

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 2020

Night Sports Concludes

The first Shire of Merredin Night Sports program concluded on Friday, 28 August. For six weeks the members of the youth of Merredin attended sporting sessions every Friday night, where they had a great time learning skills, playing sports, and making new friends. On average, each session of Night Sports drew a crowd of 35 – 45 youth between the ages of 10 – 18.

A range of sports were played over the duration of the program including Basketball, Netball, Football, Soccer and Boxing. The coaches for each of the sports were Merredin locals, with heavy participation within the local football, basketball, and netball clubs. The regular attendees of the workshops loved seeing the coaches out and about in the town and during sporting events on the weekend.



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September Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 15 September 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, 11 September. 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/>



As well as playing sport for the past six weeks, the youth also engaged in life skills workshops which were educational, fun, and interactive. Many of the local organisations such as the police, volunteer fire department, youth officers, school-teachers and athletes gave presentations that were both insightful and engaging for the youth. The topics included alcohol abuse, mental and physical health, lighting fires, athlete journeys, sexting and online grooming. The workshops were a great aid in developing the youths' knowledge and learning.



Week 1 Workshop with Cooper Creek



Week 1 Basketball Workshop

The next six-week block of night sports return to Merredin on Friday, 16 October 2020, with similar sports and new workshop topics. We hope to see many new and familiar faces for fun filled Friday night activities.

If you would like more information about the next six week block of Night Sports, contact Darcie at the Shire on (08) 9041 1611 or head to the Shire website www.merredin.wa.gov.au.



Water Tower Update

Shire President Julie Flockart is pleased to report a very positive meeting held with the Corridor and Heritage Coordinator from the Public Transport Authority last week.

The strengthening of the water tank will proceed with PTA funding subject to the technical design work and engineering drawings being provided to them for approval.

It is hoped that local companies will have the capability to undertake the necessary fabrication and installation.

This is great news that brings the preservation of this much loved Merredin landmark one step closer.

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 Shire of Merredin

APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the following person has been appointed to the designated position for the Shire of Merredin in accordance with section 38(1) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Bush Fire Control Officer – Stacey Jaskiewicz

By order of the Council, MARK DACOMBE,
Temporary Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Merredin Fire Control Officers

A full list of the Fire Control Officers within the Shire of Merredin can be obtained on page 5 or you can download a copy of the list from the Shire's website below:

https://www.merredin.wa.gov.au/Profiles/merredin/Assets/ClientData/Fire_ControlOfficers_2020.pdf

Long Tan Day

On Tuesday, 18 August, a service was held at Reflection Pond to commemorate 54 years on from the Battle of Long Tan. Veterans, councillors, army cadets, Shire staff, and community members gathered together to pay tribute to the 18 veterans who lost their life and the 24 who were wounded during battle.

Deputy President Mal Willis led the commemoration, while local veteran Aub Tompkin performed The Ode. Shire President Julie Flockart, along with Temporary CEO Mark Dacombe, laid a wreath on behalf of the Shire of Merredin, while Aub Tompkin laid the Wheatbelt Vietnam Veterans wreath.



Upcoming work in your area

Hydrant and Valve Upgrades in Merredin

The following information is being shared on behalf of Water Corporation.

"Water Corporation is conducting essential fire hydrant and valve upgrades across town to improve the reliability of the water network in Merredin and reduce leaks and breaks.

Work will take place from September to November 2020.

Customers may experience a temporary water outage. Written notification will be provided at least 48 hours prior to any planned outage.

Safety is our priority and our contractors are following government advice relating to COVID-19 to complete this work. Please keep a safe distance from our worksites and workers.

Thank you for your patience while this essential work is carried out. If you have any questions, please contact our Water Corporation Community Engagement team on (08) 9420 3265.

For more information, please visit watercorporation.com.au/firehydrant

For faults, emergencies and security, please call 13 13 75 (24 hours)."

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.





SHIRE OF MERREDIN
FIREBREAK BURNING & NOTICE
 2020 - 2021

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES (PERMITS):
 16 SEPTEMBER 2020 - 31 OCTOBER 2020
 18 FEBRUARY 2021 - 16 MARCH 2021

PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES (NO BURNING):
 1 NOVEMBER 2020 - 17 FEBRUARY 2021

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, IT WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE PHOENIX AND ON THE SHIRE OF MERREDIN WEBSITE

TO REPORT A FIRE PLEASE CALL 000

Burning Permit Information

The restricted burning period will soon be commencing on Wednesday, 16 September 2020. Permits are ONLY available during the restricted burning period. In order for a permit to be issued, you must ensure you do the following;

- Provide sufficient running water and/or a fire fighting unit to the area that is to be burnt;
- Ensure there are adequate fire breaks surrounding the pile or area to be burnt;
- Provide enough people to attend the fire (minimum of three) from lighting the fire until it is totally extinguished and cold;
- Notify your neighbours / adjoining landowners prior to lighting the fire;
- Notify the Shire of Merredin prior to lighting the fire, during business hours (Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm);
- Notify the Department of Fire & Emergency Services prior to lighting the fire; and
- Notify the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (Parks & Wildlife) if your property is within 3km of their land, prior to lighting the fire.

