



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

MARCH 2021

~ MERREDIN TWILIGHT ~
**INTERNATIONAL
FOOD
FESTIVAL**

FRIDAY, 19 MARCH
CUMMINS THEATRE | 6PM - 8PM

LIVE COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS
TRY EXOTIC FOOD
EXPERIENCE NEW CULTURES

If you would like to volunteer to cook, please contact
the Shire on (08) 9041 1611

THIS IS A **FREE** FAMILY EVENT HOSTED BY THE SHIRE OF MERREDIN!

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March Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 16 March at 4:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building on the Cnr of King and Barrack Streets in the Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on the Shire of Merredin's website on Friday, 12 March. Public questions can be submitted by 2.00pm on the day of the council meeting by completing the form here: <https://www.merredin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/>



Merredin Memorial Festival

The Shire of Merredin has successfully secured grant funding for an inaugural memorial festival to be held in Merredin from Friday, 24 September to Sunday, 26 September 2021.

The Shire received a total of \$35,000 through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Regional and Remote Festivals Fund.

The Regional and Remote Festivals Fund is a program delivered as part of the Regional Arts and Cultural Investment Program (RACIP), which supports arts and cultural activity at regional and remote festivals in Western Australia.

The Merredin festival will showcase the unique characteristics of the town including Aboriginal culture, military history, and our agricultural industry.

The weekend will include war story illumination projections in Barrack Street, coach tours, an outdoor sunset concert, as well as a possible market day and military parade.

The Shire of Merredin was one of eight successful regional organisations which share in the funding to deliver events and activities in the regional areas. Members of the public, community organisations and the business community are welcome to actively participate in the planning of this event and can submit an EOI via the Shire of Merredin website.

Join our Gala Night Working Group!

The Shire of Merredin's annual Gala Night is one of the biggest events on Merredin's calendar, drawing locals and our surrounding wheatbelt community to celebrate the years end. It is where Merredin comes together to showcase the best of what our businesses and community have to offer as we collectively host a, once a year only, late night shopping experience with fun, food and entertainment for all the family.

Would you like to be a part of planning and delivering Merredin's Annual Christmas event to held on Thursday, 16 December 2021?

The Shire of Merredin would like to invite local stakeholders, business groups, organisations, and individuals to nominate to be involved in the Gala Night 2021 working group.

To nominate, complete the form here: bit.ly/GalaNightWG

For more information, please contact Darcie at the Shire on (08) 9041 1611 or email cdo@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Lease of Reserve 17767 and Lot 1443 - EOI

The Shire of Merredin is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from community organisations for the lease of Reserve 17767 and Lot 1443 (bounded by Golf Road, Telfer Avenue, Old Goldfields Road and McDonald Street) for the purposes of cropping and/or grazing.

EOIs are to acknowledge that lease fees of at least \$400 per annum or better are applicable, the costs of preparing and maintaining firebreaks during the fire season shall be borne by the lessee. Submissions for a lease term of one and five years are invited. The land has been leased on an annual basis previously and Council will consider a longer term for the coming period.

EOIs close at 4pm on Friday, 12 March 2021 and are to be submitted in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, and can be posted to PO Box 42, Merredin, WA 6415 or emailed to tenders@merredin.wa.gov.au or hand delivered to the Shire Administration, Cnr King and Barrack Streets, Merredin during business hours.

EOIs received will be presented to Council's March 2021 meeting for consideration and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify.

Mark Dacombe

Temporary Chief Executive Officer

5 March 2021

Volunteer to Cook at the Food Fest!

Do you love to cook? Perhaps you have a family recipe that you would like to share with the community? Then the Merredin Twilight International Food Festival is for you!

Complete the Registration Form and submit it in person at the Shire of Merredin Admin Building or at the Visitors Centre, or email it to cdo@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Registration Form: bit.ly/3ctdH7n

REPORT IT WITH SNAP, SEND, SOLVE!

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 to resolving it.



Community Grants Now Open

Every year, the Shire of Merredin makes an allocation in its Annual Budget to provide funding to community groups for a variety of projects. We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2021/22 Community Grant Funding Program. Applications must be received by Monday, 5 April 2021 at 4.00pm. Late applications will not be considered.

Who can apply for funding?

To be eligible, you must be;

- Based in the Shire of Merredin; and
- Either an incorporated body or to be auspiced by an incorporated organisation

What can be funded?

The community funding grant program will fund infrastructure, events or activities as relevant to your project, and alignment with the Shire's strategic vision. Examples of previous projects that funding was allocated for include;

- The installation of cabinet work at the Merredin Military Museum
- In-kind support for events including the Merredin Show and Song Fest
- Specialised public art at Merredin College

Download the Application Form here: bit.ly/CommunityFundingGrantProgram



DEINGELLY PRODUCTIONS
presents
THE LOUNGE SUITE
starring Australian legend of stage
DALE PENGELLY

Thursday 8th April 2021
Cummins Theatre
31 Bates Street - Merredin WA
Doors open 6:45pm Show starts 7:30pm
Book now - www.cumminstheatre.com.au



Lest We Forget

ANZAC DAY
SUNDAY 25TH APRIL 2021

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN
AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

DAWN SERVICE & MID MORNING SERVICE
MERREDIN CENOTAPH
6AM | 11AM

PARADE FROM POST OFFICE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO SERVICES
BREAKFAST AT CUMMINS THEATRE AT 7AM

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COLLGAR
WIND FARM

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

MAMMA MIA!
THE MOVIE



SATURDAY 13 MARCH
7:30PM ON THE PIAZZA

A GREAT NIGHT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
BYO PICNIC, CHAIR, BEANBAG OR RUG
FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



Alcohol & Smoke-Free Event



CUMMINS THEATRE
The Heart of the Arts in the Wheatbelt

Morning Melodies
Concert Series



Friday 26th
March 2021

Come and join us for our first Morning Melodies concert for 2021. 'A great place to catch up with old friends and even make new ones'

Featuring performer - Justin Freind

Doors open at 10:30am for morning tea. Concert starts at 11:00am - 12:00pm

Tickets are \$15* and include morning tea. (Bookings essential for catering purposes)

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

*transaction fees may apply



CUMMINS THEATRE



SHIRE OF MERREDIN
HEART OF THE WHEATBELT

EASTER In The PARK

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH
FREE EVENT | 0-5 YEARS | APEX PARK, MERREDIN
9.30AM - 11.30AM

Yummy food, crafts and activities, and help hunt for eggs!

The Wheatbelt Coffee Van will be there, and the winners of the colouring competition will be announced too. Entries close 30 March and must include your name and contact number.

To compete, pick up your colouring page from any of the below organisations. Winners will be awarded for 0-2 years and 3-5 years.



3 POINT FRIDAYS

12 | 5 PM
MAR | MERREDIN PIAZZA

POP-UP BASKETBALL COURT
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
GAME PLAY

THESE WEEKLY BASKETBALL SESSIONS ARE FREE TO ATTEND!

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