Event PROGRAM

GATEWAY MERREDIN Festival

TROOPS TRAINS TREASURES

24 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

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WELCOME TO Gateway Merredin

Welcome to GATEWAY MERREDIN - WA's newest regional festival! Born from a community's passion to showcase its unique history and hidden treasures, the inaugural Gateway Merredin festival will be jam packed with illumination projections, live entertainment, unique historic tours and the State's newest public art trail, our 2021 Troops, Trains and Treasures program offers something for everyone!

DUST OFF YOUR BOOTS, ROLL UP YOUR SWAG & WANDER OUT YONDER!

Troops, Trains & Treasures

The inaugural Gateway Merredin Festival is themed around our distinct and significant military and railway history, connecting these stories through illumination, uniquely curated tours (walk, drive or fly), a themed outdoor movie and a vintage parade.

The festival is further brought to life by the showcasing of a range of treasures that are undeniably **Merredin**. This will include the launch of WA's newest public art trail (developed by *Meridian Regional Arts Inc.*), the *Hutton & Northey Game Day Showdown* to ensure the AFL Grand Final is covered and, with a nod to a historic visit from Australia's rock royalty AC/DC, a ticketed concert event by The Australian AC/DC Experience, will be held at the jewel of our crown, the Cummins Theatre.

We would like to acknowledge the Njaki Njaki people as the traditional owners of the land on which the Festival is located and pay our respects to the Njaki Njaki people and the Elders past, present, and emerging.

Festival Timeline

Friday
24th Sept

5.30pm

Community Sausage Sizzle
(Bates St Basecamp)

6.45pm

Official Festival Opening
(Bates St Basecamp)

7.00pm-9.30pm

Illumination: Our Story, Our Voices
(T J Middleton)

7.30pm

WAYJO Concert
(Cummins Theatre)

Saturday
25th Sept

9.30am

Community Art Mural
(Visitor Centre Lawn)

10.00am

Buy from the Bush Market
(Bates St Basecamp)

Kids Zone Activities
(Old North Merredin Primary School)

11.00am-12.30pm

Treasures Tour - Bus
(Event Map – Location **J**)

2.00pm-4.30pm

Troops Tour - Bus
(Event Map – Location **J**)

3.30pm-8.00pm

Game Day Showdown
(Bates St Basecamp)

8.30pm

The Australian AC/DC Experience
(Cummins Theatre)

Sunday
26th Sept

9.00am

Sunday Church Service
(Cummins Theatre)

9.30am

Community Arts Mural
(Visitor Centre Lawn)

10.00am

Vintage Parade
(Bates St to Merredin CRC)

10.30am

Bush & Billy Morning Tea
(Merredin CRC)

11.00am-1.00pm

Treasures Tour - Flying
(Roy Little Park)

1.00pm

Watercolour Workshop
(Old North Merredin Primary School)

7.00pm

Outdoor Movie Night
(Roy Little Park)

Illumination: Our Story, Our Voices
(T J Middleton)

Train Talk & Walk
(Railway & Historical Museum)

Treasures Tour - Flying
(Roy Little Park)

Watercolour Workshop
(Old North Merredin Primary School)

Live Music: Swingin' at the Savoy
(Bates St Basecamp)

Street Eats
(Bates St Basecamp)

Illumination: Our Story, Our Voices
(T J Middleton)

