

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

MERREDIN ELECTION OUTCOME AND LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

On Saturday 18 October 2025, the Shire of Merredin held an Ordinary Postal Vote to elect members to Council. There were four positions up for election, three 4-year terms and one 2-year term. The 2-year term became vacant after Cr McKenzie stood down from Council ahead of the Local Government Elections.

The Returning Officer received a total of 875 votes, which makes 38.4% of the population enrolled to vote. The Shire is proud to see locals giving their voices power by casting a vote to shape the future of our community. Councillors Donna Crook and Lisa O'Neill were re-elected for another term, joined by the newly elected Councillors Paul Boehme and Peter Madigan.

A Special Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 to swear in the new Councillors and elect the Shire President and Deputy Shire President. Cr Crook and Cr Manning were re-instated as the Shire President and Deputy Shire President respectively, and will continue to serve in these roles for another two years.

"Thank you to the Shire of Merredin community who supported our candidates and voted in the local election," Shire President Donna Crook said at the meeting. "I'd also like to thank my fellow Councillors for showing their confidence in Cr Manning and myself by re-electing us as Deputy Shire President and President for the Shire of Merredin. I offer my congratulations to Cr O'Neill on her re-election and a warm welcome to the newly appointed Cr Boehme and Cr Madigan. I'm grateful to our outgoing Councillors – Brad Anderson, Mark McKenzie and Megan Simmonds – for their valuable contributions throughout their tenures. The Council looks forward to working alongside the community to ensure the Shire of Merredin remains a great place to live, work, play and retire."

On behalf of the Shire, we'd like to thank all the residents who voted in this year's election, and wish our Council all the best for the years ahead.



 Shire President Donna Crook



 Deputy Shire President Renee Manning



 Councillor O'Neill



 Councillor Boehme



 Councillor Madigan



MERREDIN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

On Monday 4 August 2025, a Citizenship Ceremony was held to officially recognise Anke and her family as Australian Citizens. This young family of 5 made their pledge of commitment, guided by Shire President Donna Crook and supported by Chief Executive Officer Craig Watts and other Shire staff in the audience.

A message from Anke and her family:

Dear Shire of Merredin Staff and Councillors,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude as we celebrate becoming Australian citizens. Having coming from South Africa and lived in Australia for the past five years, it is a great honour and privilege to now officially call ourselves Australians.

We are sincerely thankful for the warm welcome and continued support we have received from the Shire of Merredin Staff and the Councillors since our arrival. Your kindness has made our transition and settlement in the community both meaningful and memorable.

Thank you once again for your hospitality.

From Marthinus, Anke, Franko, Amore and Miane

On behalf of everyone at the Shire of Merredin, we congratulate Anke and her family, and wish them every happiness and success for their future in Australia.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 4:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building on the corner 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.

SAVE THE DATE - FESTIVE NIGHT OUT

Save the date for our annual celebration, the recently renamed Festive Night Out (previously, Gala Night)!



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 calling (08) 9041 1611.

SILO ART AND STORY COMPETITION WINNERS

During the school holidays, the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre ran two exciting competitions to encourage families to get out and about and to provide opportunities for kids to be creative. The Town Adventure Map and Story promoted the exploration of Merredin, with participants creating a story to capture all the fun and excitement they experienced. The winner of the Story Competition was Molly McGlynn (age 15) for the wonderful tale she shared. Molly was awarded a notebook, pen and colouring book.

The Silo Art Competition encouraged kids of different ages to get creative by reimagining the design of our iconic silos. The winners of this competition were lucky enough to receive children's books by our very own silo artist, Kyle Hughes-Odgers.

The staff at the CWVC were proud to see families participating during the school holidays and would like to congratulate everyone who entered the competitions.

