

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

KICKSTART 2025 MAKES A SPLASH AT MERREDIN POOL

The Shire of Merredin's back-to-school Kickstart 2025 event made a huge splash at the Merredin District Olympic Swimming Pool on Friday, 14 February 2025, bringing together more than 60 enthusiastic school kids for an afternoon of fun and community interaction.

The free event, designed to motivate and inspire local children as they begin a new school year, offered an exciting mix of activities, including lawn games, water dodgeball, water inflatables, table tennis, and music. Students had the opportunity to participate in engaging challenges that encouraged teamwork, resilience, and leadership skills, all while cooling off in the pool under the summer sun.

Kids enjoyed a free lolly bag and ice cream, while Essential Personnel offered a sausage sizzle fundraiser.

The Shire extends a special thanks to all participants, Essential Personnel, and the Merredin District Olympic Pool Staff, who contributed to making the event a memorable experience. Students walked away with not only great memories but also a renewed sense of motivation for the year ahead.

With the success of this year's Kickstart event, the Shire looks forward to continuing to support youth development through similar programs in the future. Stay tuned for more exciting youth initiatives coming soon!



COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 4:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Shire Admin 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. Public questions can be submitted by 2:00pm on the day of the council meeting by completing the form on the Shire website.

Visit bit.ly/merredinmeetings for more information.



GOLDEN FEATHER HUNT 2024

Wait... it's 2025—so why are we sharing this now??

Because the Merredin Regional Library had an Amethyst Feather hidden for the Golden Feather Hunt last year and it was only just found!

Our lucky winner scored a book prize for their discovery.

Want to join in the fun? Stay tuned for the 2025 Golden Feather Hunt by visiting the Library's Facebook page. www.facebook.com/merredinregionallibrary/

NEW STAFF PROFILE



Meet Warren!

We're delighted to welcome Warren to the Corporate Services team! With 12 years of experience in Project Management, he is now embarking on an exciting new chapter in his career as our Administration Officer.

A Message From Warren

"I joined the Shire in late 2024 and have enjoyed every minute of the experience. I moved to Merredin from South Africa with my family in July 2024, and the community has been very welcoming, and we have settled in well. We enjoy exploring all the hidden gems the wheatbelt has to offer and making use of all the great facilities Merredin has to offer."

NEW STAFF PROFILE



Meet Denis!

Join us in welcoming Denis to the Development Services team! Denis has joined us after 14 years with the Shire of Mukinbudin to take on the role of Building Maintenance Officer.

A Message From Denis

"Having resigned from the position at Mukinbudin I had intended to do some general maintenance work around Merredin as my home is here. The Merredin Shire Newsletter had the same position advertised as my previous role, and as my wife has some medical issues and being close to home made her more than happy for me to apply for the position. I also know a lot of trades in Merredin and since commencing have found the staff in Administration to be so helpful and a friendly place to work."

ENGINEERING UPDATES

Culvert Repairs Improve Drainage on Crooks Road

The Shire of Merredin works crew has completed essential repairs to a damaged section of Merredin's drainage network. The work was carried out efficiently, minimising disruption to traffic while ensuring improved water flow away from the Crooks Road driving surface. This upgrade enhances road safety and contributes to the long-term resilience of local infrastructure.



Apex Park | Danjoo Waabininy Boodja Maintenance

The hardworking Parks and Gardens team visited Apex Park | Danjoo Waabininy Boodja on Friday, 28th February, to ensure Merredin's newest park remains a beautiful and welcoming space.

Under the leadership of Josh Ghiradi, the team mowed, tidied, and enhanced the park's surroundings, demonstrating their commitment to keeping our town looking its best.

Next time you see them hard at work, be sure to show your appreciation for their efforts in maintaining our community spaces!



COUNCIL PLAN

COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Shire of Merredin is currently undergoing the process of developing its first-ever Council Plan, and we are calling on our community to help us shape the future of the Shire across our key service themes.

