

SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

MARCH 2020



Merredin Twilight International Food Festival

Friday 20th March - 6.00pm - Cummins Theatre

Cooking Volunteers Wanted!

Do you love to cook?! Merredin's International Food Festival is a great opportunity to show off your favourite recipes and test out different flavours of the world!

Ingredients are supplied for free when you participate in the Festival, and you are required to make 100 tasting portions of your dish for the public.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carina at the Visitors Centre on (08) 9041 1666.



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Next Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building on the Cnr of King and Barrack Streets in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on the Shire of Merredin's website on Friday, 13 February 2020.



Household Hazards Drop Off Event

13 June 2020, Shire of Merredin Depot

Do you have any unwanted chemicals and hazardous materials stored in your home or shed you need to dispose of safely? Come along to the Free Drop off Day in the Shire of Merredin!

There are a number of hazardous items in your home, which must not go in your kerbside collection bins. Safely dispose of paint, pesticides, herbicides and poisons, pool chemicals, household and garden chemicals, flammable liquids, gas bottles, fluorescent tubes, household batteries and more for free on Saturday 13 June. The Shire of Merredin Depot on Telfer Avenue in Merredin will be taking collections between 10am—12pm

What can be disposed of at the event?

- Acids and alkalis
- Aerosols
- Batteries (household)
- Engine coolants and glycols
- Fire extinguishers - Non halon (red) only
- Flammables
- Flares
- Fluorescent lamps and tubes (CFLs)
- Gas cylinders (small household)

- Paint
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Poisons/toxics
- Pool chemicals
- Smoke detectors
- Unknown chemicals must be in sealed, chemical resistant containers.

Limit 20kg or litres per material type. Only domestic waste will be accepted (no commercial, business or farm waste).

This event is open to residents of any Local Government. You do not have to live in the Shire of Merredin to drop off your household hazardous waste.

Visit: www.wastenet.net.au/hhw to find out more details or contact Peter at the Shire on 9041 1611.



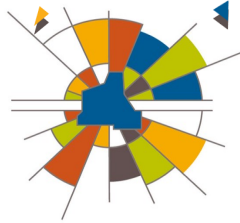
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FREE DROP OFF DAY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

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2020/21 COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANTS

**DOES YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP DESIRE
FUNDING FOR A PROJECT?**

Applications are now open for the Shire of Merredin's 2020/21
Community Funding Grants until 4pm, 13 April 2020.

Further information and Application Forms are available from
www.merredin.wa.gov.au/publicnotices/community-funding-program/6

Questions? Contact Andrina Prnich, DCEO
9041 1611 / dceo@merredin.wa.gov.au

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Merredin Municipal Heritage Inventory Review

The Shire of Merredin has engaged Ms Laura Gray to undertake a review of the Merredin Municipal Heritage Inventory.

A presentation by Ms Gray will be taking place as part of the review and is to be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 11th March from 5.30pm until 7.00pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Story Time at Merredin Library

Come along to the Library every Tuesday from 10.30am—11.15am for story time! It is FREE to attend and there is no need to book in advance. Storytime is for up to 5 years of age, and is ONLY held during the school term. Parents or a guardian must also attend. For more information contact Wendy at the Library on 9041 1222.

RANGER NOTICES

Impound Times

Where a dog is seized and detained and the dog is wearing a registration tag or is microchipped, (or the owner is readily identifiable), the Shire Ranger will issue a seizure notice to the registered owner. The dog is to then to be kept and maintained for a period of at least **7 days** following the issuing of the seizure notice.

Where a dog is seized and detained and the dog is not readily identifiable, the dog is to be kept and maintained for a period of at least **72 hours** following the seizure and impound of the dog. Please ensure your dog's microchip and registration details are up to date to ensure the safe return of your dog.

All dogs impounded by the Shire of Merredin Ranger that are not readily identifiable will be posted to the Shire of Merredin Facebook page.

All fees, including registration (if not registered) shall be paid prior to the release of the animal. Any animal not claimed within the time period advertised will be transferred to the A1 Wheatbelt Dog Rescue for adoption.

Restricted Burning Period

The Restricted Burning Period is currently in effect until the 16 March 2020. As such, burning permits are required and can only be obtained from Fire Control Officers in your area as listed on the Shire of Merredin website.

Any special conditions stated on your permit or imposed by the permit issuing officer must be strictly adhered to. The permit holder shall give notice of his intention to burn to the owner or occupier of adjoining land.

