

## Wickepin

Wickepin contains rich agricultural lands that were opened for settlement in 1893. The locality began as a watering point known as Yarlning and was used by early sandalwood cutters. The Shire is still a wealthy farming area with excellent wool and lamb production.

Cropping is done on a large scale with wheat, oats, barley, lupins and canola grown.

Wickepin is well known for being the home of Albert Facey.

The town offers excellent facilities for travellers. Great walks, a bbq area, children's' playgrounds. The shire covers an area of 198,900 hectares and includes the towns of Wickepin, Yealering, Harrismith and Tincurrin.



## Harrismith

Harrismith is recognised internationally for the wide variety of wildflowers that grow in the area. A well-defined walk trail surrounds the town and showcases the magnificent display of orchids, verticordias, grevilleas and banksias.

Visitors will also enjoy a beautifully restored display of historical machinery and memorabilia assembled by the local community, including information on the Rabbit Proof Fence.

The fence was built to protect Western Australian crops and pasture lands from the destructive scourge of the rabbit. It represents a unique response to an overwhelming environmental problem. Doris Pilkington's book, *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence* (1996), has been adapted to film. This follows the story of young girls trekking along 2414km of the fence.



## Lake Toolibin

Lake Toolibin is the last seasonal freshwater lake left in the Wheatbelt of WA. It is in the headwaters of the Blackwood River and is a wetland of international importance.

Toolibin Lake has been recognised as providing important waterbird habitat, particularly for waterbird breeding, and meets the Ramsar criterion of supporting animals during critical stages in their life cycle. Up to 50 species have been observed at Toolibin Lake, which is one of the highest records of any inland south-west wetland. It is home to resident and migratory birds, including those species currently on the Environment Protection and Biodiversity List.

It has extensive stands of living sheoak and paperbark across the lake floor and is listed as a threatened ecological community. At all times the living vegetation provides habitat, now rare in the central Wheatbelt, for woodland birds and other animals, including invertebrate animals typical of mildly saline or brackish waters.



# SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

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## Yealering

The townsite of Yealering is nestled next to a picturesque lake and is thought to be the only country town in Western Australia with a lake within the town boundary. It is home to a wide variety of bird life.

Take a walk around the town and call into the Yealering Hotel which was featured in the 'Waltz through the Hills' miniseries.

The land surrounding the lake was first released in the 1870's and Yugoslav migrants began a market garden at the present townsite before it was officially recognised as a town in 1907.

The BBQ facilities at the lake make Yearling lake an ideal place for a day out kayaking, windsurfing and enjoying nature walks.



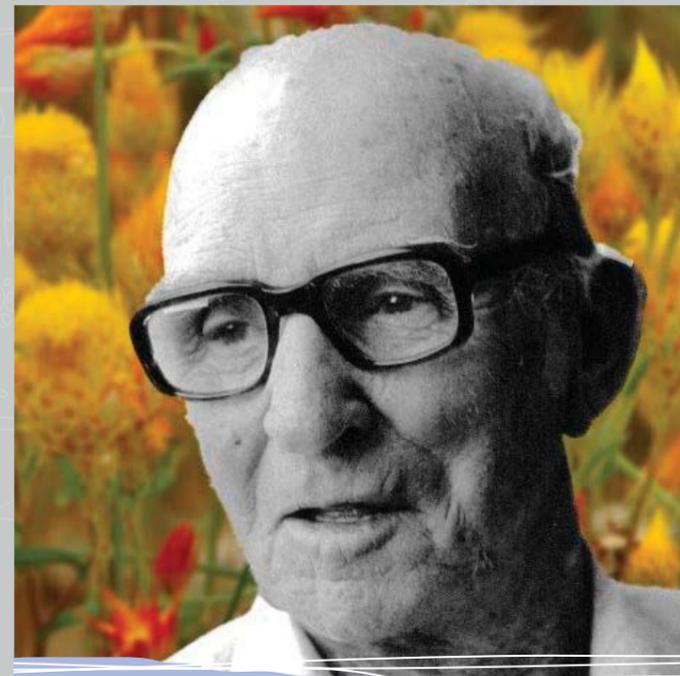
## Albert Facey Homestead

Albert Facey Homestead celebrates the life of Albert Facey, author of the bestselling autobiography 'A Fortunate Life'. This is a unique opportunity to view and reflect on the harsh and simple lifestyle in the early 1920s.

Albert and his family settled in the Shire of Wickepin in 1922, assisted by the Soldier Settlement Scheme.

A history of the Homestead and family can be seen at the site.

Opening hours 10am to 4pm - March to November 7 days, 10am to 4pm - December to February, Friday to Sunday.



... Mr Adams gave me a job wheat-lumping at the Wickepin railway yard. He employed two other men. Our wages were one penny for every bag of wheat that we lumped... it was very hard work – the farmers around Wickepin had had a bumper harvest. (1913)

*Extract from A Fortunate Life by AB Facey - Published by Penguin Group (Australia) 2014*



## Information

**Shire of Wickepin**

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[www.wickepin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au)

**Wickepin Community Resource Centre**

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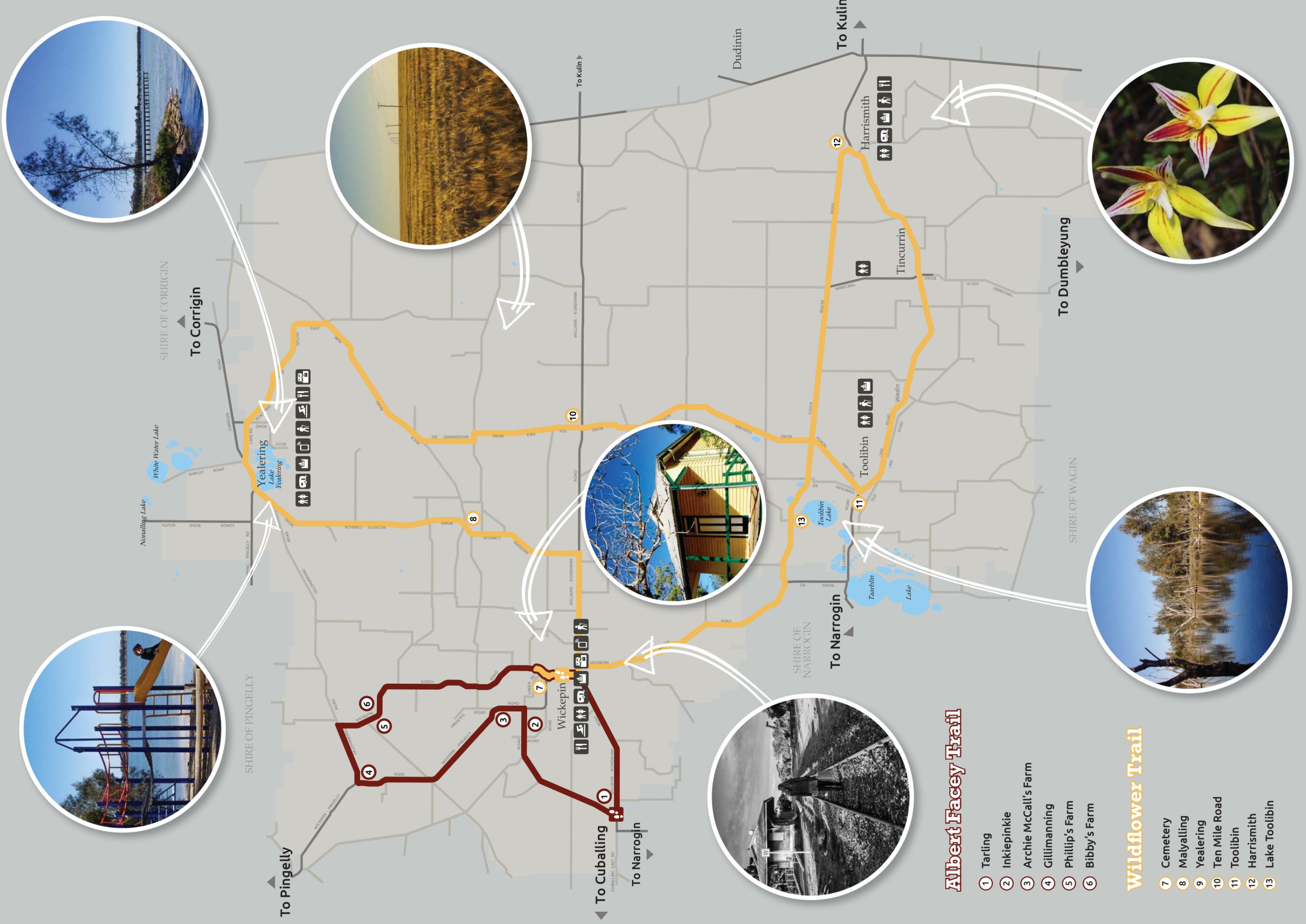
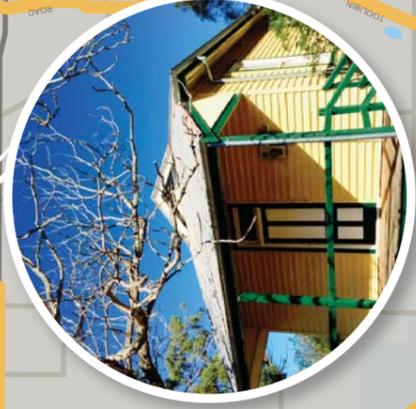
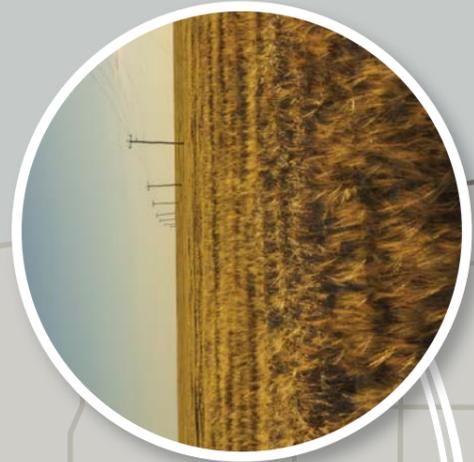
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**Albert Facey Trail**

- ① Tarling
- ② Inkiepinkie
- ③ Archie McCall's Farm
- ④ Gillmanning
- ⑤ Phillip's Farm
- ⑥ Bibby's Farm

**Wildflower Trail**

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