

SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



Outdoor Netball and Basketball Courts

Courts Receive Much Needed Facelift

Netball and basketball players of Merredin can now enjoy their newly resurfaced outdoor courts at Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre. In early October, the courts were resurfaced with plexipave to remedy the hazardous cracks in the playing surface.

Netball and basketball are popular sports amongst young people and the four outdoor courts have been used extensively since 2007. They are used summer and winter and attract young people and families to the sport and facilities. Two major users, Merredin Netball Association (MNA) and Merredin Basketball Association (MBA), have historically been strong bodies providing organised competitions to the wider community. The junior programs offered by both associations are particularly valuable to the community. It is important for the community that these associations continue to offer basketball and netball games with high quality and safe facilities.

Shire of Merredin was advised by MBA and MNA of their concerns regarding the condition of the playing surface. It is believed that the resurfacing project will increase safety for players, and also maintain strong participation and assist in the development of these sports within Merredin. With well-maintained facilities, players and spectators gain more enjoyment from their chosen sport and are more likely to encourage others to participate.

The project was funded by 33% contribution from Department of Sport and Recreation, 33% from Shire of Merredin and the remainder from equal contributions from MBA and MNA. The State Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation is a major supporter of community sport and recreation facilities in Western Australia. Sport and recreation builds stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities. When we play sport our whole community wins.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building, in Council Chambers, on Tuesday 15 November and will commence at 3:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Agenda will be available to view on Council's website on Monday 14 November 2016.

Bushfire Season Approaches - Is Your Property Ready?

Bushfires are a serious risk to families in Australia, particularly during summer. They can be devastating to communities and cause severe damage to properties. Residents must prepare their properties for the upcoming bush fire season as a measure for preventing the outbreak or spread of bush fires. Burning is strictly prohibited from 1 November 2016.

Shire of Merredin will be conducting property inspections during the first week in November to ensure properties comply with the requirements of

the Bush Fires Act 1954 Fire Break Order.

If you have not yet prepared your property for bushfire season, visit our website for information on how to prepare your property:

www.merredin.wa.gov.au/news

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Congratulations to Newest Citizens

Shire of Merredin would like to congratulate Clarito, his daughter Carmiezin, Rudolf and his wife Edit on their recent attainment of Australian Citizenship. Their Citizenship Ceremony took place in the Civic Lounge on 10 October 2016. Citizenship is a common bond which unites all Australians, whether they are Australia's traditional inhabitants, first generation migrants or the descendants of earlier settlers. Our rich heritage stems from the contributions made by all of us.



Clarito, Carmiezin, Edit and Rudolf

Muntadgin Reported Loss of Phone Connection

The issue has been raised that following the installation of a Telstra tower near Muntadgin, residents reported losing phone connection during power outages. Believing it to be a fault in the tower's back up battery, Telstra was contacted and subsequently conducted a review on the backup battery banks. They advised the review shows the batteries to be operating at expected levels but replaced Muntadgin's tower battery in August regardless. Telstra offered additional information about a battery's capacity; the battery requires several days to fully recharge following a power outage. Without being fully charged first, it will not have the capacity to handle another power outage.

This may result in some phones being unusable during successive power outages. At this stage Telstra has no plans to add solar backup to the Muntadgin site as they believe battery backup is considered the preferred and appropriate redundancy support. It is important to note that some modern phones do not charge through the phone line and will be unusable during a power outage. Telstra offers several phones however, that will continue to function; Telstra Call Guardian model 302 and the model T1000S. These phones may offer a solution to residents during power outages. These phones can be viewed on Telstra's website:

www.telstra.com.au/home-phone/handsets

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Every Monday	Tales of Times Past	Senior Centre	Free
4 November 7:00pm	Tartuffe (Live broadcast from Perth's State Theatre Centre)	Cummins Theatre	\$10
6 November 10:30am	Merredin All Saints Church Service	All Saints Church	Free
12 November 6:30pm	Always...Patsy Cline	Cummins Theatre	From \$25
27 November 9:00am	Merredin Markets	Visitor Centre Lawn	Free



Connie, Vicki and Marilyn



Elders Golden Sausage



Daniela and Stefania



Soccer Clinic



Merredin College Choir



Bocce Competition

Festa Italiana a Huge Success!

Wow! What an absolutely fabulous weekend Festa Italiana was! Attendance at each event was at a maximum and everyone looked like they had a great time! Shire of Merredin would like to extend our deepest thanks to everyone involved in making this event such an incredible success. In particular we would like to acknowledge Elder's Merredin, Anthony Tilli, Merredin Repertory Club, Nukarni Cricket Club,

Merredin Women's Hockey Club, Football West, Laguna Veneto Bocce Club, Merredin College Choir, Daniela and Stefania. Special thanks to Vicki Musca, Grace Alvaro and Marie Bartlett for going above and beyond to help with the coordination of this event. The event was supported by Collgar Windfarm through a \$2500 contribution from the Collgar Community Fund.

