

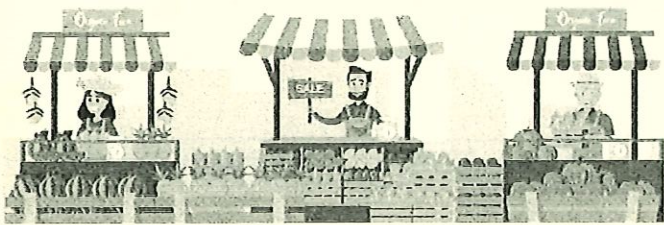
# WATERSHED NEWS

PO BOX 60 WICKEPIN WA 6370

ABN 96 234 351 594

A fortnightly paper for the areas of  
Dudinin, Toolibin, Tincurrin,  
Harrismith, Yealering and Wickepin

*15th February 2022*



Market stalls & food vans

*Ignite Wicky  
Presents*

## *Wickepin Festival & Car Rally*

*10am*

*26th February 2022*



Car rally



Art competition, live music & so much more!!!



Childrens entertainment

*Come along and join all the festivities*

# WATERSHED NEWS INC - COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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- All submissions would be preferred in Word.
- All advertisements, classifieds must be submitted with clear contact details, including a postal address, phone number and email.
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- Shire of Wickepin Community groups are entitled to  $\frac{1}{2}$  page advertising, free of charge.

## Disclaimer

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**Next edition of Watershed News**

**MONDAY 28th February 2022**

# Community News

We're back for 2022- A week later than advertised, due to the devastating bushfires which caused so much destruction and havoc within and around the shire, impacting the supply of water, power and communications. Wickepin townsite residents were urged to evacuate or prepare to defend their property on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> February as the fire was out of control, due to extraordinarily strong winds and extreme hot weather. Our thoughts are with those who have been affected by these fires, having suffered huge losses of stock, feed, grain, and infrastructure including buildings, machinery, fences and water supplies. Also for the loss of the large majestic trees and vegetation on their properties. So many years of hard work erased in a day. Thankyou to everyone who assisted in any way during this catastrophe in keeping Wickepin townsite safe. A great community effort, well done!



Birthday wishes Rochelle Mead, Sophie Jespersion, Cara Borthwick, Stella Mullan, Stefie Green, Liam McDougall, Logan Pike, Catherine Pauley, Bradley Bunter

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, James Raymond Halliday passed away at St John of God, Murdoch with his wife Betty, daughter Shirley, son Rodney and partner Heather by his side. Condolences are extended to all the families on the passing of their much loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.



Heartfelt sympathy to Margaret and the Orchard family on the recent passing of Geoff – their dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Geoff's funeral will be held at the Wickepin Community Centre on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00pm.



Congratulations to our editor and secretary Sandra Podmore on receiving the Citizen of the Year for the Shire of Wickepin Community Awards 2021. Sandra has volunteered at the Watershed News for nearly 30 years. Congratulations are also extended to the other award recipients Chris Moore, Lake Yealering Regatta Committee, Stephen Rose and Helen and Matthew Wyatt on their well earned awards.

# What's On In Wickepin Shire

## Mondays:

Watershed News every second Monday from 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Fit Pursuit 5.45am-6.30am @ Wickepin Community Centre

## Tuesdays:

She Shed He Shed ~ @ Old Recycling Shed Richter St~ 9am-12noon

Pathology Service~ Appointment Only @ Wickepin Health Centre

Body Pump 5pm-6pm @ Wickepin Community Centre

Yoga at Dudinin Hall 6pm – 7.30pm – all welcome

## Wednesdays:

Morning Swimming starting Wed 24<sup>th</sup> November 5.45am-6.45am

Every Wednesday~ Social Arts & Crafts @ 9.30am ~ Joyner St

## Thursdays:

Fit Pursuit 5.45am-6.30am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Wickepin Playgroup 9.30am – 11.30am during school term.

Local Vocals with Mazz – 6pm in Narrogin

## Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs

Community Bingo @ Wickepin Community Resource Centre commencing

## Fridays:

Morning Swimming starting Wed 24<sup>th</sup> November 5.45am-6.45am

## Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri

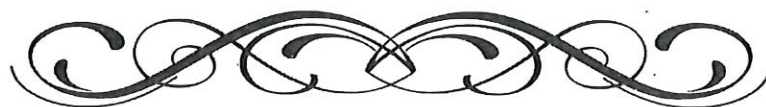
Cuppa & Chat @ Wickepin Community Resource Centre at 10am.

## Saturdays:

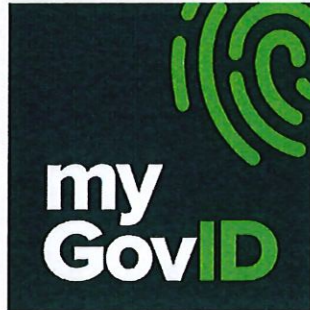
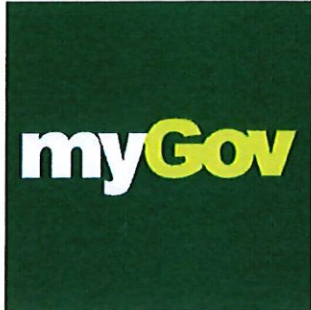
Banksia Bowmen Archery~ Wickepin Community Centre @ 9am  
Club Equipment Available (Not on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022)

## Sundays:

Anglican Church every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 8am



DO YOU NEED HELP  
SETTING UP



**Then please call to book an appointment  
with our staff for a Monday or Tuesday.**

**Appointments will take roughly  
45 minutes.**

Please bring with you -

- Medicare Card
- Drivers License
- Birth Certificate
- Passport
- Email Addresses & Passwords
- Bank details that you Medicare rebate is paid into
- Your Doctors Information
- Your mobile device fully charged



*Register Now!*

*Call - 9888 1500*

*Email - [wickepinlibrary@westnet.com.au](mailto:wickepinlibrary@westnet.com.au)*

# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



## The Shire of Wickepin Through the Lens



- Each applicant may enter a maximum of 4 photos.
- Photos must be landscape orientation and of sufficient resolution (generally 1MB or larger).
- Photos must be taken within the Shire of Wickepin.
- There will be a public vote to determine the winning photos.
- Winners will receive recognition of their photo in the 2023 calendar and their own free copy.
- Photos can be submitted to Wickepin CRC on a USB or emailed to [wickeinlibrary@westnet.com.au](mailto:wickeinlibrary@westnet.com.au)

# Taste of Teal Mystery Night

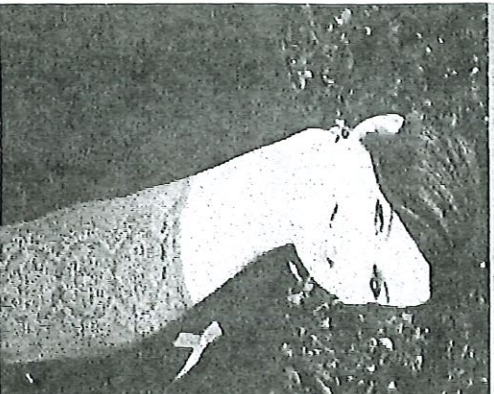
*Saturday 26th February from 5.30pm Narrogin*

Join us for a evening of entertainment to raise awareness and funds for

## **O V A R I A N C A N C E R .**

3 course meal & some drinks provided (bar facilities available)

\$50 per ticket buy on line Facebook for details or Gloria 0427107027

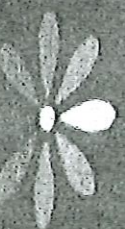
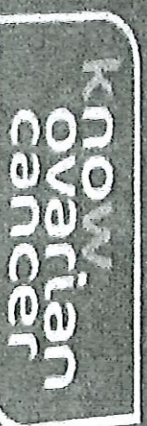


## **February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**

This month we ask all Australians to #KnowAskAct

"Listen to your body because early detection could save your life. If your symptoms don't go away, push for answers."

Ann Marie Mulders, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month Campaign Ambassador and Ovarian Cancer Survivor.



Ovarian Cancer Australia

# COUNCIL NOTES



# 15 FEBRUARY 2022

## Community Group of the Year

### Lake Yealering Regatta Committee

The Yealering 2021 Regatta Committee:

- Alan Manton
- Veronica Stacey
- Kym Smith
- Rachael Hill
- Steph Cook
- Quinlan Dungey
- Claire Dawes
- Georgia Dawes
- Karen Hill
- Brad Nicholls
- Stacey Richards
- Sarah Corke
- Spencer Davidson
- Amanda Heaney



The Shire of Wickepin would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff members—Katelyn Beard who will be taking on the role of Customer Support Officer, Eleanor Stanyer who will be taking on the role of Finance Officer and Brody Bransby who will be joining the outside crew.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS 2022

Wed 16 Feb	Ordinary Meeting of Council	3.30pm
Sat 26 Feb	Ignite Wicky - Wickepin Festival	10.00am
Wed 2 Mar	Townscape & Cultural Planning Committee Meeting	9.30am
Fri 4 Mar	HMAS Sydney Production @ Wickepin Town Hall	6.30pm

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## COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND (CSRFF) 2022/23 FEBRUARY SMALL GRANTS FUNDING ROUND

The CSRFF 2022/23 February Small Grants round and Club Night Lights Program is now open for projects with a value of \$300,000 or below.

To be eligible, prospective Wheatbelt applicants **must contact** the DLGSC Wheatbelt Office to discuss eligibility for funding, advice, assistance in preparing the submission and to obtain an application form.

