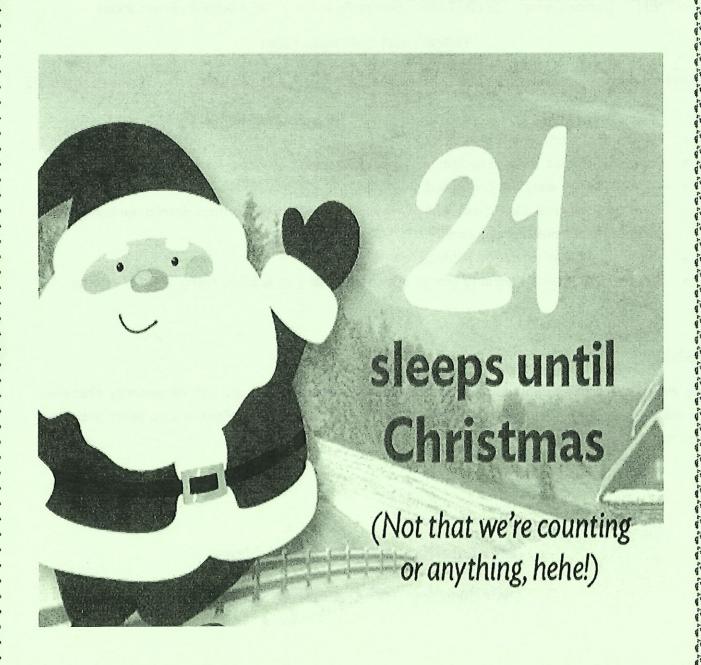
WATERSHED NEWS

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Community News

PLEASE NOTE THE FINAL ISSUE FOR 2022 OF THE WATERSHED NEWS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THAT DATE.



Birthday wishes to Bradley Pauley, Hannah Green, Tammy Rance, Chad Russell, Coleen Thompson, Leanne Holmes-Martin, Maus Preedy, Samantha Dawes, Joshua O'Brien, Lauren Martin, Marg Bennier, Kiesha Pawsey.



WATERSHED NEWS will hold their AGM on Monday 9th January 2023 @ 10am at the Watershed News room, located at the Wickepin Community Resource Centre. Everyone welcome.



There will be another Mahjong and games afternoon at the Yealering CWA room on Friday the 9th December from 1pm for those who would like to join the group. Afternoon tea will be served from 2.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat. A donation is appreciated with all proceeds going to the Yealering Progress Association.

Belated condolences to the Orchard family on the recent passing of Don Orchard. Don was formerly a very successful farmer east of Wickepin, leaving to farm in Redmond near Albany.



Condolences to Karen Leeson and family on the passing of her sister Mel.

FOUND: To the kind person who has replaced my chairs and footstool at the Community Centre, **Thank you** its most appreciated. - Wendy Butler

Thank you to those who have left plastic bread tags for the *Aussie Bread Tag for Wheelchairs Project* at the collection box at the Resource Centre this year. The bread tags are recycled to raise funds to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people, mainly in South Africa.





Thank you to all who attended the Anglican Churchs' Christingle Service yesterday (4th December). Irene Moore delivered the Christmas story to the children and they enjoyed the carols, played by Judy Lang, joining in with musical instrucments provided by Irene. There was fun and laughter following the service with morning tea, especially from the beautiful children who enjoyed the lollies from the oranges.

ATTENTION ALL READERS:

The volunteer producers of TheWatershed News are looking for your feedack with your opinions on the published recipes, or if you would like to submit your favourite recipe to be included.



Bill was a loyal customer of Phil Hoskins Narrogin Fruit Market and Jack and Eileen's Narrogin Orchard on the East side of town, buying literally hundreds of tons of quality fruit that he then dried, and either sold or gave away. He helped the Grandies establish their first pocket money business called "Grampa's Dried Apples" where they bought fresh and sold dried apples to furnish their love of Pokemon. They were each very proud of this achievement.