Festival Program

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Activity Schedule

Day	Activity	Time	Map	Location
Friday 24th Sept	Merredin Fine Arts Society	1.00pm–4.00pm	9	Merredin Fine Arts Society
	Community Sausage Sizzle	5.30pm Onwards	5	Bates St Basecamp
	Official Festival Opening	6.45pm–7.00pm	5	Bates St Basecamp
	Illumination: Our Story, Our Voices	7.00pm–9.30pm	B	Illumination Lounge
	WAYJO Concert	7.30pm	A	Cummins Theatre
Saturday 25th Sept	Merredin Fine Arts Society	9.00am–12.00pm	9	Merredin Fine Arts Society
	Community Arts Mural	9.30am–4.00pm	1	Visitors Centre Lawn
	Trains Talk & Walk	10.00am	2	Railway Museum
	Treasures Tour – Flying	10.00am–12.00pm	6	Roy Little Park
	Buy-from-the-Bush Market	10.00am–3.00pm	D	Bates St Basecamp
	Kids Zone Activities	10.00am–2.00pm	E	Old North Merredin Primary School
	Watercolour Workshop	10.30am	H	Old North Merredin Primary School
	Treasures Tour – Bus	11.00am–12.30pm	J	Event Map – Location J
	Live Music – *Swingin' at the Savoy*	2.00pm–4.00pm	5	Bates St Basecamp
	Troops Tour – Bus	2.00pm–4.30pm	J	Event Map – Location J
	Game-Day Showdown	3.30pm–8.00pm	5	Bates St Basecamp
	Street Eats	4.00pm Onwards	5	Bates St Basecamp
	Illumination: Our Story, Our Voices	8.00pm–10.00pm	B	Illumination Lounge
	The Australian AC/DC Experience	8.30pm–until late	A	Cummins Theatre
Sunday 26th Sept	Sunday Church Service	9.00am–10.00am	A	Cummins Theatre
	Community Arts Mural	9.30am	1	Visitors Centre Lawn
	Vintage Parade	10.00am	5	Bates St to Merredin CRC
	Merredin Fine Arts Society	10.00am–2.00pm	9	Merredin Fine Arts Society
	Bush & Billy Morning Tea	10.30am	G	Merredin CRC
	Treasures Tour – Flying	11.00am–1.00pm	6	Roy Little Park
	Watercolour Workshop	1.00pm	11	Old North Merredin Primary School
	Outdoor Movie Night	7.00pm	7	Roy Little Park
	Illumination: Our Story, Our Voices	7.00pm–9.30pm	B	Illumination Lounge

Community Shuttle Bus Timetable

Shuttle Bus Pickup Locations

- Visitor Centre Lawn (location J on the event map).
- Merredin Motel & Gumtree Restaurant
- Oasis Motel
- Plaza Suites
- Merredin Tourist Park

Friday

Leaves Visitors Centre	Best route for these activites
10.30am	• Prospector Arrivals
12.30pm	• Merredin Link Arrivals
4.30pm	• Launch Activities
6.30pm	• Prospector Arrivals
9.30pm	• WAYJO concert (depart)

Saturday

Leaves Visitors Centre	Best route for these activites
8.30am	• Merredin Mural
9.30am	• Trains Talk & Walk – Railway Museum • Buy from the Bush Markets
10.30am	• Treasures Tour – Bus • Prospector Arrivals
12.30pm	• Treasures Tour – Bus (depart)
1.30pm	• Troops Tour – Bus • Live-Music – Swingin' at the Savoy
2.30pm	• Game Day Showdown
3.30pm	• Street Eats
5.30pm	• Troops Tour – Bus (depart) • Live Music: Swingin' at the Savoy (depart)
6.30pm	• Street Eats
8.30pm	• Street Eats & Game Day Showdown (depart)
10.30pm	• AC/DC Experience concert (depart)

Sunday

Leaves Visitors Centre	Best route for these activites
8.30am	• Church Service • Community Arts Mural
9.30am	• Vintage Parade/Morning Tea
10.30am	• Treasures Tour – Flying
12.30pm	**General Circuit**
2.30pm	• Merredin Peak (Self Guided Tours)*
4.30pm	• Prospector Departures
6.30pm	• Outdoor Movie
9.30pm	• Outdoor Movie (depart)

Monday

Leaves Visitors Centre	Best route for these activites
9.30am	• Prospector Departures
12.30pm	**General Circuit**
5.30pm	• Prospector Departures

Important Shuttle Bus Information

1. Each bus circuit takes approximately 15 minutes.
2. Departure time is the same for all stops on all routes.
3. Exact pick up times cannot be confirmed, pickups will occur within 15 minutes of the bus departure time noted in the timetable.
4. A Shuttle Bus will be waiting at the train station for festival patrons arriving on either the Prospector or Merredin Link train services.

