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**FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2019**

**CUMMINS THEATRE - MERREDIN**

**\$60 PER PERSON | 6PM START**

**PAINT AND SIP STYLE CLASSES**

BYO drinks and nibbles

Cheese boards available for purchase

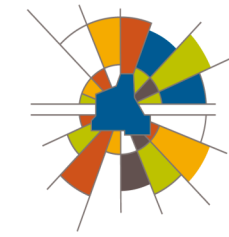


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October 2019

## NEWS AND INFORMATION



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# WATER TANK TOWN MEETING

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**CONTAINERS  
FOR CHANGE**

Did you know that in WA we use more than 1.5 billion drink containers a year? That is enough beverage containers to stretch from Perth to Broome! Merredin has been selected as a country refund point for the State Government's container deposit scheme, Containers for Change. The Western Australia Return Recycle Renew is inviting interested community groups, charities, social enterprises, not for profits, service organisations and businesses to apply to become a 'refund point' in the Merredin community. A refund point accepts the return of eligible beverage containers and facilitates customer refunds of 10c per eligible container. Refund points will also need to count and sort containers that are returned and connect with the community to ensure awareness and understanding of the scheme. Logistics providers then make sure that those containers reach the processing facility in Perth, who crush the containers and send them to approved recyclers. You can register your interest as a community refund point by Monday, 21 October 2019 or email [procurement@warrri.com.au](mailto:procurement@warrri.com.au). If we all make change, we can make recycling work!



**WE ARE HIRING!**

The Shire of Merredin is seeking an experienced person to join the team and lead our media and communications strategy. The successful applicant should have well developed marketing, communications, social media and design skills.

This role would suit a communications, marketing or journalism graduate/ entry level professional.

This role is fast paced and will require someone with exceptional time management skills. The successful applicant will need to be able to juggle the competing needs of different departments and is expected to liaise regularly with local and state media.

One day you will be fielding calls from media outlets wanting interviews with the Shire President, the next you could be updating our website, scheduling social media content, designing a marketing campaign or constructing our newsletter.

This role is guaranteed to fill your portfolio and is a fantastic training ground for a young, budding and eager communications professional!

This position is one of two roles that sits directly under the office of the CEO.

Conditions of employment will be in accordance with the Local Government Industry (WA) Award 2010 with the salary being Level 7 from \$53,995 - \$57,479 (depending upon level of experience) per annum plus superannuation.

A position description is available on the Shire's Website: [www.merredin.wa.gov.au](http://www.merredin.wa.gov.au). Please forward your covering letter, resume and statement against the selection criteria to [careers@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:careers@merredin.wa.gov.au). Applications close 4pm, Monday 30 September 2019. If you require any further information please contact CEO Greg Powell on 9041 1611 or [ceo@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@merredin.wa.gov.au)



# October 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						29 September
30 September	1 9am :join the circus workshop @ CT  9am: swim program @MRCLC  10:30am: Library Craft	2 9am :join the circus workshop @ CT  9am: swim program @MRCLC  1-4pm: film making @ CT	3 9am:join the circus workshop @ CT  10:30am- Library Craft  1-4pm: film making @ CT	4 9am:join the circus workshop @ CT  1-4pm: film making @ CT  4pm: Basketball @MRCLC	5	6
7 Games Day @ MRCLC 12-3pm	8 10:30am: Library Craft \$2 per person  2pm: children are stinky @ CT	9 11am: Festa Italiana cooking workshop @MRCLC	10 10:30am: Library Craft \$2 per person, Festa Italiana crafts  11:30am-3pm: Skateboarding clinic @apex park	11	12	13
14	15 1pm: Picasso and his dog @ CT	16 Festa Italiana youth workshop	17	18 FESTA ITALIANA @ CT	19 FESTA ITALIANA @REC CENTRE  <b>ELECTIONS</b>	20 FESTA ITALIANA @ CT
21	22 3pm council meeting  6pm water tower meeting	23 7pm: Sun Rising- the songs that made Memphis @ CT	24	25	26 12pm: Celebration of farming @ Burra football oval	27
28	29	30	31			

## ARE YOU BUSH FIRE READY?

Are your bushfire ready? Have you prepared your property, do you know when to leave, where to go and which way to go? You can get more information on preparing you and your property for bushfires, storms and other emergency situations. More information is available from the following website: <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/prepare>.

DUE  
OCTOBER  
31 2019

**What is a 5 minute Fire Chat?** Have you had the discussion with your friends and family of what you would do in the event of a fire? Bushfires are unpredictable and happen every year. The single biggest killer is indecision. To survive a bushfire you must be prepared to make your own decisions. Head to <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat/Pages/default.htm> to have your 5 minute fire chat. What about your pets? An estimated 63% of households in Australia have at least one pet, one of the highest rates of pet ownership in the world! It is vital that you include your pets in your emergency plans. You can find out how at the DFES website under the 'safety information' tab.

**Storm Safety:** Storms can occur all year round and it is important to have yourself, family and property prepared. Residents can minimise this damage by taking a few steps to prepare for winter storms and stay Storm Safe. More information is available at this website address: <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/storm/Pages/prepareforastorm.aspx>.