The Council Plan will combine the Shire's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan into a single document, outlining the long-term priorities, goals, and vision that guide Council's decision-making.



Scan the QR Code to complete the survey,
or visit www.merredin.wa.gov.au.

If your community group / organisation
would like to get involved and hold a
face-to-face session, please email us at
admin@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Submissions Close: 14 April 2025



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

The Shire of Merredin wishes to advise that an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting will be held at 12:45pm on Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Council Chambers located on the corner of King and Barrack Streets.

Craig Watts
Chief Executive Officer
26 February 2025

Amendment to 2024/25 Fees and Charges

The Shire of Merredin wishes to advise that an amendment was made to the 2024/25 Fees and Charges at the February Ordinary Council Meeting, held on 17 February 2025.

Pursuant to s6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Merredin intends to introduce an amended Schedule of Fees and Charges with an effective commencement date of Friday, 14 March 2025.

View the updated Fees & Charges by visiting this link: bit.ly/41jo3js

The fee amendment relates to the Sporting User Group Annual Fees.

Craig Watts
Chief Executive Officer
19 February 2025

Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law

Pursuant to Sections 3.12(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995 notice is hereby given that the Shire of Merredin proposes to make a Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law.

Purpose of the Parking Amendment Local Law:
To amend the Shire of Merredin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2002 to reflect changes in other legislation and to increase the maximum and modified penalties that may be imposed.

Effect of the Parking Amendment Local Law:
The Shire of Merredin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2002 is amended.

Copies of the Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment

Local Law may be inspected or obtained at the Shire of Merredin administration building, corner of King & Barrack Streets, Merredin WA 6415, during normal business hours.

The Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local law can also be viewed on the Shire of Merredin website at www.merredin.wa.gov.au.

Submissions on the Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law must be made in writing and are to be lodged with the undersigned via PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415 or in person at the Shire of Merredin administration building, corner King and Barrack Street Merredin, on or before Tuesday, 22 April 2025.

For further information please contact Peter Zenni on (08) 9041 1611 or emds@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Craig Watts
Chief Executive Officer
28 February 2025

Properties for Sale by Public Auction for non-payment of Rates

Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Notice pursuant to Schedule 6.3 of the Local Government Act 1995 of sale of land for non-payment of outstanding rates or service charges.

Notice is hereby given that, under section 6.64 of the Local Government Act 1995, as rates/service charges have been owing for a period of at least 3 years, the Shire of Merredin is to offer for sale by public auction at Cummins Theatre - Tivoli Room on the 18th day of March 2025 at 12pm, the land described in the attachments found at bit.ly/merredinauction.

Signed for and on behalf of the Shire of Merredin this 26th day of February 2025.

Craig Watts
Chief Executive Officer
26 February 2025

To view the properties up for auction as well as the auction procedure, please visit bit.ly/merredinauction.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CHAIRPERSON AND INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON

The Shire of Merredin Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee are seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to be considered for the roles of 'Independent Chairperson' and 'Independent Deputy Chairperson' of the committee.

Remuneration:

- Independent Chairperson: \$100 for attendance and chairing the meeting
- Independent Deputy Chairperson: \$75 for attendance.

*If an independent member does not attend a meeting they will not receive payment for that meeting.

**If the Independent Deputy Chairperson is required to chair the meeting due to the absence of the Independent Chairperson, they will receive \$100.

Meeting Frequency: Minimum 4 meetings per year

Location: Shire of Merredin Council Chambers

Role: Expressions of Interest are sought from suitably qualified and experienced persons to join the Shire of Merredin's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for an initial period from appointment until the next Ordinary Council Elections in October 2027, in the roles of:

- Independent Chairperson; and
- Independent Deputy Chairperson

The role of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is to provide guidance and advice to the Local Government, in relation to:

- Risk management and internal controls.
- External and internal audits.
- Status of audit recommendations.
- Financial management.
- Governance, including compliance with laws, regulations, standards, and best practice guidelines.

