

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

MERREDIN WELCOMES THE GOVERNOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

On Thursday 4 September 2025, the Shire of Merredin was proud to welcome His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia, and Mrs Darrilyn Dawson, wife of the Governor. This visit to our regional town is testament to the Governor's investment in the regions.

The Governor and Mrs Dawson's visit started with a tour of our historic Water Tower in Pioneer Park, which is in the last stages of an important restoration process and marks the final step in the revitalisation of our CBD. During the climb up our iconic landmark, Shire of Merredin Executive Manager of Infrastructure Services Brian Wall, Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Codi Brindley-Mullen, and Deputy President Renee Manning, explained the recent works and the significance of this landmark to our community. The tour continued through Merredin's Town Centre to explore the rest of our spectacular \$10.5 million redevelopment.

The tour concluded with a gathering in the Tivoli Room of our historical Cummins Theatre, an event bringing together representatives from some of the community groups vital to the fabric of our region. Acting CEO Codi Brindley-Mullen welcomed everyone, then the Governor spoke of his appreciation for the ongoing efforts of volunteer emergency services and the important contributions of regional towns. Mrs Dawson also connected with guests by sharing her background of growing up in a regional town.

Shire President Donna Crook then addressed everyone, updating the Governor and Mrs Dawson on some of Merredin's recent achievements, such as our finalist placing in the Small Tourism Town Awards and 4-star rating in the Wildflower Excellence Rating Scheme. The Shire President also touched on some significant infrastructure updates, including our Battery Energy Storage System and CBH port access upgrades.

Formalities were followed by an afternoon tea to honour the Governor and Mrs Dawson, providing a unique opportunity for Shire Councillors, executive staff and local emergency service personnel to meet our esteemed guests. It was a pleasure to witness the shared enthusiasm for the Wheatbelt and celebration of life in regional towns.

The Shire of Merredin would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Governor and Mrs Dawson for their generous visit to our Shire and ongoing advocacy for regional Western Australia.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

There will be a Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 5:30pm for the purpose of swearing in newly elected Councillors and voting on the Shire President and Deputy Shire President.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 28 October 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 prior to the meeting. 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.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Postal votes have now been distributed for the upcoming Local Government Election on Saturday 18 October 2025.

Local councils work best when they reflect the fabric of their community. That's why we're encouraging everyone to vote.

If you have not received your Election Package or there are papers missing, you can get a replacement by visiting the Shire Administration Office during normal opening hours, or on Election Day between 8:00am and 6:00pm.

Post your vote early to make sure your voice is heard. Completed ballots need to be received by the WAEC by 6:00pm on Saturday 18 October to be counted.

You may also hand deliver your voting papers to the ballot box at the Shire Administration Office during normal opening hours, or on Election Day. For candidate and voting information, visit the Shire website here: bit.ly/localgovelectionsmerredin

SAVE THE DATE - 2025 FESTIVE NIGHT OUT

We're excited to announce the official details of our annual celebration, the recently renamed Festive Night Out!



Thursday 18 December 2025



4:00pm to 8:00pm



Merredin Town Centre



Save the date to make sure you and the whole family can join us for this amazing community-led evening of fun and joy. The Festive Night Out committee hopes to make this year's event bigger and better than ever.

This event is kindly supported by the Shire of Merredin and the Merredin Community Resource Centre. If you're interested in supporting the 2025 Festive Night Out, please contact Codi Brindley-Mullen by emailing scem@merredin.wa.gov.au or by calling (08) 9041 1611.



RECENT CUMMINS THEATRE EVENTS

Dreams of a Lonely Planet

Dreams of a Lonely Planet was a sensory show with movement, facial expressions, low lights, haze, loud noises including trumpet and whistle sounds, and very few words. The show came with an extensive Learning kit that was provided to all schools.

The cast opened the closed dress rehearsal to the public, allowing residents who work to also see the show. Members from the Merredin Repertory Club and business owners attended and expressed their thanks for being able to see this whimsical show.



