

# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

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## LOTTERYWEST CONTRIBUTION TO NORTH MERREDIN PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

On the 10 August 2018 the Hon Darren West presented the Shire of Merredin with a certificate for funding towards Stage Two of the North Merredin Redevelopment Project. As reported in our July Newsletter, the Shire was fortunate to receive funding to the value of \$186,186 from Lotterywest.

The presentation of the certificate was a small affair with attendance by Merredin Playgroup, Merredin Wildflower Society, Collgar Windfarm, Kath Brown representing Mia Davies Office and Shire Councillors and Staff.

The Shire wishes to extend its gratitude to the many community organisations that provided letters of support towards Stage Two to undertake this significant project. The project will see the site be transformed into a valuable community hub and allow the cross generation collaboration of many community groups.

*Below - (L-R) Greg Powell (Shire of Merredin CEO), Hon Darren West MLC, Cr Mal Willis (Deputy Shire President) and Natalie Partington (Merredin Playgroup)*



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## Report It!

Spotted an issue around town? Report it to the Shire via the FREE Snap, Send, Solve app (available for download on your respective brand of Smart phone) 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 onto resolving it.

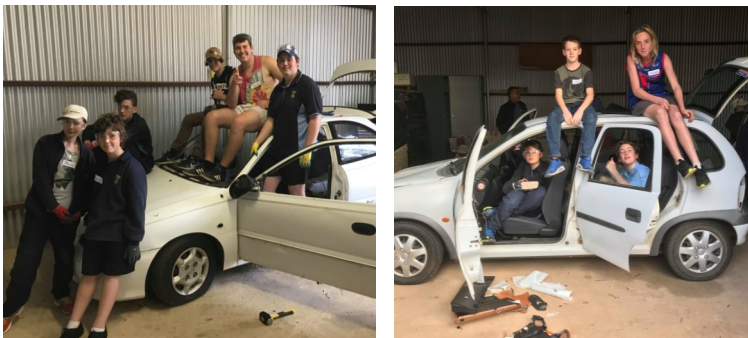


## September Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 18 September 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, 17 September 2018.

## DEMOLITION DERBY

On 19 July Merredin Police, in partnership with the Shire and Merredin College, commenced work stripping down two cars donated by Eastern District Panel Beaters to prepare them for a rebuild and entry into the Kellerberrin Demolition Derby on 18 August 2018. After several weeks of work, here is the end result. Well done to Senior Constable Ben Ferris (who came out hard at the derby but got double teamed to finish the afternoon) and the students on this great project. Thanks to Eastern District Panel Beaters and various other local businesses who lent their support.



Photos courtesy of Senior Constable Ben Ferris, Merredin Police.

## NEW STAFF HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

Last issue we reported that a number of new staff are starting with the Shire. We're pleased down at Cummins Theatre to welcome Justin Freind as the new Cummins Theatre Manager. Justin comes to Merredin from the Quarry Amphitheatre, City Beach. Justin attended WAPPA and spent 7 years at 'The Quarry'. He's excited about getting to know everyone in Merredin so please be sure to say hello if you see him around town.

Meg Gethin has started as the new Engagement Officer for the Theatre and she will be shortly joined by Hannah Martin who is taking on the role of Events Officer.



Above left: Kellie Bartley (Executive Manager Community Services / Deputy CEO). Above right: Meg Gethin & Justin Freind (Cummins Theatre)

Over in the Admin Office Emily Alberti has started as the Rates Officer and is enjoying getting to know the team and taking on the challenge of the position. She's joined by Kellie Bartley who has commenced as the new Executive Manager Community Services / Deputy CEO.

We hope the Merredin community will make all of our new staff members very welcome in our great community.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS PROGRESS

Construction is well underway at the North Merredin Primary School Precinct for the 26 x Independent Living Units. Cr Mal Willis took these great photos of the construction site from the air with his drone. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2019.



## ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

As per the *Bushfires Act 1954*, there are certain duties required by property owners to be undertaken every year in order to ensure that your property is not a significant fire hazard. Whether you live on the property or it is a vacant block or a rural property, these duties must be carried out by 1 November each year (or within 14 days of becoming the new owner/occupier) and maintained until 16 March the following year.

With spring in full swing, September is the perfect time of year to spray and/or undertake slashing of excess grass on your property. Pruning back overgrown trees is also a vital task that should be undertaken to make sure your property is bushfire ready.

Failure to carry out your respective duties will result in the issuing of a notice by a relevant authorised officer. Where the owner/occupier fails to carry out the tasks delegated in the notice in the nominated time period, the Shire may enter upon the land and carry out the requisitions of the notice which have not been complied with. Pursuant to Section 33(5) of the *Bushfires Act 1954*, the amount of any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner/occupier of the land. Please ensure to have your relevant responsibilities attended to by 1 November 2018. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to ensure your property is not a significant fire hazard which would not only pose a risk to your neighbours but ultimately to yourself and your family in the event of a bushfire emergency.

A list of your responsibilities as a property owner can be found in your Fire Break Order which was enclosed with your 2018/19 Rates Notice (see right). Misplaced your copy? You can download one from the main page of the Shire's website.



**FIRE BREAK ORDER**  
2018/19

**Restricted Burning Periods**  
17 September 2018 - 31 October 2018  
18 February 2019 - 16 March 2019

**BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED**

**Prohibited Burning Period**  
1 November 2018 - 17 February 2019  
**STRICTLY NO BURNING**

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES - DIAL 000**




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Questions? Contact the Visitor Centre on 9041 1666

Alternatively, contact Adim at the Shire Office on 9041 1611

**Applications close Friday, 28 September 2018**

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**SUNDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER | TICKETS \$15**

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CUMMINS THEATRE presents

# SilverThreads Band

13 September 2018

6pm for Dinner Guests | 7:30pm start for the Show

Dinner & Show \$35  
Show only (pre-booked) \$10 | \$15 Door Tickets

Featuring big band hits, singalong favourites and special guest appearances from some of Merredin's most talented musicians


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ARTBACK NT PRESENTS

# B2M

Show Ticket \$10  
BBQ Dinner and Show \$20



# MAMANTA

Cummins Theatre 30th of September  
5.30 dinner  
7.00 show

A PUMPING RnB PERFORMANCE, TIWI ISLANDS STYLE  
DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY SKINNYFISH MUSIC

# LIVE PRO WRESTLING

DOORS OPEN 6PM  
SHOW START 6:30PM

# NOV 17



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