

COMMERCIAL HOTEL GRAND OPENING

By SHAYNAH COREY

After two years, the Commercial Hotel on the main street of Merredin, has finally reopened its doors. The Merredin community was invited to celebrate the occasion and welcome the new owner, Jason Williams into the community and what a turn out it was!

The night started early, with the doors first opening at 2pm on Friday the 17th of March. The grand opening included happy hour, dinner served from 6pm and live music from a local Merredin band, 'Brother and I' playing in the beer garden from 8pm till late!

Reopening the Commercial Hotel has created many jobs for Merredin locals and publicity for our rural town, whilst still supporting local businesses and the community couldn't be more excited.

Jason Williams, a qualified chef, who owns three other bars in the Eastern States, saw the potential in the town and the pub, and just couldn't pass up the opportunity to turn this abandoned building back into the thriving pub it once was.

Originally living in Western Australia, he travelled back from Victoria, arriving in late November of 2022 with three

other staff members travelling over in December. Once they all arrived in Merredin, he and his team painted the interior and exterior of the building, fixed the flooring and transformed the historical building back to its former glory.

A few issues came to the surface whilst renovating over the summer, with the main complication being the location of our rural town. Transporting all the necessary furniture and equipment needed for opening night, pushed back the date a

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Tyler Fitzgerald, Chase Avey



Rob, Jack, Thomas and Tom Fitzsimons



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few times.

Once all these issues had been dealt with, Jason and Cherie, Venue Manager, set a date, booked live music and opened their doors to the public. Their only goals for the

Commercial Hotel include, eventually restoring the accommodation on the second floor of the building, and creating a fun, family friendly venue that caters for everyone!

They are super excited for the business to be finally reopened and the community is definitely

feeling the same way.

The Commercial Hotel will be open every night for drinks and dinner, with lunch available from Wednesday to Sunday.

Be sure to pop in and welcome Jason and the team to Merredin, and grab a pint of

your favourite beverage and give their amazing dinner and lunch specials a try while visiting.

A big congratulations goes to Jason and all the staff, what a great first weekend you all had.

Good luck and welcome to the Merredin community!







Stewart Watson, Patrick Withers and Riley Price



Local Merredin band, 'Brother & I'



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2023

| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| 25 Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am-12pm Community Garden 8am Seventh-day Adventist- 11am St Marys Catholic- 6pm | 26 Uniting Church 9am All Saints Anglican Church 10am Church of Christ 10am St Marys Catholic 10.30am | 27 World Theatre Day  Boot-scooting 7pm at Cummins Theatre, see Lyn at the Post Office A Choired Taste Rehearsal 7pm at Merredin Church of Christ | 28 Gentle Gym at the Senior Centre 2pm | 29 Piano Day  Craft Group at the Seniors Centre 9am-12pm | 30 Senior centre morning tea 10 am – 11.30am Merredin Fine Arts Society 9 am-12pm Men's Shed 9.30am-5pm Ross 0417300893 Dennis 0411984123 Merredin United in Prayer 7pm at Seventh-day Adventist Church | 31 Kids club, Ages 4-12, 3-5pm at Merredin Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Rd, gold coin donation 0429108241 |
| 1 APRIL Merredin Show  Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am – 2pm Community Garden 8am Seventh Day Adventist 11am St Mary's Catholic Church-6pm | 2 Uniting Church 9am All Saints Anglican Church 10am Church of Christ 10am St Marys Catholic Church 10.30am A Choired Taste Workshop with Hannah 1pm Merredin Church of Christ NUNGARIN Markets 8am-12pm | 3 Boot-scooting 7pm at Cummins Theatre, see Lyn at the Post Office | 4 Gentle Gym at senior centre Merredin 2pm | 5 Craft Group at the Seniors Centre 9am-12pm | 6 Senior centre morning tea 10 am – 11.30am Merredin Fine Arts Society 9 am-12pm Men's Shed 9.30am-5pm Ross 0417300893 Dennis 0411984123 | 7 Good Friday  PUBLIC HOLIDAY MERREDIN CRC AND CENTRELINK CLOSED |

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COVID-19

COVID-19 WA Statistics

As of 20 March 2023
 Tested—4,734,717
 Confirmed Cases—1,298,606
 Recovered—1,296,053
 Deaths—985
 Active cases in WA—1,568

 Vaccinations—Australia
 Vaccinations—22,232,834
 Fully vaccinated—21,649,589
 Booster—14,364,290

COVID-19 Australian Statistics

WA—Cases 1.29M—Deaths 985
 ACT—Cases 233K —Deaths 229
 NSW—Cases 3.9M—Deaths 6,551
 NT—Cases 105K—Deaths 91
 QLD—Cases 1.6M—Deaths 2,818
 SA—Cases 885K—Deaths 1,360
 TAS—Cases 288K—Deaths 257
 VIC—Cases 2.84M—Deaths 7,399
 Total Cases—11,277,613

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 in this
together.

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INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Kelly House for being the overall winners of the 2023 Swimming Carnival.

The Year 3-12 students who participated in the carnival showed excellent sportsmanship all day, it was great to see the children cheering on their houses in all the events.

Well done to the Individual Champions at this event and to those students who contributed by earning points for their houses.



Kelly House - 2023 Swimming Carnival Winners



House Results:

| Primary | |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1st | Law (204) |
| 2nd | Kelly (188) |
| 3rd | Growden (142) |
| 4th | Mitchell (46) |
| Secondary | |
| 1st | Kelly (263) |
| 2nd | Mitchell (250) |
| 3rd | Growden (203) |
| 4th | Law (86) |
| Overall | |
| 1st | Kelly (441) |
| 2nd | Law (390) |
| 3rd | Growden (345) |
| 4th | Mitchell (296) |

Individual Results:

| | Champion Boy | R/up Champion Boy | Champion Girl | R/up Champion Girl |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Year 3 | - | - | M Davies | L Alcock |
| Year 4 | J Walker | S Greenham | Z Manning | E Lee |
| Year 5 | C Davies | J Van Der Merwe | S Wild | K Hayden |
| Year 6 | B Manning | C Hardy | E Alcock | H Dewick |
| Year 7 | N Truglio | S Hayes-Thompson | S Wilson | B Wahlsten |
| Year 8 | J Hardy | J Bill | S Moylan | T Daddow |
| Year 9 | B Lia | S Anderson | L Donald-Watene | A Kermodé |
| Year 10 | K Jones | A Townrow | R Truglio | E Hardy |
| Year 11/12 | D Meyer | B Smith | T Bush | A Rajagopalan |



Primary Champions



Secondary Champions

BRANDING WITH CANVA WORKSHOP

By MERREDIN CRC

On Tuesday 14 March 2023, Willy Regan, RSM Business Local Advisor, came back to the CRC to run another free CANVA workshop for small business owners.