Applications must be submitted to local governments by the applicant (if not the local government) and subsequently submitted electronically to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries no later than **Thursday 31 March 2022**.

Each application is judged on its merits and relative to other applications received in that round. A previous approval for one type of project does not mean that an application for a similar project will be approved. Applications for projects that are ineligible, are incomplete or have unconfirmed financial components will hinder a project's ability to proceed. A checklist is provided with the application form and applicants must include all the required documentation to be eligible for funding.

It is very important that applicants can demonstrate that their project will be completed and the grant satisfactorily acquitted within the proposed timeframe. Applicants must take into account potential delays in construction and escalating building costs as part of the application process. It is expected that applicants will complete their projects on time and deferrals should not be expected because of delays in the construction process or cost escalation.

Please find below useful links:

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/funding/sport-and-recreation-funding/community-sporting-and-recreation-facilities-fund>

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/funding/sport-and-recreation-funding/club-night-lights-program>

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/sport-and-recreation/facility-management>

**We have moved!**

The Shire of Wickepin has a new FaceBook Page

Scan the QR Code below Then Follow/Like



1st + 2nd April 2022

# Wickepin Astro Weekender

Join us for two night's worth of astronomy events at Wickepin's Astro Weekend! Learn the secrets of nightscape astrophotography on the banks of Lake Yealering in a practical workshop. Then, join us at the Wickepin Community Centre the following night for an evening of guided stargazing, presentations and laser tours.



## drumMUSTER

The Drummuster will be run on the following dates for 2022:

**Tuesday 1 March 2022**  
**Tuesday 3 May 2022**  
**Tuesday 5 July 2022**  
**Tuesday 6 September 2022**  
**Tuesday 4 October 2022**

Collection is between the hours of 8.00am & 4.30pm by appointment only.

**Bookings are essential.** Contact the shire office on 9888 1005 for appointments advising of number of drums for disposal.

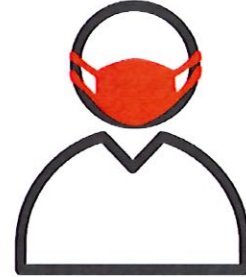
## COVID 19– Council Buildings

A friendly reminder to everyone...

When entering the Shire's Administration Office and other Shire buildings it is mandatory to wear a mask and check in using either your WA Safe App or Service WA App.



## COVID-19



# Wear a mask

**WA.gov.au**

## COVID 19– Get you COVID kit ready

In the coming months, it's likely that you will be exposed to COVID-19. In most cases, fully vaccinated people will only experience a mild illness that can be managed while isolating at home. If you do have to isolate, it's important to be prepared. Now is a good time for country communities to prepare a COVID-ready kit. Here are some of the essentials we recommend you have available:

- Pain relief medication and electrolytes (available from your pharmacy)
- Your regular medications
- A thermometer
- Masks, hand sanitiser and gloves
- Stay at home activities to keep you entertained
- A plan for who can look after your children, pets or people in your care if you have to go to hospital
- Phone numbers for people outside your home that you can call for help if you need
- A plan for how you'll get food and essentials for seven days



There are other things you can do now to prepare for a rise in cases of COVID-19 across WA. Vaccination remains the most effective way to avoid hospitalisation and serious illness from COVID-19. Anyone over the age of five can now be vaccinated. If you haven't been vaccinated, or are due for your third dose, visit a clinic near you. Making simple infection prevention measures part of our daily routine will also help manage the spread of COVID-19. So, when you're in public, keep 1.5 metres away from others. Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser. Remember to cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow and stay at home if you're unwell. It's up to each of us to protect all of us.



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

**Last Updated: 12/01/2022**

**ENROL NOW FOR 2022**



# reed

## Wickepin

**new opening time**

**Do I need childcare?**

**Early Childhood Education & Care is not a child minding service. As well as benefits for children's social, emotional and cognitive development, our talented Educators deliver programs designed to provide a fun, flexible, developmentally appropriate and play-based curriculum, based on the Early Years Learning Framework.**

**Reopening on January 24 2022**

**Open Mondays 8.00am to 4.30pm**

**Daily fee \$105.00\***

**REED is seeking expressions of interest from families to open for additional days on Tuesday and/or Wednesday\*\***

Contact Us

08 6832 3825

admin@reedwa.org.au

www.reedwa.org.au



**\*Daily fee of \$105.00 less the child care subsidy rebate & has increased due to the additional opening time, this will still be reviewed annually  
\*\* Opening will be dependant on minimum child enrolments being met**



# Central Agcare

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# COUNSELLING

Free, confidential counselling services are available to all. We offer counselling to all age groups from 5 years of age.

Face to face counselling or by phone servicing the Corrigin, Bruce Rock, Narembeen, Kulin, Kondinin, Hyden, Quairading, Brookton, Pingelly, Cuballing & Wickepin areas.

*Sand play and Art Therapy is available for children at the Corrigin office.*

We are qualified Family Counsellors who can help individuals, couples and families negotiate their way through distressing experiences and bring understanding to them such as:

*Anxiety*

*Depression*

*Life changes (physical & mental)*

*Abuse (past and present)*

*Loss and grief and*

*Relationship issues (home & work)*

We are here to help.

**Contact our Counsellors:**

**Joyce Contos: 0428 891 244**

**Anne Hague: 0427 133 711**

Email: [ceagcare@bigpond.com](mailto:ceagcare@bigpond.com)



## Classified

### FOR SALE - BLOCK OF LAND - 1 ACRE – IN WICKEPIN

Fenced on 4 sides, double steel gates, water and power hooked on.

\$37,000 Phone: 0428 898 025

### FOR SALE - SHED – FLAT PACK

30' x 45' x 15' in Wickepin. All colorbond with one roller door.

\$20,000 Phone: 0428 898 025



### FOR SALE – 5 x 265 x 16 Mickey Thompson tyres on white

5 stud Land Cruiser wheels. \$500 the lot.

Phone: 0428 898 025



## Spreading for a Sustainable Future

### WHEATBELT SPREADING SERVICE



Wickepin, Yealering, Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Dudinin, Wagin,  
Pingelly, Aldersyde, Bulyee and surrounding districts

Spreading Lime, Gypsum, Dolomite and Fertilizers



Multi-Spread Units



Fitted with GPS and Load Cells

Phone: Richard: 0429 137 164

Local Friendly Service

Karen : 0427 778 102

Email: [wheatbeltspreading@gmail.com](mailto:wheatbeltspreading@gmail.com)

Richard & Karen Rushton PO Box 88, Wickepin, WA 6370

#### WE WANT YOUR ADS!

To advertise any item in the Watershed Classifieds is free for two weeks,  
so send in your ads!

Email your ads to [watershed@wn.com.au](mailto:watershed@wn.com.au), drop them at the Community Resource Centre or fax to 9888 1588.

# @home

Recipes taken from  
Australian Preserving with Fowlers Vacola  
By Margaret Hill

## Excess fruit!!!! Make jam

### Plum Jam

2.5kg dark plums

1 litre water

3kg sugar

Remove any stalks and wash the plums to remove bloom (powdery deposit) and cut in half.

Place into stockpot with water.

Cook until the fruit is soft and well pulped.

Add sugar and stir over a low heat until sugar dissolves.

Bring to boil, boil rapidly removing stones as they come to the surface, use a slotted metal spoon to allow the juice to run back into the saucepan, and boil until setting point is reached.

Allow to stand for 5 minutes, stir gently to disperse fruit.

Put into sterilised, warm, dry jars.

Seal with Klear-View Covers or warm paraffin wax. Label and store in cool, dry place.



### Fig Conserve

2kg ripe figs

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup orange juice

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup lemon juice

2 tablespoons sweet sherry

1kg granulated sugar

Wash and dry figs. Cut off stems, discard.

Finely chop figs

Place in preserving pan with orange and lemon juice and sherry.

Bring to boil. Simmer gently until figs are soft.

Add sugar, stirring until dissolved.

Bring back to boiling point, boil gently for 25 minutes or until setting point is reached.

Pour into sterilised, warm dry jars.

Seal with Klear-View Covers or warm paraffin wax. Label and store in a cool dry place.



#### Tip- Test for setting point

Put a plate in the freezer at the beginning of your cooking time. Once you think that your jam has reached its setting point or has thickened, spoon a bit of the jam on the cold plate and tilt it vertically so the jam runs. You are aiming for a slow descent.



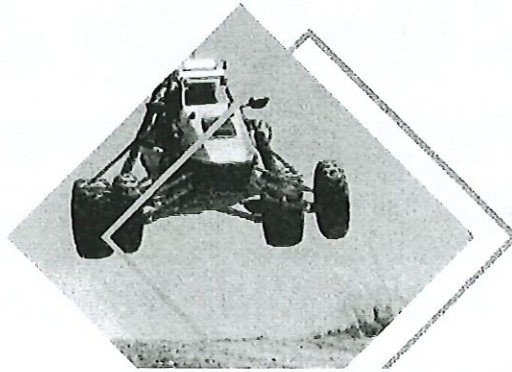
## Family Fun

We are a family friendly club that is all about community spirit and having a good time. For more details contact Steve on: 0492865335.



## We Are Looking

WA Superlites are looking for property owners interested in hosting a race weekend for the club each year. Financial opportunities, support local clubs, promote your local area, and all round good fun.



