



COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

KICKSTARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Local school kids and their families enjoyed a fun afternoon at the Merredin District Olympic Swimming Pool on Saturday 7 February 2026, with more than 120 people coming together to celebrate the start of the school year at the Kickstart Pool Party.

Starting at 12:30pm, the free community event had plenty to keep everyone entertained. Families enjoyed free ice creams, a sausage sizzle and lolly bags, while popular pool activities such as the coin toss and the inflatables kept the kids laughing and engaged.

The Wiggly Worm was a highlight for the day, with children lining up to take on the challenge and put their balance skills to the test.

A big thank you to Shire of Merredin staff Rebekah and Sharni for delivering a fantastic event, and to everyone who came along on the day.



SHIRE OF MERREDIN ART PRIZE

The Shire of Merredin is pleased to announce the launch of the Inaugural Art Prize at this year's Merredin Show. Open to everyone from the age of 15 upwards, this prize invites artists to capture the unique spirit and character of our Shire through the theme 'Merredin Inspired'.



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The Bendigo Bank 2026
Merredin & Districts Agricultural Show

EXHIBITION

**SHIRE OF MERREDIN
ART PRIZE**

\$500 Cash Prize!

Enter your artwork in the 2026 Show Exhibition for a chance to win the inaugural prize!

Meet the criteria. submit your forms. you're automatically in.
***For ages 15years +**

For more information & to enter simply scan the QR code or visit:
www.merredinshow.com/shire-of-merredin-art-prize




MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 5:00pm. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Offer No: D02-2026 Disposal of Property

The Shire of Merredin invites offers for disposal of the following property:

- Lot 108 (11) Carey Street, Merredin, WA, 6415, Deposit Plan 72476, Certificate of Title Volume 2808, Folio 494. Valuation \$65,000 - \$75,000. This block is in the Whitfield Way subdivision.

Further information is available by contacting Leah Boehme, Executive Manager Corporate Services on (08) 9041 1611 or emcs@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Offers are to be marked "Private and Confidential – Disposal of property D02-2026," addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, and will be received up to 12:00 noon WST, Friday 20 March 2026. Offers are to be submitted via email to ceo@merredin.wa.gov.au (preferred), posted to PO Box 42, Merredin, WA, 6415, or hand delivered to the Shire Administration Office, corner of King and Barrack Streets, Merredin, WA, 6415, during ordinary business hours. Late offers will not be accepted.

Craig Watts
Chief Executive Officer
5 March 2026



HARMONY FEST

VOLUNTEER CALL OUT

SCAN ME



WHAT'S NEEDED:

- ✓ FOOD/COOKS
- ✓ ENTERTAINMENT
- ✓ ACTIVITIES
- ✓ SET UP & PACK DOWN

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO VOLUNTEER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE ABOVE

SHIRE OF MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

HARMONY FEST - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Harmony Fest is all about bringing our community together to celebrate our diverse cultures, and it wouldn't be possible without the support of our dedicated local volunteers.

Volunteering is a great way to connect with others, give back to the community, and be part of an event that celebrates everything that makes our town special.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Bek by emailing cdo@merredin.wa.gov.au or register your interest by scanning the QR Code on the poster above.



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SHIRE UPDATES

Upcoming Crooks Road Closure

Please be advised that a Shire of Merredin contractor will be undertaking asphalt resurfacing works at the railway crossing located on Crooks Road in the week commencing Monday 9 March 2026.

During this period, Crooks Road will be CLOSED from Great Eastern Highway to Gabo Avenue, and motorists are asked to seek alternative routes. Vehicle access to CBH Merredin and Transplus on Gabo Avenue via Goldfields Road is expected to remain unaffected.

Works are expected to be completed by Tuesday 17 March 2026, subject to weather conditions. Please ensure you are following all signage and directions from traffic control personnel to ensure the safety of workers and road users.

These works are part of the safety and accessibility upgrade of Crooks Road, funded by the Australian Government's Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program, and the WA State Government's Regional Road Group.

MRCLC Court Replacement Important Information

Major upgrades are coming to the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre! Here is what the community can expect over the coming months:

- 11 March: Site Inspection – A formal walkthrough is scheduled to finalise requirements and project coordination.
- 24 March: Indoor Courts Close – The indoor courts will not be accessible to all patrons to allow for the scheduled flooring works to commence.
- 28 March: Merredin Show – Please note that indoor courts will remain closed during the show. Stalls and activities will be relocated to the multipurpose room (toilets will remain accessible).
- Early to Mid-May: Project Completion – We anticipate the courts will reopen to the public, providing a premier new playing surface for our local athletes!

