

# SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



## Merredin's Got Talent!

If you missed the variety show that unveiled our talented locals on ANZAC Day 2016, you are in for another treat this month! Merredin's inspiring performers will take to the stage to showcase their music, singing, dancing, acrobatics and more!

Join us for the live show at Cummins Theatre on Sunday 23 July from 2:00pm. Entry to see the performances is a gold coin fee, with tea, coffee, and biscuits provided. The Tivoli Bar will be open to purchase drinks and snacks. This is a family friendly event, proudly sponsored by Collgar Wind Farm and the Shire of Merredin.



If you are interested in performing at this event, please contact Lee Holben, Community Liaison Officer on [clo@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:clo@merredin.wa.gov.au) or by phone 9041 1611.

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*Merredin College Choir and Gypsy Tribal Belly Dancers performing at the 2016 ANZAC Day Variety Show*

## July Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building, in Council Chambers, on Tuesday 18 July 2017 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 17 July 2017.

## October Council Meeting

Ordinary Council Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month. Due to the Local Government Elections being held on 21 October 2017 Council resolved in its June Meeting, to postpone the date of the October Council Meeting so that it may be held after the Elections.

The October Ordinary Council Meeting will now be held on Tuesday 24 October 2017 commencing at 3:00pm in Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



## CEACA Units Update

We've had a fantastic response for EOIs into the CEACA Independent Living Units with 25+ names now on the list. While the project is in its early stages and the finer details of prices, rental policies/conditions, internal colour schemes etc. are yet to be defined by CEACA, the purpose of the EOI is to identify those people who are interested in the project so we can then keep them up to date as the project progresses, as well as answering any questions as the details are determined.

If you're interested in the project we'd encourage you to contact **Vanessa** on **9041 1611**, [ea@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@merredin.wa.gov.au) or visit the Shire Administration office during business hours.



## Pest Control Workshop

Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Inc. is hosting a free Pest Workshop in Merredin on Friday 7 July.

The workshop will encompass an update on EWBG, pest management experts will discuss wild dogs, pigs, and foxes, and will cover new management technologies such as the use of drones, CPEs (Canid Pest Injectors) and thermal imaging. This workshop is open to farmers, landholders, or anyone interested in learning more about the control of predatory mammal pest species in the Wheatbelt.

The workshop will be held at Merredin CRC on Friday 7 July from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Lunch will be provided for guests.

Contact [ewbg@outlook.com](mailto:ewbg@outlook.com) for more information or to RSVP for the workshop.

## Council Elections Coming Up

Local Government Elections will take place on 21 October this year with four positions on the Shire of Merredin Council being up for election. If being a Shire Councillor is something that interests you, it is time to start giving it a thought.

Councillors represent the interests of the ratepayers and residents of the district and provide leadership and guidance to the community. They facilitate communication between the community and Shire, and participate in the Shire's decision making process.

For more info or if you are interested in running for Council in 2017 contact **Vanessa** on [ea@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@merredin.wa.gov.au), **Greg** on [ceo@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@merredin.wa.gov.au) or phone **9041 1611** during business hours.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

<b>3 - 21 July</b>	<b>School Holiday Activities (refer back page). Contact Visitor Centre on 9041 1666 for more info</b>		
<b>1 July</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Family Fun Festival</b>	<b>Cummins Theatre \$10 pp</b>
<b>18 July</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Council Chambers Nil</b>
<b>18 July</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Story Time</b>	<b>Library Free</b>
<b>23 July</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Merredin Community Markets</b>	<b>Merredin CRC Free</b>
<b>23 July</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Merredin's Got Talent - Variety Show</b>	<b>Cummins Theatre Gold coin</b>
<b>25 July</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Story Time</b>	<b>Library Free</b>

## Sale of Unbranded Meat

The Shire of Merredin has recently become aware of a case of unbranded meat being supplied to the public. Offences relating to the sale of unbranded meat can attract fines of up to \$50,000.

Farmers may kill stock on their own property for the purpose of providing meat for their families and employees living on the property with them. However, it is illegal for meat to leave the property.

If meat is handled under unhygienic conditions it can be a source of severe food poisoning, even if it appears normal. Animals can carry diseases (pathogens) that can be shared with people. These diseases can cause many different types of illnesses in people ranging from mild to serious illness and even death.

To safeguard your health, make sure your meat is branded or labelled, processed by an accredited operator and bought from a recognised retail butcher. Branding signifies that the meat has been inspected and is safe for human consumption.



## RHDV1 K5 Pest Rabbit Control Update

The national release of a new strain of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus, RHDV1 K5 commenced in the first week of March. There were close to 600 release sites across the country with 110 of those sites located in Western Australia. National preliminary analysis based on pre and post rabbit counts from 52 release sites has shown a 42% average reduction in wild rabbit numbers at sites where this virus strain was released.

RHDV1 K5 is now available as a commercial product to authorised users who wish to participate in rabbit control measures. Compulsory Authorisation Training is available at DAFWA's Client Online Training website for those interested in becoming authorised users. Land owners are strongly encouraged to carry out concurrent control for predators such as foxes.

Domestic rabbit owners are reminded to seek advice from their local veterinarian on keeping their pets safe from infection. Rabbits up to date with vaccinations covering the existing strain are likely to be protected from the new strain.

For more information visit DAFWA's RHDV1 K5 web pages: [agric.wa.gov.au/rhdv](http://agric.wa.gov.au/rhdv).

## Changes for Incorporated Associations

Incorporated Associations are reminded to review the changes made to their news laws which include changes to financial reporting, governance, privacy, and association rules. To be kept up to date with new laws and notifications, members are recommended to enrol their association with AssociationsOnline portal, and to update contact information to ensure they receive relevant news and changes.