## Testimonial

**Rosevale Homestead**  
Narelle and Wog from Rosevale Homestead would like to thank WA Superlites for a fantastic weekend and allowing passengers to participate (especially Wog) and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

# Too hot for a full face mask!!!!



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# WICKEPIN FESTIVAL

26-02-22

From 10am at the Wickepin Oval

Live Music \* Free Children's Entertainment  
Market Stalls \* Blade Shearing \* Art Comp  
Sheaf and Boot Tossing \* Food Vans  
Lamb Tasting \* Beer and Wine Tasting  
Free Camping \* Plus more \* Join us for a  
fabulous day out the whole family can enjoy

For more information check out the  
Wickepin Festival Facebook and Instagram pages  
or email [ignitewicky@gmail.com](mailto:ignitewicky@gmail.com)

**WE CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY'S SAFETY, A STRICT COVID-19 PLAN IS IN PLACE.  
PLEASE BRING PROOF OF VACCINATION, MASKS REQUIRED INDOORS, AND FOLLOW HEALTH & SAFETY DIRECTIONS.  
PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OR HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO SELF ISOLATE**





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WICKY  
PRESENTS

# WICKEPIN CAR RALLY

SOLVE THE CLUES TO FINISH THE COURSE

10AM  
SATURDAY  
26-02-22

## FINAL CALL FOR ENTRIES

\$10 ENTRY FEE PER CAR

PRIZE POOL VALUE OF \$2500

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 21.02.22

FOLLOWED BY WICKEPIN FESTIVAL

Registration forms can be collected from Wickepin CRC or downloaded from the 'Wickepin Car Rally' Facebook and Instagram pages. For more information contact Libby at [ignitewicky@gmail.com](mailto:ignitewicky@gmail.com)



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# **NARROGIN/WICKEPIN BUSHFIRE RELIEF**

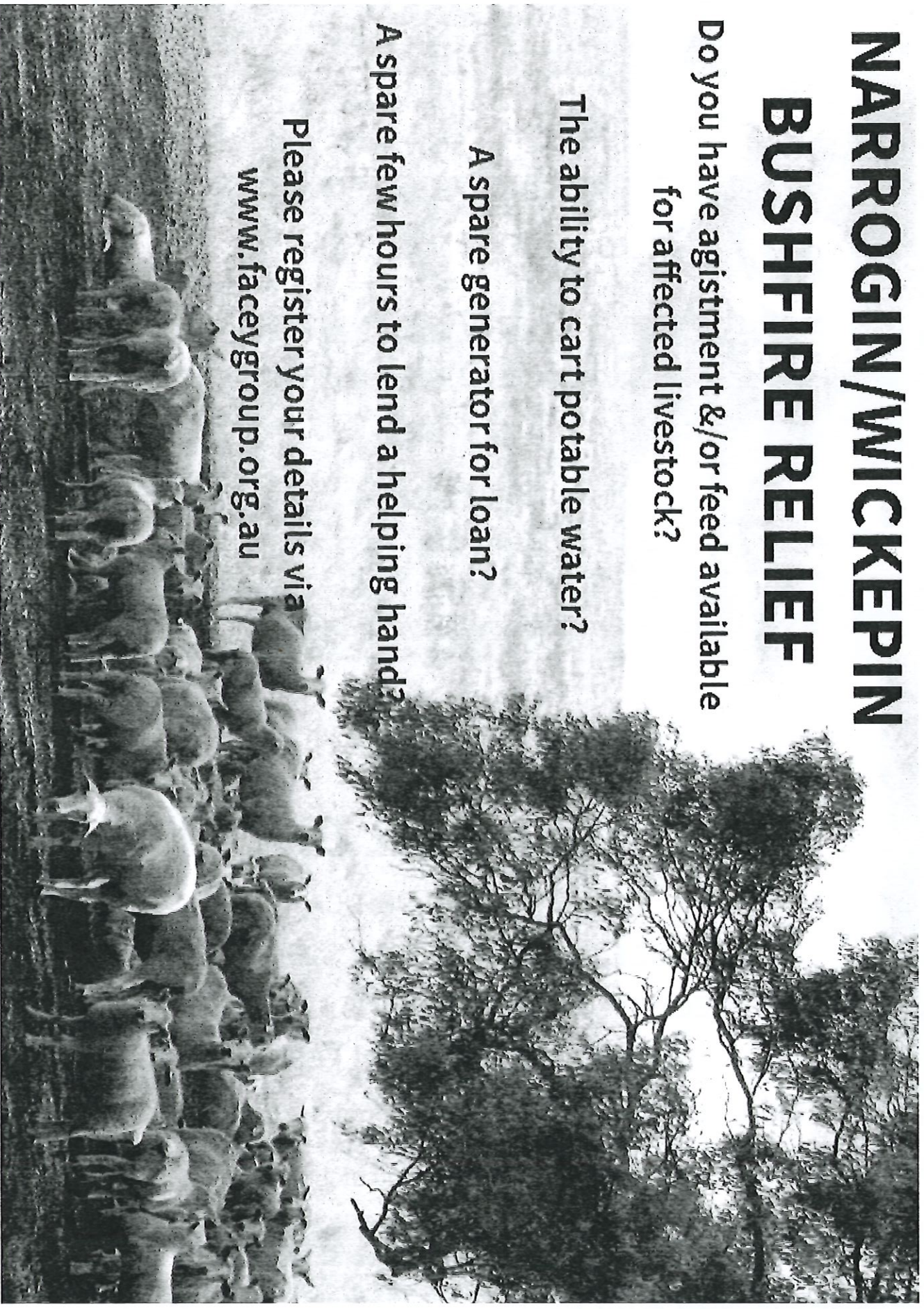
**Do you have agistment &/or feed available  
for affected livestock?**

**The ability to cart potable water?**

**A spare generator for loan?**

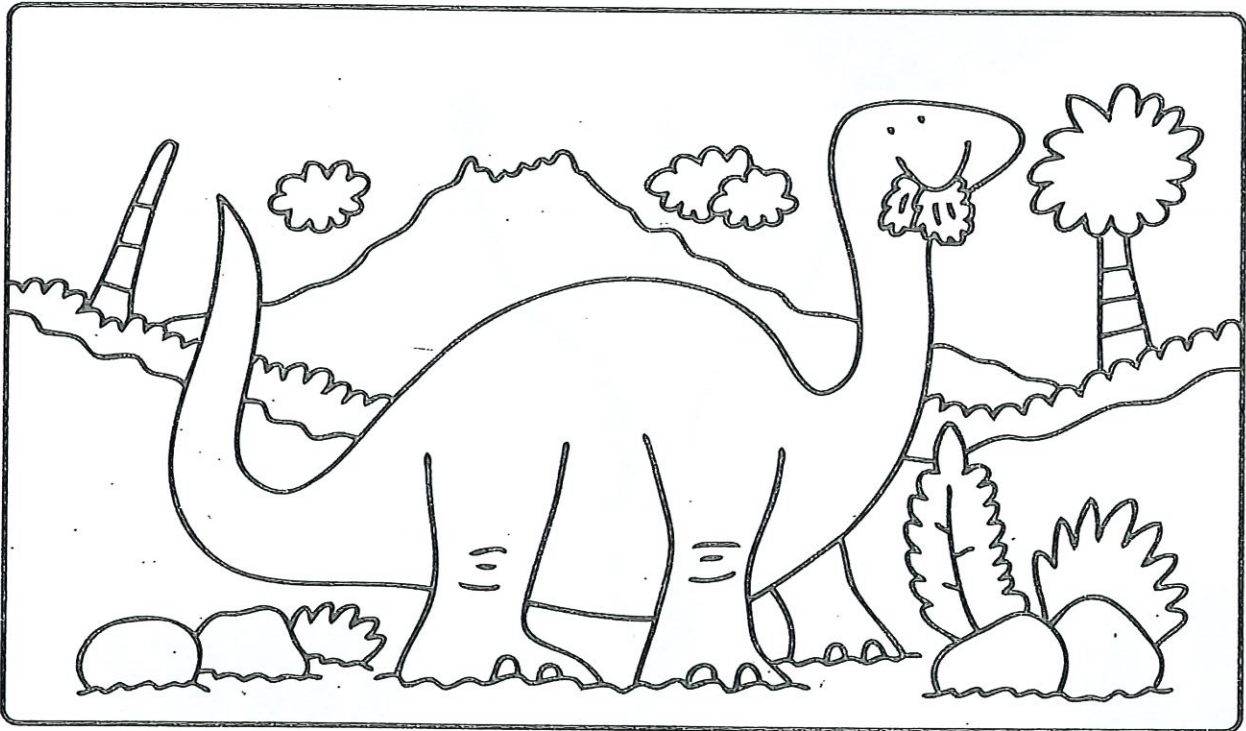
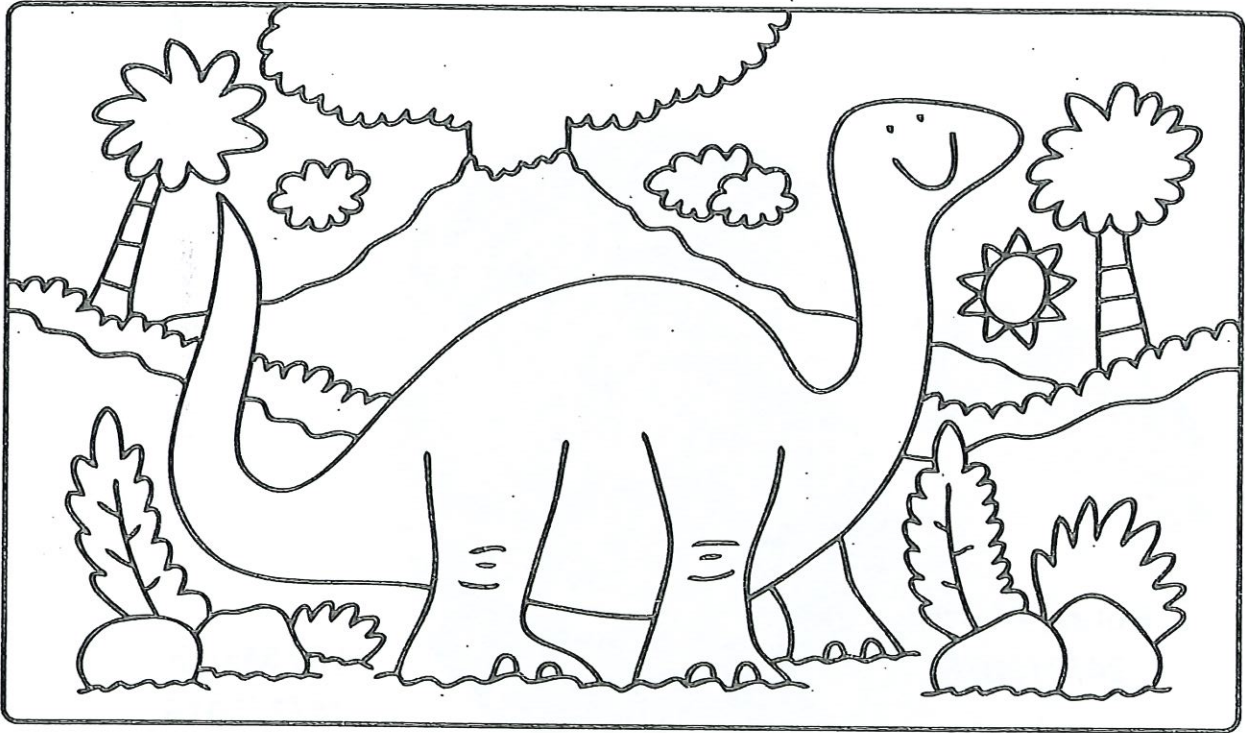
**A spare few hours to lend a helping hand?**