Bill was very focussed on his own health. He would investigate every deviation with countless Doctor and specialist appointments and front up for many an unpleasant procedure in a quest for comfort. I once saw him in radiology by chance where he was being asked to consume a barium meal for what he claimed was for unknown reasons, and after a single taste of the half litre, he announced he'd prefer a cup of tea as this brew wasn't very nice. I did warn him there's worse in store if he kept complaining of symptoms. The investigations would become more invasive and less social. He would consult Naturopaths, Bowen and Physiotherapists, Nurses, Pharmacists and others in growing his own pharmaceutical line of bottles and brews, keeping meticulous records of remedies tried, and cross-referencing Doctors advice against his resource library of books from Chinese Herbalists, Biochemical salt encyclopedias, nutritionists and others. His quest for a satisfying state of being seemed to elude him despite seemingly appearing active, fully functioning and highly mobile especially on the suggestion of a meal in Browns Nursery Cafe where the log fire and welcoming staff received him as royalty.

At 98 years the common statement that Bill appeared 'good for his age' annoyed him as he felt it was 'pretty lousy' on the inside. The Staff at Narrogin Homecare were so very good to Bill, and he enjoyed an extended time living independently with their help and support before breaking in the staff at Dillons to his precise ways.

He wasn't the most compliant or agreeable of characters and insisted on maintaining his right to choose everything about his life. He was resolute and unapologetic but well regarded and thoroughly cared for. Bill has enjoyed beautiful friendships over his many years and has been well treasured by Friends and Family.

He has lived a full and charmed life, has treasured his curious brain and thirst for knowledge, the understanding of history and trends. He has been a Family man, an active Community and Committee member across a broad variety of interests.

He read extensively exploring ancient civilisations and marvelling at that, which science has not yet fathomed, and keeping a vast collection of books.

He didn't like to be still. He demanded action and change because he dared to care enough and I think that is his legacy. If you want change, MAKE it happen.

His era has ended but he will be remembered with a thousand Billy stories that bring smiles and memories of the truly unique character he was.









Willem (Bill) Butler



Willem (Bill) Butler, was born in Wickepin on 4 September 1924.

He lived through and saw massive changes in the world. From the depravations of World War II and the Great Depression to major changes in technology. From the horse and buggy to advanced mechanisation to current automation and control. From taking several days to get to Perth from the farm to a couple of hours.

Dad attended school in Malyalling and Yealering. Travelling by horse and sulky from the farm to Malyalling daily and later boarding in Yealering. As new migrants to Australia, dad's parents had little English so he often helped with translation and interpreting.

At this stage of his life the farm was still largely uncleared. This was the time of the Great Depression and life was hard. Hard work and perseverance where lessons well learnt. A character-building period of his life.

In 1939, at the age of 14 he went and studied at the Narrogin Agricultural School for a period of two years (1939-1940). Years later from 1972 to 2019 he came back as an advisory member for the college.

Upon returning to the farm, he started to put his Ag school learnings into practise. He modernised and updated the forge on the home property Avondowns and practised new welding techniques.

Given that much of the arable land at this time was still largely uncleared, it wasn't long before he realised that there was a business opportunity in land clearing. He purchased a dozer and set up a clearing and dam sinking business. At one stage he had 3 bulldozers.

Dad realised early on that mechanisation of farming was the future and became an early adopter. A truck was purchased in 1943 followed by a tractor in 1945. A tractor pulled harvester in 1947 and a self-propelled harvester in 1948, one of the first in the district.

Dad made chaff and silage to feed livestock. Making of silage then, and even now was not a common practise in Australia. It is more of a European or American practise. I suspect that my grandfather had a significant influence on dad in this respect given his European heritage.

Over the years he experimented with many different (unconventional crops) including corn/maize, sorghum, melons, linseed and peas (and probably a number of others that I am not aware off). For many years beef cattle was a significant output from the farm.

While we were growing up dad gave us many opportunities to do thing on the farm, often causing mum some trepidation. We were driving tractors when we were five or six. When Roger and I indicated an interest in horses, in short time, we were off to the yearling horse sales where dad bought three horses. One for him, one for me and one for Roger. This all helped develop in me confidence and self-sufficiency that I will always be grateful for.