WINNING ENTRIES:



Age Category 3–5:
Liam Maxwell (age 3)



Age Category 6–8:
Grace Maxwell (age 6)



Aged Category 9–12:
Keegan (age 10)

Highly Commended:
Neve (age 8)
Marlee (age 7)

Please note that the wildflower season has passed, so the CWVC has returned to regular opening hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Merredin Youth Centre



Avon
Community Services
Ages 12-25 Yrs

Programs

Mondays & Wednesdays

Basketball games, topics for conversation (drugs, alcohol, wellbeing, and more)

snacks and drinks

rec centre outdoor courts

3:30pm - 6:30pm

Drop In

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday

Afterschool drop-in from 3.15pm - 5pm

Mentoring

Ongoing Mentoring Program. Contact staff for more details.

YOUTH IS THE FUTURE

33 BATES ST MERREDIN

AJILEN(AJ): 0436 297 370

Remembrance Day

Tuesday, 11 November 2025

10:45am

Merredin Town Centre



We Will Remember Them



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Recent Works

In October, the bowling green at the Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre was resurfaced with new turf. This vital update was partially funded by Merredin Civic Bowling Club, including both financial and in-kind support from their members. Main Roads has removed a section of rail on Great Eastern Highway adjacent to the rail yards that is no longer in use, and Telstra has supported the base station servicing Burracoppin (Tank Hill) to improve the 4G experience in the area and prepare for future 5G network updates.

The Shire paused the Crooks Road safety upgrades at the end of October to minimise disruptions to vehicle movements to and from the CBH port during harvest. We are also working on the Hines Hill Road culvert, which will remove the 8-tonne weight restriction on the bridge, intended to be completed ahead of the harvest season.

Upcoming Works

UGL, on behalf of Western Power, has scheduled works on Neening Road in the Hines Hill and Nokaning areas, expected to commence on 16 November 2025 between 7:00am and 5:00pm. The Shire has also recommenced maintenance works on Chandler-Merredin Road which will continue over several months. Motorists may experience short delays during these works and are kindly requested to follow all traffic management directions for their safety and the safety of workers. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we strive to enhance our local infrastructure and road network.

The Shire has contracted out weed slashing and is progressively addressing areas within the townsite as well as Muntadgin. Slashing has been completed on all Shire vacant properties along Great Eastern Highway, the Cohn Creek drain, Lenihan Park, and areas between South Avenue and Woolgar Avenue. These works will be continuing over the coming week.

The Shire is also excited to announce the planned resurfacing of two indoor courts at the MRCLC, subject to a tendering process (see below for details).

RFT02 2025/26 MRCLC

RFT02 2025/26 Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre – Resurface of Two (2) Indoor Courts

The Shire of Merredin (the Shire) is seeking to upgrade the indoor courts at the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre (MRCLC) to create an all ages, multi-generational and inclusive sport and recreation hub. The Shire is seeking submissions from suitably qualified professionals.

The deadline for submissions is **12:00pm WST on Friday 7 November 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions are to be received via TenderLink: <https://portal.tenderlink.com/merredin>

Canvassing of Councillors and Staff will disqualify the submission.

Craig Watts

Chief Executive Officer

20 October 2025

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THE
**ROBBIE
WILLIAMS**
EXPERIENCE



TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2025

7:00 PM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY

LOUIE LEE FELTRIN



SCAN
ME! >>



GENERAL \$25.00 | CONCESSION \$20.00

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITOR CENTRE OR BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE ABOVE.



CUMMINS THEATRE, 31 BATES ST, MERREDIN

HARVEST BANS AND TOTAL FIRE BANS

As we come into fire season, we will start to encounter Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans and Total Fire Bans.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans are put in place when conditions are such that the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery constitute high bushfire risk activities. They are imposed when the expected weather predictions indicate that if a fire were to start, it would be dangerous, destructive and difficult to stop.

Total Fire Bans are declared by DFES when severe weather conditions are forecast, or when widespread fires mean they don't have the resources to fight more.

On Total Fire Ban days, it is illegal to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire, including using barbecues or pizza ovens that burn solid fuel, using welders or grinders outside, or using equipment powered by an internal combustion engine in areas with vegetation.

