

Shire of Merredin Community News & Information

June 2019

Photos from around our Shire | Roy Little Park, Merredin

Footpath Works

Merredin is set to get more footpath upgrades in 2019 with Council voting to award the tender for footpath works at its recent Council meeting held 21 May 2019.

The works will be conducted on Duff and Coronation Street in Merredin and will compliment the Shire's footpath works which have been ongoing for a number of years now. Last year saw Morton Street, MacDonald Street and Growden Street between Bates Street and Fifth Street receive footpath upgrades.

The Shire will liaise with rate payers who may be affected by the works about what to expect in the near future. Should other community members have any queries about the proposed works, please contact the Shire on 9041 1611.

Fire Break Orders

Council has responsibilities under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to ensure that landowners have cleared fire breaks and removed flammable materials from their land according to the instructions outlined in the Shire's annual Fire Break Orders.

The requirements of the Orders are considered the minimum standard for fire prevention not only to protect individual properties but the district in general.

The requirements of the Orders are in addition to and do not detract from any other requirement under any other written law or legislation.

Staff have consulted with the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer in regards to the Fire Break Orders and the dates for the 2019/20 season. At its recent Council Meeting, Council voted to adopt the Fire Break Orders for 2019/20.

Fire Break Orders will be distributed with the annual rates notices to rate payers which will occur in July 2019.



All rate payers are reminded **NOT TO THROW AWAY** their Fire Break Orders. Rate payers should keep the Orders in a safe place and ensure that they review the Orders to see what requirements are necessary to ensure their property is adequately prepared for the bushfire season which will commence from 1 November 2019.

All rate payers should note that where their property has been found to be in breach of the requirements of the Fire Break Orders (inspections are carried out by the Shire annually) then they may be issued an infringement.

Next Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire on Tuesday, 18 June 2019 at 3pm. All are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on Council's website on Monday, 17 June 2019.

Endorsement of Preferred Suppliers

In March 2019 the Shire advertised that it would like to receive tenders for the formation of preferred supplier panels as it would make it easier to source services that are commonly required.

All tenders received were Merredin based with the exception of one tenderer from Kellerberrin.

Evaluation of the tenders determined that five panels of prequalified suppliers will be formed. The following services were sought:

- Auto Electrical Services;
- Auto Air-Conditioning Services;
- Mechanical Services;
- Plumbing Services; and
- Electrical Services.

Youth Strategy Adopted for Merredin!

During the review of the Strategic Community Plan in 2018 feedback supplied by the community during engagement identified the need for a Youth Strategy and Engagement Plan.

Having such a strategy will help provide a more strategic approach and assist with opportunities for grant funding in addition to helping to address complex social issues impacting on young people in Merredin.

The Shire consulted with the community during March - April 2019 in order to obtain feedback to create the Strategy. Surveys were undertaken with 43 youths and 26 parents each responding. A further 19 community members offered additional feedback which helped to identify the key actions and outcomes for the Strategy. The Shire would like to thank all of the participants for their feedback as it proved invaluable to the creation of the Youth Strategy.

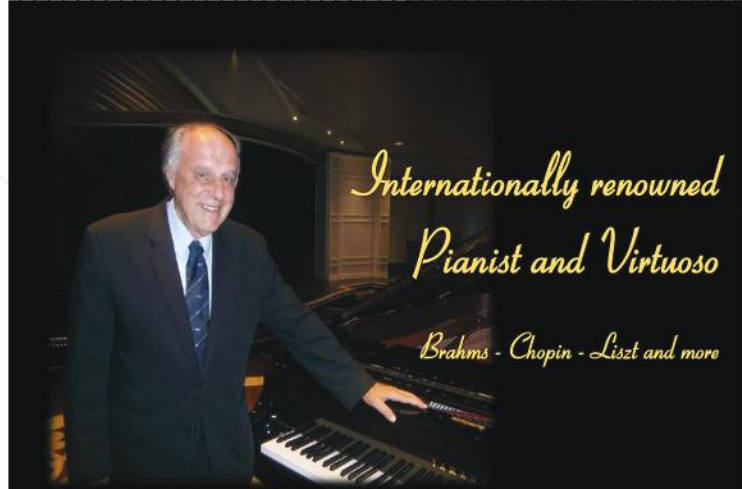
Four major priorities have been identified for the Strategy which include:

- Youth Engagement and Inclusion;
- Health and Wellbeing;
- Youth Spaces and Places; and
- Education, Training and Employment.

The adopted Strategy takes a collaborative approach with the Shire to facilitate and support the development of networks and partnerships with stakeholders to identify and help to address Youth issues, events and priorities.