There are a number of resources available for incorporated associations regarding these changes. Please visit [www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/associations-and-clubs](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/associations-and-clubs)

## Mammograms for Merredin Women

If you are a woman aged 40 or over you can access the free screening mammography service in Merredin. BreastScreen WA's mobile service will be at a new location behind the Visitor's Centre, 85 Barrack Street from 5 July 2017 to 21 July 2017.

Breast cancer is the most common life threatening cancer for women. Having a screening mammogram (breast x-ray) every two years significantly increases the chance of a woman surviving breast cancer and reduces the amount of treatment required.

To make your free screening mammogram appointment book online at: [www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au) or call **13 20 50**.

## Q & A - Tip Passes for Renters

**Q.** I know ratepayers receive a tip pass to dispose of waste at no charge at the tip, but I rent my house. How do I get a tip pass?

**A.** All ratepayers are entitled to a tip pass every year. Tip passes are only issued to ratepayers on payment of the rates, or following payment of the first instalment. If you are renting a property, you can request a tip pass by contacting your landlord or real estate agent.

It is important to note that commercial landfill, or unsorted loads will still incur a disposal fee.



**CUMMINS KIDS**  
The Cummins Theatre and Shire of Merredin Present

# School Holiday FUN Festival Day

10am - 3pm

Fun kids art and drama workshops all day

BBQ Lunch in the Tivoli Room 12pm

Full day of fun per person is **\$10**

Live Family show at 2pm "Benjamin and Me"

**SATURDAY JULY 1ST 10 AM to 3 PM**

Drama Workshop with Mark Storen 10am, Art Activities in the Garden, Games, Big BBQ Lunch and family friendly performance of Benjamin and Me starring Mark Storen at 2pm.



**BOOK NOW**  
Limited Tickets Available

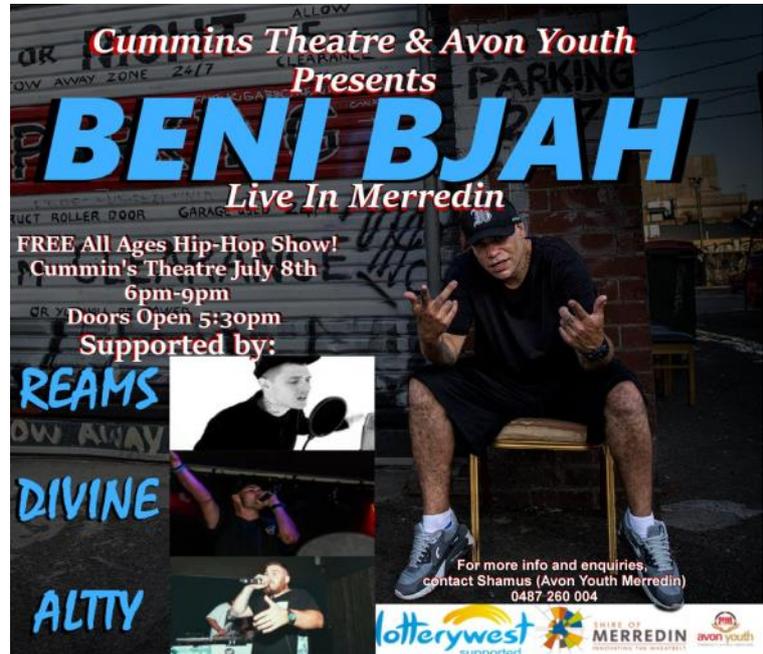
In person at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre or online at: [www.cumminstheatre.com.au](http://www.cumminstheatre.com.au)



## July School Holiday Programs

Cummins Theatre, Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre, and Merredin Library are bringing you an exciting array of events over the school holidays.

For more information on any of the events below please contact the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre on 9041 1666.



**Cummins Theatre & Avon Youth Presents**

# BENI BJAH

Live In Merredin

FREE All Ages Hip-Hop Show!  
Cummin's Theatre July 8th  
6pm-9pm  
Doors Open 5:30pm

Supported by:

REAMS  
DIVINE  
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For more info and enquiries, contact Shamus (Avon Youth Merredin) 0487 260 004



# JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 3/7 TENNIS + TABLE TENNIS	MONDAY 10/7 INDOOR HOCKEY
TUESDAY 4/7 GOLF	TUESDAY 11/7 FIRST AID TRAINING
WEDNESDAY 5/7 ARCHERY	WEDNESDAY 12/7 SPEED GAMING
THURSDAY 6/7 JUNIOR FIRE BRIGADE	THURSDAY 13/7 WATER SAFETY + GAMES
FRIDAY 7/7 TRAIL BIKING + RACES	FRIDAY 14/7 SOCCER

For more details or to register please contact MRCLC on 9041 3033 or at [merredin@belgravialeisure.com.au](mailto:merredin@belgravialeisure.com.au)

Cost per child: \$6 per day OR \$40 for every day!  
Registrations essential



## Craft Activities at the Library

**Tuesday 4 July 10:30am - 11:30am**  
Boomerangs and dot paintings.

**Thursday 6 July 10:30am - 2:00pm**  
It's cold outside! Come and play board games with your friends!

**Tuesday 11 July 10:30am - 11:30am**  
Make fun paper planes and race them in the yard!

**Thursday 13 July 10:30am - 11:30am**  
Make multi-coloured clay creatures or fun clay animals.

All sessions are held at Merredin Library. All activities \$2 per child. Parental supervision required for all children under 10 years. Bookings essential. Contact Merredin Library on 9041 1222 to book.