The participants were taught the basics of using CANVA and branding with CANVA. From creating a brand kit for your business to using the right images and design tips, Willy Regan went through it all.

The workshop was hands on

and informative with all of the participants enjoying themselves and learning how to make better promotional materials for their business.

Willy Regan will be back at the CRC on 23 May 2023 for an Instagram Essentials for Small Businesses workshop. To book in for this free beginner level workshop on how to utilize Instagram for your small business go to:

www.rsmbusinesslocal.com.au/wheatbelt or call 1800 249 562.



TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL VISIT

On Thursday 16 March, our Kindy – Year Two students were lucky enough to have a visit from the Teddy Bears’ Hospital. Our Teddy Bears were treated for their illnesses and were given the all-clear by the Doctors! Thank you to the Medical Students for their time and energy to spend with our students.



SKIN CANCER SCREENING

By **THE LIONS CANCER INSTITUTE**

The Lions Cancer Institute (LCI) will be providing a free Skin Cancer Screening in Merredin on Sunday 16th April. This free service provides for the early detection of skin lesions and where a lesion is identified a referral is made to your GP for further investigation. For booking information contact 9041 1041

The LCI is a project of the Lions Clubs of Western Australia. Since early 1990's LCI has been providing full body skin screening clinics throughout Western Australia, with an

emphasis on screening the remote and rural areas of the state.

From humble beginnings the Volunteers of LCI have screened over 80 000 patients and our records show that with the annual rate of referrals to a GP is in the order of 27% (21,600) and lesions suspected of being life threatening are at 6% (1260). Early detection of lesions will save lives and lessen the need for invasive surgery.

LCI's screening program is supported by qualified volunteer Dermatologists, Plastic Surgeons, Dermoscopists and GP's.

Funding for LCI's screening programs and research grants is provided by donations from Lions Clubs of WA, Business and from the public.

We are currently raising funds to replace our two ageing screening units with one purpose-built unit. Donations can be made to The Lions Cancer Institute at **WESTPAC BANK, BSB 036-107 ACCOUNT 218 557.**

All donations over \$2.00 are Tax Deductible

Visit LCI website at www.lionscancerinstitute.org.au



By **MERREDIN LIBRARY**

March has been an interesting month so far. The library has a new photographic display, an Earth Hour display and hosted a book launch, as well as receiving new stock.

Book Launch

Ex-Merredin resident Ian Stubbs has written a book about Merredin. *'Memories of Merredin'* is a collection of Ian's recollections of living in Merredin in the 1950's and 1960's. The book launch was attended by 20 people who were kept enchanted by Ian's

memories and stories, with many of the attendees recalling the same events and people. A copy of the book is available to borrow from the library. The book is also available to buy from the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre.

Photographic Display

Have you seen the display spotlighting Emergency Services and emergencies yet? The display has photographs from the collection of Barbara Hall and Bob Abell and includes many old articles from the Merredin Mercury. The display includes pictures of floods, train

derailments, fires as well as the first Volunteer Fire Brigade, ambulances through the ages, nurses, the first Police Station and books on disasters. There is even an old ambulance stretcher.

New to Stock

The library has received a lot of new stock in the last month including new junior kindergarten, junior fiction and young adult books in addition to fiction and non-fiction. The library has also received new DVD's and audiobooks as well as a new book on the Meckering Earthquake in 1968, *'Forty*

Library Musings

seconds' compiled by Alice Snooke. If you haven't been in for a while (thinking you have read everything) come in and see what's new.

Remember, if you can't find what you are looking for, try asking the friendly library staff for help. Free e-resources are available to all library members. Not a member yet? E-membership is available from the Shire of Merredin website, and to borrow from the library itself come in and fill in a form. Staff just need to sight proof of address.

See you soon.

2023 MERREDIN SHOW - 1 APRIL - NO JOKE!

By MERREDIN SHOW COMMITTEE

After the cancellation of the 2022 Merredin Show, this year's Merredin Show is now just over a week away. There will be plenty of exciting activities to join in, a huge variety of stalls to visit and a wide range of delicious foods to taste, so make sure you come on down and visit us at the Merredin Recreation and Leisure Centre grounds.

Gates open to the public at 10am. To get through the gates as quick as possible make sure to book your tickets through Trybooking. Adults are \$15, and with thanks to executive sponsor Collgar Renewables, children 15 and under are FREE. Children still require a ticket so don't forget to book them through Trybooking too.

There are heaps of free activities on offer including VR experiences; Money sand pit/treasure hunt for the kids; Spider Mountain climbing tower; RAC rescue chopper display; Aquatic Critters Up Close and interactive; INSTRUCKTA truck safety simulator; robotics and science shows by the crazy scientists from Merredin College; animal displays; and a dog high jumping demonstration.

There will be loads of other entertainment throughout the day, including favourites Merredin College Choir, Merredin Bootscooters, Rural Dance Schools of WA, local band The Rat Rods, Sideshow Alley and culminating with the amazing fireworks, proudly sponsored by Wheatbelt Cash for Containers.

The float parade is on hold for this year but there will be a Show n Shine for vehicle enthusiasts. Just pay your gate entry, park your car in the designated spot on the oval and let the public choose their favourite.

Topline Earthmoving are sponsoring kid's entry into the exhibition – any child (turning 12 in 2023) who puts in three entries automatically receive \$5. The exhibition is trying out a new format this year, with a People's Choice being awarded to the most popular entry. The prize is a beautiful silver tray donated by Julie Nicoletti, engraved ready for the 2022 Show that was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the day. Only 500

tickets are available this year, \$50 a ticket with a first prize of \$10,000, second prize \$3,000 and third prize of \$2,000. Keep a look out for Merredin Show committee and volunteers selling tickets.

