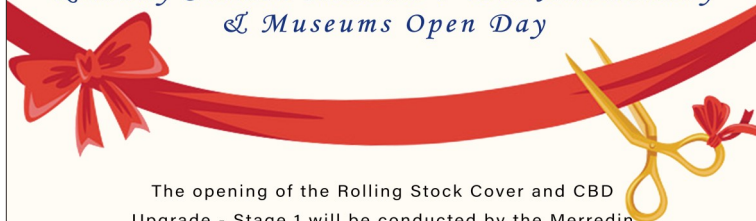
Welcome to Theatre Trainee

Dureen Bolton has recently joined the Cummins Theatre team. She grew up in Narrogin and moved to Merredin in November 2016 for family reasons.

Dureen has hit the ground running the last couple of weeks and hopes to get a great deal of experience and knowledge from the traineeship. The Shire of Merredin is glad to have Dureen on board.



You're invited to celebrate the official opening of the
Rolling Stock Cover
Merredin CBD Upgrade - Stage 1
Railway Station Museum's 40th Anniversary
& Museums Open Day



The opening of the Rolling Stock Cover and CBD Upgrade - Stage 1 will be conducted by the Merredin Railway Museum in conjunction with the Shire of Merredin.

Date / Time - 14 April 2018, 10:30 - 11:30am
Venue - Merredin Railway Museum

The Museums Open Day will follow which will be conducted by the Merredin Military and Railway Museums and the Shire of Merredin between 11:30am - 3:00pm. A sausage sizzle will be provided at Pioneer Park at 12:00pm for members of the public attending the Museum Open Day.

The Men's Shed Children's Train will also be offering rides.

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For further information, contact the Shire of Merredin on 9041 1611

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 7:30pm

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ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

Wednesday, 25 April 2018

- 5:45am Parade from the Post Office to Cenotaph
- 6:00am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph
- 10:30am Parade from the Post Office to Cummins Theatre
- 11:00am Service at Cummins Theatre

Volunteers would be appreciated to assist with the setup.
 Contact Adim - 9041 1611



(08) 9041 1611



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Monday, 9 April - Friday, 13 April

HOUSE WARR

Time 4 - 5:30pm daily
Where Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre

Activities Include Massive Cook Off
 Basketball Clinic
 Fix It Challenge
 Art & Music Workshops

Friday, 6 - 10:00pm
Alcohol & drug free Music Event
 Attend all the activities & enter FREE or \$10 entry on the night. Food & cool drinks for sale

Contact Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre for more information or to register - 9041 3033

THE SHIRE OF MERREDIN PRESENTS:

FILM Workshop

CUMMINS KIDS

17-20 APRIL

FILM MAKING

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FOUR DAY FILM WORKSHOP
FOR AGES 9-17
LEARN ACTING, DIRECTING, AND FILMING SKILLS WITH THE AWESOME CREW FROM FILMBITES ACADEMY

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SHIRE OF MERREDIN
 INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

There is stacks to do this school holidays! Merredin's youth is going to be spoilt for choice.

School Holiday Program

April 2018

Tues, 17 April - Gargoyles
 Make fun ugly gargoyles with paper plates and craft sand

Thurs, 19 April - Clay Fun
 Make multi coloured clay creatures or fun clay animals

Tues, 24 April - ANZAC Cards & Craft
 ANZAC craft and cards - lots of different fun ideas

Thurs, 26 April - Paper Dragons
 Two fun paper dragons to make

All sessions at Merredin Library from 10:30 - 11:30am \$2 per participant

See you there! Come dressed for fun Call 9041 1222 to book your place

LET'S GET ACTIVE

MERREDIN

FREE COMMUNITY DAY

WHAT High Intensity, Low Impact Interval Training
 Primal Movement Patterns for all Fitness Levels

WHERE Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre (MRCLC) Bates Street, Merredin

WHEN Saturday, 7 April 2018, 11:00am & 4:00pm

HOW Register at the MRCLC - phone 9041 3033

DO YOU DO ZUU?

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