

# SHIRE OF MERREDIN COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



## Merredin Celebrates ‘CBD Upgrades – Stage 1’ in Style

The Shire of Merredin, Merredin Museums & Historical Society and members of the public celebrated the CBD Upgrades – Stage 1 official opening in style on Saturday, 14 April.

The event was co-hosted with the Merredin Museums & Historical Society who officially opened the Rolling Stock Cover and celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Merredin Railway Museum. Following the official opening special guests and community members were able to enjoy a sumptuous morning tea provided by the Railway Museum, a barbecue lunch provided by the Shire, train rides on the children’s train courtesy of the Men’s Shed and free entry to both the Railway Museum and Military Museum.

Greg Powell, Chief Executive Officer for the Shire of Merredin, has welcomed the new upgrades to the CBD as he said in recent years the general public have been vocal in their feedback that they’d really like to see town amenities and main street features improved.

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Cr Ken Hooper (Shire President) and Julie Flockart (Wheatbelt Development Commission) cutting the ribbon to officially open the CBD Upgrades - Stage 1. Image - Grant Strainer

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## Report It!

Spotted an issue around town? Report it to the Shire via the FREE Snap, Send, Solve app (compatible with iPhone and Google Play phones) and get it sorted ASAP. Just snap a photo, input the location and any details and send it through to us. We can then get right on resolving it.



## May Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 15 May 2018 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 May 2018.

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"These upgrades are extensive and whilst not 100% completed yet, the CBD already looks much improved and members of the public are able to enjoy these changes with new shade provided by the seating shelters and wider parking bays including bays for motorcycles and RV's," Mr Powell said.

"The Shire extends it thanks to the 'Royalties for Region's - Community Chest Fund' program administered by the Wheatbelt Development Commission for their contribution of \$150,000 to the project in addition to the Shire's expenditure of \$150,000."

line, instalment of electric car charging points to the rear of the Visitor Centre and a new footpath crossing from the railway crossing, past the Visitor Centre and to the main street.

The upgrades include 2 new sets of sheltered seating in the grassy area on the South side of Barrack St, new kerbing and asphaltting to approximately 50-60% of the existing car parking on the South side being predominantly high traffic areas. The remainder of the car park had new blue metal laid down. Repainting has occurred of existing disabled parking bays plus new parking bay lines which were increased to a width of 3 metres. Railing on the median strip was repainted and 2 areas in the car park have been made designated RV parking areas.

New plantings have occurred in several garden beds throughout the area including bougainvilleas along the railway fence which will act as a screen and the wool bale planter boxes have been relocated from Barrack St to Pioneer Park which was also upgraded with new signage. Most visibly, the fence surrounding Apex Park has been upgraded to a diamond shape wire mesh in black designed to blend and allow for clearer lines of sight.

Some final upgrades are still to be completed as part of this stage including new cladding to the salt water stations, instalment of electric car charging points to the rear of the Visitor Centre and a new footpath crossing from the railway crossing, past the Visitor Centre and to the main street.

## SCP Review – Community Engagement Summary - Feedback Sought

The Shire of Merredin is seeking feedback for the summary of community responses for the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) which has recently been undergoing review.

The SCP is a guiding plan for Council comprising the community's aspirations for Merredin for the next ten years. It undergoes a major review every four years to assess what goals have been achieved and to set new ones for the next ten years.



Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Rebecca McCall, commented that she was pleased with the huge array of responses received from the community during the recent review period.

"Some of the comments made Council are aware of already and we'll continue to look at ways to address these issues but it was fantastic to see such great discussion around economics, sustainability, industry, youth, aged care and the future of Merredin," she said.

"Independent consultants, Creative IQ, have done a great job compiling all of the data received from the two independent forums conducted, the Community Create Booth held at the Merredin Show and through Loomio, the online forum that community members could participate in. All of this feedback has resulted in a 'Summary of Community Engagement' which we would like the community to review one last time."

The 'Summary of Community Engagement' has been placed on the Shire website (<http://www.merredin.wa.gov.au/documents/588/summary-of-community-engagement>) and members of the community are invited to submit comments to [admin@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@merredin.wa.gov.au). **The submission period closes 4:00pm, 4 May 2018.**

For further information please contact Rebecca McCall on 9041 1611 or email [dceo@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:dceo@merredin.wa.gov.au).

## Book Nook Installation at CWVC

The Visitor Centre has had a new book nook installed thanks to funding through Royalties for Regions Regional Visitor Centre Sustainability Grant Program (RVCSGP). We have a wide range of publications in stock from local and natural history, wildflower guides and children's books. Pop in and browse through our range.

The play 'Lighthouse Girl' recently shown at Cummins Theatre. It is based on author Dianne Wolfer's wonderful novels 'Lighthouse Girl' and 'Light Horse Boy'. We have these books in stock at the visitor centre along with her other publication 'In the Lamplight'.