The raffle will be drawn at 4pm, followed by the announcement of the People's Choice awards for the Exhibition and the Show n Shine.

Just a reminder, there are NO cash out facilities available at the Rec Centre.

Can't wait to see you there!



FOOD BANK AUSTRALIA

By MERREDIN CRC

Are you finding it tough to make ends meet? Foodbank Australia is here to help fight hunger in Australia.

Foodbank is Australia's largest food relief organisation, operating on a scale that makes it crucial to the work of the front-line charities who are feeding vulnerable Australians.

Everyone in the community is entitled to this service, and there is always someone who can help if you're in a tough situation.

The Merredin CRC have arranged for dry food hamper boxes from Foodbank to be made available. However, the Merredin CRC cannot give these

hampers out directly to the public. Please contact one of the following organisations if you are in need of a food hamper:

- Merredin Churches Fraternal
- Bruce Rock Community Resource Centre
- Kellerberrin Community Resource Centre
- Dorcas Clothing Naremben (Church of Christ)
- Department of Communities
- Wheatbelt Ag Care
- Amity Health

Contact Merredin CRC for more information or contact details for one of these organisations.

KINDRED SPIRITS

By PAM FORBES

Some of us watched "Old people's home for four-year-olds" on ABC TV and were inspired to form a committee to organise a similar program in Merredin.

We have a Child Care Centre and lots of oldies, so we figured we have what is necessary. The Child Care Centre is keen and full of ideas. So, Lillian, Stephanie and I got going.

Our plan is to run a session at

the REED Centre, one day a week for six weeks in April/May.

Would you like to help by –

- becoming a committee member
- suggesting someone who would benefit by being a participant

If you are interested, please leave your contact details with the CRC and they will forward them on to me.



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Merredin Community Resource Centre

2023

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PURPLE BENCH PROJECT UNVEILING

By **MERREDIN CRC**

On the 17th of March 2023 at 10.30am The Merredin Community Resource Centre held an inauguration ceremony for the unveiling of the 'Purple Bench' that sits proudly outside of the Merredin CRC.

A massive thank you goes out to Linkwest, The Loftus Communities Centre and EEO Equal Opportunity Specialists for providing some of the funding to acquire this purple bench.

Mark McKenzie, Shire of Merredin President and Ross Duffield, Merredin CRC Chairperson unveiled the bench. Guests from Wheatbelt Ag Care, Amity Health, Share and Care Northam, WACHS, Merredin Police and the Merredin CRC Committee and staff gathered in support of Domestic Violence. The ceremony was a great success, followed with a morning tea for attendees.

The colour of the bench is associated with the Global Domestic Violence Awareness Movement. The Purple Bench Project supports the installation of purple benches in public spaces to honour victims of domestic and family violence.

Domestic Violence comes in many forms and many people may not have the support and bravery to leave their situation.

The 'purple bench' originated In Nova Scotia, Canada, where purple benches are located in public parks to honour the memory of women murdered by their partner and to provide HELP numbers for people experiencing family and domestic violence. They are known as Barb's Benches and were launched in 2015 to mark the 25th year anniversary of the murder of Barb Ballie by her husband.

Since then, purple benches have been placed around the

world, to shine a light on a way for victims to receive the help they may need.

If you need advice and support please phone: Women's DV helpline: 9223 1188 or 1800 007 339



Ross Duffield and Mark McKenzie



Lisa Clack, Shire of Merredin CEO and Mark McKenzie



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Tales from the Train

A modern take on travelling by train

By LADY RANTHAM

Being back on the train again is a rich smorgasbord of entertainment, if only you are willing to keep your ears open. I heard the best conversation in the world today and I would have given anything to hear BOTH sides of it. I had lodged myself firmly against the window, happily masked up with my purple-lined cat creation and was enjoying the fashion choices of the masks around me.

We had an Australian flag mask worn by the sort of person who might be on the militant side of patriotism, amusingly flanked by someone with a blue mask covered in little yellow stars on one side and a red mask on the other – it would have been perfect if the red mask had white stripes, but life is seldom perfect. It was close enough to make me chuckle.

We had a spectacular pink flamingo job to the left, surrounded by a sea of disposable masks that should already have been disposed of. But somewhere behind me, 3-4 seats back by my aural calculation, was a middle-aged woman from somewhere in the north of the UK. She had a particularly unctuous accent which so attracted my ear that I turned off my audio book and was just enjoying her mellifluous cadence and gift of expression as she commiserated with another middle-aged woman (presumably) over the phone.

The BEST SENTENCE OF TODAY was in response to some sort of complaint about bad language in modern music, to which she replied “well let’s just say that the lyrics weren’t ‘Whoops, have a banana!’ dear.”

The whole rest of the day, the answer to any question has been “Whoops! Have a banana!”. I might end up in HR, but it would be worth it.

DRUNK ON DEPENDENCY

Most people like to think of Australia as a leader in science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM), but the reality over the past few decades paints a very different picture.

A new report by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) titled *Critical Technology Tracker* shows that this is a broader problem within several democratic countries. The report points out that China has taken the lead in 37 out of 44 critical advanced technology fields including advanced materials and manufacturing, artificial intelligence, computing and communications, energy and environmental research, quantum research, biotechnology, gene technology and vaccines, sensing, timing and navigation, and defence, space, robotics, and transportation. In the remaining seven fields, the USA remains the leader, although the gap is narrowing.

China has taken the lead in this sort of research because they are willing to invest in STEM over the long term and have focused on deliberate design and long-term planning. China has a clear idea of its long-term national interest.

In contrast, Australia has focused very much on the short-term thinking, with highly restrictive and bureaucratic research funding schemes, and

overall a comparatively small level of funding for STEM research. Australia has also focused on making our country as dependent on foreign countries as possible, with very little manufacturing capability or skills being retained in Australia.