As we grew up dad was involved with numerous organisations including the P&C, Farmers Union, Pastoralist and Graziers, Narrogin Agricultural College, Wildflower Society, WACSSO (Western Australia Council of State Organisation), 55 years' service to the bush fire brigade to name a few. As a result of his affiliations, he travelled much of the Southwest of Western Australia although I don't know if he ever left the state unlike his sisters who travelled widely.

In the 70's dad was a strong advocate for adequately supporting and keeping agricultural schools open and available to students interested in farming. He also worked tirelessly to get girls into agricultural schools. Both of these aims where successfully achieved and the results are now clear to see.

In his later years, he still maintained an active interest in Farming. He had a strong interest in native flora and fauna and their protection. Following retirement from active farm duties he would spend a significant amount of his time collecting native seed and revegetating degraded land.

He was an avid reader with a wide range of interests including history, medicine and naturopathy. Music was also something that he enjoyed immensely but not everyone always appreciated his tastes. It is largely through his interest in music that he met our mother.

He very much enjoyed meeting people and having a chat. This was very evident to me every time I came down to see him and we would go out for lunch. My last visit was around 6 weeks ago where he was still very much mentally active and alert but physically struggling. He had a good and successful life that we can be proud of.

Rest In Peace Dad.

Classified

FOR SALE:

Block of land in Wickepin. Over an acre. Fenced on 4 sides.

\$30,000

Phone 0428 898 025

FOR SALE:

34 Australorp & 34 Rhode Island Red hen pullets. \$30 each. Will be ready as 12-week-olds

from January 21, 2023. Pre-Order available. Ph Carmen: 0438 888 1053

FREE:

Olive Egg Layer Rooster. Olive egg layer males crossed with white egg layer hens will

produce offspring who will lay pale green eggs. Ph Carmen: 0438 888 1053

WANTED:

Wickepin Football Club Fundraiser

We are looking for donations of your scrap batteries. For any reasonable amounts we are happy to collect for convenience, otherwise feel free to drop them to Tim Cowcher at Elders

Wickepin.

Call or message Jordan Flavel on 0488690910 if you have anything available.

Thanks for your support.

WANTED TO BUY:

"Hark! Hark! My Soul" book by V.M.Shipley

Contact Louie-Jane Gamble Ph: 0429 411 131

WANTED:

HouseTo Rent in Wickepin

Looking for a house to rent in Wickepin from the 1st January 2023, non-smoker single man.

Phone Wendy Butler 0428884065 or Kurtis Butler 0428883432

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, drop them at the Community Resource Centre or fax to 9888 1588



Central Agcare

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



What's On In Wickepin Shire

Mondays:

Watershed News every second Monday: last edition 14th December 2022

Fit Pursuit 6am-6.45am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Tuesdays:

Morning swimming 5.45am – 6.45am

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

Pathology Service~ Appointment Only @ Wickepin Health Centre

Yoga at Harrismith Hall 6pm - 7.30pm - all welcome

Further details: Ph Tara: 0427 333171

Wednesdays:

Morning Swimming 5.45am - 6.45am

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

<u>Thursdays:</u>

Fit Pursuit 5.45am~6.35am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Wickepin Playgroup 9.30am - 11.30am during school term.

Local Vocals with Mazz - 6pm in Narrogin

Fridays:

Morning Swimming 5.45am - 6.45am

<u>Saturdays:</u>

Banksia Bowmen Archery- Wickepin Community Centre @ 9am

Club Equipment Available

Sundays:

Anglican Church every 1st & 3rd Sunday @ 8am





Home Support Service (HSS) In Wickepin,

You can contact Helen Morton (0418 925 861) or The Village concierge (98871409) if you feel you need ongoing support to stay living at home.

Under the Home Support Service (HSS), workers are paid as contractors to provide ongoing or one-off care and support to people who have a funded Home Care Package or Disability Plan.

You may be eligible for commonwealth funding for domestic assistance, gardening, basic home maintenance, transportation to do your shopping or go to the doctor, social support to attend activities or family events support your intent to stay living at home.

You may also get personal care such as assistance with showering and dressing and clinical care.

You may also get assistance with meal preparation. There are other sorts of supports that people may receive under commonwealth funding.

These services are equally available to all people to help them stay living at home, regardless of income and assets.