You can visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au to see a full list of what you can and can't do during a Total Fire Ban, and www.emergency.wa.gov.au to check if there's a Total Fire Ban in effect.

To check if there is a Harvest Ban in place in the Shire of Merredin, ring the Shire's Harvest Ban Hotline on **9041 2999**. To receive SMS alerts from the Shire of Merredin advising of Harvest Bans, you can sign up online here bit.ly/MerredinHarvestBans or contact Martina on **9041 1611**.

As of Saturday 1 November 2025 until Tuesday 17 February 2026, we are now in the Prohibited Burning Period. During this time, all burning is prohibited and firebreaks must be maintained. Further information can be found on the Shire's website here: bit.ly/FireControlInformation

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

One hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2026 as part of the Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program.

Rural Health West is on the lookout for hosts to provide accommodation for two or three students, share what it's like to live in a rural town, and assist with transportation.

For further details, please contact Rural Health West on **(08) 6389 4509** or email futureworkforce@ruralhealthwest.com.au

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*



Can you host a couple of medical students for three nights?

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program
TUESDAY 10 TO FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

You're Invited!

COMMUNITY GROUPS

After Hours

SUNDOWNER



WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025



6:00PM



**FUNCTION CENTRE
SHIRE ADMIN - CNR KING & BARRACK ST**

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS!

For our next business sundowner, we're inviting all local community groups and associations to attend a session tailored to the topics that matter most to you. This will include a focus on sports and recreation, with discussions around the Recreation Services Masterplan currently under development and upgrades to our sporting venues, such as the bowling green and indoor courts.

MAX. 2 PEOPLE PER GROUP/ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND

BEER, WINE OR SOFT DRINK ON ARRIVAL

LIGHT NIBBLES PROVIDED

**PLEASE RSVP BY 10 NOVEMBER 2025 BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE OR EMAILING
EA@MERREDIN.WA.GOV.AU**

**SCAN
ME!**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sport and Recreation Coordinator

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Permanent Full Time

*Salary: Salary: Level 8/9 \$72,659 to \$83,292 p/a**

**Starting level will depend on skills and experience*

The Shire is on the lookout for a skilled and motivated Sport and Recreation Coordinator to be part of our dedicated team. Reporting to the Executive Manager Strategy and Community, the Coordinator will effectively manage and lead a team that provides quality services and programs across the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre (MRCLC). Services offered at the MRCLC include sports training, sporting competitions and events, swimming lessons and corporate and community event hire.

Working effectively with sporting groups as key stakeholders on service needs and club development is also required. The Coordinator will develop an understanding of community needs, to progress appropriate programs and services.

How to Apply

Applications are to include a comprehensive resume and a separate cover letter (max 2 pages) outlining your ability to meet the selection criteria. A position description for this role is available on the Shire of Merredin website, or please email careers@merredin.wa.gov.au to obtain an electronic copy.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au or drop it off at the Shire Administration Building by **12:00pm on Wednesday 5 November 2025**.

If you would like to have a confidential chat about the role or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Codi Brindley-Mullen (Executive Manager Strategy and Community) on **9041 1611**.

Craig Watts

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Support Officer

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Permanent Full Time

*Salary: Salary: Level 6/7 \$66,562 to \$71,919 p/a**

**Starting level will depend on skills and experience*

The Shire of Merredin is seeking a skilled and experienced person to join our team as an Executive Support Officer. The successful applicant will provide confidential and efficient administration support to the Executive Managers of the Shire ensuring that clerical, administrative and other tasks, as directed by the Executive Managers, are carried out in an efficient and timely manner and to an appropriate standard. This position will report directly to the Executive Manager Strategy and Community.