The appointment process will consider the qualifications, skills and expertise required for the functions of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. Exposure to local government is not essential but will be highly regarded.

the Committee is currently comprised of five Elected Members, however this will reduce to four in 2025. Changes to the Local Government Act require the Committee to have an Independent Chairperson. The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meets approximately four times a year, though may include additional meetings as required.

Each member must attend in person and ensure they have capacity to adequately consider the Agenda papers prior to each meeting. In adherence to relevant legislative requirements, members will be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable expenses relating to their duties.

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Applicants should familiarize themselves with the Shire of Merredin Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates and the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. The successful candidates will be recommended to Council in May 2025, for appointment to the Committee until the 2027 Ordinary Council Elections. Unsuccessful candidates will be added to the pool for future consideration when independent member positions become available.

To be considered for appointment, please submit your resume and cover letter to emcs@merredin.wa.gov.au by 12pm on 25 March 2025. Please direct enquiries to Leah Boehme, Executive Manager Corporate Services at 9041 1611 or emcs@merredin.wa.gov.au.

FAREWELL, ROBYN!

After 11 wonderful years at the Shire of Merredin, Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre Manager Robyn has officially retired, with her last day being Tuesday this week.

Robyn's dedication, warmth, and wealth of knowledge have been invaluable to both the Shire team and the countless visitors and tourists she has welcomed over the years.

We will miss her dearly, and we know the community will too! On behalf of everyone at the Shire and the wider Merredin community, we thank Robyn for her incredible contribution and wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Facilities Officer - MRCLC

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Permanent - Part Time (minimum 7.6 hours per week)

*Salary – Level 7 range of \$65,422 to \$69,656 p/a**

**pro rata based on hours worked*

Applications are invited for the position of Facilities Officer at the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre (MRCLC). The role involves managing and developing stakeholder relationships, implementing health and safety protocols when required, and supporting the planning and execution of facility programming. This role will work closely with external parties addressing any facility-related concerns promptly, while fostering a positive experience for members and visitors.

The position will require a minimum of 7.6 hours per week, with a maximum of up to 22.8 hours per week, depending on events and activities. These hours will generally be worked afternoons, evenings and on weekends.

Activities Officer - MRCLC

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Casual

Level 5/6 range of \$37.60 to \$41.24 per hour (including 25% casual loading)

Applications are invited for the position of Activities Officer at the Shire of Merredin. The Activities Officer will be responsible for planning and implementing recreational activities for people of all ages, including children, youth and the elderly. This will occur at various Shire facilities but will primarily take place at the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre and Merredin District Olympic Swimming Pool.

Additionally, the Activities Officer will work with relevant employees to coordinate necessary scheduling, ensuring that required facilities are booked and available to conduct programmed activities. They will also complete required administrative tasks associated with the functions of this position.

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Both of the above position offer great benefits, including (but not limited to):

- A fantastic work-life balance;

- A small, personable team environment; and
- A great employee Health and Wellbeing Program including flu shots, skin cancer checks and an Employee Assistance Program.

Position descriptions for these roles are available on the Shire of Merredin website, or please email careers@merredin.wa.gov.au to obtain electronic copies.

If you are interested in either of these roles but not sure whether you can meet all the requirements of the position descriptions, reach out to us for a confidential discussion.

If you would like further information about these positions, please contact Melissa Warren, Recreation and Aquatics Manager, on (08) 9041 3033 during office hours, for a confidential discussion.

How to Apply

Please send your resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to the Shire by 4:00pm on Wednesday, 5 March 2025. Applications can be delivered:

- Via email: careers@merredin.wa.gov.au
- In Person: Shire Administration Office (Corner King and Barrack Streets)
- By post: PO Box 42, Merredin WA, 6415 (marked Private and Confidential)

Please note: The Shire reserves the right to assess applications and interview candidates as they are received and may appoint a suitable candidate prior to the advertised closing date.

