



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

DECEMBER 2019

Christmas Office Hours	Administration	Visitors Centre	Cummins Theatre (closed until Jan 13)	Library	Swimming Pool	Landfill Site
Fri 20 Dec	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 4.30pm	9.00am - 3.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	12.00pm - 6.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sat 21 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.00pm - 6.00pm	10.00am - 3.00pm
Sun 22 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.00pm - 6.00pm	10.00am - 3.00pm
Mon 23 Dec	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 4.30pm	9.00am - 3.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	12.00pm - 6.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Tues 24 Dec	8.30am - 12.00pm	8.30am - 4.30pm	CLOSED	10.00am - 12.00pm	12.00pm - 6.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Wed 25 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thur 26 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1.00pm - 6.00pm	CLOSED
Fri 27 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.00pm - 6.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sat 28 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.00pm - 6.00pm	10.00am - 3.00pm
Sun 29 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.00pm - 6.00pm	10.00am - 3.00pm
Mon 30 Dec	CLOSED	9.00am - 1.00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.00pm - 6.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Tues 31 Dec	CLOSED	9.00am - 1.00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.00pm - 6.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Wed 1 Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.00pm - 6.00pm	CLOSED
Thur 2 Jan	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 4.30pm	CLOSED	10.00am - 6.00pm	12.00pm - 6.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm

GET READY FOR GALA NIGHT!

DECEMBER 12, 2019

Gala Night!

CALLING ALL STALL HOLDERS

It's that time of year again! Applications for stall holder permits are now open. Download your Application Form from the Shire website and hand it in to the Visitors Centre. The stallholder fee is \$15.

For more information, contact Hannah on (08) 9041 1611.

Farewell Kellie

After a year and a half at the Shire of Merredin, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Kellie Bartley is on to her next adventure! She will be moving into a new role as Director of Community Services at the Shire of Ashburton.

We would like to thank Kellie for all her hard work and dedication during her time at Shire. There is no doubt that Kellie has left a mark on Merredin and we will miss seeing her smiling face in the Office.

All the best Kell, and we hope you come back to visit us soon!

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on 17th December at 3pm. The Agenda will be available to view on Council's website on Friday 13th December 2019. The Annual Electors Meeting will also be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on 17th December at 6pm.



Gala Night 2019

Thursday 12th December • 5.00pm • Barrack & Bates St

See Santa • Late Night Shopping
Face painting • Petting Zoo • Food & Market Stalls
Live Performances • Youth Zone • Bouncy Castles

Join us at the annual community Christmas Party!

Proudly supported by

CUMMINS THEATRE

Elf

The Musical JR.

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN and BOB MARTIN
Music by MATHEW SKLAR
Lyrics by CHAD BEGUELIN

Based on the New Line Cinema Film written by David Berenbaum

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Directed by Katherine Freund

Shows: 21st Dec @ 7pm & 22nd Dec @ 2pm
Adult: \$18, Concession: \$12, Family - 2A, 2C: \$50

Book Online at www.cumminstheatre.com.au or in person at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre

FIND RUDY AND HER ELF FRIENDS

Are you ready for the BIGGEST Elves Hunt of the festive season?!

Pick up your "Find the Elves" Form from the Visitors Centre and decipher all the clues to find the NINE Merredin Christmas elves who have gone missing around town! When you find an elf, collect a signature from the business and write where you found them. Once you return your completed Form to the Visitors Centre OR the Administration Office, you will go in the draw to win an awesome prize that will be drawn on Gala Night!



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019

Thank you to everyone who attended the Remembrance Day Service at Reflection Pond at Roy Little Park on November 11. Special thanks also to Aub Tompkin for organising and conducting the service.



CHRISTMAS AT CUMMINS THEATRE

The Cummins Theatre is proud to present a production of Elf the Musical JR. Featuring young performers from Bel Canto Performing Arts in Perth and Merredin.

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone, young and old, embrace his or her "inner elf."

Two shows will be held on the following dates;
Sat 21st Dec 2019 - doors at 6:15pm with performance 7:00pm
Sun 22nd Dec 2019 - doors at 1:15pm with performance 2:00pm

Seating for this performance is reserved at table rounds. BYO supper, no BYO drinks. Tivoli Bar will be open (Cash only).

Book tickets online at www.cumminstheatre.com.au or in person at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre.

DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN SURVEY

Do you have a disability? Care for or know someone with a disability?

The Shire of Merredin is reviewing its 2015-2020 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) and wants to hear from individuals and organisations who would like to have input into the review of current initiatives and the development of a new plan.

The Shire would also like to hear from other groups on how to be accessible and inclusive to those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, seniors and others.

Written surveys are also available at:

- Shire of Merredin Administration building
- Merredin Visitor Centre
- Merredin Community Resource Centre
- Merredin Library

A focus group will be held at the Merredin library from 10.00am to 12.00pm on Thursday 12th December 2019. Please register your interest by calling 9041 1611.

Comments close 6th December 2019 and can be completed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/shireofmerredin

A new DRAFT plan will be available from the end of March 2020, please check the Shire of Merredin website for updates.

RUBBISH COLLECTION OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

There will be NO CHANGE to the rubbish collection service for this Christmas period.

All services will be as normal for the New Year Week.

All Christmas run information will be posted on the Avon Waste website here: www.avonwaste.com.au



REPORT IT!

Spotted an issue around town? Report it to the Shire via the FREE Snap, Send, Solve app (compatible with iPhone and Google Play phones) 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 on resolving it.



WATER TOWER UPDATE

A town meeting was held at Cummins Theatre on October 20th which attracted approximately 100 community members. At the town meeting a letter from the PTA was read to the crowd advising that they intended to demolish the Tank as per the suggestion by GHD.

The Shire then conducted a survey that engaged more than 280 people regarding the fate of the iconic and beloved Water Tower. The overwhelming consensus from the survey was that people wanted to keep the original wooden stand and build a replica tank, and put the original tank on display in the town.

Channel 7 came to town in the first week of November and the community came out in the rain to show their support. Shire President Cr Flockart spoke to the media on behalf of the Shire and indicated that the Council and Shire would continue to work towards a positive outcome for this piece of history.

After the news story went to air on Today Tonight, PTA spokesman David Hynes stated that the PTA were happy to explore alternatives to demolition. In a recent media release, the PTA said...

"PTA has indicated funding is available but until the GHD report is received, scope of work and costs determined, is not in a position to formally seek the funding allocation.

PTA and the Shire will continue to work together to achieve an outcome that preserves the towns heritage."

The Shire will continue to share updates on the Tower via the Shire of Merredin website and social media accounts. Thank you to the Merredin community for their on-going support and determination to save our Tank!



COUNCIL MEETING DATES IN 2020

Ordinary council meetings for 2020 will be held at the Shire Administration Centre, cnr King & Barracks, Merredin.

21 JANUARY 2020 at 4.00pm
18 FEBRUARY 2020 at 4.00pm
17 MARCH 2020 at 4.00pm
21 APRIL 2020 at 4.00pm
19 MAY 2020 at 4.00pm
16 JUNE 2020 at 4.00pm
21 JULY 2020 at 4.00pm
18 AUGUST 2020 at 4.00pm
15 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 4.00pm
20 OCTOBER 2020 at 4.00pm
17 NOVEMBER 2020 at 4.00pm
15 DECEMBER 2020 at 4.00pm

ONLY 4 WEEKS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

The Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre has a wide range of gift ideas for that special someone. Our range includes local, natural history and children's books, sandalwood gift sets wooden platters and jewellery.

We will be open until 8:30 on Gala Night Thursday 12 December, pop in and have a browse at our range!



Pictured right: Mt Romance Gift Sets

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Please be advised that WA Contract Ranger Services is temporarily providing Ranger Services to the Shire of Merredin. Matthew Sharpe and his Ranger Team provide Ranger Services to 30 neighbouring Shires.

Rangers Stacey and Matthew will be commencing the following duties in the up - coming weeks;

- Finalising the Firebreak order compliance on town-site properties
- Corella culling on Shire property
- Door to door dog and cat registration checks

If you have any questions regarding Ranger duties please call Matthew on 0400 240 787 or email him at ranger@merredin.wa.gov.au.

