

SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



CUMMINS THEATRE CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

10 October 2018 marked a decade shy of a century for Cummins Theatre since it was moved from Coolgardie and opened to the public in Merredin in 1928 by the former Mayor of Kalgoorlie, Mr James H. Cummins.

Originally the theatre was built in 1897 and was named the Tivoli Theatre. Mr Cummins was also the owner of the Kalgoorlie and Merredin breweries when he purchased the theatre which he had dismantled and sent in pieces to Merredin by train. When it was opened in Merredin it was renamed in his honour to Cummins Theatre.

90 years have seen many performances and events come and go with notable names including AC/DC, Slim Dusty, Marcia Hines, The Wiggles, Johnny O'Keefe, Lano & Woodley and David Helfgott.

To celebrate the theatre's milestone, a number of events were held over the weekend of 27-28 October which included 2 shows, a picnic at Apex Park and two Cummins Kids workshops.

Each event was well supported and Cummins Theatre Manager, Justin Freind, is looking forward to what the next 10 years will bring when the theatre clocks up its centenary in 2028.

"It's not everyday a country theatre reaches 90 years," he said. "It's pretty humbling to manage Cummins Theatre and we've got so many exciting shows coming up in 2019. We've also got Celtic Illusion coming back (to Merredin) in a few weeks to perform. They were here in 2014 and I'm told that it's an excellent show. Tickets have been selling like hot cakes."

Right: Mr James H. Cummins with his daughter, Alice.

Photo courtesy of Merredin Museum & Historical Society.



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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.



November Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 20 November 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 November 2018.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

As Merredin approaches the Bushfire season the Shire would like to remind community members of Merredin's important contacts. These contacts can also be found on the rear of the Fire Break Order 2018/19 that went out with rates notices in July 2018. If community members have not received a copy of the Fire Break Order or have misplaced it, a copy of it is available for downloading and printing from the main page of the Shire's website.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES - DIAL 000

CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Stephen Crook | 0429 411 429

DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

John Flockart | 0428 469 018

SENIOR RANGER

Kim Friis | 0400 240 787

MERREDIN VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

9041 2522

(General enquiries ONLY. In an emergency call 000)

HARVEST BAN INFORMATION LINE

9041 2999

HARVEST BAN SMS

Call 9041 1611 to subscribe and receive SMS notification when the Shire places a 'Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban'.

**Note that DFES will issue 'Total Fire Bans' which differ to a Shire issued 'Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban'. The Shire endeavours to advise when a 'Total Fire Ban' is in place but DFES should always be contacted in the first instance.*

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SWIMMING POOL OPENING & HOURS

The Merredin Swimming Pool will open for the 2018/19 season on Monday, 5 November 2018. The hours will be the same as last season:

Everyday	12:00pm - 6:00pm
Early Morning Swimming (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)	6:00am - 7:30am

Season Tickets

To purchase a season ticket, please drop into the swimming pool once it opens. The Pool Manager (John "Simmo" Simmonds) will be able to make the relevant arrangements. For a list of all swimming pool fees including season ticket prices, visit the Shire's website - www.merredin.wa.gov.au/merredin-district-olympic-pool.aspx.



EXTENSION OF THE 'RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD'

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 17 (7)(8) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the Shire of Merredin has extended the 'Restricted Burning Period' for the whole of the Merredin Municipal District from the 31 October 2018 up to and including 13 November 2018.

Delegation of authority to authorise such an extension is granted under Section 17 (10) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and also Delegation 5.2 of the Shire of Merredin's Delegation Register.

Consultation with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions and the Department of Fire & Emergency Services was undertaken 17 October 2018 and no concerns were given with regards to the extension period.

Authorised by:

Ken Hooper
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Stephen Crook
CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

With Christmas approaching why not #ShopLocal? The Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre has a great range of stock just in.



There are some gorgeous colourful cushion covers by Jo McDesigns based in Kondinin. All of the artwork on the cushions are original designs by Jo which are digitally printed onto quality fabrics then hand sewn and packaged. There are 5 different cushion designs currently in stock. \$30 for the cover and \$36 with a cushion insert.

Flies bugging you? The CWVC has you covered with a range of fly nets, creams and hats to keep those pesky flies at bay!



The CWVC have also received some lovely wooden and wine barrel platters beautifully crafted by Allan Newbury from Moorine Rock which would make the perfect gift or treat. Prices range from \$95 to \$120.