This is especially the case in relation to electronics and high-tech manufactured goods. This extreme dependency on other countries was highlighted early in the covid-19 pandemic when many supply chains dried up, resulting in shortages of a range of products in Australia. It is astonishing how quickly people have forgotten about this and have reverted to accepting, and indeed championing, complete dependency on imports.

It appears this desire for dependency is driven not just by a belief that “overseas goods are always cheaper”, but also a lack of faith in the ability of fellow Australians to be able to do the STEM research and manufacturing to be independent of other countries.

Australia has lost many opportunities to be a leader in many technologies, including solar technologies where the Howard government forced solar researchers offshore, and wind technologies where other countries have taken the lead. Australia has become a

My Thoughts



Grant Stainer

technology buyer instead of producer.

There are still opportunities that could be taken up to become a world leader and secure Australian critical technologies and supplies. As an example, Australia has one of the world’s biggest lithium reserves and has all the critical minerals for making lithium batteries. Using solar and wind power, Australia could potentially safeguard its energy security by focusing on electric batteries, critical minerals extraction and processing, and photovoltaic technologies while locally capitalising on its onshore critical-minerals resources. As a large producer of aluminum ore, Australia could reduce its greenhouse emissions by using renewable sources in its aluminum production.

Of course, this requires long-term thinking and planning, with a significant financial investment into a wide range of STEM areas, not just the same old incremental improvements to existing technologies. As a society, we need to think big and think about what is in Australia’s national interest and where we want to be in the future.

Merredin CRC are looking for preloved Christmas Trees to adopt.
Donations are welcome throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORPHANAGE

Court Report

6th February 2023

Rockingham Courthouse

Trephina Te Rito appeared on the charge of no authority to drive (disqualified from holding or obtaining). They were remanded to appear at Kalgoorlie on 20 February 2023.

27th February 2023

Northam Courthouse

Greta Riley appeared on the charge of stealing. She was remanded to appear in Northam on 20 March 2023.

2nd March 2023

Merredin Courthouse

Christopher Ackland appeared on the charge of breached a family violence restraining order. He was remanded to appear in Northam on 20 March 2023.

Kevin Adriaens appeared on the charge of fail to give way at a give way sign/line. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 4 April 2023.

Joshua Copeland appeared on the charge of unlicensed person possess firearm/ammunition. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 4 April 2023.

Kevin Hayden appeared on the charges of common assault and stealing. He was remanded to appear in Rockingham on 13 March 2023.

Justin Jetta appeared on the charges of stealing and breach of conditional suspended imprisonment order. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 4 April 2023.

Tahlia Laurence appeared on the charges of threat with intent to prevent/hinder person doing act and assault public officer. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 4 April 2023.

Murray Leggerini appeared on the charge of common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 4 April 2023.

Marc Osborne appeared on the charge of unlawfully assault and thereby did harm with circumstances of aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Armadale on 13 March 2023.

Peter Salinovich appeared on the charges of without lawful excuse trespassed on a place and stealing. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 April 2023.

13th March 2023

Rockingham Courthouse

Kevin Hayden appeared on the charges of common assault and stealing. He was remanded to appear in Rockingham on 31 March 2023.

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Merredin Museum & Historical Society Inc. - C10681143

Merredin Railway Tennis Club - C10336486

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From the History Room

By **MERREDIN LIBRARY**

From the history room at the Merredin Library, these recipes are from the Merredin Mercury and Central Districts Index Ladies' Column 1929.

INDIAN PILAU

A chicken or rabbit should be cut in neat joints and stewed for ¾ hour in a good bechamel sauce, or if the remains of the cold chicken or rabbit are used, it is only necessary to heat it in the sauce for 20 minutes. Wash 4ozs rice, well boiled in plenty of boiling water with a dessertspoon salt added for 20 minutes then drain into a colander. Run plenty of water through to keep the grains separate, put rice into saucepan with 3ozs butter, add a dessertspoon curry powder, cover, shake occasionally till

ready to be used. Slice and fry 2 onions in butter till they are brown. Toss in 2 tablespoons of currants and raisins. Dish up the chicken or rabbit, cover with rice, then strew with the onions. Garnish with blanched sliced almonds, hard-boiled eggs cut in quarters and sprinkled with a little desiccated coconut.

GINGER PUDDING

1½ cups ginger snap biscuit crumbs, ½ cup sugar, 1¼ teaspoon mixed spice, 1 egg and 3 cups of milk.

Butter a baking dish, put in the crumbs, add the milk, sugar, spice and the well beaten egg. Stand in a pan of hot water and bake until set in a moderate oven. Serve warm with top milk, cream or marshmallow cream sauce.

'MERREDIN MEMORIES' BOOK LAUNCH

By **MERREDIN LIBRARY**

Twenty people from near and far, gathered at the Merredin Library on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 to participate in the book launch for 'Memories of Merredin', a collection of stories about Merredin in the 1950s and 1960s.

The author, Ian Stubbs, is an ex-resident of Merredin who has written a compilation of recollections and anecdotes about people, events and the

way of life in Merredin at the time.

Ian kept the audience enchanted throughout the launch with his stories of the people he knew, invoking many of their own memories. Ian even donated a copy of his book and one of his hand-made pens to the Library, which are available for the community to view.

The book is also available for sale at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre for just \$40.



GEIER, DOUGLAS (Doug)

Deepest sympathies are extended to **Lesley, Robert, Andrew (dec), James, Geoffrey (dec) and Kathryn** and respective families on the sad loss of **Doug** a true gentleman and tireless contributor to all communities and clubs he was involved with.

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VINTAGE RALLY AND SEARCHLIGHT PARTY

By NUNGARIN MACHINERY AND ARMY MUSUEM

The 2023 Vintage Rally & Searchlight Party was a wonderful success.

A range of vintage machinery and cars were on display with exhibitors travelling from far and wide.

Over 400 came through the gate to spend the afternoon inspecting the vintage machinery and cars, sharing stories with the exhibitors and friends (new and old) and wandering through the Nungarin Heritage, Machinery & Army Museum.

Exhibitors, volunteers and visitors were able to enjoy a coffee or ice cold slushy from Wheatbelt Coffee Time, an ice cream from Nungarin's own Ice Cream van or a yummy afternoon tea provided by the Museum.

