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Dear Mark

### Cummins Theatre fee exemption request

RDA Wheatbelt Inc and the Wheatbelt Development Commission are presenting a series of 'Innovation Conversations' in the Eastern Wheatbelt region to explore opportunities, highlight current initiatives and generate conversations around the future workplace and technology.

The first event, "Driving for Change" is to be held in Bruce Rock in March and will focus on exploring opportunities in leading transport innovations, autonomous vehicles, technology and infrastructure as well as celebrating innovation in the Wheatbelt.

We are planning to host the second event themed "Renewable Energy and Water" in Merredin on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and the Cummins Theatre has been suggested as the preferred option for this event.

There is no charge for participants to attend the event and we have a small budget to cover costs of speakers and catering. Would the Shire of Merredin consider waiving all or part of the hire fee for the Cummins Theatre for this event?

We anticipate a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 participants so would look to use the whole venue, including the kitchen, for most of the day.

We are also investigating the opportunity to tour one of the renewable energy providers in Merredin in the afternoon and would appreciate information on whether there is a community bus available for hire.

Should you wish to know more about the 'Innovation Conversations' program you are welcome to contact me on Mob. 0428 372 179 or email [mandy.walker@rdawheatbelt.com.au](mailto:mandy.walker@rdawheatbelt.com.au)

Kind regards

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