Morning Melodies Robert Zielinski and Manuela Centanni

Robert and Manuela met in New Zealand in 2020, and are now based in Australia. They play traditional music from Ireland and beyond on wooden flute and fiddle. They also focus on many of Robert's original compositions inspired by the south west coast of Western Australia. His new composition, Kiangardarup, premiered in the Perth Concert Hall. Excerpts from this suite are often featured in their concerts. Robert and Manuela are known for their unique tone, arrangements, unison playing and harmonies.

Local residents enjoyed this magical performance and were treated to a morning tea provided by the CWA ladies. The CWA ladies also packed up a goodies bag of cake for attendees to take home.



NEW TO MERREDIN? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!



Moving to a new area can feel overwhelming, but our free **New Residents Pack** makes settling in so much easier. They're filled with local information, essential contacts, business directories, and insider tips about your new community - everything you need to feel at home from day one.

Pop into the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre (CWVC) to grab your complimentary pack and let us help you discover all the wonderful things your new region has to offer!

We also have a new range of gorgeous magnets available for \$2.00 each.

The CWVC is open 7 days a week for the wildflower season:

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday
9:00am to 1:00pm





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2025

Eric Hind **SCHOLARSHIP**

The Eric Hind annual scholarship, valued at \$1,000, is awarded to a young, talented music or performing arts student by the Shire of Merredin.

Applications are now open for 2025. To apply, please scan the QR code below.

**Applications Close: 12:00pm Friday
31 October 2025**



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- ✓ Aged between 7 and 20
- ✓ Studied music or performing arts for at least 12 months
- ✓ Resident in the Shire of Merredin or a student of music or performing arts in Merredin
- ✓ Have not previously won this scholarship



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DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS

Registrations Due Soon

All dog and cat registrations are due by **31 October 2025**. Registrations are available for 1 year, 3 years, or lifetime, with all pet registrations commencing on 1 November each year. Dogs over 3 months of age must be microchipped and registered. Cats over 6 months must be microchipped, sterilised (unless exempt) and registered.

To help your pet return home safely, keep their microchip details up to date. We also recommend using collars that display their registration tag, plus a name tag with a contact number. For registration information, visit the Shire website at bit.ly/catanddoginfo, call the Shire on [9041 1611](tel:90411611) or visit the Shire Administration Office.

Responsible Dog Ownership

The Shire would also like to remind local dog owners of their responsibilities under the Fencing and Dog Local Laws and/or Animal Management policy.

Under current local government regulations, all dog owners are required to:

- Ensure appropriate containment – Dogs must be kept within a securely fenced area that prevents escape from the property at all times.
- Maintain adequate fencing – Fencing must be of sufficient height and strength to contain your dog based on its size, breed, and behaviour. Gates must be kept closed and latched securely.
- Prevent nuisance or danger – Dogs must not be allowed to roam freely in public areas, as this can pose a risk to the public and other animals.

For more information on how these local laws apply to you, head to bit.ly/MerredinLocalLaws

RESTRICTED BURNING AND THE FIREBREAK DEADLINE

We are now well into the restricted burning period (16 September to 31 October 2025). This means that permits are required in order to burn, and must be obtained from a Fire Control Officer. Permits will only be issued for the purpose of reducing fire hazard on a property where no alternative method exists to reduce the hazard, particularly as we get closer to the end of October and the weather heats up.

OPEN PERIOD

17 March - 15 September
Burning Permitted

RESTRICTED BURNING

16 September - 31 October
Permit Required to Burn

PROHIBITED BURNING

1 November - 17 February
Burning Prohibited

RESTRICTED BURNING

18 February - 16 March
Permit Required to Burn

What are land occupiers' obligations under the Bush Fires Act?

For properties in town under 2000 m², your land must be cleared of flammable materials; for properties over 2000 m², you must install a firebreak 3 m wide, completely clear of flammable materials to a height of 4 m.

For all town properties, all grass must be no higher than 5 cm, and you must ensure all roofs, gutters and walls of buildings are free of flammable matter.

These conditions must be in place by 31 October 2025, and maintained until 16 March 2026. For more information or a copy of the Firebreaks Notice, contact the Shire on [9041 1611](tel:90411611), or visit the Shire's website at: www.merredin.wa.gov.au



Community
Citizen of the
year Awards 2026



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Nominate now

Presented by:



Australia Day
Council of
Western Australia

Principal Partner:



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

Media Partners:



Report local issues in a Snap!

