

SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



Annual Electors Meeting 2018

Tuesday, 16 October 2018 at 6pm
Shire Administration Centre, cnr King & Barrack St, Merredin

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



MOTZIE 'CALLS IT TIME' AFTER 40 YEARS

In today's fast paced society it's not unusual to change your job every couple of years. In fact the average Aussie works over 17 different jobs in their lifetime currently.

Graham "Motzie" Motzel however, is a man who has gone against the trend. Wednesday, 12 September 2018 marked his final day with the Shire of Merredin - a whopping 40 years exactly to the day since he commenced with the Shire in 1978.

Motzie has amazingly only worked 4 different jobs during his entire working career. As a young man he completed an apprenticeship in carpentry before heading to Kalgoorlie to work on the mines and then coming back to Merredin to work in railway construction.

When Motzie started with the Shire in 1978 Merredin was very different. His role has always been to look after Merredin's sporting grounds and over the years he has seen facilities come and go including the grandstand where the Leisure Centre is today and the Railways sporting grounds in South Merredin.

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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.



October Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 16 October 2018 at 3:00pm followed by the Annual Electors Meeting at 6:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on Council's website on Monday, 15 October 2018.

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For the majority of his 40 years of service with the Shire of Merredin he worked alone but activities like Thursday night basketball kept him going although Motzie did admit that Fridays could prove to be particularly difficult to get through, especially if his team had a win! In the early years his uniform consisted of stubbies, thongs and a loose shirt - very different from today's standards of wear which is all about PPE.

His final task on his last day was to carry out the claying of the cricket pitch at the Merredin Leisure Centre grounds. It's a job he's executed many times during his career with the Shire. At least 8 cricket teams existed in Merredin Shire in 1978. Today it's just 1 but that didn't change the level of care with which Motzie carried out this task one final time.

Motzie and his wife, Thelma, are set to retire to the south coast. Thelma is determined to get Motzie to settle down a bit and enjoy his retirement but the man himself is not so sure.

"Some part time work is probably on the cards," he agreed conspiratorially when asked.

The Shire sincerely wishes Motzie and Thelma the best of luck in the next chapter of their lives. Motzie has been an exemplary employee and the Shire will be hard pushed to replace him.

ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

At the end of each financial year the Shire (as part of legislative requirements) takes a step back and reviews what it has achieved against the Strategic Community Plan (the 10 year plan created as part of consultation with the Merredin community).

The 2017/18 Annual Report was produced via this review process and is now available for the community's viewing. Community members can view it online via the Shire's website at <http://www.merredin.wa.gov.au/documents/637/annual-report-201718>

On 16 October 2018 at 6pm the Shire will hold it's Annual Electors Meeting at the Administration Office to consider this report.

The Shire would love to see as many community members there as possible. The Annual Electors Meeting is the community's chance to hear from Council the progress that is being made with the Strategic Community Plan and to also bring any concerns or issues before Council. The Shire asks that any questions be sent to Council in writing prior to the Annual Electors Meeting where possible so that Council may have an accurate answer ready to provide at the meeting.

The Shire hopes that the community will enjoy reading the 2017/18 Annual Report and looks forward to seeing the community at the Annual Electors Meeting. Any queries on either the report or the Electors Meeting please call 9041 1611.

DOES YOUR YARD LOOK LIKE THIS?



Does your front yard or vacant block look like either of the above photos with a dense covering of wild oats and other weeds? If so then when 1 November 2018 rolls around you could be looking at an infringement. This is because as per the *Bushfires Act 1954*, every property owner has certain responsibilities they must undertake to ensure that their property is not a bushfire risk. This includes the installation of firebreaks, trimming of grass to no longer than 5cm and pruning of trees within 6m of any building. The types of tasks to be undertaken vary based upon your property type.

Firebreak Orders contain a list of each property owner's responsibilities and were issued for 2017/18 with every rates notice that went out in July 2018. If you have misplaced your copy then you can download and print another copy from the main page of the Shire's website - www.merredin.wa.gov.au.