If you wish to register for contract work in Wickepin under the HSS please contact Helen Morton (0418 925 861).

You can be both a Village volunteer and a registered HSS contractor.

Members will not be able to use the volunteer and buddy system if they receive funding from the government to pay for the services they need via a MyAged Care package or an NDIS Plan.

Helen Morton Project Officer

0418 925 861



WICKEPIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday 18th December Wickepin Community Centre 4:30pm – Santa arriving 4:45pm

Sausage Sizzle available for purchase – Raffles – Temporary Tattoos Colouring in Competition – DJ RED Music

BYO Drinks & Nibbles

Registration list of children
Plus colouring in competition sheets at Wickepin Newsagency
\$4 per child

Santa's Gift – less than \$20 wrapped & labelled with name and age to be left at the Wickepin CRC by Thursday 15th Dec with colouring in entry too please.





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PLEASE NOTE: The Administration Office will close 2pm on Friday, 16 December 2022. Normal hours will resume as of Monday 19 December 2022, 8:30am-4:30pm and will close for the Christmas period 4.30pm Friday 23 December 2022.

DECEMBER 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

The December 2022 meeting of council as per resolution 171121-13, will be held the second Wednesday of the month, Wednesday 14 December 2022, commencing at 3.30pm.

HARVEST 2022/23

Due to the volume of heavy traffic during this busy time of year please be aware of your surrounding and drive to the road conditions.

HARVEST BAN ALERTS

The SMS alert service is again in operation over this harvest period.

If you would like to register your number to receive these messages or have your number removed from the system, please contact the office or email your details to admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

PUBLIC EVENT APPROVAL

In order to conduct a public event, approval must first be obtained from the Shire of Wickepin. This form must be submitted a minimum of three months prior to the planned event date.

In addition to approvals the Shire of Wickepin provides advice and guidance to the organisers of community and public events. To protect the health, welfare and safety of those attending, a number of aspects of the event must be considered. These include:

- 1) Venue Safety
- 2) **Booking of Shire Facilities**
- 3) **Electrical Safety**
- 4) Stands, Marquees and Stages
- Food Safety and Hygiene 5)
- Amusement Rides and Structures 6)
- 7) Risk Management

Event Application Information Package can be downloaded from the Shire of Wickepin Web Page www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

2022 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The 2022 Christmas lights competition closes on Friday 9 December 2022.

Entry forms are available for the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office or www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

Judging will take place from Wednesday 14 December - Wednesday 21 December between 7pm - 9pm.

1st Prize \$250 2nd Prize \$150

3rd Prize \$100

Good luck to all participants. Winners will be notified by phone and published on the Shire Facebook page.



WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

The Wickepin swimming pool will be closed on Tuesday 6 December 2022 and will open again Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 1pm.

Season passes are available from the shire office:

- Family \$132
- Adult \$84
- Child \$60

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN **REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION** (8 TO 7 COUNCIL MEMBERS)

As a result of Local Government reform, the Shire of Wickepin is conducting a review of councillor representation and invites public participation.

A discussion paper is available online at public www.wickepin.wa.gov.au submissions are invited by 7 December 2022.

E Clement **Acting CEO**



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AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST 2023 & COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

The 2023 Australia Day Breakfast and Community Awards will be held in Wickepin.

Breakfast will be cooked by the Shire Councillors and held at the Wickepin Community Centre from 8.00am.

The 2022 Community Awards will be presented at the conclusion of breakfast.

TOWNSITE PROPERTIES

Council has received numerous complaints of overgrown and unsightly properties within the townsite boundaries of the shire.

Council's Firebreak Notice 2022/23 states:

'All lots within the townsites of Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Wickepin and Yealering are required to be cleared and maintained free of all debris or flammable material. Failure to comply with requirements renders the owner or occupier liable to a penalty not more than \$400.'

Property owners and occupiers are hereby notified that failure to comply with this notice within 7 days will result in infringements being issued in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954. Please contact the Shire Office if you have any queries regarding this matter.