**Legal Requirements:** Each year the Shire releases its annual Fire Break Notice. It is the responsibility of all land owners/occupiers within the Shire to comply with the notice. Refer to the current Shire of Merredin's Fire Break Notice 2019/20 for legal requirements and advice to better prepare your property, available at our website.

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## Wheatbelt ART PRIZE

Do you consider yourself a bit of an artist? Or do you know someone who is a natural talent? Now is the chance to be showcased! This year the biennial art prize will be held at the Black Ant Gallery in Kellerberrin with opening night Friday 1 November 2019. Prize money is awarded for each category plus there is a people's choice award! The overall Wheatbelt Art Prize is valued at \$3,500 and will be selected from 5 categories. Application forms are available from Mia Davies MLA Merredin office 9041 1702.

### Bushfire Information

#### Contacts

**Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:** Stephen Crook, 0429 411 429

**Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:** John Flockart, 0428 469 018

**Senior Ranger:** Kim Friis, 0400 240 787

**Harvest Ban Information Line:** 90 412 999

**In case Emergency:** 000

#### Shire of Merredin

Phone: 90411 611

Website: <https://www.merredin.wa.gov.au/ranger-services.aspx>

Facebook: @ShireofMerredin

SMS emergency alerts:

Phone 90411 611 and speak to our Ranger Services.

#### ABC News:

Local Radio: ABC 720 (and in larger emergency situations ABC 24 TV) Website:

[www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/state/wa](http://www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/state/wa)

#### Bureau of Meteorology:

[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

#### Department of Parks & Wildlife:

[www.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

The Merredin Dog Park will officially open its doors to wagging tails on 12 October 2019 from 10am-12 noon. The Shire would like to invite you to join us for the grand opening of the park, on the corner of Coronation and Bates Street. Free refreshments will be available for you and your furry friend!

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**6:00PM: Doors to the Cummins Theatre open**  
**6PM-6:15PM:** Light refreshments are available and people will be encouraged to find a seat  
**6:15PM-7:00PM:** Q+A panel with the Merredin Shire President and representatives from the Public Transport Authority and the WA Heritage Council. This time will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the relevant bodies involved and to complete a hard copy survey. The results of the digital survey will be summarised and available at the meeting.

CHILDREN  
ARE  
STINKY  
Cummins Theatre  
Tues 8 October @ 2pm

The Shire of Merredin website is getting a makeover! Over the next couple of months we will be working on a new, more efficient design. Stay tuned for a new [www.merredin.wa.gov.au](http://www.merredin.wa.gov.au)

**FESTA ITALIANA**  
18-20 OCTOBER  
MERREDIN, WA



### NEW STAFF PROFILE

**NAME:** Jodie Brooker

**How long have you been working with the Shire of Merredin?** I started at the Shire of Merredin as a Customer Service Officer in August 2019. I grew up in Merredin and after finishing high school, I moved to Perth then also lived in Mandurah, Sydney and returned to Merredin in 2011.

**What do you love most about the Wheatbelt?** I love country people and their generosity and the community spirit of a country town. I love the freedom the country town gives my children to be able to ride their bikes or run around at the footy and not have to worry about where they are. I love the peace and quiet and the bright stars at night that you never see in the city!

**Do you have a favourite place / spot in WA?** Any winery in Margaret River, especially in the later winter/ early spring, perfect weather for wine tasting!

**What are you most excited to do in your position at the Shire?** I really enjoy the Department of Transport, it is different, interesting and challenging.

#### Quick fire questions

**Chocolate or chips:** Oh Chocolate!!

**Cats or dogs:** Both, I cannot choose!

**Books or movies:** I love to read a book then watch the adaption in the movie!

**Pasta or Pizza:** Pizza hands down, Meatlovers.

**Dockers or Eagles:** Dockers!



## REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL PILOT REQUIREMENTS

Main Roads have conducted a review of the Agricultural Pilot requirements in consultation with agricultural peak bodies, including the Farm Machinery & Industry Association of WA and have developed a new simplified system and revised their 'Agricultural Pilot Requirements Flow Chart.' The new Agricultural Pilot requirements are considered a vast improvement on the previous practices followed by the agricultural industry and are also consistent with national requirements. For more information, please head to the Main Roads 'Agricultural vehicles' website page that clearly identifies the revised requirements and other relevant information. You can also find the 'Guide to Moving Oversize Agricultural Vehicles on Public Roads' brochure at this website.

[www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/UsingRoads/HVS/Pages/agriculturalvehicles](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/UsingRoads/HVS/Pages/agriculturalvehicles)

## KEY CHANGES/BENEFITS

- A pilot vehicle is no longer required, outside the Metropolitan Area, until the oversize agricultural vehicle exceeds 3.8 metres, which is an increase from the previous 3.5 metres. This will enable a lot of equipment, such as self-propelled boom sprayers, to be moved without a pilot vehicle;
- An oversize agricultural vehicle can now have a width of up to 8.5 metres while being accompanied by an Agricultural Pilot. The width was previously restricted to 7.5 metres;
- Oversize agricultural vehicle access in WA has been divided into 3 simple zones. The zones are based on the risk of the road, which then determines the pilot requirements for the particular oversize agricultural vehicle. In the lower risk zones, only one Agricultural Pilot is required;
- The number of oversize agricultural vehicles allowed to travel in convoy has been increased from two to three, outside the Perth Metropolitan Area; and
- The 100 kilometer limit from the point of origin to the destination when utilising Agricultural Pilots has been removed.



## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR WHEATBELT SENIORS HOUSING

The Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) is a collaboration of 11 Local Governments in Western Australia. The primary objective of the CEACA is to provide affordable housing options to older people living in the Wheatbelt Region.

CEACA was established to conduct research in conjunction with the Wheatbelt Development Commission and Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt which found there was significant under-resourcing of housing, health care beds and other age-appropriate related resources across the region. Formed in 2012, CEACA's membership includes the Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Koorda, Merredin, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn.

We are excited to announce that construction of the 71 units across CEACA's 11 Member Councils is now nearing completion. We will have a range of 2-bedroom unit options available for rent as well as up to 7 units for sale across the Shires, depending on sales price and demand.

### Unit Availability

Shire	Address	Total Units
Bruce Rock	Butcher St, Bruce Rock	8
Kellerberrin	Hammond St, Kellerberrin	13
Koorda	Greenham St, Koorda	4
Merredin	Coronation St, Merredin	27
Mt Marshall	Brown St, Bencubbin Rowlands St, Beacon	1 2
Mukinbudin	Mallee Dr, Mukinbudin	4
Nungarin	Second Ave, Nungarin	2
Trayning	Lamond St, Kununoppin	2
Westonia	Quartz St, Westonia	2
Wyalkatchem	Wilson St, Wyalkatchem	4
Yilgarn	Antares St, Southern Cross	2

Pindan Construction is aiming to have all units completed by the end of September 2019, with occupancy targeted to commence mid-late October 2019.

CEACA is continuing to work with the relevant Shires to attain the transfer of land to CEACA. This step is required for CEACA to establish leases over the dwellings and begin the process of occupancy. Once complete, CEACA will manage all properties.

If you are interested in securing one of the units for rent or sale, please complete the Eligibility Application form which can be found on the CEACA website [www.ceaca.org.au](http://www.ceaca.org.au) or by visiting your local Shire office for a hard copy. All applications will be assessed and given a priority rating and successful applicants will be offered a housing option.

Please visit [www.ceaca.org.au](http://www.ceaca.org.au) for further information or contact us directly on 9441 4815 or [info@ceaca.org.au](mailto:info@ceaca.org.au)



## Do you Know...

### The requirements for moving your agricultural vehicle?

**LIMIT 2.5**  
A vehicle in excess of 2.5 metres in width, requires a Permit or Order to travel on a public road.

**PILOTS**  
Ensure the vehicle is accompanied by the required number of pilots as specified in the Main Roads Permit or Order.

**SPEED**  
A vehicle over 3.5 metres in width has a maximum operating speed of 80km/h, unless a lesser speed is specified as a licensing condition.

**BRIDGES**  
Ensure you have a bridge crossing permit to cross any restricted bridges.

**NIGHT**  
When travelling at night ensure you comply with the additional warning device requirements as outlined in the operating conditions.

**OVERSIZE**

### When do I need approval from Main Roads?

A Permit or Order is required from Main Roads when driving an agricultural vehicle, including machines, towed implements and combinations, in excess of the mass and/or dimension limits specified below:

- 2.5m in width
- 4.3m in height
- 12.5m in length for a rigid vehicle
- 19m in length for a combination
- 42.5t gross mass
- 6t on a single steer axle
- 10t on a twin steer axle group (non load sharing suspensions)
- 11t on a twin steer axle group (load sharing suspensions)
- 9t on a single axle
- 16.5t on a tandem axle group
- 20t on a tri or quad axle group

### If my agricultural vehicle is not covered by an order, how do I obtain a permit?

Follow these four simple steps:

- Complete a "Restricted Access Vehicle Operator" registration form if this is the first time you have applied for a permit.
- Complete an "Application to List or Update Vehicle Information" form to register your agricultural machine or towing vehicle.
- Complete the relevant permit application form.
- Submit completed forms with your payment details to [permit.applications@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:permit.applications@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

The costs of the permits are \$25 for 12 month permits or \$50 for 3 years.

For further details go to [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au) or contact the Heavy Vehicle Help Desk on 130 486.

### Additional Requirements

- An Agricultural Vehicle in excess of 2.5 metres in width must clearly display "Oversize" warning signs at the front and rear of the vehicles.
- You must display a warning flag on side projections greater than 150mm and front and rear projection greater than 1.2 metres.
- An Agricultural Vehicle in excess of 2.5 metres in width must display at least one amber warning light.
- Warning devices must comply with the requirements set out in the "Oversize Vehicle & Pilot Vehicle General Requirements", available on our website.

For full details please refer to the operating conditions for your permit type or the order, available on our website.