**Please register your details via  
[www.faceygroup.org.au](http://www.faceygroup.org.au)**



# KIDS CORNER

Spot the Difference!

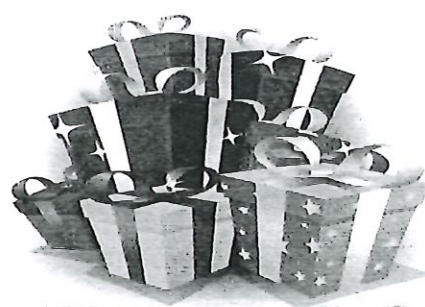
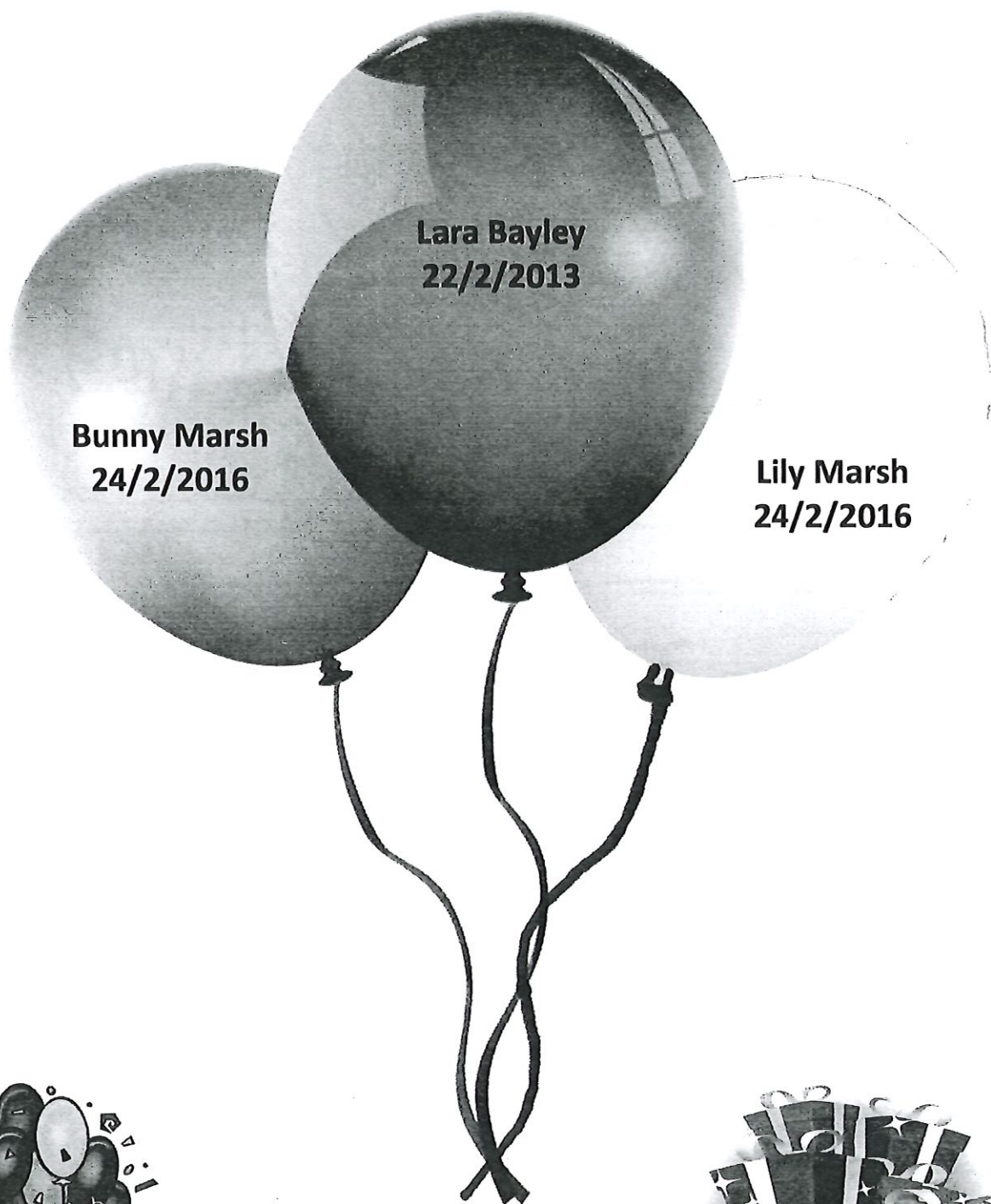


There are five differences between these two pictures.

Can you spot them?

Answer: 1. Volcano explosion 2. Top of tree 3. Sun 4. Fern leaf 5. Leaves in mouth

# Happy Birthday



# BINGO

WICKEPIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, CAMPBELL STREET

EVERY THRID THURSDAY STARTING

17TH OF FEB

10AM

Tea and Coffee provided

Gold coin donation

BINGO				
3	27	34	50	67
6	19	35	48	65
7	25	FREE SPACE	54	61
13	26	36	55	64
10	30	42	49	70

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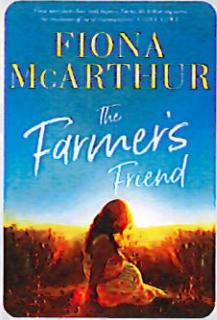
## Cuppa & a Chat

10am at Wickepin CRC  
Every 2nd Friday  
Starting 11th of Feb

*If you are new to town we would  
love to meet you*



# WICKEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



## ADULT FICTION - THE FARMER'S FRIEND

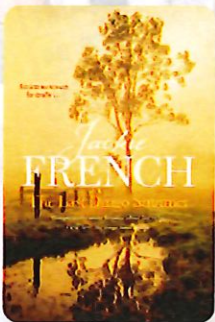
Jed and Gracie's move to Featherwood brings big dreams and open hearts, despite the drought around them. The ready-made rural store even comes with an ancient homestead overlooking the creek, albeit one requiring some TLC. Gracie is expecting and they're eager to put down family roots in the tiny community.

Midwife Nell has fled her life in Sydney, hoping to start afresh on a small farm away from prying eyes and gossip. She strives to go unnoticed, but that proves near impossible when she meets charismatic Gracie and Jed and the unpredictable, attractive Liam, who has as much emotional baggage as Nell does herself.

## FICTION DVD - THE FLOOD

Set during WWII this is the story of Jarah's coming-of-age in a brutal and lawless land - growing from a sweet child to a strong, independent and ferocious woman taking on Australia's corrupt and bigoted system one bad guy at a time.

In the best tradition of the gunslinging outlaw, when the enigmatic Jarah is pushed to the limit she explodes in a fury of retribution. But for a revenge western there is a surprising series of twists and turns.



## YOUNG ADULT FICTION - THE LAST DINGO SUMMER

A body has been found in the burned-out wreckage of the church at Gibber's Creek - with the older skeletons lying beneath it. The corpse is identified as that of Ignatius Mervyn, the man who attempted to kill Jed Kelly and her unborn child. Newcomer Fish Johnstone is drawn into the murder investigation, convinced that the local police are on the wrong track with their enquiries. But as she digs beneath the warm and welcoming surface of the Gibber's Creek community, more secrets emerge.

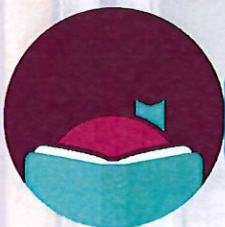
# HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE

## A VERY BIG THANK YOU

to all the children who took part in the  
Holiday Reading Challenge.

If you have not yet brought your reading  
log sheet in to collect your prizes, please come  
to the CRC to collect them.

The major prize draw will be announced soon and the  
winners will be contacted to collect their vouchers.