** Drop off to Merredin Peak for self-guided trail tours (pick up at 4.30pm)*

Festival Map

Sites & Amenities

1. Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre
2. Merredin Railway & Historical Museum
3. Merredin Military Museum
4. Merredin Railway Station
5. Bates Street Basecamp
6. Roy Little Park Gazebo
7. Roy Little Park Reflection Pond
8. Merredin CRC
9. Merredin Fine Arts Society
10. Merredin Peak
11. Old North Merredin Primary School Precinct
12. Window Display - Merredin College & St Mary's Primary School

Activities

A. Cummins Theatre
B. Illumination Lounge
C. Hutton & Northey Sales Game Day Show Down
D. Buy-from-the-Bush Market
E. Kids Zone
F. Merredin Freightlines Street Eats
G. Community Art Mural
H. Watercolour Workshop
I. Merredin Mural
J. Bus Departures
K. Vintage Parade (route end)

Festival Activities

Community Sausage Sizzle

To kick off the festival fun there will be a free community sausage sizzle held in Bates Street prior to the official opening. Bring the family down for a sensational sausage cooked by the local Merredin Men's Shed.

Friday
5.30pm-6.45pm
Bates St Basecamp
Free Event

Festival Opening

Join Triple M breakfast host Terry Siva for the Official Festival Opening during the Community Sausage Sizzle. The opening will be held on the steps of the Tivoli, located next to Cummins Theatre. Hear from Shire of Merredin President Julie Flockart and other VIP guests.

Friday
6.45pm-7.00pm
Bates St Basecamp
Free Event

Illumination: Our Story, Our Voices

The storytelling illumination plays just after sunset, showcasing Merredin through our eyes - celebrating our unique heritage, our local community, and honouring our troops and nurses' contributions during the war years. Book your session here: bit.ly/IlluminationBooking

Friday - Sunday
7.00pm
Bates St Basecamp
Free Event

WA Youth Jazz Orchestra

To celebrate the opening night of our Gateway Merredin - Troops, Trains and Treasures the WAYJO's eighteen piece orchestra will have you swinging to period music, taking you back to days gone past. Book your free ticket here: bit.ly/WAYJOConcert

Friday
7.30pm
Cummins Theatre
Free Event

Community Art Mural

Be a part of one of the final installations to WA's newest public art trail, launched this September long weekend. This project is being delivered by Meridian Regional Arts Inc., through the Creative Communities COVID-19 Recovery grant, funded by the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries and Lotterywest.

Saturday/Sunday
9.30am-4.00pm
Visitor Centre Lawn
Free Event

Buy-from-the-Bush Market

The Bates St Base Camp will come to life on Saturday morning, with local and regional stallholders from across the Wheatbelt and live entertainment for all ages. The free entertainment and fun for kids continues over at the Kids Zone.

Saturday
10.00am-3.00pm
Bates St Basecamp
Free Event

Kids Zone

Stretching across the Market area and Old North Merredin Primary School Precinct, the Kids Zone will be a hive of activities that are sure to keep the kids busy all day long. with a slime workshop, Cuddly Animal Farm, balloon art and a playground area.