The climbing wall, generously set up and manned by Shaw Horizon's was a hit with all of the children (big and small) with many having a number of

attempts to get closer and closer to ringing the bell at the top. Another highlight for the day for some was a ride in the restored Half Track or Tank.

As the sun was setting the crowd was able enjoy a delicious dinner of vegetarian korma curry or yummy burgers, nuggets or fish bites with chips was also a popular option.

Around 8pm the excitement grew as the generator roared to life and the restored WW II searchlight lit up across the sky. Following the main event the Rat Rods entertained the crowd with their music.

Such an event is not possible without the support of businesses, organisations and individuals. Your support and generosity ensured a successful Vintage Rally for 2023, thank you to:

- Bunnings Northam (donation of raffle prize)
- CRT Merredin (donation of raffle prize)
- Shaw Horizons (donation of

raffle prize and use of their climbing wall)

- Woolshed Hotel (for arranging the bar and providing a financial contribution towards advertising)
- Wheatbelt Way (financial contribution towards advertising and promotion of the event)
- Nungarin CRC (promotion of the event throughout their network and printing of materials for the event)
- Wheatbelt Markets (financial contribution towards advertising, bringing the Ice Cream van to the rally)
- Nungarin Tidy Towns (purchasing of the cool drink for the rally)
- Nungarin Shire (financial contribution towards advertising, use of portable ablutions, retrieval of tables and chairs from storage for the event)
- Wheatbelt Rural (donation of

fuel for the Half Track and running the generator for the Searchlight)

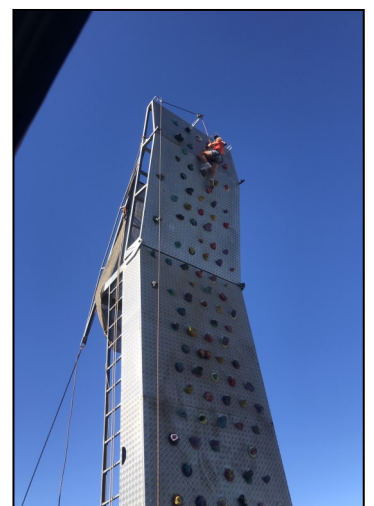
- Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre (promotion of the event)
- Jeff Seaby (auctioneer for the auction)

Thank you should also go to the many volunteers who gave up their time, not only on the day of the Rally, but in the weeks prior to organise the event.

The Nungarin Heritage, Machinery and Army Museum is open everyday (except Good Friday and Christmas Day) 9am to 4pm, so we welcome visitors to come and explore the Museum further.

We also offer a cooked breakfast (of bacon, sausage, eggs and beans, served with toast and tea or coffee) on Sunday mornings (not on Market Days) for \$10 per person.

Look forward to seeing you all again soon!



MERREDIN COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED PLAY HOSTS

By MERREDIN MEN'S SHED

Thursday afternoon on a bright sunny day, the Merredin Men's Shed Members played host to 27 graduate students from Notre Dame University.

The students made up the Merredin contingent of over a hundred students visiting the Wheatbelt from Southern Cross in the east to Bruce Rock, Westonia, Kellerberrin all part of the Wheatbelt East Regional Council (WEROC) who for some years have sponsored the Medical facility of Notre Dame to a country visit, the aim being to familiarise and encourage the

graduates when as Doctors back into the country.

The visit started with students breaking up into small groups and Shed Member introducing them to a shed walk through and activities.

This was followed by a convivial discussion and afternoon tea including the famous scones from supporter "Julia".

The Men's Shed Members have been part of the visit arrangement to Merredin for several years and look forward to the exchange of ideas and discussion.



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Astronomy

WTF 23rd Mar – 5th Apr 2023

Welcome to another Equinox edition of WTF. The hours of sunlight are diminishing at the rate of two and a half minutes a day, and by the end of this fortnight it's dark by six thirty. This week should be perfect for an evening of Watching The Firmament, with the moon a slim crescent setting in the West.

Tomorrow (the 24th of March) the Moon will pass in front of Venus. This will happen immediately after sunset in the bright twilight. By the time it gets dark Venus should have just reappeared from behind the moon, an excellent photo opportunity!

You can see by the charts that the other planets with the exception of Mars are now too close to the sun. Early birds may catch Saturn in the Eastern

sky before dawn. It should be easy to spot in Aquarius, which is a rather barren part of the sky.

If you have been watching Mars you will know it is moving inexorably eastwards towards Alhena, which is in Gemini. Soon it will join the twins Castor and Pollux, which will be quite an attractive alignment.

Mars is losing its brightness by the day as it moves further from opposition. Of all the planets Mars is the most variable.

What about the others? Well, Uranus is still in Aries where it has been for years. Therefore, it is only a few weeks away from conjunction and thus transition from evening star to morning. At magnitude 5 you will need binoculars. Neptune is still in Pisces where it has been for

decades. It had its conjunction on March 15th. Neptune is now officially the furthest planet from the sun and is difficult to identify even with a powerful telescope.

Asteroid Vesta is currently in the constellation of Cetus and is therefore also not far from conjunction. The asteroid belt is a thick ring consisting of assorted rocks and gravel that orbits the sun between Mars and Jupiter.

The four largest of these rocks are, in order, Ceres, Vesta, Pallas and Hygiea. Only Vesta is visible without a telescope, mainly because of its reflective surface.

Pluto is no longer considered a planet because it has been recognised that it exists within another ring of assorted rocks

that orbits the sun beyond the orbit of Neptune, called the Kuiper belt. Numerous other large Kuiper belt objects have now been identified, such as Makemake, Haumea, Orcus and Quaoar.

As the evening advances Spica and Corvus become conspicuous in the East. Bright red Arcturus rises in the Northeast, and in the Southeast the Emu rises headfirst.

By midnight Scorpio is up and the Milky Way's southern glories are on full show. A line formed by Arcturus and Spica points roughly south.