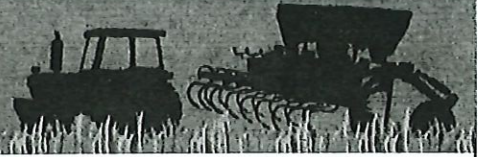


**GREAT JOB!!**

Wickepin  
Community Resource Centre  
Your local connection

# CLEARING SALES

Nutrien Ag Solutions



## Tincurrin

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 | Commencing at 1pm (WST)

Miller Rural Services and Nutrien Ag Solutions have received instructions from DW & RJ Thomson to offer by public auction on their property situated on 537 Wedin South Road, Tincurrin – follow the company signs, the following items:

### Sheep – AuctionPlus sequential sale

- 1670 Poll Merino/Merino ewe lambs, shorn late September (lines of approx 400)
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- 439 Purple tag Merino ewes, shorn mid-January, r/w Merino rams
- 259 Green tag Poll Merino ewes, shorn mid-December, r/w Poll Merino rams
- 368 Green tag Merino ewes, shorn mid-December, r/w Merino rams
- 529 Green & Orange tag, Merino ewes (nucleus), shorn mid-December, r/w Poll Merino rams
- 290 Orange tag Poll Merino ewes, shorn mid-December, r/w Poll Merino rams
- 595 Orange tag, Merino ewes, shorn mid-December, r/w Merino rams
- 412 White tag, Poll Merino ewes, shorn mid-December, r/w Poll Merino rams
- 410 White tag, Merino ewes, shorn mid-December, r/w Merino rams
- 524 Black tag Poll Merino ewes, shorn mid-December, r/w Merino rams
- 352 Black tag Merino ewes, shorn mid-December, r/w Merino rams also 29 Purple, 25 green, 25 orange tag Merino/Poll Merino rams, bare shorn rams in 28.11.2021 until 13.01.2022

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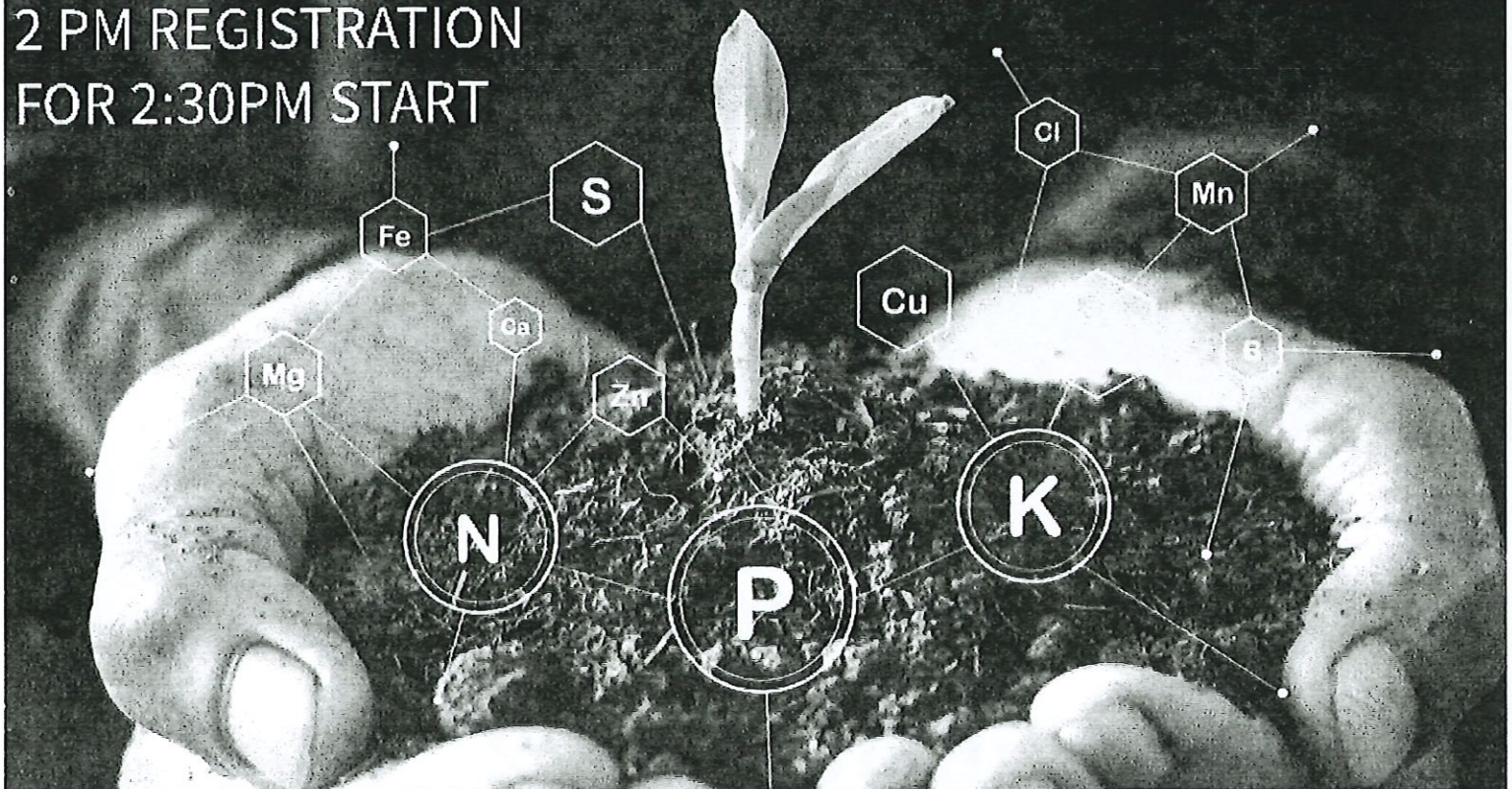
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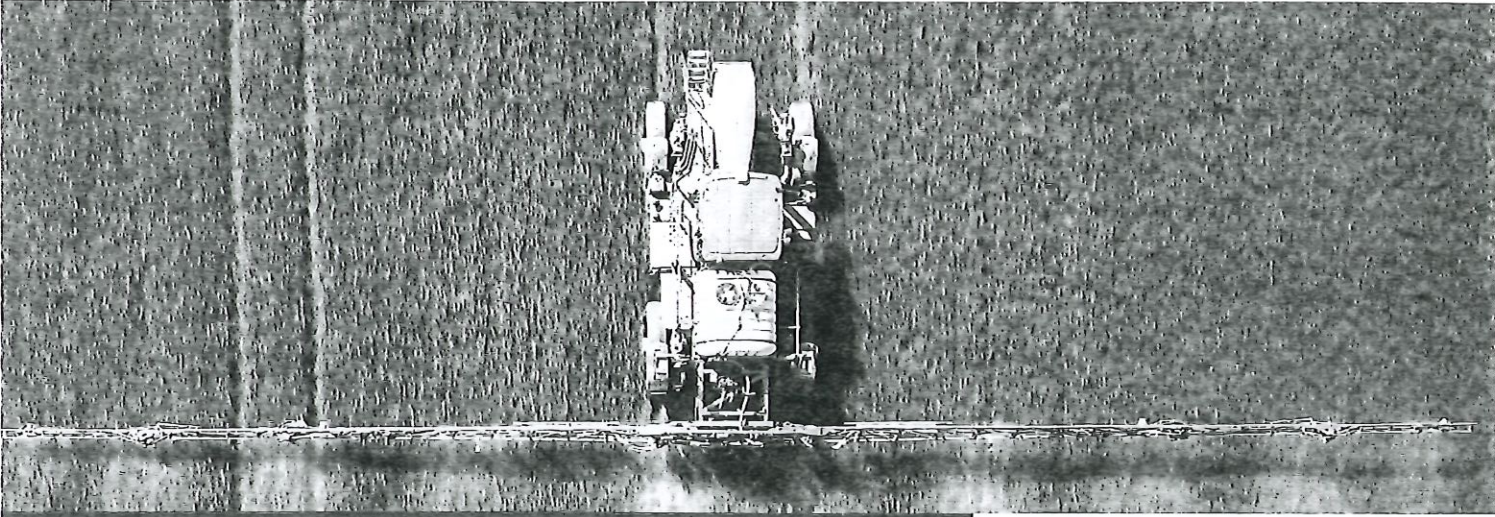
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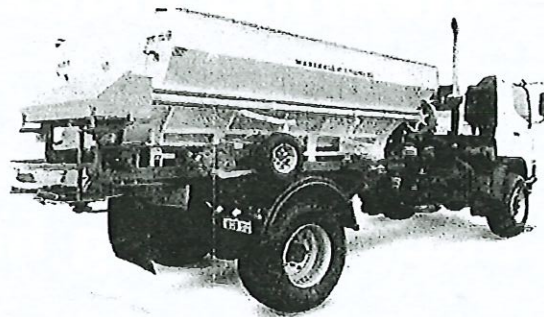
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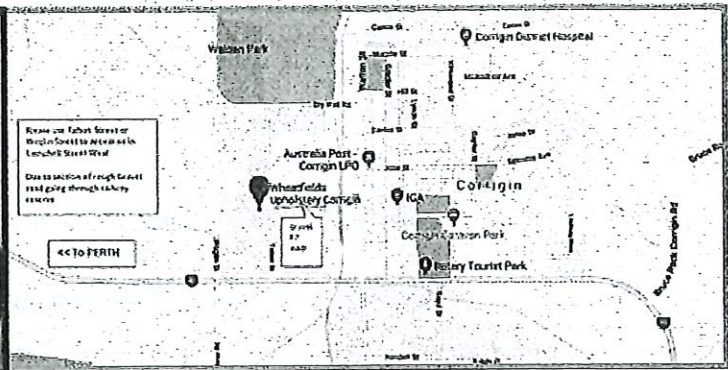