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY PROGRAM

PAPER PLANES

ORIGAMI

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

CLAY FUN

ALL SESSIONS

10.30 AM - 11.30 AM

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER - PAPER PLANES

MAKE THREE DIFFERENT PLANES

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER - ORIGAMI

MAKE AND RACE PAPER FROGS

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER - CLAY FUN

MAKE CLAY CREATURES AND ANIMALS

THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND CARDS

GET A HEAD START FOR CHRISTMAS

Cost is \$2 per participant. To register your interest, Please email library@merredin.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9041-1222

COLOURING IN COMPETITION "SILO ART"



Design your own silo masterpiece on our new postcard!

Winners receive a book by the artist behind the Merredin Silo mural and have their design published in the next Phoenix edition.

Collect a blank postcard from the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre.

Return by Tuesday, 14 October 2025, 4:00 pm.

Winners announced Wednesday, 15 October, 11:00 am.

Age Categories: 3-5 | 6-8 | 9-12 years.

Town Adventures School Holiday Map Story

Write a story about your adventures in Merredin; you can be as creative as you like. The most creative story will win a chance to have their story published in the Phoenix and a writing set.

RULES:

-All stories must be in your own words.

-Your story can be fictional or non-fictional, it's completely up to you.

-Stories to be a maximum of 500 words.

-You are welcome to add drawings to your story.

-Stories must be about your Merredin Adventures.

-Stories must be submitted to the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre by 4:00 pm on Tuesday 14th October 2025.

FREE

PICKLEBALL

GATHER A TEAM OF FRIENDS AND TEST YOUR SKILLS WITH PICKLEBALL 7-17 YEARS

MINI GAMES

HULA HOOPS, SACK RACES, BEAN BAG TOSS, HOP SCOTCH, AND MORE 5-17 YEARS

CRAFTING

NOT FEELING ACTIVE OR WANTING A REST, TRY THE CRAFTING TABLE 5-17 YEARS

SOFT PLAY

SOFT PLAY TRY-OUT FOR 0-5 YEARS

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2025 11.00 AM - 2.00 PM
PARENT SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS



Town Adventures School Holiday Map



Scan the QR code and upload your photos and details to our Facebook page. Tell us all about what you saw and did at these locations in Merredin this School Holidays!!



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| 1 Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre
Large scale maps can be collected from here to assist you on your adventures. | 6 Apex Park / Danjoo Waabininy Boodja
Pack a picnic for the family and enjoy this exciting park. | 11 Merredin Peak
Happy snaps opportunity. check out the flora and fauna in this area. |
| 2 Merredin Military & Railway Museums
Located along Great Eastern Highway Merredin. | 7 Roy Little Park
Pack a picnic for day of feeding the local ducks. | 12 Tamma Parkland Bush Walk
Perfect opportunity to play I SPY with the family. |
| 3 Totadgin Conservation Park
Located 14kms south east of Merredin, Access via Bruce Rock Road. | 8 Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre
Located north end of Bates street. | 13 Collgar Windfarm
Located 25kms South east of Merredin, can be accessed via merredin-Narembeen Rd. |
| 4 Cummins Theatre
31 Bates street. Merredin's heart of the Arts. The history will inspire you. | 9 Silo Art
Located conveniently to be seen from Great Eastern Highway. | 14 Pioneer Park and Water tower
located along Great Eastern Highway, next to the Museums. |
| 5 Merredin Regional Library
Located at the old North Merredin Primary School. | 10 Railway Dam
Located in walking distance from the town centre.. | |

PEDAL, PLAY & PANCAKES

FREE!



APEX PARK | DANJOO WAABININY BOODJA

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2025

10 AM - 1 PM



- LEARN NEW SKILLS AND TRY OUT YOUR TRICKS
- FRESHEN UP YOUR SAFETY SKILLS
- EAT SOME YUMMY PANCAKES
- BIKES, SCOOTERS, E-SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS WELCOME



WE INVITE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR **FREE** EVENT TO SUPPORT BIKE MONTH AWARENESS.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND.