If property owners have queries about any of the duties they need to carry out then please contact the Senior Ranger on 0400 240 787.



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So please join us at this year's Annual Electors Meeting as we present our 2017/18 Annual Report.



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MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

Queries? Contact the Shire on 9041 1611

JOHN CURTIN WEEKEND

John Curtin Weekend (JCW) has its origins in 'John Curtin Day', a celebration of the day John Curtin became Prime Minister of Australia on 7 October 1941.



'John Curtin Day' was first held by Curtin University in 1998 with medals being handed out to those who demonstrate John Curtin's values of vision, leadership and community service. This format has continued throughout the years and the project has rapidly expanded to 42 sites. JCW has become an amazing community project that benefits those in need while providing meaningful experiences for all involved.

Last month 16 students from Curtin University came to Merredin on the 22-23 September and helped the community with various jobs. It was also a good opportunity for the students to enjoy the scenery of Merredin and the friendly locals.

On Day 1 the students helped clean and tidy up Lenihan Nature Play Park and later made their way to the community garden on Bates Street. They helped the local volunteers with weeding, mulching and moving sleepers to make new garden beds. Later in the afternoon they visited the Merredin Dam and Merredin Peak to take in the scenery and history of Merredin.

On Day 2 the group started the day helping out at the Merredin markets. They manned stalls, helped serve refreshments, entertained the kids with activities and also took the time to mingle with the locals and introduce themselves.

The 16 students came from various fields of study including civil engineering, chemical engineering, teaching, psychology and commerce. All of the students volunteered to undertake this annual program as they were passionate about community involvement.

The Shire of Merredin thanks the students for their assistance with various projects around Merredin and looks forward to hosting the students again in 2019.



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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

2019 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominate across 4 categories:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
YOUTH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP (group or event)

Nominations are due by **31 October**
 Visit www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate

Alternatively, visit the Shire Office or CRC to complete a paper nomination which must be submitted by close of business 30 October

Call 9041 1611 (Shire) or 9041 1041 (CRC) for any queries

The 2019 Australia Day Awards are proudly brought to you by



NOMINATE NOW!

Australia Day 2019 is set to be bigger and better than ever.

The Shire of Merredin is seeking nominations for community members who have stepped up and performed admirably within the community. There are four award categories that community members may choose to nominate a fellow community member or group/event within. They include:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

A person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

YOUTH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Under 25 as of 26 January 2019 - a young person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Over 65 as of 26 January 2019 - an older person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP (group or event)

A group doing outstanding work or for an event staged in the community during the past year

Nominations close 31 October 2018.

To find out more and to nominate, simply fill in the online form found at the following link - www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/.

Alternatively, pick up a form from the Shire or the CRC, fill it in and return it no later than close of business on Tuesday, 30 October 2018.

MERREDIN REGIONAL LIBRARY

proudly presents to you

Pink Morning Tea & Raffle

Wednesday, 31 October

10.30am | **EVERYONE WELCOME**

Merredin Regional Library
 22 Coronation St, Merredin
 Gold Coin Donation

10 different Raffle Prizes to be WON!

1 ticket - \$3 | 2 Tickets - \$5
 4 tickets - \$10 | 10 tickets - \$20

All proceeds to



Armistice 1918-2018

Shire of Merredin Remembers



EVERYONE is welcome at the Shire of Merredin's Remembrance Day events to commemorate 100 years since the Armistice was signed to end World War I

EVENTS

Re-enactment of 1918 Armistice Day

9.30am - Uniting Church Armistice Day Service

10.30am - Parade starting from the Cenotaph, cnr Barrack & Fifth St. Ending at Merredin District Hall

11.00am - Service at Merredin District Hall. A Minute's Silence followed by Guest Speakers

12.00pm - Community Lunch at Pioneer Park (sausage sizzle provided by the Shire of Merredin)

Merredin Military Museum Open for FREE all day

Special thanks to Merredin Men's Shed, Merredin College, Merredin Military Museum, St Mary's Choir & Cummins Theatre

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