Note: Reopening dates are subject to change based on weather or external delays.

In the meantime, the Sport and Rec team is working closely with impacted clubs regarding vital infrastructure, including scoreboards, netting, and backboards.

Need to train? The outdoor courts remain available for training and general use. Please continue to book through the MRCLC Administration team.

WHAT'S ON AT CUMMINS THEATRE



FREE

- ✓ Connect with friends and neighbours
- ✓ Assisting you to keep living independently

Senior's Tea & Tech Sessions

Morning tea provided, just bring yourself and your technology devices and learn how to use them your way.

📍 Cummins Theatre - 31 Bates Street, Merredin

📅 Every Wednesday

🕒 10:00am to 12:00pm

🚌 Free Bus Service

- 9:30 am Merredin Seniors Centre
- 9:40 am Merrittville Community Room (Bates St)
- 9:50 am CEACA Units (Coronation st)

Drop-off also provided

SHIRE OF MERREDIN *INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT* Supported by the Department of Communities



CIRCUS AND MAGIC FOR ALL AGES

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FRINGE WORLD WEEKLY WINNER | ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD | BEST CHILDREN'S SHOW AWARD | BEST CHILDREN'S SHOW AWARD | BEST PRODUCTION VIDEO WINNER

MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026
CUMMINS THEATRE | 7:00 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WWW.CUMMINSTHEATRE.COM.AU OR IN PERSON AT THE CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITOR CENTRE

DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT RENEE MANNING TENDERS RESIGNATION

The Shire of Merredin regrets to announce the resignation of Deputy Shire President Renee Manning from the Council, effective 10 March 2026.

Councillor Manning has served on the Shire of Merredin Council since October 2019 and was appointed Deputy Shire President in October 2023. During her tenure, she has made a significant and lasting contribution to the community, particularly as a strong advocate for economic development and a champion of renewable energy opportunities across the region.

The decision to step down from her role has been a difficult one, and Councillor Manning said she is incredibly grateful for her time on Council.

“I love being a Councillor, sitting around the table with people I have come to know and respect, and making decisions to guide our community. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.”

The Shire of Merredin would like to sincerely thank Councillor Manning for her dedication, vision, and service to the community for the past six-and-a-half years and wishes her every success in her future endeavours.

Details regarding the process to fill the vacancy will be released following consultation with the WA Electoral Commission.

Statement from Shire President, Donna Crook

It is with regret that I announce the departure of Councillor Renee Manning from the Shire of Merredin Council. Renee has been a valued and respected member of our Council team and has made a meaningful contribution to our community over the past six-and-a-half years. While we are saddened by Renee’s departure, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely acknowledge the positive difference she has made during her tenure.

Renee has been a passionate advocate for Merredin and a strong contributor to shaping the future of our community. Throughout her time on Council, she has consistently emphasised the importance of strategic planning, infrastructure investment, and maintaining a long-term vision to help ensure Merredin continues to thrive as a key regional hub.

Her enthusiasm for economic development has been a highlight of her service. Renee has been a champion for

initiatives that help diversify and strengthen our local economy, including supporting renewable energy and other forward-thinking opportunities that benefit our community. She was also a significant supporter of the Shire’s \$10 million CBD Redevelopment project, emphasising the importance of creating vibrant, functional, and accessible community spaces.

Beyond her strategic contributions, Renee has been a dedicated and energetic presence around the Council table. She has been an outstanding leader and a collaborative team member who has consistently been willing to represent the Shire and speak on behalf of our community with confidence and pride. Whether participating in a radio interview or representing the Shire in an official capacity, such as delivering a ceremonial speech, Renee approached these opportunities with enthusiasm and professionalism.

While Renee may be stepping away from Council, her passion for Merredin will undoubtedly continue. I am confident that she will remain a strong voice for our region and continue to be involved in our community in different capacities.

On behalf of Council and our community, I sincerely thank Renee for her exceptional service, leadership, and dedication. We have been incredibly fortunate to have had her as part of our team and wish her every success in the future.