Asbestos Awareness Month

National Asbestos Awareness Month and www.asbestosawareness.com.au aims to alert Australians to the dangers of working with asbestos during home renovations and maintenance by

educating them where asbestos might be found in and around homes. Don't play renovation roulette! Get to know asbestos this November! Visit asbestosawareness.com.au. It's not worth the risk!

Christmas Opening Hours

	Administration	Visitor Centre	Cummins Theatre	Library
Fri 23 Dec	8:30am-12:00pm	8:30am-4:30pm	10:00am-12:00pm	10:00am-5:00pm
Sat 24 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sun 25 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 26 Dec	CLOSED	10:00am-2:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tue 27 Dec	CLOSED	10:00am-2:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wed 28 Dec	CLOSED	10:00am-2:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thur 29 Dec	CLOSED	10:00am-2:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Fri 30 Dec	CLOSED	10:00am-2:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 31 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sun 1 Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 2 Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tue 3 Jan	8:30am-4:30pm	8:30am-4:30pm	10:00am-4:00pm	10:00am-6:00pm

What Goes in the Recycle Bin?

Shire of Merredin provides its residents with a fortnightly recycling service. Your yellow-topped bin is for recyclable waste such as glass, paper and plastic. Contaminated (E.g. soiled or dirty) recyclable waste products are not recyclable and it is important to rinse

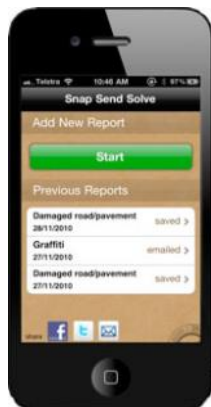
or clean recyclables before placing in your recycle bin. Not sure what you can put your recycle bin? Refer below for your handy guide.



- ✓ All glass
- ✓ Aluminium cans
- ✓ Aluminium foil (clean)
- ✓ Beer bottles (rinsed)
- ✓ Beer cartons
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Bottles (rinsed, lids removed)
- ✓ Bottle tops
- ✓ Broken glass (except light bulbs)
- ✓ Carbon paper
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cellophane
- ✓ Ceramic (E.g. broken plates)
- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Coffee jars and cans
- ✓ Computer paper
- ✓ Cosmetic jars (rinsed)
- ✓ Cups and saucers
- ✓ Cutlery (plastic, rinsed)
- ✓ Cutlery (other)
- ✓ Foil (clean)
- ✓ Food cans/tins (rinsed)
- ✓ Fruit juice cartons (rinsed)
- ✓ Glad wrap (clean)
- ✓ Glossy magazines
- ✓ Glossy brochures
- ✓ Greaseproof paper (clean)
- ✓ Ice cream containers (cardboard)
- ✓ Ice cream containers (plastic)
- ✓ Jars
- ✓ Jar lids
- ✓ Liquid paper board
- ✓ Long-life cartons
- ✓ Lunch boxes
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Margarine tubs (clean)
- ✓ Milk bottles (rinsed)
- ✓ Milk cartons (rinsed)
- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Paper towel rolls
- ✓ Paper bags
- ✓ Pet food tins (rinsed)
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Pizza boxes (clean)
- ✓ Plastic containers (clean)
- ✓ Plastic bags (empty)
- ✓ Plastic plant pots (clean)
- ✓ Plate glass
- ✓ Pyrex dishes (clean)
- ✓ Sauce bottles (rinsed)
- ✓ Seedling containers (clean)
- ✓ Soft drink bottles (rinsed)
- ✓ Soft drink cans (rinsed)
- ✓ Spirit bottles (rinsed)
- ✓ Steel cans (clean)
- ✓ Take-away containers (clean)
- ✓ Toilet paper rolls
- ✓ Waxed cardboard
- ✓ Waxed paper
- ✓ Windowpanes
- ✓ Wine bottles (rinsed)
- ✓ Wrapping paper
- ✓ Yoghurt containers (clean)

New App to Report to Shire

A new app, Snap Send Solve, is now available free on Google Play or App Store. It allows you to quickly and easily report feedback to your local government. Simply take a picture of the problem, add your notes and submit to your local authority. Shire of Merredin has already received and acted on many reports received through this application.



Swimming Pool Re-Opening

Merredin District Olympic Pool re-opens on 31 October. The pool opens 7 days a week from 12:00pm to 6:00pm with early morning sessions from 6:00am to 7:30pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Dog and Cat Registrations

Dog and cat owners are reminded to ensure their pets are registered. The Shire Ranger will commence inspections in November to ensure all dogs and cat registrations are current.