Unlike City dwellers, for whom most of this beauty is obscured by the glare of streetlights, you just have to keep looking up to get the lot for free.

| Date/Planet | Sun ☉ | Moon ☾ | Mercury ☿ | Venus ♀ |
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| Thu 23 | rises6:11am sets6:14pm in ☿ | rises7:33am sets7:17pm in ☿ | rises6:36am sets6:33pm in ☿ | rises8:57am sets7:52pm in ♀ |
| Fri 24 | rises6:12am sets6:13pm in ☿ | rises8:38am sets7:49pm in ☿ | rises6:42am sets6:34pm in ☿ | rises8:59am sets7:52pm in ♀ |
| Sat 25 | rises6:13am sets6:12pm in ☿ | rises9:43am sets8:25pm in ♀ | rises6:48am sets6:35pm in ☿ | rises9:00am sets7:51pm in ♀ |
| Sun 26 | rises6:13am sets6:11pm in ☿ | rises10:47am sets9:04pm in ♀ | rises6:53am sets6:36pm in ☿ | rises9:02am sets7:51pm in ♀ |
| Mon 27 | rises6:14am sets6:09pm in ☿ | rises11:49am sets9:48pm in ♂ | rises6:59am sets6:37pm in ☿ | rises9:04am sets7:50pm in ♀ |
| Tue 28 | rises6:15am sets6:08pm in ☿ | rises12:47pm sets10:37pm in ♂ | rises7:04am sets6:37pm in ☿ | rises9:06am sets7:50pm in ♀ |
| Wed 29 🌑 | rises6:15am sets6:07pm in ☿ | rises1:41pm sets11:30pm in ♀ | rises7:09am sets6:38pm in ☿ | rises9:08am sets7:50pm in ♀ |
| Thu 30 | rises6:16am sets6:06pm in ☿ | rises2:28pm in ♀ | rises7:15am sets6:39pm in ☿ | rises9:10am sets7:49pm in ♀ |
| Fri 31 | rises6:17am sets6:04pm in ☿ | sets12:26am rises3:09pm in ♀ | rises7:20am sets6:39pm in ☿ | rises9:11am sets7:49pm in ♀ |
| Sat 01 | rises6:17am sets6:03pm in ☿ | sets1:24am rises3:45pm in ♀ | rises7:25am sets6:40pm in ☿ | rises9:13am sets7:49pm in ♀ |
| Sun 02 | rises6:18am sets6:02pm in ☿ | sets2:21am rises4:17pm in ♀ | rises7:30am sets6:40pm in ☿ | rises9:15am sets7:49pm in ♀ |
| Mon 03 | rises6:19am sets6:01pm in ☿ | sets3:18am rises4:46pm in ♀ | rises7:34am sets6:41pm in ☿ | rises9:17am sets7:48pm in ♀ |
| Tue 04 | rises6:19am sets5:59pm in ☿ | sets4:14am rises5:13pm in ♀ | rises7:38am sets6:41pm in ♀ | rises9:19am sets7:48pm in ♀ |
| Wed 05 | rises6:20am sets5:58pm in ☿ | sets5:11am rises5:39pm in ♀ | rises7:42am sets6:41pm in ♀ | rises9:21am sets7:48pm in ♀ |

| Date/Planet | Mars ♂ | Jupiter ♃ | Saturn ♄ |
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NANGEENAN MATTERS

By **JULIE TOWNROW,**
Nangeenan Progress Group

At the turn of the Century, Nangeenan was a flourishing community and laid claim to the first school, the first rail siding in the district and was first settled in 1894 by Fredrick Growden.

The first survey of the town site was carried out in 1904. By 1912 there was a school, Community Hall, Post office and butcher's shop

The railway station had a Station Master's House and was the end point of the rail head until its final destination of Kalgoorlie in 1896. The rail head was the place where so many of the future families disembarked for their continuing trek into the hinterland to establish farms and communities of the future.

The Post Office was housed at the property of Mr and Mrs Nice, Mrs Nice nee Cahill. Next door was a house, and story has it that in the late 1920's the house was sold to the local doctor in Merredin who planned to move it from Nangeenan to Merredin.

The house was duly loaded onto a jinker with a bullock team for the journey into Merredin. As it was winter time there was a fair bit of moisture in the ground and the team were unable to pull the house over Cunningham's Hill as it had got bogged.

Mr and Mrs Vin Cahill (Snr) who lived along the North Nangeenan Road about five miles out, had a fire go through their house, burning it to the ground. It was thus decided that the house stuck on Cunningham Hill would be better moved to the site to replace the burnt homestead.

This became a problem, as on the return journey, as the team pulled the first jinker around the corner of the North Nangeenan Road, it slid off the jinker. Simple solution, they pulled up

the second jinker and that is where the house stayed. Still standing almost 100 years later. Kevin Cahill telling me that the join is still visible. Vin and Maggie Cahill lived in this property for many years and it later became Kevin and Reawa's house where they raised their family.

Driving through now in 2023, there is no indication that the railway line, sheds and house were on the south side of the highway.

Nangeenan, however, now is home to five houses and the sheds and office block that were to become Marley's Transport until it became MDH transport in 2020. But the Marley story and Nangeenan doesn't end there, as Frank bought the Nangeenan Agricultural Hall in May 2021, with the view to restoring this magnificent old hall to honour our peers and pioneers.

Like so many of the little townsites in the district, modernisation of the rail system, the roadways and advances in the motoring manufacturing served the death knoll to many.

The 2020 vision of hindsight tells me that our parents worked extremely hard to lose their dreams of building a sustainable business.

Their choices for advancement and service were right, the location of their business was wrong, nobody could have worked harder to succeed than they did.

That same hindsight can be applied today in the choices of business that can make or break a family. So, while Nangeenan is synonymous with the transport industry, because of their business and its association with the trucking industry and the birth of Marley's Transport.

It was with the same tenacity, hard work and dedication that

Marley's Transport could ride the wave the tides of droughts and recession. That Frank and Georgie are in a position to fund the altruistic dream of preserving the Hall and some of the District Heritage.

It would seem reasonable to explain at this point what the transport industry looked like in the 1960's. The Nullarbor Plain did not have a sealed road, and minimal service facilities, it was known at the time as the Bulldust Highway and only the brave tackled that journey in a truck, there were a few hardened troopers who did, but mostly, the freight that came out of the City's by truck, "piggy backed" on the train across the Nullarbor. Loading at Port Augusta in South Australia and off loading at Parkeston the freight destination in Kalgoorlie.