VISITOR CENTRE SERVICES

Did you know the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre offers the following services?

- Personalised visitor information for Merredin, the Eastern Wheatbelt, and throughout Western Australia.
- Ticketing for Cummins Theatre shows and performances.
- Bookings and enquiries as an agent for Transwa rail and road coaches.
- Retailer for Parks and Wildlife Service WA Park Passes.
- Promotion of local and regional accommodation and tour businesses.
- Up-to-date event information for Merredin and Eastern Wheatbelt: bit.ly/cwvcevents
- Retail sales of local and regional products.
- New Resident Packs.

Whether you're planning your trip, booking tickets, or looking for local treasures, our knowledgeable and friendly team are here to help every step of the way!

Location: 45 Barrack Street - Merredin Train Station
Website: www.wheatbelttourism.com
Phone: 9041 1666



MEET THE NEW CUMMINS THEATRE COORDINATOR

If you've been on a tour at the Cummins Theatre or visited the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre lately, chances are you've already met Peter; our tourism officer extraordinaire, now officially the new Cummins Theatre Coordinator.

Peter has called Merredin home for almost four years and has been part of the Shire team for over two. Drawn here by the lifestyle and strong sense of community, he quickly fell in love with the town (and the fact that people say hello when you walk down the street!).

He's incredibly passionate about the performing arts and is eager to uncover the hidden talent in our region. Creating a welcoming space where performers and those with creative energy can shine is what excites him most about this new chapter.

Word has it that he's on friendly terms with Alice too - so it's safe to say he's already embraced all aspects of theatre life!

Outside the theatre, Peter is a volunteer firefighter, a passionate gardener, and a keen fisherman.



BURNING HOUSEHOLD WASTE SAFELY

With the Restricted Burning Period ending on Monday 16 March 2026, all Shire of Merredin residents will be permitted to begin freely burning garden waste again. While we transition into this period, we do ask residents to remain mindful when burning, as doing so releases toxins into the air that we breathe.

Per the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, "Wood smoke is similar to tobacco smoke in composition and has known health impacts.

These include:

- Eye, nose and throat irritation
- Increased asthma and respiratory problems
- Headaches, nausea and dizziness
- Aggravation of chronic heart and lung conditions."

There is no such thing as non-toxic smoke, even if you think you're only burning harmless garden waste, so if you're choosing to burn, please consider the following tips to do so as safely as possible.

1. Recycle, compost or mulch as much as you can. Far better to inject the goodness of green waste back into your garden!
2. Only burn organic matter such as green waste, paper, or cardboard. Burning synthetic fabrics or plastic releases particularly harmful toxins into the air.
3. Follow fire safe practices such as:
 - a. Ensure your garden hose can reach all boundaries of your garden – and have two hoses (connected to running water) if possible;
 - b. Burn multiple smaller piles rather than one large pile;
 - c. Have a minimum of two able-bodied adults overseeing the burn;
 - d. Ensure there is a fire break completely surrounding the area you'll be burning;
 - e. Notify your neighbours that you'll be burning so that they have the opportunity to close their windows and bring their laundry in;
 - f. Avoid burning if the wind speed is over 15km/hour (or anything stronger than a gentle breeze); and
 - g. Ensure that you are present for the entire burn, and that the fire is completely extinguished when you leave.



MRCLC MINI MOVERS PROGRAM

0 - 5 YEARS

Designed to offer a variety of soft play setup, encouraging children to climb, crawl, roll and explore in a safe and stimulating environment. Also creates a great atmosphere for both children & parents to socialise and interact.



TUESDAYS
10AM - 12PM

MERREDIN SPORT & RECREATION

\$4.00 per session, per child

No registration needed

Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre - Multipurpose Room

Parental supervision required at all times

For more information please contact Nicola Beck on 9041 3033

UPCOMING SWIMMING CARNIVAL HOURS

Tuesday
10 March 3:30pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday
18 March 6:00am - 8:00am &
3:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday
25 March 6:00am - 8:00am &
3:00pm - 7:00pm

Parents are more than welcome to attend the Swimming Carnival, however, you are unable to swim between 8:00am & 3:00pm.