FREE

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

We offer Aboriginal cultural activities for regional Shires and organisations over the school holiday periods. Activities are designed to support regional communities to increase positive engagement with young people.

Our activities provide an opportunity for participants to learn, appreciate and experience authentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in a fun and interactive way. Choose between the activity types below:

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Attendees learn about and participate in a set of Traditional Indigenous Games (may include other sports).

CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Attendees experience authentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through art, storytelling or performance.

OR

Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre

Wednesday, 8 October 2025
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

AGES: 8 - 17 Years

Light refreshments provided

*Priority for towns with high Indigenous population

EVENT & ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT

We support local community activities and events that engage young people to connect with local services or contribute to their community. We can hold a stall or support with supervision and youth engagement at your next event. For example, cook BBQs and engage attendees with games at pool parties.

We aim to improve health, social and emotional wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but our services can be enjoyed by everyone!

admin@iivswa.org.au

If you need something customised, please contact us today.

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INDOOR SOCCER
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THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2025 11.00 AM - 2.00 PM
PARENT SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS

ACTIVITIES
Arts and Crafts
Outdoor Games
Board Games
Music

ACTIVITY & GAMES DAY

Make family memories at our activity & games day, a great way to entertain the kids during the school holidays.

FREE!

Friday, 10 October 2025
10 am - 1 pm
APEX PARK -
DANJOO WAABININY BOODJA

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MERREDIN MILITARY MUSEUM

JUNIOR CODE BREAKER

TAKE THE CHALLENGE
THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

*Decipher the
code to warn
Darwin
of an imminent
attack*

**FREE ENTRY FOR KIDS ALL
OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!**

OPEN DAILY 10 AM - 3 PM

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?


If any parents or carers are able to assist with setting up or packing down at these school holiday events, please email Rebekah prior to the event at cdo@merredin.wa.gov.au

MRCLC NEWSLETTER


You can now subscribe to receive the newsletter from the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre via their website: merredinsportandrecreation.com.au



Event SURVEY



Scan the QR code to give us your feedback!!


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Join us for the POOL LIFEGUARD COURSE *

* HLTAID011 Provide First Aid is a prerequisite for this course

 Merredin District Olympic Swimming Pool

 15 - 16 November

 \$330

Questions?

Contact us at
training@royallifesavingwa.com.au

Enrol today
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ROYAL LIFE SAVING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

JOIN US FOR THE
ST MARY'S SCHOOL FETE

SATURDAY
18TH OCTOBER 2025
9.30AM-1PM

FREE ENTRY

SOUTH AVENUE, MERREDIN

CASH ONLY!

PLEASE JOIN THE ST MARY'S FETE EVENT ON FACEBOOK TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING FOR THIS EVENT.

- *FACE PAINTING
- *WINE WHEEL
- *MYSTERY BAGS
- *SECOND HAND STALLS
- *LOLLY BAGS
- *LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- *SLUSHY STALL
- *SIDESHOW GAMES
- *ICE CREAM
- *BISCUIT DECORATING
- *SILENT AUCTION
- *BALL DROP
- *TRAIN RIDES
- *PLAYDOUGH
- *PLANTS AND MORE!!

FREE

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Chill Zone
Games
Craft Activities
Best Dressed Comp
Spooky Displays
Dance Comp
Stall

Cummins Theatre
Under 8s 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm | 8 and Over 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
(Parent supervision required)

Thursday, 30 October 2025

CUMMINS THEATRE

ROMAN
RUDNYTSKY

SCAN ME

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM | SHOW STARTS 7.00PM
GENERAL \$25.00 | CONCESSION \$20.00 | STUDENTS \$15.00

Colour Ball 2025
Cocktail Charity Fundraiser

Saturday, 11th October 2025
Kellerberrin Town Hall
Doors open 6:00PM
Cocktail attire
Live Music 🎵 Canapes 🍰 Bar Service

Scan the QR code to book your tickets now or visit TryBooking.com

Tickets will not be available at the door!

18+

Black Dog Institute
McGrath Foundation
Cancer Council WA
BLUE TREE PROJECT
BETTER MENTAL HEALTH
Royal Flying Doctor Service

For further information please contact the Shire of Kellerberrin on the below details.
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