HIRING OF SHIRE FACILITIES & COMMUNITY BUS

For any booking of a council owned facility a venue hire form MUST be completed **IN FULL DETAIL** prior to the date of intended use. Hire fee and bond payment is required to be paid prior to hiring. Waiving of the bond can be requested but must be made in writing 7 days before the facility is being used and is at the discretion of the CEO.

Community Bus hire bookings must be completed using the bus hire form and completed IN FULL DETAIL and returned along with a copy of the driver's current drivers' licence, front and back. The bus must be returned clean inside and out and any damage reported. The mileage form is to be completed and left in the bus. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in refusal to hire the bus in the future.

Bookings WILL NOT be confirmed until the appropriate paperwork has been received by the administration office and completed to a satisfactory and comprehensible standard.

All booking forms are available via the shire's website or can be requested via email.





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Media statement

Western Power readies for summer 2023

15 November 2022

Western Power has done significant work to prepare the network for the coming summer following the power outages experienced during the record-breaking heatwave last year.

The business is continuing to undertake a swathe of work to address the recommendations of the independent Christmas 2021 power outage review undertaken by Michelle Shepherd.

Western Power CEO Sam Barbaro said extensive work was continuing to improve reliability including enhancing forecasting to enable better network management during consecutive extreme hot weather days, reviewing switching patterns and upgrading and replacing key infrastructure.

"Much of this work was already underway with increasing climate change and weather impacts, but we've fast tracked works ahead of summer to improve power reliability where possible," he said.

"A key aim is improving our low voltage forecasting methodology by incorporating advanced metering (AMI) data, considering the rise in rooftop solar and changing weather patterns.

"We're also revising load forecasts for our distribution network and using relevant CSIRO long-term climate change projections to forecast heatwave frequency and intensity.

"Minimising the length and number of unplanned outages is a priority. We're working on several initiatives to improve the network's reliability, which will help in situations like the Christmas heatwave where overloading occurred.

"This includes reinforcement works for a number of substations including Mandurah, Waikiki, Yanchep and Byford, and upgrading 70 distribution transformers before the end of the year.

"We've taken onboard community feedback regarding frustration with delayed restoration times, during high fire weather days, and we're working with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and local governments to review fire risk management approaches.

"This includes reviewing how we can reduce the time we have to wait to operate the network to restore customers on these days, while continuing to ensure community safety.

"We're improving communications in the lead up to and during outage events to keep our customers updated with timely and effective information."

Mr Barbaro said Western Power undertakes an extensive bushfire mitigation program each year. This year included pole replacement; conductor replacements and vegetation management – at a cost of approximately \$158 million (\$85 million on pole replacements; \$52 million on conductor replacements and \$21 million on vegetation management).

"While we all know that 100 per cent reliability is not possible, we are doing all that we can to prevent outages and maintain our 99.91 per cent reliability record," he said.



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"I am excited that in several areas of the business, we have started using newer and greener technology to support better reliability, and this will only increase into the future.

"We understand the inconvenience power outages can cause residents, particularly in regional and remote areas of the South West Interconnected System, which is why we have taken on the recommendations of the Christmas 2021 power outage review.

"We also continue to look at ways to deliver safe and reliable power to the community."

Western Power recently launched, with the WA Government and Synergy, a Summer Readiness campaign to raise awareness on peak energy use over summer.

Perth and Peel households are being encouraged to make small changes to maintain reliable power during peak demand periods between 5pm and 9pm.

Households can reduce their energy use and save money during peak demand periods by:

- Limiting the use of major appliances (washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers) between 5pm and 9pm;
- keeping air conditioner settings at 24 degrees every degree lower on your air conditioner can add 10 per cent to your electricity cost; and
- using pool pumps during the middle of the day.

Western Power Media: media@westernpower.com.au or 1300 139 240 (24 hours)



77 Wogolin Road, PO Box 19 WICKEPIN 6370 Phone: 9888 1005 Fax: 9888 1074



Teniers Christmas Lunch

Friday 2nd December saw a lovely gathering of Seniors at the Wickepin Community Centre to celebrate Christmas at the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch sponsored by the Wickepin Shire. This event is held for our Seniors to be able to come together and enjoy a delicious traditional roast lunch and dessert that is prepared and served by a volunteer group of locals from throughout the shire.