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Differential Rates

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995* notice is hereby given of the intention of the Shire of Merredin to levy the following differential rates on Unimproved Values for each rating category for the 2019/20 financial year. Details of the proposed rates are as follows:

UNIMPROVED VALUE	MINIMUM RATE	RATE IN \$
UV1 - Rural	\$1,110	0.019300
UV2 - Urban Rural	\$1,110	0.03110
UV3 - Mining	\$200	0.036800
UV4 - Special Zone Power	\$1,110	0.036800
UV5 - Special Use Airstrip	\$1,110	0.036800

The objectives and reasons for these differential rates may be inspected at:

- The Shire Administration Office, corner of King and Barrack Streets Merredin between the 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday;
- The Merredin Regional Library, Coronation Street, Merredin between 10:00am - 5:00pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday; between 10:00am-6:00pm Tuesday and Thursday; and 10:00am - 12:00pm Saturday; or
- Online at Council's website at www.merredin.wa.gov.au.

The Shire invites feedback on this proposal. Submissions must be in writing and can be sent to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415 or emailed to admin@merredin.wa.gov.au.

The closing date for submissions is 4:00pm, Wednesday, 3 July 2019.

Please note that all submissions will become a public record. However, the Shire will not release your personal details if a written request to withhold these details is received.

Once Council has considered the submissions the Differential Rates and the 2019/20 Budget (with or without change) will be adopted by Council.

Appointment of Bushfire Control Officers

It is hereby notified that the following persons are appointed as Shire of Merredin Bush Fire Control Officers under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, Part IV, Division 1, Section 38.

Chief Bushfire Control Officer Stephen Crook
Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer John Flockart

BRIGADE/AREA & BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICERS	
Nukarni/Nokanning	Neil Smith, Michael Caughey & Joseph Alvaro
Korbelka	John Goodier, John Flockart & Chris Hooper
Hines Hill	Cam Gethin & Colin Miller
Burracoppin	Chris Barnett
Collgar	Stephen Higgins & Glen Crees
South Burracoppin	David Beck & Neil Edgecombe
Muntadgin	Darren Major & Paul Wanless
Merredin Area/ Shire of Merredin	Stephen Crook & Kim Friis

As Fire Weather Officers pursuant to Part IV, Division 1, Section 38(8).

AREA & FIRE WEATHER OFFICERS	
North East	Chris Barnett
South East	Neil Edgecombe
North	Neil Smith
South West	Chris Hooper
Central	Stephen Crook
South	Paul Wanless
West	Cam Gethin

The Shire of Merredin appoints the following Bush Fire Control Officers as Dual Fire Control Officers pursuant to Part IV, Division 1, Section 40 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

SHIRES & DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS	
Merredin & Kellerberrin	Cam Gethin & Colin Miller
Merredin & Nungarin	Michael Caughey, Neil Smith & Kim Friis
Merredin & Bruce Rock	John Flockart & Chris Hooper

All previous appointments are cancelled.

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Where: **Cummins Theatre - Merredin**

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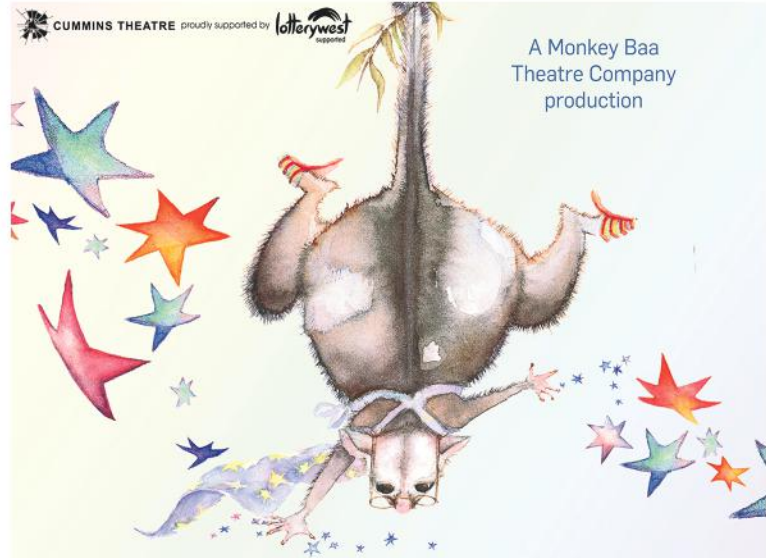
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- **Friday, 18 Oct** - Golden Sausage Competition
- **Saturday, 19 Oct** - Bocce, soccer, card games & demonstrations at the Leisure Centre followed by an Italian Dinner with live entertainment
- **Sunday, 20 Oct** - Brunch

Enquiries - call (08) 9041 1611

18 - 20 OCTOBER

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~ Merredin WA ~