## ANZAC Day 2018

Once a year Merredin comes together to observe and remember all the Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all our nations' wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.



The Shire of Merredin began its official proceedings for ANZAC Day 2018 with a dawn service and pipe band parade at the Cenotaph. A second service and parade was then held at 11:00am at Cummins Theatre with large numbers in attendance at both services. The Shire expresses its gratitude to all the volunteers in the Merredin community who assisted in setting up, cooking, etc. for both services including:

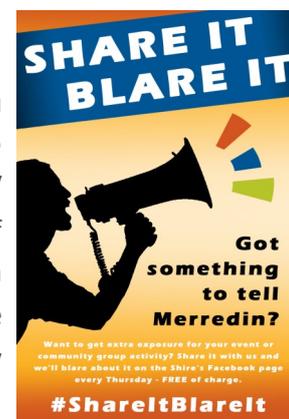
- Merredin Men's Shed;
- ANZAC Day Working Group;
- Pastor Loumani Uilou;
- Father Andrew Bowron;
- Grace Alvarez;
- Vicki Musca;
- Merredin Military Cadets;
- Merredin Fire and Rescue;
- Rosa Robartson;
- Nadya Adim;
- Shire of Merredin staff; and
- Many others.



You can subscribe to this newsletter - receive it online or as a hardcopy posted to you. To be added to the email or postal list please contact the Shire on 9041 1611

### 'Share It - Blare It'

Merredin community are you interested in some extra exposure for you event / business special / opportunity / etc.? The Shire of Merredin has started trying out a new idea known as 'Share It - Blare It' which you may have already seen on Facebook.



The idea is you let us know about an event your community group has coming up or perhaps a special your business has on or maybe you have a position you'd like to advertise. You can either email it to us at [media@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:media@merredin.wa.gov.au), call us on 9041 1611 or message it to us via Facebook and we'll then share it on our Facebook page every Thursday!

There's no cost involved. Conditions do include:

- Only information for events, etc. within the Merredin Shire will be posted to the Shire's Facebook page;
- This excludes events / information requested to be shared by neighbouring Shires and the state / federal government;
- The type of information to be shared can be anything from upcoming events, general information, job vacancies, specials for business, etc; and
- Information that will not be shared includes content containing derogatory language, content deemed to be of a defamatory nature to another group or the Shire of Merredin and content deemed to be of a non-informative or misleading nature to the general public.

Got any questions? Email [media@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:media@merredin.wa.gov.au) or call Miranda at the Shire on 9041 1611.



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## 'From Page to Stage' Workshop

Wheatbelt author, Karina McRoberts, captivated 6 people at the Merredin Regional Library on 9 April. Karina is from York and has written 5 novels - 2 for adults and 3 for children. Her first historical mystery 'Palace of the stars' is now a stage play.

Karina wrote the script, a series of skits and variety acts. The play includes vintage cars and dancing to a live audience. Karina wanted the play to be like an old fashioned variety show.

Karina spoke about the steps that should be taken to either create a book or a screenplay successfully and cautioned the group about the pitfalls she encountered in bringing the play to production. The audience was at times curious and at other times horrified about Karina's experience. The workshop was enjoyed by all. Karina's books are now available in the Merredin Library.



## Upcoming Road Works/Garden Work

Sincere thanks from the Shire of Merredin to Gwenda Price for the donation of a Pony Tail Tree. The tree has been rehomed in Roy Little Park.

Reseal works have commenced around the Merredin Shire over the next few weeks being:

- Burracoppin South Road (rural)
- Crossland St, Muntadgin
- Hines Hill North Road (rural)
- Goldfields Road (rural)
- Lefroy Street, Merredin
- Davies Street, Merredin
- Oats Street, Merredin



Members of the public are asked to be patient, obey road signage and should you have any queries, please approach the onsite supervisor. Alternatively, contact the Shire on 9041 1611.

New rubbish bins have also arrived as part of the CBD Upgrades and will be installed on the South side of Barrack St.

LOVE YOUR FITNESS? There's plenty on at the Leisure Centre!

Call 9041 3033 for details

**LET'S GET ACTIVE MERREDIN**

# ROUND 2

**FREE COMMUNITY DAY**

**WHAT** High Intensity, Low Impact Interval Training  
**WHERE** Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre (MRCLC) Bates Street, Merredin  
**WHEN** Saturday, 9 June 2018, 11:00am  
**HOW** Register at the MRCLC - phone 9041 3033

**DO YOU DO ZUU?**



**BE ACTIVE MERREDIN**

## Mixed Volleyball Comp

**Fridays 6pm**

**STARTS 18 May**  
**ENTER YOUR TEAM by Monday, 14 May**  
 Minimum of 6 players (3 women & 3 men)  
 Individual nominations will be accepted

**Will run for 6 weeks**  
**Prizes for 1st & 2nd**

**Register with MRCLC - call 9041 3033**