Any incinerator used to burn rubbish must be properly constructed. An open drum with or without a lid is not an appropriate incinerator.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:

Stephen Crook—0429 411 429

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:

John Flockart— 0428 469 018

Merredin Show

Saturday 21st March 2020 - MRCLC

The Shire of Merredin will be attending the Merredin Show and will have a stand located inside the Merredin Recreational Community Leisure Centre. Drop by and have a chat to the staff and Councillors, pick up a brochure or new resident pack, or purchase your very own Merredin Souvenir Coin featuring Cummins Theatre!

For more information about the show, head to www.merredinshow.com.au.



CEACA Units Available Now!



Introducing new CEACA Referral Program!

Refer a friend, family member or acquaintance to our units and if the person they referred is successful, the referrer will be paid a one-off sum of **\$250!**

Available units

Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc (CEACA) aims to provide affordable housing in the wheatbelt region.

The following CEACA sites are now fully occupied: Koorda, Westonia, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Bencubbin.

Two bedroom units are available in the following Shires and we invite expressions of interest to be sent to us at info@ceaca.org.au: Merredin, Kellerberrin, Beacon, Yilgarn, Bruce Rock, Trayning.

All units come with a split system air-conditioner in the main living area and ceiling fans in the bedrooms.

The interior of the units are furnished with good quality carpet and blinds.

The tenants are all settling in well and are enjoying their new home. If you have someone in mind who would be interested in renting one of our units, but need to know more or are unsure of whether they would be eligible, please let us know.



Tenant feedback

The following are some comments from some of our happy tenants!

Lorraine & Laurie

Really like our new unit, very spacious and roomy. Love how we have a small community of people here who are helpful and neighbourly but also respectful of each other's privacy.

Graeme & Judith

We love our unit here in Kellerberrin. It is rather spacious and has heaps of storage. Living in a village community makes you feel quite safe everyone looks out for each other. And we are within walking distance of the shops. That gives us some exercise.

Rose & Terry

Life at the Kellerberrin units is great, everyone is friendly and we have get together for special occasions. New Year's Eve the tenants got together, we took our tables and chairs out under the tree and it was a great night for all. I would fully recommend living at these units.

Get in touch
for any inquiries

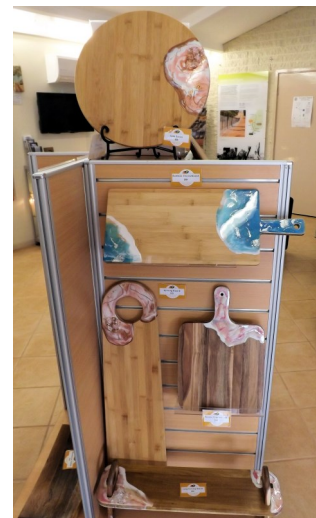
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0414 136 687

info@ceaca.org.au
www.ceaca.org.au

VISITORS CENTRE

New in Stock...

We have received some gorgeous resin timber platters and serving boards (see below) created by Merredin local Sheree Lowe. The perfect present or gift to yourself! Prices start from \$38.



Perth Caravan and Camping Show...

The Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre will be attending the Perth Caravan & Camping Show from 18 - 22 March at Claremont Showgrounds.

Robyn will be promoting the Wheatbelt Self-Drive Trails, events, free camping spots, attractions, wildflowers and handing out maps and guides to prospective visitors.

The Wheatbelt stand will be located in Jim Webster Pavilion at Site 214, if you are heading to the show pop by and say hi!



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.



Meet the new Ranger...

The Shire of Merredin would like to welcome the new face at the Shire Administration Building... Stacey Jaskiewicz.

Stacey has been with the Shire for the past 2 months as part of the WA Contract Ranger Services, however she will be continuing full time as Ranger for the Shire of Merredin from 16 March 2020.

Stacey said "I am excited to be a part of the team at the Shire of Merredin and I look forward to engaging with the community. I am passionate about my job and love helping others."



Chinese New Year

The Merredin community celebrated Chinese New Year with a Lion Dance by the Chung Wah Association at Cummins Theatre on Saturday 8th February 2020. 25+ people were gifted with lollies and mandarins by the Lions during the two performances.

The Shire of Merredin would like to thank the Chung Wah Association for travelling out to Merredin to perform for us!



A REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS...

A reminder to all residents that not picking up your dog's poo is considered littering and under the *Litter Act 1979*, you could incur a fine of \$200 for not cleaning it up in public areas such as parks and streets.