Saturday
10.00am-2.00pm
Kids Zone
Free Event

Treasures Tour - Flying

Enjoy a scenic flight over Merredin as you discover an array of treasures from ancient granite outcrops, wildflowers, patchwork fields of hay, grain and the largest grain silos in the Southern Hemisphere and major wind and solar farms, unique to the area. $185 per person, minimum 4 persons per flight, 20-minute flights. Book tickets here: bit.ly/Gatewayhelicopterexperience

Saturday
10.00am-12.00pm
Roy Little Park
$185/seat

Train Talk & Walk

The Merredin Railway Museum will be opening their doors to visitors all weekend, as part of a year's festivities celebrating 150 years of the steam train. Meet Philippa Rogers, President of Rail Heritage WA and author of Troops, Trains and Trades, who will give her insight into the rich tapestry of WA's history and Merredin's unique involvement. Discover the museum and arts centre which displays the 1897 locomotive that hauled the Kalgoorlie Express, along with the old signal box with its array of 95 switching and signal levers. This is a FREE tour. Book tickets here: trybooking.com/BTBVP

Saturday
10.00am
Railway Museum
Free Event

Treasures Tour - Bus

Discover some of Merredin's unique Treasures in this 1.5-hour bus tour. As we wind through the district, visiting the following: Merredin Airport, Collgar Windfarm, Risen Energy and CBH/Silos. $5 per person. Book tickets here: bit.ly/TreasuresBusTour

Saturday
11.00am-12.30pm
Visitor Centre
$5/seat

Festival Activities

Watercolour Workshop

Western Australian Watercolour Artist, Jessie Spring, who also happens to call Merredin home, will take you on a whimsical journey, immersing you into the Merredin landscape in this half day art workshop. This beginners watercolour painting workshop will take you step by step through the painting of some iconic scenes.

Saturday - 10.30am
Sunday - 1.00pm
Old Nth Merredin Primary
$50 (Sat)
$85 (Sun)

Troops Tour - Bus

Discover Australia's secondary World War I and II sites in this 2.5-hour bus tour. As we wind through the district, visit the following: RAAF Hangars, 2/1 st Australian General Hospital, RAAF Nokanning bomb storage site, various bunkers, Nungarin Museum & former military fuel installation sites. Cost is $5 per person. Book tickets here: bit.ly/TroopsTour

Saturday
2.00pm-4.30pm
Visitor Centre
$5/seat

Swingin' at the Savoy

Swingin' at the Savoy will sweep you back to the fun, glamorous and entertaining days of the swing era! They play infectious music from the 1920's-1940's from the likes of Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Peggy Lee and many other greats, along with their own original songs. Thanks to our Merredin Freightlines Street Eats sponsors, Swingin' at the Savoy will get you snappin' your fingers and smiling!

Saturday
2.00-4.00pm
Bates St Basecamp
Free Event

Merredin Freightlines Street Eats

Grab the family or some mates and gather at Bates St Basecamp for a bite at one of our visiting food trucks or local eateries. Tantalise the tastebuds and take a seat amongst others in the long table marquee or jump in on all the action on the grand final big screen.

Saturday
4.00pm
Bates St Basecamp
As per menus

Hutton & Northey Sales Gameday Showdown

Grand Final Day festivities will kick off from 3.30pm at Bates St Base-camp. Watch history being made at Optus Stadium on the big screen, live simulcast plus live entertainment, food and cold beverages will allow those who wish to stay a while - even long enough to stroll straight into Cummins Theatre for The Australian AC/DC Experience that evening.

Saturday
3.30pm-8.00pm
Bates St Basecamp
Free Event

The Australian AC/DC Experience

The Australian AC/DC Experience deliver authentic instrumentation and attire, including replica AC/DC stage props and a Bon Scott and Brian Johnson-sounding male lead vocalist with bagpipes, ensuring the sledgehammer impact of an AC/DC concert are captured accurately and provide the fullest entertainment experience for even the most discerning fan. Book tickets here: bit.ly/TheAustralianACDCExperience

Saturday
8.30pm
Cummins Theatre
$35

Sunday Church Service

Merredin Churches Fraternal will be hosting a Combined Churches Service. The Service is open to anyone who wishes to spend an hour in praise and worship. It will utilize the skills and talents of members of the various Christian denominations of the Merredin district.

