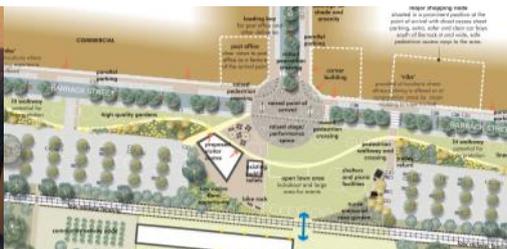


# SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



## Merredin silos to get a colourful new facelift

Merredin has been chosen to be the third town (behind Northam and Ravensthorpe) to have its CBH silos covered with beautiful, unique art.

From August 7, in partnership with the CBH Group, Western Power and Lotterywest, FORM will be coming to Merredin.

Perth artist Kyle Hughes-Odgers has been commissioned to undertake the project. Kyle has previously painted large public murals in New York, Washington, Los Angeles, London, Sheffield, Hong Kong, Singapore, Madrid and Berlin, as well as other places throughout Australia.

You can find out more information on the project at [www.publicsilotrail.com](http://www.publicsilotrail.com).

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## August Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building, in Council Chambers, on Tuesday 15 August 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 14 August 2017.

## Council elections coming up

The next local government ordinary election will be held on 21 October, 2017 with four positions on the Shire of Merredin Council being up for grabs.

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 the Shire, and participate in the Shire's decision making process.

It's really easy for you to have your say in shaping the next Council though.

We will once again be undertaking a postal vote conducted by the WA Electoral Commission.

By making the Electoral Commissioner responsible for the election, Council can ensure that the election is conducted independently and with impartiality. Additionally, postal elections are often more convenient for electors, resulting in more people voting.

You need to be on the electoral roll, which closes at 5pm on 1 September. Pop along to [www.elections.wa.gov.au](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au) for info on updating your enrolment details.

## Could you be our next Councillor?

Have you ever wondered why Councillors make the decisions they do (or thought you could do it better)? Have you ever wanted to play a role in making the shire a better place to live?

You might be one of our next Councillors!

Nominations open on 7 September, 2017 and close at 4pm on 14 September, 2017.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor you will need to lodge a nomination paper, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer during that period.



## School holiday fun at the Library

Over 50 children and their parents participated in the Merredin Regional Library holiday program. They had fun making boomerangs, paper planes and creating their own monsters and characters in clay.

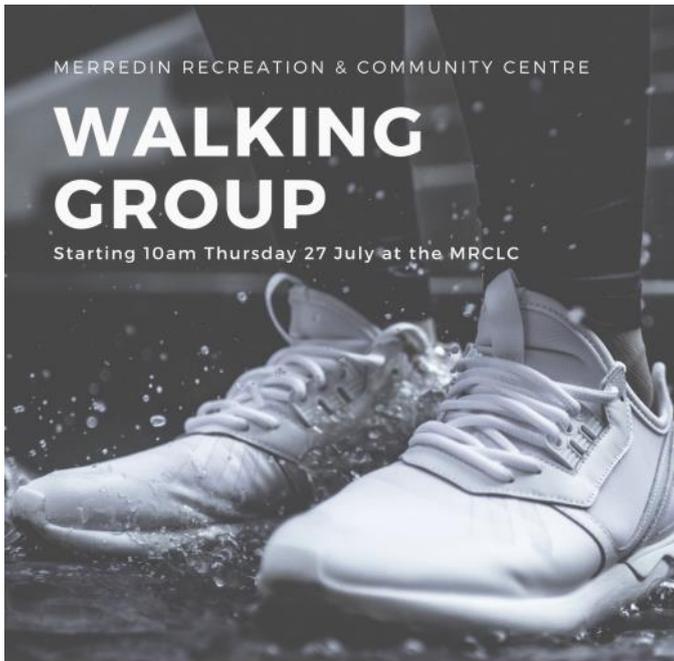
The Library was also successful in obtaining a grant to furnish the activity/meeting room and the new memorabilia/reading area of the library.

The memorabilia room will house displays of local history items as well as have photos and short recording of Tales of Times Past that will be available for people to look at and listen to.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Every Tues	10:30am	Story-time at the Library	Library	Free
Every Wed	6:30pm	Bingo night	Rec Centre	Up to \$30
Every Thurs	10:00am	Walking group	Rec Centre	Free
5 August		Local footy derby and Big Band Night	Rec Centre	
12 August		Karaoke night	Rec Centre	
15 August	3:00pm	Council meeting	Council chambers	Free
19 August	8:00pm	Comedy Gold	Cummins Theatre	\$25
25 August	7:30pm	Super quiz night	Rec Centre	\$80 per team
27 August	10am	Wheatbelt Wedding Expo	Cummins Theatre	Free



MERREDIN RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTRE

# WALKING GROUP

Starting 10am Thursday 27 July at the MRCLC

- WEAR YOUR WALKING SHOES AND BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE, SUN HAT AND SUNSCREEN
- DIFFERENT WALKING ADVENTURES AROUND TOWN EACH WEEK
- BUILD UP YOUR FITNESS FOR OUR ANNUAL FUN RUN/WALK - SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

ANY QUESTIONS CALL MRCLC ON 9041 3033



## WHEATBELT Wedding Expo

The Wheatbelt is a beautiful region with caring and creative people and exceptional facilities.