WHY THERE IS AN ISSUE?

Droppings contain harmful bacteria such as *Toxocara Canis*, a roundworm found in infected dog faeces which can be passed on to humans and cause infections. Children, people with compromised immune systems, and field sports players are most at risk of infection.

For more information, head to www.kabc.wa.gov.au.



**USE
IT OR
RECYCLE
IT. EASY!**



Feb—March, Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre

Do you have an old mobile stored at home? Don't let them go to waste. If it can't be reused it's time to recycle them with MobileMuster. Simply drop them off at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre (your local participating collection point), along with any accessories. Kick start the new year free of clutter!

Tips of getting your mobile phone ready for recycling:

What is accepted?

Mobile phones, their batteries, chargers, accessories and wearables.

Before you recycle...

Download your data, log out of online accounts and perform a reset.

We ensure that...

Nothing is resold and all data is destroyed in the recycling process.

Note**

Mobile Muster is the recycling program of the

Private Pool Inspections

Western Australian Law requires Local Governments to inspect private swimming pool and spas for safety and compliance at least once every four years. Letters will be sent in the next few months to owners whose pools are due for inspection.

We ask owners to contact the Environmental Health Officer within seven days of the date of the letter to make an appointment for the inspection.

Local Governments are empowered to enter property and undertake inspections at any time however we prefer to inspect pools by arrangement with the owner.

Inspections can be booked at a time between:
8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

The *Building Act 2011* and *Building Regulations 2012* state that private swimming pools and spas with water more than 300mm deep must have a compliant barrier installed. This is intended to help in the prevention of drowning deaths and injuries of young children under the age of 5 years

The Shire of Merredin appreciates your assistance in booking your inspection as it is a vital part of ensuring that residential pools and spas are safe and protect young children in our community.

Please call the Shire on 9041 1611 or email Brooke at eho@merredin.wa.gov.au to book your appointment.



A Choired Taste

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MERREDIN

Song Fest

Celebrating 12 Years of Community Singing

Hosting Multiple Choirs from around the State of WA

Professional Workshop Saturday 16 May 8.45am

Street Performances Saturday Morning

Saturday Concert Extravaganza 6.30 pm Tickets \$15.50 / Con \$12.50

Sunday 17 May Songs of Praise Merredin 10.00 am FREE

CUMMINS THEATRE

Tickets though Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BIGVP>

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2 WEEKS OF FREE DRAMA CLASSES

With the Shake&Stir Theatre Company (QLD)
@ the Cummins Theatre in Merredin

After school Mon-Thurs 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Age 7-12yrs: 16th-19th March 2020

Age 13-18yrs: 23rd-27th March 2020

Reserve your spot @ www.cumminstheatre.com.au

Does your child show a passion for all things dramatic?

Well here is an opportunity to hang with two professional actors and learn all the secrets of the trade. The Cummins Theatre is super excited to announce that they will be hosting a two-week residency with ground breaking Queensland theatre company Shake&Stir in March.

No strangers to Perth, Shake&Stir most recently toured with their visually stunning production of "Fantastic Mr Fox" at the State Theatre Centre and also toured with their edgy and gloriously bloodthirsty "Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes" in 2019. The company is also bringing George Orwell's powerful novel "Animal Farm" to WA in May 2020. Check out their award winning work at www.shakeandstir.com.au

Thanks to funding from the Raise the Roof program, two members of the company will stay in Merredin and provide free drama workshops to surrounding schools and run free after school drama classes for the youth of Merredin.

Children aged 7-12yrs can participate in the first week (16th-19th March) and then youth aged 13-18yrs will do classes in the second week (23rd-27th March).

Interested participants need to book their free spot on www.cumminstheatre.com.au as class numbers will be capped. Don't wait or you could be too late!



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This Harmony Week Merredin residents will celebrate the wonderful diversity of our town!

Enjoy exotic and familiar flavours from all over the world.

From Italy and Scotland, through to China and Thailand, savour the taste right here in your home town!

If you would like to volunteer to cook, please contact Carina at the Visitors Centre on 9041 1666



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Morning Melodies Concert Series 2020



2020 Dates

February 7th

March 6th

April 17th

May 22nd

June 26th

July 24th

August 21st

September 18th

October 16th

November 13th

December 18th

Tickets \$15.00 and includes morning tea
Morning Tea - 10:30am Concert 11:00am

For artist information and bookings go to
www.cumminstheatre.com.au
or book in person at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre