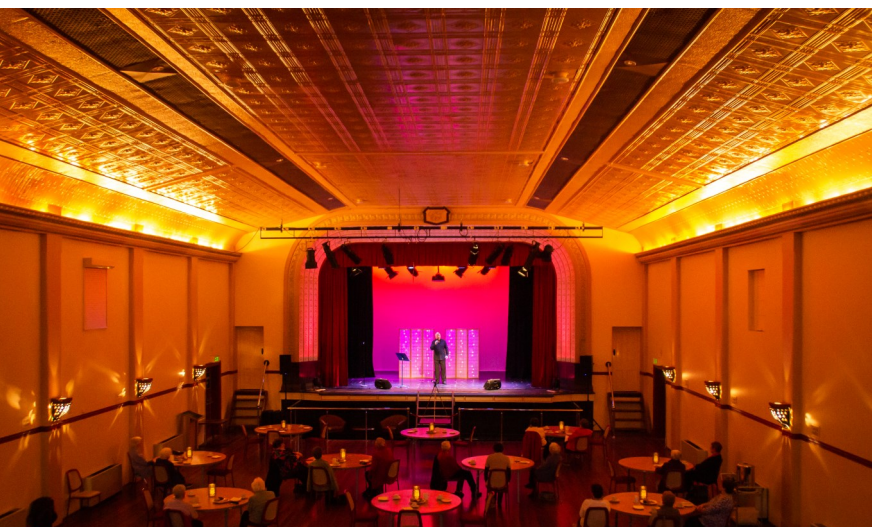




Cummins Theatre Back Open For Business!

After months of being closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, Cummins Theatre finally re-opened to the public last month!

On Friday, 12 June 2020, the Theatre welcomed back patrons for a special Morning Melodies concert, with more than 20 regulars attending to watch a fantastic performance by Theatre Manager Justin Freind. Attendees enjoyed a cuppa and snacking on an array of cakes and biscuits while listening to the incredible Theatre acoustics.



Cummins Theatre manager Justin Freind performing on stage.

Later that evening, the Theatre played party host for a social art class – dubbed 'Arty Farty Party'. The class was hosted by talented local artist Sheree Lowe, who demonstrated to those in attendance how to mix paint, blend colours, and create a magical Wheatbelt sunset.

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Next Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2020 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, 17 July 2020. 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/>





Attendees enjoying the art class at Cummins Theatre

The night was filled with laughter, bubbles, and brushes, and the end products were very creative!

The Shire of Merredin would like to thank all those who attended the events at Cummins Theatre, and we look forward to seeing you at more events during the year!



Join the Shire's Business Directory!

The Shire created a Business Directory during COVID-19 to let the community know which businesses were opened and closed, and what COVID-19 measures were in place within the organisation.

Now that COVID-19 restrictions have been eased, the Shire will further develop this business list and make it available on our website for the continued future.

If your business is not yet listed, or if you have updates to your operating hours, please submit the Form on the Shire website here: <https://bit.ly/34zRr6o>

June Council Meeting Summary

The June Ordinary Council Meeting was held in person at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 16 June 2020 at 4.00pm. At this meeting, Council resolved the following;

1. Adopted the draft 2020—2025 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and has made it available on the Shire website.
2. Adopted the Delegations Register;
3. The Council will continue to hold weekly briefing on Tuesdays at 5.30pm until the end of July with the exception of briefing held prior to the monthly Council which will commence at 2.00pm;
4. From 1 August 2020 the Council hold briefing sessions on the first Tuesday of the month commencing at 5:30pm and the third Tuesday of the month commencing at 2.00 pm.
5. Place the Shire's Imperial Diesel Roller on permanent loan to the Merredin Men's Shed under terms and conditions to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

View the minutes of the June Ordinary Council Meeting here: <https://bit.ly/2YvxhZl>

Shire Places Diesel Roller on Permanent Loan to the Men's Shed

Council had an Imperial Diesel Roller stored at the Shire Works Depot that had not been used for some years, and there was no intention for it to be recommissioned. As such, Council resolved at the June Council Meeting to place the Imperial Diesel Roller on permanent loan to the Merredin Men's Shed, who will be restoring and displaying it for the public to enjoy!



SHARE IT - BLARE IT!



You Share It, We Blare It!

Do you have an upcoming event, a weekly special, or an exciting opportunity that you would like the Shire of Merredin community to know about? Then the Shire's 'Share It - Blare It' campaign is for you!

We are now accepting submissions for our weekly 'Share It - Blare It' campaign, which will be posted every Wednesday afternoon at 4.00pm on the Shire's Facebook page.

If you have something exciting your group, business, or organisation wants to 'shout' about, let us know by directly messaging us on Facebook or emailing media@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Conditions of Share It Blare It

1. Only information for events, notices, and business opportunities within Merredin Shire will be shared;
2. Submissions will only be allowed from businesses or organisations, anything of a personal nature will not be accepted;
3. Information shared can include upcoming events, general information, job vacancies, specials for businesses;
4. Information will not be shared if it includes content containing derogatory language, content deemed to be of a defamatory nature, or any content deemed to be misleading in nature.

Pound Services

Under section 29(8)(c) of the *Dog Act 1976*, if a dog is not readily identifiable, it is to be kept and maintained in the pound for a period of 72 hours. In the circumstance that a dog is wearing a registration tag, is microchipped, or the owner is otherwise readily identifiable, under section 29(8)(b) of the *Dog Act 1976* they are to be kept and maintained for a period of at least 7 days after written notice is given to the owner or the owners delegate.

Under section 34(1)(a) of the *Cat Act 2011*, if a cat is not readily identifiable, it is to be kept and maintained in the pound for a period of 3 working days. In the circumstance that a cat is identifiable, under section 34(1)(b) of the *Cat Act 2011*, they are to be held for 7 working days.

Please be aware that before releasing a dog or cat from the Pound, payment of the below fees must be made at the Shire Administration Centre during office hours (8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday). Dogs and cats must also be registered and microchipped, and cats must be sterilised, or additional infringements may apply. All unclaimed animals will be handed over to a rescue to be re-homed.

The Pound Fees are:

- Dog Impounding Fee - \$75.00
- Release Fee - \$50.00
- Sustenance Fee - \$20.00 per day impounded

Dog and Cat Registration Prices

Steralised	
1 Year	\$20.00
3 Years	\$42.50
Lifetime	\$100.00
Not Steralised	
1 Year	\$50.00
3 Years	\$120.00
Lifetime	\$250.00

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.



Household Hazards Drop Off Event Rescheduled

10 October 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 them for free on Saturday, 10 October 2020. 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)
- Household chemicals (e.g. cleaners)
- 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).

What can't be disposed of?

- Asbestos
- Commercial and Industrial waste
- Electronic waste
- EPIRBs and PLBs
- Explosives, ammunition and firearms
- Fire extinguishers - Halon (yellow)
- Medications and pharmaceuticals
- Mobile phones
- Motor oil and cooking oil
- Printer cartridges/toners
- Sharps and needles
- Tyres

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.

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?

We are pleased to announce that Round 2 of the Shire's Community Funding Grants are now open until 4pm, 28 August 2020.

Further information and Application Forms are available from www.merredin.wa.gov.au/public-notices

Questions? Contact Andrina Pnrich at the Shire of Merredin on 9041 1611 or email dceo@merredin.wa.gov.au.

#InnovatingtheWheatbelt



Get your Pooch out in the sun!

Where better for you and your pooch friends to get out in the fresh air and relax other than the Merredin Dog Park! Head down to Coronation Street (next to the old North Merredin Primary School site) and let your fur friends loose where they can jump through hoops, crawl through tunnels, or pounce across platforms. The dog park is the perfect place for your doggy play dates, with water bowls and poop bags provided and a fully fenced area so you can enjoy your time without worry.



Munty Playground Receives some TLC!

The Shire of Merredin have recently completed works in Muntadgin on the playground next to the Community Town Hall. The crew put in new sand, removed all the old timber, cleaned up the surrounds, and painted the park benches!



BEFORE



BEFORE



AFTER



AFTER



Merredin to Engage Community on Future of Town

The Merredin Strategic Community Plan (SCP) 2018 – 2028 is due for a minor strategic review. This review is occurring in extraordinary circumstances as the COVID-19 pandemic emerged at the time the review was about to commence. The Shire of Merredin, like all local governments in Western Australia, swung into action to respond to the crisis.

In response, Council recognises three phases moving forward. The first phase is to reset the Shire's vision. The second phase is the recovery phase. There may be some irrecoverable losses, but there will also be positive changes. This period will be focused on everything getting back on its feet. The third phase is the regeneration phase. There will be new ideas and opportunities. This period will see resilient communities create new pathways and thrive.

The revised SCP will be an overarching plan, incorporating all three phases, within a holistic and integrated approach to the whole of the Shire's activities. This process has become a major strategic review to meet the challenges and opportunities now apparent.

What will Merredin look like to you in 2030?

As part of this review, the Shire of Merredin have been engaging with the community through a series of workshops, forums, and surveys. Have your say about how the Shire and community can work together to respond to the major issues impacting our town and its surrounds. There are three more sessions available to attend as part of the RESET. RECOVER. REGENERATE. community engagement program. All sessions include light refreshments and are free to attend. Register your attendance at one of these sessions by heading to <https://bit.ly/2VFGJJI>

Merredin Business Community Workshop

The Shire of Merredin's RESET. RECOVER. REGENERATE. community consultation workshops began on the evening of Wednesday, 8 July 2020, at the Tivoli room, with the Business Community coming together to share ideas for the future of Merredin. 50 business owners and managers attended the event, as the group used the opportunity to talk about what worked during COVID-19 and what the Shire can do to assist businesses during the recovery phase. The workshop was facilitated by Wheatbelt Business Network's Caroline Robinson with the assistance of Shire President Julie Flockart and the Shire's Temporary CEO Mark Dacombe. Honourable Melissa Price, MP for Durack and Minister for Defence Industry also attended the event as a panel member.

SCP Review Timeline



Next Steps

- Advertising the DRAFT SCP
- Council adopts SCP
- Review to informing strategies

PROUDLY PRESENTS

● RESET RECOVER REGENERATE

A community conversation about the future of Merredin & its surrounds!

PROGRAM

22 JULY Babes In Arms

North Merredin Primary School
Old Library

9am - 11am

22 JULY Engagement with the Aboriginal Community

Merredin Library

12pm - 2pm

30 JULY Women of the Wheatbelt

Tivoli Room

5.30pm - 8pm

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With the economic impacts of COVID-19, the announcement of stores and other business closures, 2020 presents a unique opportunity for the Shire of Merredin to reset its vision.

What will Merredin look like to you in 2030?

Come along and be a part of this review. Have your say about how the Shire and community can work together to respond to the major issues impacting our town and its surrounds.

For more details visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/yanma22r>

#YourSayMerredin

To register for a session, please call us on **(08) 9041 1611** or email us at **admin@merredin.wa.gov.au**

2ND EDITION!

ARTY FARTY PARTY

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST &
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

@ CUMMINS THEATRE

Doors 6pm, Painting begins 6:30pm

\$20 PER PERSON

Join us for a fun social painting class!

Free nibbles provided, bar open.

BYO apron. Paint, brushes and canvas provided!

NO PAINTING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Book your tickets here:
www.trybooking.com/BKHL5

Please note there are limited spots available, so get in quickly!



CUMMINS THEATRE



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Musical Theatre Workshop July School Holidays

After the success of 'Elf the Musical Jr' in 2019, BCPA is returning to Merredin in the July School holidays for an intensive MT workshop.

Zoom classes will be held from 9am-10am on
13th, 20th, 27th June and 4th July.

This will then be followed by an intense week of
rehearsals at the Cummins Theatre from 10am-3pm
on 13th to 17th July, ending with a performance
on Friday 17th July.

*participants must be available for all dates and be of reading age to 17yrs

For more information please contact BCPA by emailing
belcantoperformingarts@gmail.com or
phoning Katherine 0411-462-164.

www.belcantoperformingarts.com.au

JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

PROGRAM

16 JULY

CLAY FUN!

Make multi coloured clay
creatures or fun clay animals

\$2 per participant

All sessions at Merredin Library from 10:30am to 11:30am.

Come dressed for fun!

Parental supervision required for all children under 10.

Bookings essential, limit of 30 participants, no walk-ins.



MERREDIN REGIONAL
LIBRARY

To book, please
call (08) 9041 1222



AFL • SOCCER • NETBALL • VOLLEYBALL
BOXING • BASKETBALL

24 JULY - 28 AUGUST

6PM - 9PM | AGES 12 - 18

FREE EVENT. DINNER PROVIDED AND BUS
DROP OFF IN MERREDIN TOWNSITE.



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For more information, contact Hannah at the Shire on 9041 1611