Lee-Ann undertook the duties of MC for the day and it was terrific to see so many of the regular seniors, plus quite a few new faces. We missed those who were unable to be with us on the day for various reasons and were thinking of you all.



The tables, chairs, decorations & table settings were completed on Thursday by Lorraine & Claire & Allan and the Community Centre was soon turned into a Christmas Hall with delightfully decorated tables set with sprigs of grevilleas, packets of chips, chocolates and gorgeous Lolly Bags made by the wonderful ladies at the Wickepin Arts & Crafts Group and filled with Lollie's by Shirley and Allan. The beautifully decorated tree was placed in the entrance of the room next to the table filled with an abundance of generous donations from local businesses throughout Wickepin & Narrogin.









Lorraine Hedditch coordinated the food and was joined in the kitchen by Claire Hedditch, Shirley Hemley, Allan Hemley, Carmen Bayley, Lee-Ann Mullan, Helen Sands, Wendy Butler, Dani Sims, Tina Simpson, Ammers Miley & Dianne Walton, who together created a delicious roast lunch followed by refreshing fruit salad and ice-cream or Christmas pudding with brandy sauce, and cream. This was washed down with refreshing punch, beer, wine, tea & Coffee and of course the annual Christmas Cake.











The message of Grace was received by Irene Moore, and to remember those who could not be with us, before everyone was served table by table, their main course. The Christmas Cake was organised by Lorraine and beautifully decorated by Lorraine's mother-in-law, Iris Hedditch and was cut this year by Hazel Green, in between courses and entertainment.







We were delighted to welcome Frank Heffernan who recited a couple of his most recent poems, which are always such a pleasure to hear. We had photo albums of years gone by for our seniors to look back on and reminisce.



Thank you also to the generosity of the businesses in both Wickepin and Narrogin who donated some lovely gifts for the ticket draws. These were organised by Lorraine and there were so many donations this year that it made it difficult for the Seniors to choose their prize once their number was called and almost everyone went home with a gift.





















BIG THANKS goes out to all who helped to make the day a success, the day simply could not have gone ahead without each and every one of you.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and see you all for lunch in 2024