Spectator fee applies

MERREDIN SPORT & RECREATION

Contact details
6140 1257 (during opening hours)
pool@merredin.wa.gov.au

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Casual Cleaner (Pool)

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Casual

*Salary: Level 3 – between \$36.26 and \$36.68 p/h (inclusive of casual loading)**

**Starting rate will depend on skills and experience*

Applications are invited for the position of Casual Cleaner with the Shire of Merredin. This role will provide casual cleaning services at Shire of Merredin facilities, community buildings and public amenities, when required. In this role you will be responsible for maintaining cleanliness to ensure facilities are maintained and well presented during hours of operation.

Working in conjunction with other Shire staff, this position is key to ensuring the facilities are clean and well maintained to meet the expectations of patrons, when usual cleaning staff are unavailable.

Ideally we are looking for people who take pride in their work, are flexible with their hours, are available at short notice and have some experience in commercial cleaning.

Working at the Shire offers excellent benefits, including;

- A fantastic work life balance.
- A small, personable team environment.
- A great employee Health and Wellbeing Program including flu shots, skin checks, and an Employee Assistance Program.

If you would like further information about this position, please contact Craig Watts, Chief Executive Officer on (08) 9041 1611 during office hours.

Please email your resume and your responses to the [selection criteria](#) to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au, drop them 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 Tuesday 30 June 2026**.

Please note: As the Shire are hoping to develop a pool of suitable applicants for the role, they reserve the right to assess applications, interview candidates, and make appointments prior to the closing date.

Environmental Health Officer

Commencing: Immediately

Position Status: Full Time, Fixed Term (2 years with possible extension)

*Salary: \$105,000**

**PLUS subsidised housing*

An exciting opportunity has emerged at the Shire of Merredin for a suitably qualified Environmental Health Officer (EHO) to join our team. This role will sit within the Strategy & Community Directorate and will support the Executive Manager Strategy & Community (EMSC) to achieve strategic outcomes relative to the department.

The Environmental Health Officer is responsible for delivering professional environmental health services that support the Shire of Merredin's statutory obligations across Health, Environment, and Waste Management functions, with some involvement in Building and Town Planning activities and applications.

The role provides specialist advice, assistance, and information, and reports to the EMSC, internal staff, elected members (where required), and the public, in relation to environmental health legislation, programs, and projects.

The position will be employed by the Shire of Merredin and, under an approved shared services arrangement, will deliver environmental health services to the Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, and Yilgarn in accordance with agreed service levels and priorities.

Applications are to include a CV and covering letter (max 2 pages) addressing the [selection criteria](#) and indicating your ability to meet the role requirements. A position description, which includes the selection criteria, can be obtained on the Shire's website or requested via email: careers@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Applications are to be received by no later than 4:00pm, Friday 20 March 2026. Applications are to be marked "Private and Confidential" and emailed to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au or sent via post to PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415.

If you are interested in the role and would like more information, please contact Craig Watts, Chief Executive Officer on (08) 9041 1611.

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.



HARMONY FEST

MERREDIN TOWN CENTRE

SATURDAY 21 MARCH
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING:
FOOD | ENTERTAINMENT | ACTIVITIES



SHIRE OF MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

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CENTENARY CELEBRATION

- ENTERTAINMENT BROTHER & I AND BAD JAM BAND
- BAR AVAILABLE
- COCKTAIL FOOD




21 MARCH, 2026 | AT 4:30 PM
MUNTADGIN HALL,
MUNTADGIN

TICKETS:
[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/MUNTADGIN-CENTENARY-CELEBRATION](https://events.humanitix.com/muntadgin-centenary-celebration)
FOR MORE INFORMATION: CARISSA 0418942209

RSVP ESSENTIAL
7 MARCH 2026



EASTER IN THE PARK

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

0-5 YEARS

APEX PARK | DANJOO WAABININY BOODJA | **9:00AM - 11:00AM**

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES | RAFFLE PRIZE
SING ALONG | WHEATBELT COFFEE TIME
FRUIT | EGG HUNT

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING THE LIBRARY ON 9041 1222, OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW!



Community Bank Mukinbudin
Bendigo Bank

FREE ENTRY KIDS UNDER 15
Thanks to **COLLAGAR RENEWABLES**

OUR TOWN OUR STORIES

The Bendigo Bank 2026
Merredin & Districts Agricultural Show

Saturday 28th March
Young Farmers Challenge

Free Entertainment
Exhibition
Animal Displays
Writing Competition
Community Displays

Gates open at 10 am
Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
Tickets through MegaTix or at the Gate



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