Craig Watts - Chief Executive Officer

THE LIGHTHOUSE GIRL SAGA TRILOGY

Experience the complete Lighthouse Girl Saga before it lights up the stage at Cummins Theatre this coming March! The upcoming show beautifully intertwines the powerful narratives from all three books: "Lighthouse Girl," "Lighthouse Boy," and "In The Lamplight."

You can find all three books available at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre or visit the online shop -> bit.ly/cwvshop





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Council Plan - Town Hall Meetings

Join us for one of our upcoming town hall meetings, where community members are invited to come together to discuss the Shire's new Council Plan.

RSVP by scanning the QR code or visiting
bit.ly/rsvptownhallmeeting



6:00pm Thursday, 27 March 2025

2:00pm Wednesday, 2 April 2025

6:00pm Wednesday, 2 April 2025

*All meetings will be held in the Tivoli Room
at Cummins Theatre*

SCAN ME



DOROTHY THE DINOSAUR RETURNS TO CUMMINS THEATRE THIS MAY!

This May, hands will be clapping and toes tapping with Dorothy's mega mix of dance hits! Get ready to Romp-Bomp-A-Stomp with everyone's favourite Dinosaur in this extravaganza of show-stopping songs, including all The Wiggles greatest hits like Rock-A-Bye Your Bear, Hot Potato & Do the Propeller!

The fun doesn't stop there! Joined on stage by all her Wiggly friends you'll be 'Shaking your Hips' with Wags the Dog, 'Move your Arms' like Henry the Octopus and singing 'Quack, Quack' with Captain Feathersword. Be quick as tickets will sell like... Hot Potatoes - Tickets are \$25 each and can be booked by visiting bit.ly/4k0MjxX or scan the QR Code below.

Please note all Children over 12 months require an entry ticket

Children under 12 months are free and do not require a ticket, but they will be required to sit on their guardians lap

The Wiggles
PRESENTS
**Dorothy[®]
the Dinosaur**
**SPECTACULAR
SHOW**

Friday 2nd May
Cummins Theatre • 10:00am

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THEATRE 180 PRESENTS
**THE LIGHTHOUSE GIRL
SAGA**

By Jenny Davis & Hellie Turner • Directed by Stuart Halusz
Based on the Novels by Award-Winning Author Dianne Wolfer

"Superbly directed & performed with such heart & conviction by the actors. A spectacular fusion of theatre & cinema...prepare to be deeply moved."
- Billie-Jo Whitbread

WHEN THE WORLD IS
DARK WITH WAR,
COURAGE AND
HEART LIGHT
THE WAY HOME.



Thursday, 6 March 2025

7pm | Cummins Theatre | Tickets \$15-\$20

Book online at cumminstheatre.com.au
or in person at Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre



With Every Goodbye



AUTHOR TALK



Karin Jarvis

The true story of childhood conditioning of a first generation Australian, born to German migrants in the 1950s, and the unlearning of deep cultural and religious indoctrination.

Follow Karin as she finds the courage to say goodbye to her family and her hometown of Merredin, Western Australia, as she heads to Perth to pave the way for a new life for them all.

12
March

**MERREDIN
LIBRARY**
22 Coronation
Street, Merredin

**Starts At
11:00AM**

Please RSVP to the Merredin Library by Monday, 10 March 2025 by calling (08) 9041 1222 or by emailing library@merredin.wa.gov.au.



**MERREDIN REGIONAL
LIBRARY**

THE ULTIMATE CLIFF RICHARD TRIBUTE
**FEATURING
RON FISCHER**

CUMMINS THEATRE
Friday, 14 March 2025
10:30am

Morning Melodies



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TICKETS \$15 INCLUDES MORNING TEA

Book your tickets online at by scanning the QR code above or head into the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre



HARMONY WEEK Festival

EVERYONE BELONGS

SAVE THE DATES!

**Friday, 21 March 2025 &
Saturday, 22 March 2025**

FOOD - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - ART - CULTURAL TRADITIONS