For more information about how to obtain a burning permit, head to the Shire website www.merredin.gov.au.

Welcoming the new staff to the Shire of Merredin

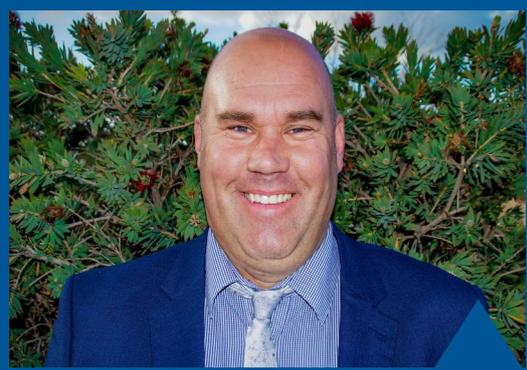
A big welcome to the new faces at the Shire of Merredin administration building — Darcie Jolly the new Events Manager and Calvin Shotter, the new Executive Manager of Engineering Services.

A message from Darcie

“I am excited to be working at the Merredin Shire as the Events Manager. I am very grateful for this opportunity and am eager for all the upcoming events. I am looking forward to being involved within the community and getting to know many friendly faces.”

A message from Calvin

“My wife and I are excited to embrace Merredin. We are looking forward to working with a great team at the shire and the fantastic Merredin community. Together we can be part of helping make Merredin a great place to live.”





Merredin Wildflowers in full bloom!

You may have noticed some colourful blooms growing out at Merredin Peak and along Caw Street. Thanks to lots of rain, Merredin has put on a fantastic wildflower season which is expected to run until late September this year. Spider & Donkey orchids are two of a number of orchids currently flowering at Merredin Peak. If you would like some more information about Wildflowers, or the best places to find them, contact the Visitor Centre on (08) 9041 1666. The Visitor Centre will also be open on weekends from 9am—zpm daily for the duration of the Wildflowers season.



WILDFLOWER HOT SPOTS

MERREDIN PEAK | CAW STREET | TAMMA PARKLAND
TOTADGIN CONSERVATION PARK
CNR CHANDLER & TALGOMINE RESERVE RD

Fire Control Officers 2020 – 2021

ONLY CONTACT THE FCO RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR AREA

Active Fire Control Officers

BRIGADE	FCO	POSITION	MOBILE
Shire of Merredin	Stacey Jaskiewicz	Ranger / FCO	0400 240 787
Collgar	Stephen Crook	CBFCO	0429 411 429
Korbelka	John Flockart	DCBFCO	0428 469 018
Korbelka	John Goodier	FCO	0428 469 076
Korbelka	Chris Hooper	FCO	0429 469 045
Burracoppin	Chris Barnett	FCO	0418 445 288
Burracoppin South	Nigel Edgecombe	FCO	0427 447 074
Burracoppin South	David Beck	FCO	0488 905 546
Collgar	Glenn Crees	FCO	0428 447 017
Collgar	Steve Higgins	FCO	9041 5080
Hines Hill	Cam Gethin	FCO	0428 126 298
Hines Hill	Colin Miller	FCO	0427 469 052
Muntadgin	Paul Wanless	FCO	0427 867 487
Muntadgin	Darren Major	FCO	0448 867 059
Nukarni/Nokanning	Michael Caughey	FCO	0429 441 067
Nukarni/Nokanning	Neil Smith	FCO	0427 441 072
Nukarni/Nokanning	Joe Alvaro	FCO	0408 921 696

Harvest Ban Weather Officers

BRIGADE	FCO	POSITION	MOBILE
North East	Chris Barnett	FCO	0418 445 288
South East	Nigel Edgecombe	FCO	0427 447 074
North	Neil Smith	FCO	0427 441 072
South West	Chris Hooper	FCO	0429 469 045
Central	Stephen Crook	FCO	0429 411 429
South	Paul Wanless	FCO	0427 867 487
West	Cam Gethin	FCO	0428 126 298

Administrative Officers – Inspections & Enforcement

BRIGADE	FCO	POSITION	MOBILE
Shire of Merredin	Stacey Jaskiewicz	Inspecting/Enforcing Officer	9041 1611



FREE

DROP OFF DAY FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



TEMPORARY COLLECTION DAY

There are a number of hazardous items in your home which must not go in your waste or recycling bin. Safely dispose of your unwanted household chemicals and hazardous materials for free at the Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day.

THESE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Flammable liquids
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes
- ✓ Gas bottles
- ✓ Household and garden chemicals
- ✓ Paint
- ✓ Pesticides and herbicides
- ✓ Poisons
- ✓ Pool chemicals

DATE: Saturday 10 October 2020

TIME: 10:00am - 12:00pm

VENUE:

Shire of Merredin Depot
Telfer Avenue, Merredin



This project is funded by the Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account

What can be disposed of at the Temporary Collection Day?



ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

- 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.

Only domestic waste will be accepted.
Limit 20kg or litres per material type.



MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED:

- 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

For more advice on disposal options for these items, please call the Shire of Merredin on (08) 9041 1611.



For more info please visit
www.wastenet.net.au/hhw

Bon Voyage, Melissa!

Our Executive Assistant (EA) to the CEO, Melissa, will be leaving the Shire of Merredin next week and heading over to the MRCLC as the new Rec Centre Manager. We would like to thank Mel for her hard work while in the role of EA for the past year and half, and we wish her the very best of luck for the future! We will certainly miss seeing her smiling face around the office.

Business Directory to be Upgraded!

The Business Directory on the Shire's website will soon be getting an upgrade! The new directory will allow for individual businesses to have their own listing with more information about their business. This upgrade comes as part of the Shire's Buy Local Campaign to help local businesses in the Shire. If you would like to be added to the Directory, please email media@merredin.wa.gov.au.

THE CUMMINS THEATRE IS PROUD TO PRESENT...

THE HAZE SHOWBAND

Come along and rock the night away with The Haze Showband. Playing songs from the 50's, 60's 70's and 80's including artists like Buddy Holly, Bill Haley, Beatles, Elvis, Roy Orbison, BB King, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Cold Chisel and more.

*So ladies, brush up ya beehive.....
put on ya winklepickers gents.....
and we'll catch you on the flipside!*

CUMMINS THEATRE - MERREDIN
SAT 12TH SEPTEMBER 2020

DOORS: 6:45PM SHOW: 7:30PM

TICKETS \$25 & \$20 *Booking fees may apply

**BOOK AT WWW.CUMMINSTHEATRE.COM.AU OR AT THE
CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITORS CENTRE.**



The Cummins Theatre presents...
by arrangement with Music Theatre International Australasia Pty Ltd
on behalf of Dramatists Play Services, Inc

Love Letters

by A. R. Gurney

Directed by Jane Sherwood
Starring
Meredith Hunter & Jarrod Buttery

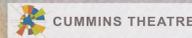
Sat 19th Sept 2020

Doors open - 6:30pm Show 7:00pm

31 Bates Street - Merredin WA

Have you ever known someone who touched every part of your life? Have you loved someone across time and distance? Share in the story of Melissa and Andrew as they grow together through the power of the pen.

Tickets \$18-20. Book online at cumminstheatre.com.au
or at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre.



● RESET. RECOVER. REGENERATE

Next week the Shire will be releasing a special edition newsletter that will contain the results from our July 2020 Engagement Campaign which included 12 workshops and two surveys. The newsletter will also touch on the 2019 MARKYT Community Scorecard, and will outline what the community said during RESET. RECOVER. REGENERATE, and the priorities for the Shire moving forward.

In total, the Shire received over 400 responses to the RESET. RECOVER. REGENERATE. exercise, through the various channels offered. Over 70 students also participated in the exercise.

The Shire would like to thank all those who participated in the engagement exercises and we encourage you to look out for the when the public feedback for the Strategic Community Plan 2020—2030 opens later in the month.

Hearing Australia is coming to you



Hop aboard for a free* hearing check

Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre Merredin

Date 15/09/2020, Time 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Barrack Street
Merredin WA
08 9376 3500

Hearing Australia



NIGHT SPORTS 2.0

**AFL • SOCCER • NETBALL • VOLLEYBALL
BOXING • BASKETBALL**

16 OCTOBER 20 NOVEMBER

6PM - 9PM | AGES 12 - 18 | MRCLC

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

For more information, contact Darcie at the Shire on 9041 1611.

~ MERREDIN TWILIGHT ~ INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2020
CUMMINS THEATRE
6PM - 7.30PM

Enjoy live cooking demonstrations and a range of exotic tastes from all around the world right here in Merredin!

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

Supported by:

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

PROGRAM

<p>29 SEPT</p> <p>PIPE CLEANER PETS</p> <p>Make fun animals out of pipe cleaners</p>	<p>1 OCT</p> <p>PAPER SPINNERS & FANTASTIC FIREWORKS</p> <p>Make fun paper spinners and watch the patterns change</p>
<p>6 OCT</p> <p>CHRISTMAS CARDS & DECORATIONS</p> <p>Get a head start for Christmas</p>	<p>8 OCT</p> <p>CLAY FUN</p> <p>Make multi coloured clay creatures or fun clay animals</p>

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

Parental supervision required for all children under 10.
Bookings essential, limit of 30 participants, no walk-ins. \$2 each.

MERREDIN REGIONAL LIBRARY

To book, please call **(08) 9041 1222**

Carers WA, Pop Up Info Session

Do you provide unpaid care and support to family members or friends who have disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, or who are frail aged?

If so, please come and have an informal chat about how we can help, and the services we provide.

Where: Grassed area at the Visitor Centre
85 Barrack st, Merredin

Date: October 29th 2020

Time: 10am – 3pm

Free sausage sizzle between 12:30 – 1:30

There will be fun and games and a free sausage sizzle provided by the Shire of Merredin

This is an alcohol free, smoke free and drug free event.

Please contact [Deb Rankin](mailto:Deb.Rankin@carerswa.asn.au), 08 9228 7402 for further information

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