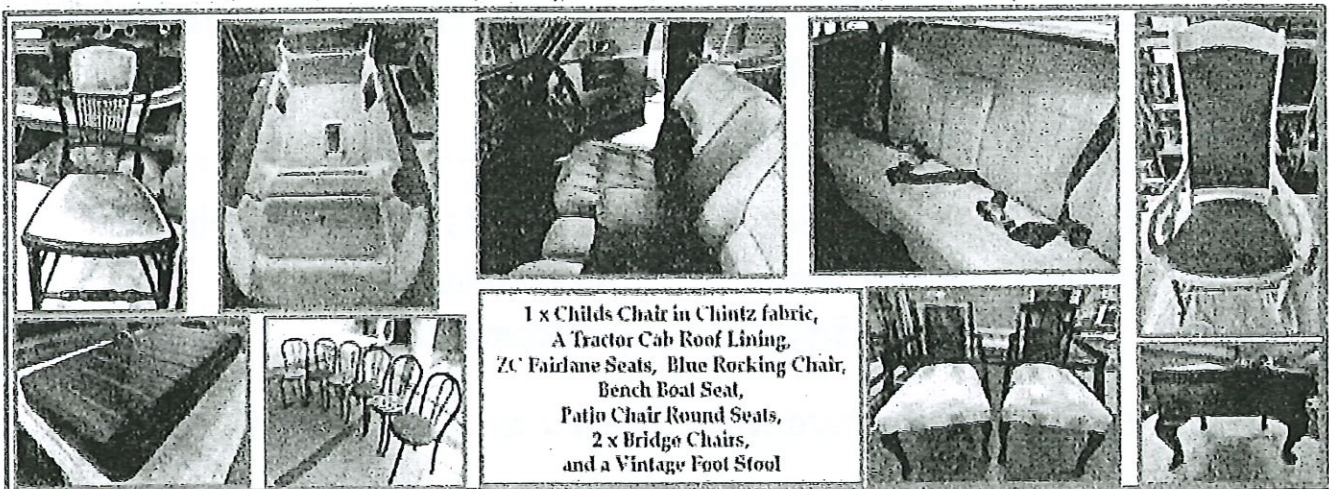


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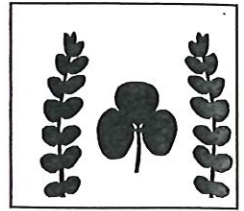


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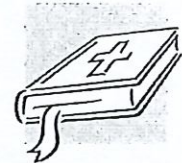
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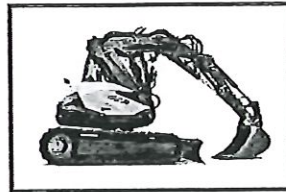


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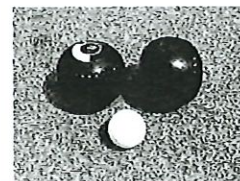


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G. Poultney, L. Shipley, F. Allan, J. McKenzie

J. Hamilton, K. Cochrane, B. Shipley, S. Richards

**RESULTS:** NARROGIN V YEALERING **SCORE:** Narrogin 1 Yealering 5 Ag: 67/45

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Club Championship Triples **Sponsored by HILLCO**

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Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Pennant Game Brookton v Yealering

### TEAMS

P. Stribling, T. Hill, C. Davidson, J. Sutton

G. Poultney, L. Shipley, K. Coxon, F. Allan

J. Hamilton, K. Cochrane, W. Dunwell, B. Shipley

**RESULTS:** BROOKTON V YEALERING **SCORE:** Brookton 1 Yealering 5 Ag: 59/57

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Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Pennant Game Williams v Yealering

### TEAMS

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G. Poultney, L. Shipley, K. Coxon, F. Allan

J. Hamilton, K. Cochrane, B. Shipley, W. Dunwell

**RESULTS:** WILLIAMS V YEALERING **SCORE:** Williams 5 Yealering 1 Ag: 61/47

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Night Bowls commenced Wednesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022. Start Time 6.30pm

**NEXT** Night Bowls Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2022. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



## Wickepin Cricket Notes

Short version is that we won off the last ball of the game. The long version..... well read on.

We headed to Pingelly with 3 Cowcher's on the team sheet and 2 Ford's. Apparently

Brady and Marlo were unavailable this week. Thought it was a Williams side for a while but then a DNA test proved we weren't all related. The 3 Cowcher's were ours but we only had 10 so we grabbed a couple from Williams who were playing Pingelly

A grade on the other oval next to us. Michael Stefie Green 3/11 and Dizzy Pockran 1/23 got us off to a good start and had them 3/40 off 12. They then put on 73 for the 4th wkt mainly due to the pasting Marty McLean was copping. With 11 overs left and 7wkts in hand we were looking at chasing a big score. But enter Baxter Cowcher with 3/14 off 7 overs. Hunter also claiming 1/5 off 1 over with most of those runs coming from his brothers misfield. And 2 of the boys wkts were completed with the help of dad the wkt keeper. Only 2 dropped catches this week with Baxter dropping a soda and our Williams recruit finding himself under a skyer. New local recruit Tim Ashton still feeling the effects of the pfizer jab was a little bit sleepy in the field. We turned the screws in last 11 overs and kept them to 145.

We got off to a good start with 10 off the 1st over. We then lost Tyron Miller and Brock Pockran and we were 2 for 10 with our tail starting at 6 (some may say 3). Shaggy Green 36 and Marty McLean 31 then compiled an entertaining 98 run partnership and got us to 2/108 and in striking distance. We then lost 3 for 0 with skipper Trent McLean gone for a golden, and i don't think that was his 1st duck because the way he packed the bag he either has OCD or just made a lot of ducks in his career. The game went down to the wire with 4 runs an over needed and regular wkts falling. Jake Martin and Tim Cowcher both made 2 (this could be Jake's top score). It came down to 4 runs off the last over to win. Riley Ford hitting a 3 to draw the game and putting Baxter on strike. Baxter then got bowled for 8 with 3 balls left and 1 run to win and Hunter Cowcher's big frame striding confidently to the wicket and the opening bowler 'Big Red' about to charge in. He missed the 4th and 5 th balls of the over as they thought about stealing a bye. Last ball. 1 to win. A draw already in the bag. Hunter then got one short and wide and cracked it over cover to take the match winning single. Doopa broke his own speed record as he ran on the field to celebrate. We won on the last ball with 2 wkts in hand. We now have a break until the 29th January when we are at home to Towns CC. We are 2nd on the ladder but only by %.

Short version- we won against Towns at home in a T20.

Long version- Captain Tangles lost the toss and we bowled 1st. Diggah Martin made his debut and with mum and dad both playing it may be the 1st mum/dad/son combination to play. Morgan was back and so was Trapper and 6yo Fletcher Miller as 12th man. Tangles took 2wkts in the 1st over to get us on top early where we stayed for most of the game. Tangles got 3, Harrismith recruit Jon Nutter 2. We had them 7/39 with all bowlers being very economical. The only problem was when Trapper came on to bowl and after the scorers yelled out the standard 'bowler's name'? What happened afterwards can only be described as uncomfortable silence as no one knew his real name. Adam McIntyre apparently. Welcome to town Trapper. Unfortunately he was the only bowler to take some stick, going at 10 runs an over off his 2 overs but he did claim a scalp. Diggah Martin bowled a good over on debut with his mullet flowing. Only a few blemishes in the field with wicket keeper Crazy Jespersion dropping a soda, maybe he should've used his pads like he did for most of his work behind the stumps. He may have missed a stumping off the bowling of Ty Miller but this was heavily disputed late into the evening. Mel also missed a ball that went for 4 as she ran to one that was hit hard to the boundary but as she got close she realised she wasn't that brave and decided to then run away. The only other blemish in the field was the bunnings hat wearing Morgan, enough said. After a good 8th wicket partnership, Towns made 76 off their 20 overs. In form openers Brock 43\* and Ty 17, quickly took the score to 67 (sundries 19) when a bloke wearing a blue shirt from the crowd took a catch on the boundary as the pair looked to finish the



## Wickepin Cricket notes continued

game inside 10 overs. Diggah Martin promoted up the order may have got his bat on one to score a single before being bowled by fellow Wickepin junior Bryce Pauley who is playing for Narrogin. Trapper finished on 0\* with the runs made in 11 overs.

A hot day that was finished with a few beers and some burgers. The win sees us go to equal top (3 way tie) of the ladder and 2nd overall after %. I know, we can't believe it either! Next week we host Dumblebung.

Short version- we lost to Wagin chasing 193 falling 50 runs short.

Long version- Tangles lost the toss and we fielded. Tangles is now 1 from 9 in the coin toss this year and has hinted at a mid week run to the casino this week if anyone else is keen. We started well taking 4 wickets in the 1st 12 overs and had them 4/60. But then, as usual, we dropped a couple of catches and they put on 65 for the 5th wicket. Greeny had got one to swing in his 2nd spell and Crazy knocked it straight up with the gloves and everyone saw it except him. You know when you are throwing a ball to a dog and then you pretend to throw it but don't and they look around everywhere for it? Well that was crazy Jesperson. Funny as it was he went on to make another 60 runs, not so funny after that. Tangles then shelled one to help the other bloke up the other end make an extra 20. At 5/150 we needed a miracle.... enter Trapper, AKA Adam McIntyre. 2/3 off his 1st over. Mixing them up and confusing the keeper, not a hard thing to do, and the batsman. At 7/153 we were hoping to run thru them and hold them to something we could chase. But they put on 40 for the last wicket in about 6 overs to reach 193.