While there were protection practices in place to maximise rail transport. While section 92 of the Australian constitution states the following in its definition, *what seems to be an "Absolutely necessary condition of anything like perfect federation, that is, that Australia, as Australia, shall be free — free on the borders, free everywhere — in its trade and intercourse between its own people; that there shall be no impediment of any kind — that there shall be no barrier of any kind between one section of the Australian people and another; but, that the trade and the general communication of these people shall flow on from one end of the continent to the other, with no one to stay its progress or call it to account."*

However, it goes on to explain that the states and territories, while allowing for the free trade across its borders, allowed for the states to make their own rules and regulations about the transportation of goods within its borders and until the 1980's the state regulations were anti-competitive and it was illegal for road transport within Western Australia to compete with the

WAGR (Western Australian Government Railway) business. I looked at many acts and notices but could only find this in the Government Railways Act of 1904, section 23

(12.) Regulating the traffic on roads and bridges used both for ordinary mid railway traffic;

(13.) Regulating the public or private traffic of persons, vehicles, or goods on roads, bridges, and subways across, over, or under any railway;

That may have given a loophole in the Act to introduce, the restrictive practices, administered by the WA Transport Commission, whereby the cartage of certain goods was illegal as it became competition for the Railways, this act included statements that *"allowed the Government to do whatever it needed to do to protect the business and profitability of the railway network, "If it so choose"*.

While I didn't quite understand this anomaly at such a tender young age, I can look back and know, that our time in Nangeenan gave much but it also took much. Our parents, our childhood and our innocence.

Nangeenan was probably the place I most think of as my home, My Place, the place where I grew from a young girl into an adult. It is the place from where we, the Marley Children learned the most, grew the most and stepped out of our parents' care into the bigger world, where we were responsible for our own destiny.

Nangeenan was the greatest part of the moulding into the adults that we became. The place where the lessons and values of our future were honed, and our skill sets developed.

It may not have been a time of school learning but certainly a time of life learning.

ARTS AND CRAFTS PARTIES

By **SHEREE LOWE (PAINT THE TOWN)**

The first two Paint the Town art and craft parties for this year have taken place in Merredin.

February saw our first ever polymer clay party, where participants made beautiful, unique jewellery using the "Watercolour" polymer clay technique.

In March, we all painted personalised underwater paradises.

"It's a good fun thing to go along to, and a good excuse to be creative. I enjoy painting, but I need to be guided to achieve a good result," said one paint party regular.

The paintings and craft projects are designed using very simple but effective techniques so that even if you have never done it before, you will be able to walk away with a creation you are proud of.

"Paint parties are a great way to have some one-on-one time with my daughter who absolutely loves anything to do with art and crafts," said one participant.

Another agreed saying, "It's a family event for me taking my son, daughter and son-in-law. We have quality time together learning new techniques and watching your inspiration flow."

If you're looking for an opportunity to try something new and different, an excuse to have some one-on-one bonding time with family or friends or

even just some creative me-time, come along! There are more classes being held each month in 2023. You can try your hand at alcohol ink pot painting, metal stamping, using polymer clay to create jewellery that looks like gemstones, or create a beautiful painting you're proud of - even if you've never painted before!

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Horoscopes



ARIES 21 March-19 April
Use bold words and body language to get your point across.



TAURUS 20 April-26 May
New friends are needed to get out of your comfort zone.



GEMINI 21 May-20 June
Don't stay quiet this week, speak up on what's bothering you.



CANCER 21 June-22 July
Dreams may come in all shapes and sizes. This time, you need to dream big.



LEO 23 July-22 August
You have to change a little to achieve the goal you want.



VIRGO 23 August-22 September
Travelling may be on the cards. This may help you meet some new people.



LIBRA 23 September-22 October
Responsibility is key, don't lose focus on what needs to be done.



SCORPIO 23 October-21 November
Love seems to be in your sites, keep your eyes and mind open.



SAGITTARIUS 22 November-21 December
Keep building this strong network, it might lead to something exciting.



CAPRICORN 22 December-19 January
Be supportive and listen when people are speaking.



AQUARIUS 20 January-18 February
Asking for help isn't necessarily a bad thing.



PISCES 19 February-20 March
Watch your pennies this week. Try not to spend as much.

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MERREDIN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Thursday 9 March 2023

Senior Men

Merredin Grizzlies (32) d. Lakers (30)

Bulls (36) d. Burracoppin Cats (35)

Senior Women

Sonics (22) d. Mystics Blue (8)

Sharks (24) d. Merredin Warriors (20)

Bye: Fury

Junior Boys

Green (39) d. Light Grey (14)

Black (28) d. Yellow (22)

Light Blue (28) d. Red (24)

Junior Girls

Lime Green (63) d. Orange (12)

Royal Blue (14) d. White (8)

Intermediate Boys

Orange (33) d. Light Grey (31)

Green (45) d. Red (40)

Black (59) d. Royal Blue (29)

Bye: Yellow

Thursday 16 March 2023

Senior Men

Bulls (40) d. Burracoppin Cats (35)

Merredin Grizzlies (31) d. Lakers (25)

Senior Women

Sharks (2) d. Merredin Warriors (forfeit)

Sonics (2) d. Mystics Blue

(forfeit)

Junior Boys

Light Blue (50) d. Green (26)

Red (15) d. Black (13)

Junior Girls

Royal Blue (44) d. Lime Green (23)

Orange (20) d. White (18)

Intermediate Boys

Black (49) d. Light Grey (34)

Red (45) d. Yellow (41)

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STATEMENT ON LIVE SHEEP EXPORT BAN

MIA DAVIES, MEDIA RELEASE

Member for Central Wheatbelt Hon Mia Davies MLA has delivered a statement in Parliament on the devastating decision of the Albanese Labour Government to shut down live sheep export.

The transcript of the 90 Second Statement is below, or you can watch at <https://bit.ly/3ZPEsst>.