This position offers great benefits, including (but not limited to):

- a fantastic work life balance with flexible work arrangements considered
- a small, personable team environment
- opportunities for training and career development
- a comprehensive employee Health and Wellbeing Program including flu vaccinations, skin cancer checks and an Employee Assistance Program
- additional superannuation contributions through the Shire's co-contribution program
- salary sacrifice options.

If you would like further information about this position, please contact Codi Brindley-Mullen, Executive Manager Strategy and Community on **(08) 9041 1611** 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 November 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).

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on **(08) 9041 1611** or at careers@merredin.wa.gov.au

Craig Watts

Chief Executive Officer

The Shire of Merredin is an equal-opportunity employer. We promote the principles of merit and fairness in our employment practices and select the best person for the job.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Administration Officer

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Full Time

Salary: Salary: Level 6/7 range of \$66,562 - \$71,919

Applications are invited for the position of Administration Officer – Corporate Services. The successful candidate will provide confidential and effective administrative support for the Shire of Merredin, including the management of our records and the efficient and courteous delivery of customer services including Department of Transport licensing transactions.

You will be working in the Corporate Services directorate which delivers Financial, Human Resource, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Procurement, Risk, WHS and Customer Service activities for the Shire. In addition to the general administration and customer service responsibilities of this role, it is anticipated that over time you will develop skills within finance, alongside your records role.

We are a small team and are looking forward to welcoming a new team member. Ideally, we are looking for someone that is experienced working in a similar environment, however, your ability to adapt and quickly gain the necessary knowledge and skills will be highly regarded.

Your commencement salary will be within the Level 6/7 range and will depend on your level of qualifications, skills, and experience.

If you would like further information about this position please contact Leah Boehme, Executive Manager Corporate Services on (08) 9041 1611 during office hours. If you require information on how to apply, please email careers@merredin.wa.gov.au.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au or drop it off at the Shire Administration Building no later than **4:00pm on Friday 7 November 2025**.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Cleaner

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Permanent Full Time

*Salary: Salary: Level 3 up to \$57,994 p/a**

**plus adverse working conditions allowance for some aspects of the role*

Applications are invited for the position of full time Cleaner with the Shire of Merredin. The role of the Cleaner is to provide a high level of cleanliness and hygiene for Shire of Merredin facilities, community buildings and public conveniences, in a safe and efficient manner that contributes to a positive image for the Shire.

It is essential that general cleanliness and routine cleaning is maintained to ensure facilities are well-presented during hours of operation. Adherence to all required cleaning duties is essential.

Ordinary hours for this role can be worked between 5:00am and 10:00pm Monday to Sunday in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2020 (LGIA 2020).

Reporting directly to the Executive Manager Infrastructure Services, and working in conjunction with other staff within the organisation, this position is key to ensuring Shire facilities are well maintained and meet the expectations of users. Ideally, we are looking for someone that takes pride in their work, is flexible with working hours and has some experience in commercial cleaning.

If you are interested in this role but not sure whether you can meet all the requirements of the position description, please reach out to us for a confidential discussion.

If you would like further information about this position please contact Brian Wall, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services on (08) 9041 1611 during office hours.

Please send your resume to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au, drop it off at the Shire Administration Offices, or send via post to PO Box 42 Merredin WA 6415, marked Private and Confidential, by **4:00pm on Friday 7 November 2025**.

Craig Watts

Chief Executive Officer

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2025
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DOORS OPEN 11:30AM
LUNCHEON STARTS 12:00PM
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AUDIO & VISUAL
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CUMMINS THEATRE
15 NOVEMBER
SATURDAY
10 - 2
AM PM







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CREATIVE SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH AGED 10-17 YEARS.
COME ALONG AND BUILD YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT SKILLS!



Merredin 21st
Cummins Theatre

Kalgoorlie 22nd, 23rd

Lake Grace 29th

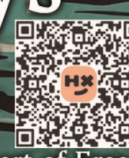
Esperance 26th, 27th

Ravensthorpe 28th

The Lost Quays
The Furthest Shore Tour
7pm, 21st November 2025

\$25+BF

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