Green 1/31, Dizzy Pockran 2/32, Tangles McLean 1/38, Sticky Bennier 1/32 all off about 8 overs. The spinners who took 5 wickets last week failed to get a scalp. Ty 0/16 off 3, Marty 0/29 off 4. How Marty bowled 4 overs after going for 7.5 runs an over no-one really knew, he must be related to the captain. Trapper should've stopped after the 1st over as he ended up with 2/14 off 2.

As we have done a bit this season we got off to a good start and were 1/84 but then lost 6/50 to be 7/136. Greeny and Crazy started to build a partnership until Greeny barbecued his partner with a call of yes, no, yes, no, wait, sorry. Trent got off his keg by clipping one over the keeper and landing it just in front of gully, gutsy shot. Trapper was told to hang around so 1st ball he faced he let it hit the stumps without playing a shot. Facing a hatrick ball Trent smashed one into the chin of opposition midwicket fieldsman Dwight to get the play of the day. Greeny also managed to find the forehead of the deep midwicket fieldsman when he forgot to keep his hands together.

Brock 18(new bat is going well), Ty 29(missed a full toss) , Sticky 38 ( dropped twice and batted thru great discomfort after coping one in the sausage and eggs), Crazy 9 (or minus 51 as we called it after the game after dropping that dolly), Marty 1 (out to an absolute screamer), Greeny 31(only dealing in 4's, 6's and slowly run singles), Trent 12 (raised his bat after getting off the mark) , Trapper 0(bowling more his go), and the 3 Wagin blokes that we borrowed all, amazingly, didn't make a run between them. 50 runs short but a good effort with only 8 players making the trip. We have fallen from equal 1st to 4th in the last 2 weeks and need to beat Cuballing next week at home to ensure a finals spot, and even then one of the other games might have to go our way. Hoping a few blokes can make themselves available next week.



## WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** saw several of our bowlers play at Brookton and our Wickepin/Kalgoorlie team were Runners-Up on the day.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** our Ladies Pennant teams played at Williams against Williams and Williams had 3 points to Wickepin 1 point.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** several bowlers played in the Narrogin Any Combination Day

**Pennants 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** saw Wickepin playing Pingelly.

1<sup>st</sup> Div: Pingelly 2 points Wickepin 6 points Pingelly Aggregate 75 Wickepin 84

2<sup>nd</sup> Div: Pingelly 4 points Wickepin 2 points Pingelly Aggregate 63 Wickepin 47

**League Triples played 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** at Wickepin

Winners: Brookton 1 - M Davis, C McGrath, R McGrath

Runners-Up: Brookton 2 - M. McBrearty, N.Walker, L. Eva,

Plate Winners: Wickepin 1 – P. Bransby, G. White, A. Bransby

Many thanks to those members who worked in the kitchen.

Social bowls was enjoyed by 9 bowlers and the Winners were Rex Bergin, Claire Bayley and Marj White.

Mens Countryweek forms have been completed and sent in. Ladies Countryweek forms are still available and one team has been nominated.

Marj and her family have started the 2022 bowls off on a good note with a successful day on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan for Norm's Memorial Triples Day. Ten teams participated and the winners were Rex Bergin, Beven Crouch and Geoff Sims.

Runners-Up were Jimmy Hamilton, Kelly Cochran and Clem Nottle. Many thanks to the White family for their contributions including the most amazing spread for afternoon tea. Several tennis players joined in for the afternoon tea and presentations. Tennis winners were Ladies Jo Priest and Men Mat Tropiano.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** a day of bowls was enjoyed by nine bowlers today. Winners were Leanne Smith and Lloyd Arundel. At least the weather was kinder to us today than for bowls during the week! Greg White played at Kulin in the ILRR Fours. David Cliff from Brookton was the only player from our league selected to go onto the Zone Competition.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** several men travelled to Corrigin to play bowls.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January** the Roger Cooke Memorial 7 WFI Any Combination Veterans Pairs was played. There were 28 teams which made for a great day's competition. Many thanks to Warren organising the draw, John and Dave for the fantastic work on the greens as usual, ladies in the kitchen and Marion for her work leading up to the day.

Congratulations to all the winners.

1<sup>st</sup>: Bev Davidson and Robyn Mullan 12+28

2<sup>nd</sup>: John Spark and Alan Hemley 12+26

3<sup>rd</sup>: Merv Davis and Ross McGrath 12 +24

4<sup>th</sup>: Greg Humphries and Eric Jespersen 9+26

5<sup>th</sup>: Alby White and Peter Lee 9+20

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** saw a team travel to Brookton for the Mens Tradies Triples.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** Bev Davidson played in the Ladies State Singles.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** League Championship Triples at Wickepin – once again many thanks to our ladies for catering and Dave and John for the work on the greens.

Winners: Pingelly 1

Runners-Up: Williams 2

Plate: Brookton 2

Runners-Up: Wickepin 1 (Marj White, Leanne Smith, Daphne Tetlow-Claire Bayley)

**26<sup>th</sup> January** saw several members playing in the Pingelly Australia Day Mixed 4's.

**28<sup>th</sup>, 29, 30<sup>th</sup> January** the ILRR Fours was played at Katanning. Marj White, Alison Horley, Leanne Smith, Robyn Mullan enjoyed playing and Claire Bayley reserve.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January** Pennant Results against Narrogin

1<sup>st</sup> Div: Wickepin 2 points Narrogin 6 points Aggregate Wickepin 63 Narrogin 71

2<sup>nd</sup> Div: Wickepin 1 point Narrogin 5 points Aggregate Wickepin 46 Narrogin 76

Several bowlers travelled to Lake Yealering on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> February with great results

1<sup>st</sup>: Greg White, Peter Bransby, Aaron Bransby

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sam Horley, Jim Williams, Bob Read

3<sup>rd</sup>: Warren Thompson, Gary Thompson, Daphne Tetlow

Last week Sam Horley, Greg White, Chris Moore and Rod McCrea played in the Brookton Classic.

What an interesting day at bowls today and unfortunately our Green 2 felt the force of the storm. I have attached a few photos. We unfortunately could not complete our Championship Pairs but that is not a problem when we are all dealing with fires around us. I do hope everyone is safe.



## Wickepin Bowling Club News Cont'd

There was no Saturday Pennants this week.

**Wednesday Pennants 9<sup>th</sup> February** will be played at Pingelly on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and we play Brookton. 9.15 roll-up and play at 9.30am. Take your own lunch.

Teams

Bev Davidson	Marj White
Robyn Mullan	Leanne Smith
Judy Lang	Claire Bayley
Alison Horley	Daphne Tetlow

Ladies travelling to Bruce Rock on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February are Robyn, Marj, Judy, Leanne S. Good bowling to all.

Mens Pairs Championship will be played on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – to be at the Club by 9.00am ready for roll-up at 9.15am. Any more information please contact Warren 0428424051.

Our Ladies Gala Day 25<sup>th</sup> February is fast approaching. Catering and Kitchen Rosters will be emailed out in the near future.

Please make a change of date in your fixture books for our end of season WIND-UP at the club. Due to our caterer not being available for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April we have changed the date to **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

Best wishes to everyone in the community for a happy healthy successful 2022 and hopefully our hard working Secretary Marion will soon be able to join us following her surgery.

Plenty of bowls has been played over the last week and no doubt enjoyed by most!

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** Pennants we travelled to Pingelly and played Brookton.

Brookton 3 points Wickepin 1 point Aggregate Brookton 42 Wickepin 37

Following the game of pennants we returned to our own club to complete the Championship Pairs that we postponed Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February due to strong winds and fires.

Winners: Robyn Mullan and Alison Horley

Runners-Up: Marj White and Daphne Tetlow

The League Championship Ladies Pairs will be held at Pingelly on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Mens Championship Pairs were played today and this was completed

Winners: Peter Bransby and Alan Hemley

Runners-Up: Rex Bergin and Barry McKenna

The League Championship Mens Pairs will be held at Narrogin on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Congratulations to all players and a huge thankyou to Shirley Hemley who kindly supplied afternoon tea after the mens final.

**12<sup>th</sup> February Saturday** Pennants was at Brookton

1<sup>st</sup> Div Brookton 8 points Wickepin 0 points Aggregate Brookton 110 Wickepin 65

2<sup>nd</sup> Div Brookton 5 points Wickepin 1 point Aggregate Brookton 64 Wickepin 61

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February** Pennants will be at Williams.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February** Marj, Robyn, Judy and Alison travelled to Bruce Rock and enjoyed the bowls. We managed to win the third round of the day. It was sad to see the devastation of the Corrigin/Bruce Rock fires. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Bev, Robyn, and Judy will play in the Lake Yealering Ladies Gala Day.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February** Pennants will be at Wickepin and we play Pingelly. It has been approved by the League to start pennants at 8.15am as several players wish to attend Geoff Orchard's funeral at the Community Centre. Ladies will need to be at the club at 7.30 to set up and have morning tea ready before play.

Pennants teams

Bev Davidson	Marj White
Robyn Mullan	Leanne Smith
Judy Lang	Claire Bayley
Alison Horley	Daphne Tetlow

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February** Rex, our President, has kindly offered to sponsor the day. This will be Triples and names to be in by 1.00pm. Thankyou Rex.

Numbers for our Gala Day are increasing which is great for the club. At present we have 21 teams nominated with a possibility of at least another three.

Hopefully all members have now registered their vaccination certificates with the club. If not please see Janet.



# The Wicky Weekly

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Wickepin PS. An especially warm welcome to our new Kindy students who have settled in beautifully to the ECC and our new enrolments, which there are 4!