At the Wheatbelt Wedding Expo you will meet these talented people and experience the skills, products and services that will contribute to making your big day the most enjoyable and memorable day of your life.

Photographers • Make-up Artists • Hair Stylists • Celebrants  
 Cake Decorators • White Doves • Videographers • Wedding Downs  
 Bridal Body Art • Venues • Accommodation and more...

[www.wheatbeltweddingexpo.com](http://www.wheatbeltweddingexpo.com)

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2017 CUMMINS THEATRE MERREDIN  
 10 AM - 4 PM FREE ENTRY

SUPPORTED BY: TRIPLE M, SHIRE OF MERREDIN

THE CUMMINS THEATRE PRESENTS

## COMEDY GOLD

INCLUDING PERFORMANCES BY  
**BEN DARSOW - KEL BELNAVES - KEHAU JACKSON - RICH NABERHOOD**

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM / SHOW STARTS AT 8:00PM / ALL TICKETS \$25

**SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH 8:00PM**

BOOK ONLINE AT [WWW.CUMMINSTHEATRE.COM.AU](http://WWW.CUMMINSTHEATRE.COM.AU)  
 OR IN PERSON AT THE CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITORS CENTRE OR CUMMINS THEATRE BOX OFFICE

## FRIDAY SUPER QUIZ NIGHTS!

Grandstand Bar  
 Merredin Regional & Community Centre  
 Save the Dates!

28 July, 25 August, 29 September, 27 October and 24 November.

Teams of 8 x \$10 each Great Cash Prizes \$400 Winning Team  
 \$1000 jackpot to be won in November for  
 the team with the most points over all the quiz nights.  
 Get Your Team Together! Register at MRCLC on 9041 3033

## What's on in the Wheatbelt

Have you had a look at the updated Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre website lately?

[www.wheatbelttourism.com](http://www.wheatbelttourism.com)

It provides information on our region's self-drive trails, granite outcrops and facilities, wildflowers and all things to see and do for your next weekend escape.

The website also has access to a well maintained and current regional events calendar:

[www.wheatbelttourism.com/events](http://www.wheatbelttourism.com/events)

Contact the Visitor Centre on 9041 1666 or [visitor@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:visitor@merredin.wa.gov.au) for more information, events or to subscribe to the events newsletter.

## A new dog park for Merredin?



In response to a number of requests on Facebook and following receipt of a petition, we are looking into establishing a dog park in Merredin.

We've subsequently further surveyed the community to get a better idea of exactly what people want from the dog park, and identified a number of possible sites taking into account things like space, existing fencing, shade, seating and parking, any set up and ongoing maintenance costs that we anticipate. We've also researched the legal side of things, park design layouts and doggy play equipment.

Further information will be released in the coming weeks on our website and Facebook page.

## TRANSWA train and coach service

The lovely staff at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre can advise you on travels throughout the state, and can help you book it too. In fact, by booking your tickets directly with the Visitor Centre, not only will you get to enjoy the friendly, personal service of the two wonderful ladies that run the Centre, but the Visitor Centre also benefits from a small commission. So next time you need to travel, pop in to the Visitor Centre or give them a call rather than booking online – you'll be helping support the valuable services the Centre provides free to you, other local residents and the visitors we all want to see in Merredin and the Wheatbelt.

## Local app to be launched in August

A new local app is set to launch in August covering local services and businesses in the participating Wheatbelt shires, including Merredin, Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Southern Cross and Westonia.

It will feature info particularly relevant to travellers to the region, and local businesses and groups are encouraged to get themselves listed at no charge.

If any businesses or community groups would like to take advantage of a free 12-month listing, please contact 9041 1666 or [visitor2@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:visitor2@merredin.wa.gov.au).

**Make the most of your stay in the Wheatbelt**

Install the WEROC App today

- Things to do
- Places to eat
- Where to stay
- Local services

WEROC App available on Apple & Android devices

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Bruce Rock | Kellerberrin | Merredin | Southern Cross | Westonia

## Q&A - Tip passes for the new financial year

**Q.** My tip pass wasn't with my rates notice. Where is it?

**A.** Tip passes haven't been included with rates notices for a number of years now.

Residential tip passes are issued to ratepayers upon payment of either the first instalment of their rates or their rates in full.

If you are renting a property, the tip pass for that property will have been sent to the ratepayer of the property. If they have not forwarded it on to you, please contact your landlord or real estate agent.

**Residential Landfill Pass 2017 / 2018**  
Exp. August 2018