Queries about any of the products you see here? Contact Robyn or Carina at the CWVC on 9041 1666 or email visitor@merredin.wa.gov.au from Monday to Friday.

CAT & DOG REGISTRATIONS

Annual cat and dog registrations are now due. 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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Gala Night 2018 will be held Thursday, 13 December 2018 this year.

The Shire is still looking for stallholders too. Contact the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre on 9041 1666 to apply.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Shire is seeking volunteers to put out poppies for Armistice Day at a number of locations around town.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Adim or Hannah on 9041 1611.



11 November 2018

ARMISTICE DAY EVENT

2018 marks 100 years since the Armistice of World War I (WWI) was declared on 11 November 1918 at 11.00am. In Merredin the Armistice was announced to the community on the steps of the Merredin District Hall (now the office of Mia Davies MLA).

For Australia WWI remains the costliest conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. From a population of fewer than five million, 416,809 men enlisted. More than 60,000 were killed and 156,000 were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner.

Annually Australia pays its respects to those who lost their lives during the terrible conflict by holding services on 11 November at the eleventh hour.

For 2018 the Shire of Merredin, together with numerous community groups, has organised a special series of events which includes a parade from the Cenotaph commencing at 10.30am and ending at the Merredin District Hall on Mitchell St where a service will take place to mark the Armistice for WWI.

The Shire hopes to see as many community members at the service as possible and that they will join us for a community sausage sizzle at Pioneer Park post the service.

**Please note that in our previous issue of the Shire Newsletter, the poster displayed featured a typo and listed the time for the start of the Uniting Church Service as 9.30am. It is actually 9.00am. Posters erected around town and on social media do display the correct time.*

EVENTS

Re-enactment of 1918 Armistice Day

9.00am - 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, Mitchell St. A Minute's Silence followed by Guest Speakers

12.00pm - Community Lunch at Pioneer Park (sausage sizzle provided by the Shire of Merredin - please bring your own salads, chairs and picnic blankets to sit on)



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PINK MORNING TEA & RAFFLE SUCCESS!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the many community members who attended this year's 'Pink Morning Tea & Raffle' held at the Merredin Regional Library. This annual event is held to raise funds for Cancer Council WA. This year a whopping \$846.20 was raised through donations and those that bought raffle tickets.

There were ten prizes in total awarded to the following winners:

- Gardening Set – T. McGregor
- Tool Bag & Tools – J. Billing
- 6-12 Year Old Activity Set – L. Campbell
- Signed Cricket Bat & Esky – J. Manus
- Faux Fur Rug – F. Kenward
- Pink Damask Bag Set – Bev M.
- Ladies Set - Y. Gray
- Preschool Activity Set – J. Lavery
- Mystery Prize – Hayley Billing

It was great to see a large turn out of around 50 people including the Pindan boys from next door who have been working on finishing the 26 x independent living units.

All of the food was baked by library staff, Tracey McWilliams and Ita Walker. Flowers were provided by Tracey McWilliams.

Special thanks to library staff Anita Metcalf, Pam Last, Jenny Doncon and Wendy Porter in addition to Year 11 work experience students: Courtney McWilliams and Brady Holder.

Special mention to Wendy Porter, Adim Hajat and Kellie Bartley for dressing up for the event.



COOLING FANS INSTALLED AT MRCLC

You asked Merredin and the Shire has delivered. Last week two gigantic fans measuring 5.7m in diameter were installed in the Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre over the two indoor courts.

Merredin's hot summer weather has resulted in many sticky games of basketball and other sports over the years since the leisure centre's construction. Ventilation for the centre was asked for by the community some years ago now. Merredin's youth reiterated this request during the March 2018 review of Merredin's Strategic Community Plan with 21% of students surveyed at Merredin College saying they would like something done about the lack of a cooling system in the leisure centre.

After funding was received the fans were able to be installed during the last week of October. They are already proving to be a hit with mixed netball, basketball and other sports taking the opportunity to utilise them during matches and training held over the past week.

Below (L-R): Adim Hajat (Community Liaison Officer), Marilyn Sayers (Manager of MRCLC) and Hannah Martin (Trainee Community Liaison Officer) under the new fan.



STREET LIGHTING

Did you know that Western Power has a great website where you can report faulty street lights within Merredin down to the exact pole?

Visit westernpower.com.au and from the 'Power Outages' button on the menu, select 'Report a Faulty Street Light'.