I hope all of our families had a wonderful festive season with loved ones and the holiday break provided time for a well-deserved rest and some recuperation time.

As per all terms, this one is filling fast with various commitments and events. Please see the attached term planner and start filling in your diaries.

What a start to the term we have had and I would like to open with an apology for not getting the newsletter out until today, the evacuation last Monday and then no power Tuesday sent things into a spin for the start of the week.

Heartfelt gratitude is sent out to the volunteer firefighters, ambulance officers and volunteers in the community that protected the community, made sandwiches to feed those out risking their lives and in general kept the town and surroundings safe. Thank you so very much.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons commence today and after concern around whether there would be enough instructors and availability for Wickepin students it was confirmed yesterday that we could go ahead with weeks 3 & 4 with a slight timetable change. I have put the timetable below and ask if Year 5/6 could come daily with their bathers underneath and ready to go that would be helpful for their early morning lesson.

Year 5/6	9.00 - 9.40
Year 3/4	9.45 - 10.25
Year PP/2	10.30 - 11.10
Year 1	11.15 - 11.55

### Covid Update

The changes that currently affect the school are;

- \* Masks are mandatory for parents when on school grounds
- \* Parents are not to enter classrooms
- \* If you attend the school more than once a week for volunteer purposes or paid roles you must be fully vaccinated.

At Wickepin PS we strongly encourage parents to drop off and collect their children from the front gates where possible.

### Attachments

Attached to this newsletter are some wonderful posters around the 'happenings' that the shire are promoting and have organised for the community. These look like great events that all the family can join in on and require your support to have them continue in the town. Star gazing and theatre :)

Also the winter sports promotion begins - with information regarding the upcoming netball season.

### Better Health Program

The Better Health Program is a free, healthy lifestyle program for families. The program is evidence-based and is delivered by qualified health professionals to support families with making sustainable health changes at home. Children (and their families) are eligible to participate in the program if they are:

- Aged 7-13 years.
- Living in regional or remote WA.
- Above a healthy weight.

### The online program includes:

- Weekly interactive modules.
- Weekly phone coaching support with a health professional.
- Lots of freebies (including a Garmin fitness tracker and other great resources).
- Prizes.

### It's the BIG 40

With the fear of being in huge amounts of trouble, I have attached this picture of our amazing teacher Mrs O'Brien who celebrates her 40th year of teaching here at Wickepin PS. What a wonderful achievement and what a milestone. The stories I am sure she can tell and the change in education she would have seen. We are so very lucky and blessed to have you at our school Mrs O'Brien and



we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for not only our students, their families but our staff as well. Congratulations!

### School Psychologist

We are fortunate enough to have a new school psychologist starting with us this year. Rachael Norris will be at the school every second Friday (odd weeks) of the year. If you would like to discuss any concerns or have your child referred please contact the school to make an appointment or discuss with your child's teacher.

Have a wonderful fortnight and stay safe in the warmer weather.

Kind regards,  
Kerriane Mills

### Dates to Remember

February

14 - 25 Swimming Lessons

March

9 Sunsmart Tennis Classic (Yr 3-6)

10 Swimming Carnival

14 Corrigin Cricket Carnival (Yr 3-6)

# WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

Welcomes all new and interested  
junior players to join us for the  
2022 Season



Please email your child's name and  
date of birth to [wickepinjuniornc@gmail.com](mailto:wickepinjuniornc@gmail.com)  
if they are interested in being a  
Wickepin Warrior this year!

We are hoping to fill teams of the following

Net – Born 2016 and 2017

Set – Born 2014 and 2015

Go- Born 2012 and 2013

JD4 – Born 2010 and 2011

Teams & players are subject to numbers per grade

For more info check out our facebook page or  
contact Emily on 0401090286



# WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

Welcomes all new and interested  
senior players to join us for the  
2022 season

Please email your interest to play to  
[wickepinnc@gmail.com](mailto:wickepinnc@gmail.com) with your preferred  
grade and three preferred positions ASAP

Pull on your joggers and come along to our  
grading sessions-

**6pm at the Wickepin Community Centre**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

For more info check out our facebook page or  
contact Jenna on 0448110838

## **WHEATBELT SPIDER'S STORY TOLD ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE**

On May 1st 2018, the "Washington Post" celebrated the life of a small brown spider that lived it's life under a jam wattle in the WA Avon Wheatbelt.

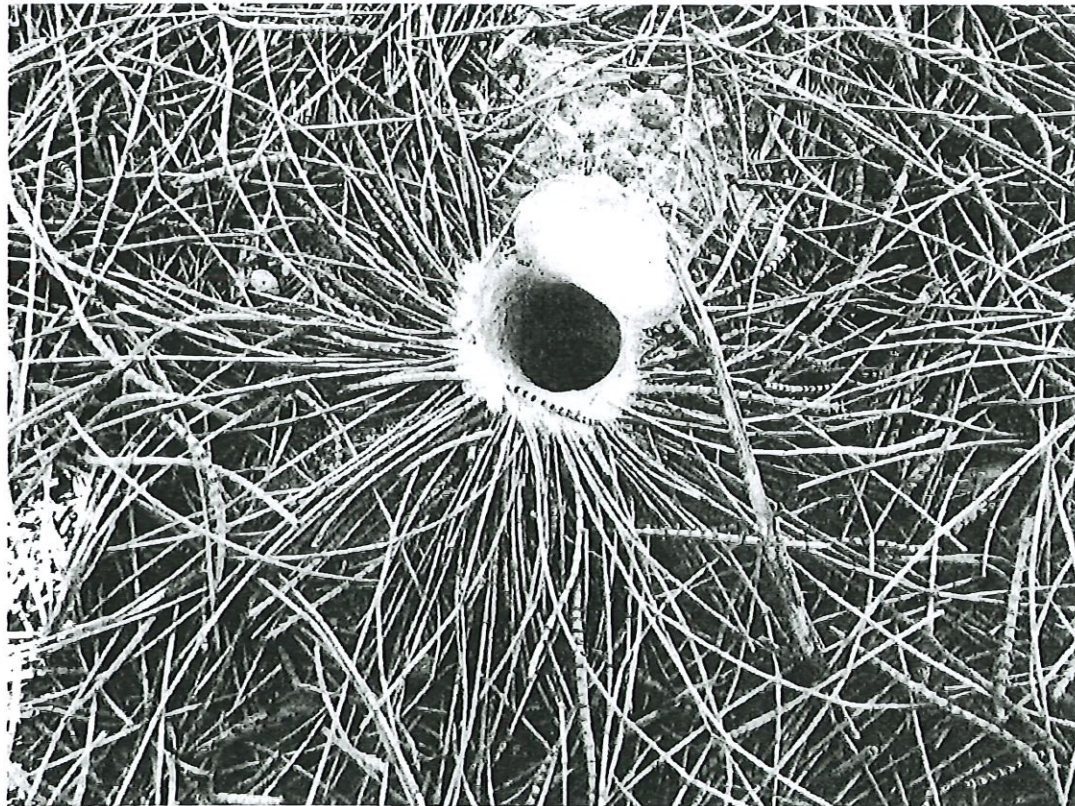
Why would this spider attract such international attention?

Because this is the story of the oldest recorded spider in the world, who died several years ago at the age of 43.

*Scientists were left "miserable" after the world's oldest spider died.*



Number 16's burrow in a reserve north of Bungulla, for at least 43 years !



It is also the story of the Wheatbelt's own amazing environmental scientist, Barbara York Main, affectionately known as the "Spider Woman", studying this spider from 1975.

—Wheatbelt NRM newsletter, May 1, '21.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

- Wed 16th Shire of Wickepin Ordinary Meeting of Council 3.30pm  
Fri 18th Facey Group GRDC Sprayer Workshop Wickepin Community Centre  
Mon 21st Recycle bin day  
Sat 26th Ignite Wickepin—Wickepin Car Rally and Festival 10am  
**Mon 28th Watershed News**

## MARCH

- Tue 1st DrumMuster 8am-4.30pm Bookings essential  
Tue 1st Facey Group 2022 Ag Industry updates Wickepin Community Centre 2pm  
Tue 1st Facey Group Research Trials Night and Dinner-Wickepin  
Wed 2nd Townscape & Cultural Planning Committee Meeting 9.30am  
Fri 4th HMAS Sydney Production Wickepin Town Hall 6.30pm  
Mon 7th Labour Day public holiday  
Mon 7th Recycle bin day  
Wed 9th Rural Edge Workshop— Farm Tech Planning— Making Your Data Work For You-Wickepin  
**Mon 14th Watershed News**  
Mon 21st Recycle bin day  
**Mon 28th Watershed News**  
Wed 30th Facey Group Taking Care of Business— Farm Business Forum-Wickepin

## APRIL

- 1st-2nd Wickepin Astro Weekend  
Mon 4th Recycle bin day  
**Mon 11th Watershed News**  
Fri 15th Good Friday  
Mon 18th Easter Monday  
Mon 18th Recycle bin day  
Mon 25th ANZAC Day  
**Tue 26th Watershed News**

## MAY

- Mon 2nd Recycle bin day  
Tue 3rd DrumMuster 8am-4.30pm Bookings essential  
**Mon 9th Watershed News**  
Mon 16th Recycle bin day  
**Mon 23rd Watershed News**  
Mon 30th Recycle bin day

## JUNE

- Mon 6th Western Australia Day  
**Tue 7th Watershed News**  
Mon 13th Recycle bin day  
**Mon 20th Watershed News**

## JULY

- Mon 4th Watershed News**