

SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 2020

It's Not too Late to Nominate!

The closing date for the Community Citizen of the Year Award nominations has been extended until Saturday, 14 November 2020! The Shire of Merredin is seeking nominations for community members who have stepped up and performed admirably within our community. There are four award categories that you may nominate a community member or group / event within. They include:

- **Citizen of the Year** - a person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community.
- **Youth Citizen of the Year** (under 25 as of 26 January 2021) - a young person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community.
- **Senior Citizen of the Year** (over 65 as of 26 January 2021) - an older person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community.
- **Active Citizenship** (group or event) - a group doing outstanding work or for an event staged in the community during the past year.

To nominate, simply head to the Shire website here: <https://bit.ly/2GwWXY7>

Hard copy forms are available to be picked up from the Shire Administration Office, the Merredin Library, and the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre. Please return these forms to Darcie at the Shire via emailing clo@merredin.wa.gov.au or by dropping them at the front counter of the Admin Building.

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November Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 17 November 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, 13 November. 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/>



Tourism WA 'Our Story' Deep Dive Session comes to Merredin

By Robyn McCarthy

On Wednesday, 21 October 2020, the Shire of Merredin & Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre hosted one of several Tourism WA 'Our Story' Deep Dive regional workshops.

It was a pleasure to have Tourism WA, Australia's Golden Outback (AGO) and our Eastern Wheatbelt Tourism partners and stakeholders under the one roof and for the one purpose. Tourism WA presenters, Tabettha Beggs, Kym Francesconi and Helena McCabe attended to present this Deep Dive Session and get a feel for all that makes the Wheatbelt a special place to visit.



Photo: The deep dive session was held at Cummins Theatre

The Deep Dive workshop was our opportunity to provide Tourism WA with our very own 'Wheatbelt Story' and how we want it told. We told them how passionate we are about our region and how all our stories connect to the amazing landscapes and landforms, cultural and natural history, our stunning wildflower displays and our agricultural and built history. When completed these stories will be added to the Tourism WA Our Story assets for use in future marketing campaigns and other promotional opportunities.

The CEO of AGO, Marcus Falconer also attended this session. As our Regional Tourism Organisation, AGO have a key role to play in marketing the Wheatbelt and this was a good opportunity for Marcus to hear our 'Wheatbelt story' through this workshop with Tourism WA.

The Cummins Theatre was the perfect location as it is such a beautiful building and asset for the Tourism WA team to familiarise themselves with.

There was a bonus for Tourism WA's team arriving Tuesday afternoon to attend the Djuki Mala Aboriginal Dance performance in our stunning Cummins Theatre.

We hope this has made a lasting impression, and that the Tourism WA team will want to come back for another taste of a touring production and spread the word about this amazing cultural facility.

The workshop was extremely well attended by 38 of our Eastern Wheatbelt tourism partners, tourism business owners and stakeholders, highlighting to TWA our passion about tourism in the Eastern Wheatbelt.

This was by far the largest number of workshop participants in any of the regional Deep Dive Sessions in the state to date. Everyone found the experience extremely worthwhile and well run by the Tourism WA presenter and there should be plenty of material for Tourism WA to go away and craft a 'Wheatbelt Story' from all the ideas and content gathered on the day.

NAIDOC WEEK
9 - 13 NOV 2020

A combined event hosted by
Merredin Shire & Merredin College.
Being held at Merredin College.

Programme:

Monday 9 November
OPENING ASSEMBLY
9am - Merredin College Gym
ELDERS STORYTELLING SESSIONS
Primary Classrooms
PANEL DISCUSSIONS
Secondary Classes

Tuesday 10 November
TRADITIONAL LAND VISIT TO RESERVE

Thursday 12 November
NAIDOC FOOTBALL CUP
9.30am - Merredin College Oval

Friday 13 November
SAND ART PROJECT
Merredin College Oval
SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR LUNCH
Staff & Students Only
(Parent helpers required - Please contact Barb Smith if you are able to help)
CLOSING ASSEMBLY
2pm - Merredin College Oval

Community members are invited to attend these events. If you wish to be involved please contact Barb Smith or Jarrod Ritchie on 90410900.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

Extension of the Restricted Burning Period

Under the Shire of Merredin delegation authority number DLS.2 Burning, Prohibited and Restricted Times (Variations) I, the undersigned authorised delegate, in consultation with the Shire of Merredin Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, agree to **EXTEND** the Restricted Burning Period for two (2) weeks, until Saturday 14 November 2020.

The extension of the Restricted Period is for the purpose of Brigade Hazard Reduction Burns only and not for the general public.

☒ Shire of Merredin Fire Control Officers consulted

☒ Authorised CALM Act 1984 Officer from Parks & Wildlife consulted

Councillor J Flockart,  26 October 2020
Shire President

Rates Instalments Due

A reminder that at the September Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the following;

"That the due date for the 2020/2021 rates be amended to the 25th September 2020 with instalments becoming due on the 26th November 2020 (2nd Instalment), 27th January 2021 (3rd Instalment), and the 30th March 2021 (4th Instalment)."

The second instalment rates notices have now been posted out and are due by **Thursday, 26 November 2020**.

Rates instalments may be paid in person at the Shire Administration Building, over the phone, electronically with BPAY, by cheque or by making a direct transfer into our account.

Please contact the Shire if you are having difficulty making the payment dates. An interest rate of 5.5% will be imposed and legal action may be taken if payments are not paid by the due date.



Gala Night

- SAVE THE DATE -

17 DEC | THURSDAY | 6 PM

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COLLGAR
WIND FARM



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2020

VISITORS CENTRE LAWN

All are welcome to attend!

- PROGRAM -

- 10.30AM - Flags lowered to half mast
- 10.58AM - The Ode
- 10.59AM - The Last Post
- 11.00AM - One Minutes Silence
- 11.01AM - Rouse
- 11.02AM - Advance Australia Fair

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Important Contact Numbers

As Merredin approaches the Bushfire season, the Shire would like to remind community members of Merredin's important contacts.

These contacts can also be found on the rear of the Fire Break Order 2020/21 that went out with rates notices in July 2020. If community members have not received a copy of the Fire Break Order or have misplaced it, a copy of it is available for downloading and printing from the Fire Control page of the Shire's website.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES - DIAL 000



CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Stephen Crook | 0429 411 429

DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

John Flockart | 0428 469 018

RANGER

Stacey Jaskiewicz | 0400 240 787

MERREDIN VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

9041 2522

(General enquiries ONLY. In an emergency call 000)

HARVEST BAN INFORMATION LINE

9041 2999

HARVEST BAN & TOTAL FIRE BAN SMS

Call 9041 1611 to subscribe and receive SMS notification when the Shire places a 'Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban' or DFES issue a 'Total Fire Ban'.



Visitor Centre Featured Product

Natures Botanical personal insect repellent is Natures way of Shooing away flies. If you want a natural alternative then the Visitors Centre has the cream in a tub and a roll on for your convenience. The main ingredients are Cedarwood and Rosemary. The tub is \$12.50 and roll on \$16.00. Shoo those flies away!

Firebreak Inspection Reminder

A reminder to residents that firebreaks were due to be completed by Sunday, 1 November 2020. Firebreak Inspections will commence shortly to ensure compliance with the Shire of Merredin's Firebreak Notice.

FAILURE TO COMPLY with the 'Fire Break order' may result in the issuing of a modified penalty from the Shire.

Cat & Dog Registrations Due

Annual cat and dog registrations are now due. All cats that have reached six months of age are legally required to be sterilised, microchipped and registered with your local government office. Similarly, all dogs that have reached three months of age must be microchipped and registered.

For more information, please call the Shire on 9041 1611 or head to <https://bit.ly/2YpnQL1>.

MERREDIN SWIMMING POOL NOW OPEN!

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Sunday 12.00pm - 6.00pm
Public Holidays 12.00pm - 6.00pm
Early Morning Swim* 6.00am - 7.30am

**Early Morning Swim is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from November 9 onwards.*



Ticket/Pass	Amount
Adult	\$4.50
Children*/Seniors	\$3.50
Adult Season Ticket	\$225
Child/Seniors Season Ticket	\$130
Family Season Pass**	\$325
Additional Child on the Family Season Pass	\$27.50
Family Half Season Pass	\$225
Adult 10 Day Pass For Swimming Lessons	\$35
Adult Monthly Pass	\$80
Child 10 Day Pass for Swimming Lessons	\$26
Child Monthly Pass	\$60
Private Hire (Per Hour)	\$132
School Swimming Carnivals (Per Student)	\$1.50
Spectators	\$1.50
Children Under 5 Years	Free

** Children must be currently attending school to qualify for children's rates*

*** One grandparent only may be substituted for one parent only*

Rec Centre Hydrotherapy Pool Now Open!

We are pleased to announce that the Hydrotherapy Pool at the Rec Centre has been repaired, refilled, and is now cleared to reopen!

The opening date will be Monday, 9 November 2020 from 9:00am onwards.

If you would like to enquire about using the Hydrotherapy Pool, please contact the MRCLC on (08) 9041 3033.

We look forward to welcoming you back to this popular facility.



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.



Actions to improve the water supply in Merredin

An update from the Water Corporation about efforts to improve your water supply

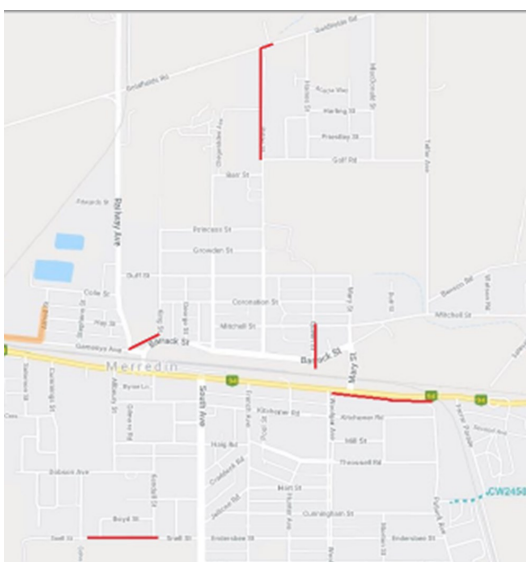
Water Corporation will begin work in November 2020 and go through to the end of January, 2021 to improve the water supply in Merredin town.

The main aspect of this work will be to replace sections of pipeline with buried pipeline along Bates, Todd, Snell, Queen and Barrack streets in Merredin.

The pipeline will be installed by a combination of open trench and directional drilling, which will be backfilled, compacted and restored.

Double L Construction, an authorised contractor, will be engaged to undertake this work.

Where is this happening?



Hours of construction

Work will take place between 7.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday and some weekend work may also be required within these hours.

Will work impact me?

There will be some interruptions to your water supply when the replacement pipeline is connected to the existing service, however these interruptions will be planned with plenty of notice provided to local residences.

Businesses and occupiers will be notified by the Contractor before access to their property is affected.

More information

Project Manager – Darren Broad / P : 9186 1286 M : 0419 928 067

Contact Us

Please contact our 24/7 Operations Centre on 13 13 75 if you have any concerns with your water supply.

Summer Sports Activation Workshop

With the recent announcement of the “Back to Sport” program from the Government, we are delighted to share the #BOUNCEForward Reset Go! Summer Sports Activation Strategic Initiative project occurring in Merredin this November. This event is designed to assist the summer sports to kick start their season!

#BOUNCEForward Reset Go initiative is a Summer Sports Activation event which aims to increase volunteer and participation rates within local sports clubs.

The Shire of Merredin and Belgravia Leisure have partnered with the DLGSC to deliver this event as an after-school program, on Wednesday, 11 November at 4:00pm – 6:00pm. The event will be held at the MRCLC with various state associations planning to attend.

The event will include:

- Special guest Brad Hogg, former Australian Cricketer
- ‘Come and Try’ sessions with State Sporting Associations and key agencies available to support community and clubs
- Sausage sizzle and refreshments provided
- ‘Think Tank’ session presented by Caroline Robinson from 150 Square

#BOUNCE FORWARD RESET GO!!
- SUMMER SPORTS ACTIVATION -

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
4PM - 6PM MRCLC

SPECIAL GUEST BRAD HOGG
FORMER AUSTRALIAN CRICKETER

SPORT ACTIVITY SESSIONS WITH
STATE SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED
COMMUNITY SPORT THINK TANK WITH
CAROLINE ROBINSON

Logos: BOWLS WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, SHIRE OF MERREDIN, netball WESTERN AUSTRALIA, MERREDIN FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES, Hockey WA, tennis, volunteeringWA, belgravialeisure, HOLYOAKE FAMILY • INDIVIDUALS • YOUTH, WACA

FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Wheatbelt Business Network Excellence Awards

The Wheatbelt Business Network (WBN) celebrated 10 years of the WBN and business excellence at the Wheatbelt Business Excellence Awards on Saturday, 17 October 2020.

The event was held at the historic Cummins Theatre, with Triple M radio presenter Terry Siva as the MC for the night.

WBN CEO Caroline Robinson addressed the attendees before they enjoyed a three course sit down meal during the awards presentations.

Local Michael Hayden and his business, Maarli Services, took out the Aboriginal Business Award on the night, while Bruce Rock Engineering and Whitney Consulting jointly won the Digidit Business Advisers Business of the Year.

Congratulations to the winners of all categories, and to the WBN for hosting a wonderful event!



Morning Melodies Concert Series



**Friday 13th
November 2020**

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

Featuring regional singer - Sophie Jane

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.trybooking.com/BIWDL
or at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre

*transaction fees may apply



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SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2020**

**DOORS OPEN 6:45PM - SHOW STARTS 7:30PM
TICKETS \$25 & 20.**

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THE CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITORS CENTRE**

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

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BUS DROP OFF IN MERREDIN TOWNSITE**



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

Morning Melodies Concert Series



**Friday 18th
December 2020**

Come along and 'deck the halls'
as we wrap up the year with our
special Christmas Morning melodies.

Christmas Carols - Fruit mince pies - and more

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

Tickets are \$15* and include morning tea.
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