Please sign the petition to be tabled in Parliament in Mia's Northam or Merredin electorate office during business hours, or you can add your name to the e-petition here: <https://bit.ly/3SwPYX7>.

Help us send a message to the McGowan and Albanese Labor Government.

"I rise to place my support for the thousands of people and hundreds of businesses and livelihoods linked to the live sheep export industry—and to express my deep anger, concern, and opposition to the Federal Labour Government's decision to shut it down.

I stand by those farmers, truck drivers, shipping companies, livestock agents, veterinarians, port workers, shearers, feedlot businesses and all involved in the sector—no legitimate industry should ever be closed for political reasons, or to suit activist agendas.

Whilst there have been challenges—it is an industry that has undertaken significant reforms that have seen the best practice animal welfare

outcomes achieved on an international scale.

The trade employs about 3,500 people across the supply chain—80 per cent of those based here in Western Australia, many in my electorate of Central Wheatbelt.

Labor's decision is devastating, driven by the desire to appease animal activist and capture inner-city votes.

The Albanese Labour Government is no friend of Western Australia—and neither is the McGowan State Government. I have never seen a less enthusiastic, muted and defeatist attitude than that shown by Minister Jacquie Jarvis and Premier McGowan when it comes to standing up for West

Australians on this issue.

If they truly supported the industry they would be on the front foot every day railing against this decision. Instead, they shrug their shoulders and relinquish this important industry to a political hatchet job by their own Party and Prime Minister.

Industry and its leaders should demand more of their State Agriculture Minister, and WA should punish the Albanese Government at the next election—Labor is no friend of regional Western Australia."

For media enquires please contact Mia Davies on 08 9041 1702 (Merredin office) 08 9622 2871 (Northam office) or miadavies@mp.wa.gov.au.



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100 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay



FOR SALE



4-bedroom, 1-bathroom home

Listed at \$249,000

New to the market is this home located on a 1027m2 corner block with secure off-street parking. This big home has 3 separate living spaces! All bedrooms are neatly finished with modern style robe storage. Sleek gallery style kitchen, with a 900ml gas stovetop and wall mounted electric oven. Downlighting, timber-look hybrid waterproofed flooring and reverse cycle ducted air conditioning features throughout. **Contact Christie on 0414 221 744 for more information.**

27 POLLOCK AVENUE, MERREDIN



3-bedroom, 1-bathroom home

Listed at \$159,000

Circa 1920's home on a 1518m2 block, walking distance to town. Consists of a double driveway leading to a double carport, and fully established gardens! The lounge room features a new wood fireplace and a split system aircon. Pine cupboards, original Metters oven and gas stove to the kitchen. Powered workshop with concrete floors and 2x garden sheds to the rear yard!

Contact Christie on 0414 221 744 for more information.

43 DUFF STREET, MERREDIN



FOR RENT



\$380 per week

AVAILABLE 20TH APRIL 2023

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Double carport
- Wood fireplace
- Evap & split system to lounge
- Gas hot water system
- Enclosed yard

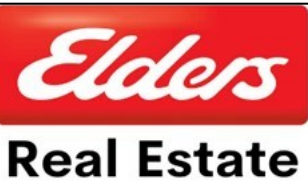


\$300 per week

AVAILABLE 27TH APRIL 2023

- 3 Bedrooms
- 1 Bathroom
- Double carport
- Portable heating & cooling
- Garden shed
- Gas hot water system
- Enclosed yard

Please note all prospective tenants are required to fill in a pre-approval application form prior to viewing any available rental properties. Please email info@asktonym.com.au or call 08 9574 2917 😊



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3 X 1 WITH GAMES ROOM!!

If you're looking for something with extra living space come and view this 3 bedroom 1 bathroom home with a 35 square metre (approx) games room! This home has well laid out gardens with the rear yard divided in half. The front half provides a nice garden and lawn space while the back half with rear entry from a laneway provides a tonne of room to park a caravan, build a big shed or WHY. The front yard offers two drive-ways, one with a single carport and one with a single garage. The games room is separated from the house by a lovely patio BBQ area for summer entertaining and opens onto the rear garden through a glass sliding door. This humble home has ducted evaporative air conditioning throughout, plus there are reverse cycle split systems to both the lounge room and the master bedroom.



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| 3 | | 1 | | 2 | |
| | Beds | | Bath | | Parking |



57 Caw Street, Merredin
\$180,000 - WEB ID 300P107742

This tidy 3 x 1 is perfect for investors with the most recent lease on this home returning \$360 per week. With a strong rental history and full rental records available you really cant go wrong. Situated on a 1,012 square metre block with excellent colourbond fencing all round the back yard provides a large and safe place for kids and pets to play. The north facing lounge room with quality carpets and built in fan forced wood fire is super cozy and flows through to the dine in kitchen with gas oven/cook top.



3 King Street, Merredin
\$20,000 - WEB ID 300P107417

At just \$20,000 this residential block is an absolute bargain on what was once voted the best street in Merredin, King Street. Overlooking the Shire Office and beautiful Roy Little Park this property is located such a short distance to the CBD of Merredin you have everything at your doorstep including power and water making this a great place to build your nice new family home. All enquiries to exclusive selling agents Elders Real Estate. Call local specialist Steve Gregory on 0429 874 874 for further information.



63 Endersbee Street, Merredin
\$499,000 - WEB ID 300P107516

This beautiful property presents like a brand new display home with a massive quality built shed at the rear. You won't find a better property in Merredin! With 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and an awesome playground in the back yard this is the home you will never grow out of. All the bedrooms have BIR's with the master having an open ensuite with double vanity, double shower and separate WC. The second bathroom located centrally to 3 of the 5 bedrooms also has a double vanity, shower and separate bath.



13 Woolgar Avenue, Merredin
\$200,000 - WEB ID 300P106254

This 3 bedroom home is perfect for first home buyers or investors as property values continue to climb. With rentals in such high demand, if you can afford to rent you can definitely afford to buy this home. Neatly presented, this home would be great for a young family with the Merredin College and the Merredin District Olympic Pool both just a very short walk away. The rear yard is safely enclosed for pets and there's a large separate games room with air con, a built-in bar and plenty of room for a pool table or WHY.