Sunday
9.00am-10.00am
Cummins Theatre
Free Event

Troops, Trains & Treasures: Vintage Parade

Let's celebrate our unique history as we parade down memory lane. Commecing at the Bates Street Basecamp, the parade will work its way down Bates St and wind up at the Merredin CRC for a show and tell session over a free community morning tea.

Sunday
10.00am
Bates St Basecamp
Free Event

Bush & Billy Morning Tea

Let us entertain you with a free, bush style community morning tea. Boil the billy, relax with a cuppa and allow your tastebuds to be delighted with an assortment of menu items that bring to life the bush settings of farming and agriculture plus our Troops, Trains and Treasures theme of this year's festival. The Bush & Billy Morning Tea coincides with the completion of the vintage parade which will end its route directly across the road.

Sunday
10.30am
Merredin CRC
Gold Coin (Optional)

Outdoor Movie Night

For all military enthusiasts, a special outdoor movie night will be held at Roy Little Park. So grab a blanket and join in on the final nights festivities. Bring a picnic dinner or buy dinner and desserts from the street eats vans.

Sunday
7.00pm
Roy Little Park
Gold Coin Entry

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Collgar Wind Farm is a renewable power project located in the central wheatbelt area of Western Australia. The wind farm situated 25km south east of Merredin is built over a land envelope of 18,000 hectares. With 111 Vestas V90 turbines the wind farm has a total power production capacity of 222 megawatts (MW) and generates between 630-750 gigawatt-hours (GWh) each year; enough to power between 125,000 and 150,000 homes.

Collgar Wind Farm generates and delivers clean, renewable electricity into the South West Interconnected System (SWIS), making a major contribution to Western Australia's greenhousegas reductions. These reductions are equivalent to taking 150,000 cars off our roads or planting nine million trees.

The Collgar Community Fund established by Collgar Wind Farm Pty Ltd, provides sponsorship to fund local projects that benefit the Shire of Merredin and surrounding areas.

Collgar Wind Farm Pty Ltd (Collgar) has a genuine interest in building the capacity and long-term sustainability of the communities in which it operates. Through the CCF, Collgar supports initiatives that strengthen the local community through programs that make a positive and lasting contribution and enhance the Merredin region and surrounding areas.

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Game Day Showdown

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Over the past twenty five years, our fleet has widely expanded from the original old blue and white cab over Kenworth with one taut liner to now a full range of vehicles and equipment ready to handle any tasks required.

Merredin Freightlines have warehouses in two locations: Merredin and South Guildford. Head office is located in the industrial area of Merredin. The warehouses are both a generous size, giving us the ability to offer storage under cover as well as space to store goods outside all under CCTV surveillance.

We have a diverse range of equipment and skills, often assisting/troubleshooting for different transport companies around Australia.

Merredin Freightlines endeavor to provide over and above the service expected of them, safety is paramount. If you've got freight that just can't wait, talk to Merredin Freightlines. They handle it all: concrete, heavy haulage, general freight, grain cartage and side tippers!

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A wander out yonder to the eastern wheatbelt this spring can offer so much more than just a one-stop visit to the Gateway Merredin Festival this September 24th – 26th.

Merredin is the vibrant hub to a beautiful and vast network of regional townsites, only a short-distance drive from all the festivities taking place at the Gateway Merredin Festival. Whether it's a place to stay or things to see and do, our Gateway townsites are ready to welcome you upon your arrival to the eastern wheatbelt this spring.

If you're travelling to Merredin for the Gateway Festival or planning to visit or stay at one of the amazing Gateway Hub townsites, the friendly staff at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre are ready and waiting to welcome your enquiries. Powered with all the information that you'll need to know like where to stay, what to do, how to get here or even places to eat – the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre is the place to turn to.

visitor@merredin.wa.gov.au

85 Barrack St, Merredin WA 6415

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Saturday (25th)	9.00am–3.00pm
Sunday (26th)	9.00am–1.00pm
Monday (27th)	9.00am–1.00pm

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