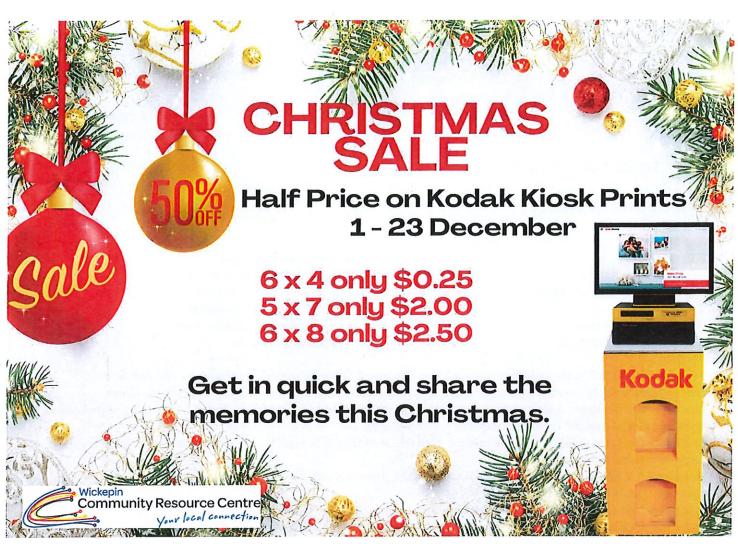


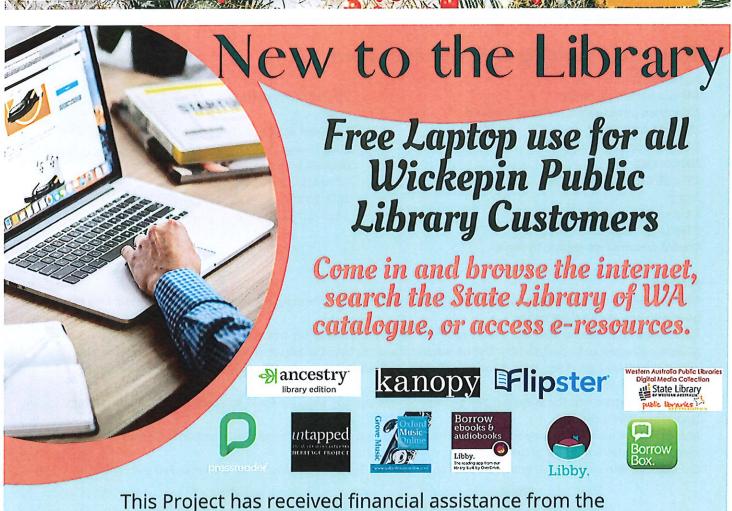
KIDS CORNER



Happy Birthday

Katie McColl 13/12/2022





This Project has received financial assistance from the Western Australian Government through the State Library of WA



Christmas sweet treats

Traditional pavlova

Ingredients:

6 egg whites

1/2 tsp cream of tartar

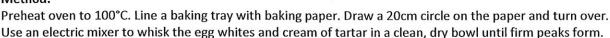
1 1/2 cups (330g) caster sugar

2 tsp cornflour

300ml thickened cream

1 tbsp icing sugar mixture

Method:



Gradually add the sugar, 1 tbs at a time, whisking well after each addition until the sugar dissolves and the mixture is thick and glossy. Add the cornflour. Stir until just combined.

Use a large metal spoon to spoon the mixture onto the lined tray. Use a palette knife to shape into a disc, using the circle as a guide. Smooth the side.

Bake for 1 1/2 hours or until pavlova is dry to the touch. Turn oven off. Leave the pavlova in the oven, with the door ajar, for 2 hours to cool completely.

Use an electric mixer to whisk the cream, icing sugar and vanilla in a medium bowl until soft peaks form. Place the pavlova on a serving plate. Top with the cream mixture. Use a star cutter to cut shapes from kiwifruit and pineapple. Arrange over the cream mixture with the mango. Drizzle with passionfruit pulp. Serve immediately.

Sticky date pudding with caramel sauce

Ingredients:

Melted butter, to grease
200g dried pitted dates, coarsely chopped
250ml (1 cup) water
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
100g butter
155g (3/4 cup) caster sugar
2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla essence

225g (1 1/2 cups) self-raising flour

Double cream or ice-cream, to serve

Fresh strawberries, to serve

1 tsp vanilla bean paste

2 passionfruit, halved

1 green kiwifruit, thinly sliced

3 thin slices peeled pineapple

1/2 mango, peeled, thinly sliced

1 gold kiwifruit, thinly sliced

Caramel sauce

200g (1 cup, firmly packed) brown sugar 125ml (1/2 cup) pouring cream 100g butter

1 tsp vanilla essence



Recipes from www.taste.com.au

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush a round 20cm (base measurement) cake pan with melted butter to grease. Line the base with non-stick baking paper.

Place dates and water in a medium saucepan over high heat. Bring to the boil. Stir in the bicarbonate of soda. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool slightly. Use an electric beater to beat the butter and sugar in a bowl until pale and creamy. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla. Fold in the date mixture and flour until well combined.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan and smooth the surface. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until the top springs back when lightly pressed.

Meanwhile, to make the caramel sauce, stir the sugar, cream, butter, and vanilla in a medium saucepan over medium heat for 5 minutes or until smooth.

Cut pudding into wedges and pour over the caramel sauce. Serve with cream or ice-cream and strawberries.





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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here we are at Week 8, with 3 short weeks left of not only this term but this year. These last few weeks will feel like a landslide for all as we are busy wrapping up assessments, reporting, preparing for the presentation/graduation evening and thinking about a well earned holiday break.

The highlight of this previous fortnight has definitely been the Year 5/6 Camp at Rottnest, which I can say I am still recovering from! Miss Conway, Billy and myself had a fabulous time with the students, who definitely represented WPS with honour. The scenery never ceased to amaze us, although the speed the students rode I am not sure they really appreciated it but I know the adults did. I am hoping each and every one of the Year 5/6's came back with stories and knowledge and all had an amazing time. My sincerest thanks goes to Miss Conway and Billy, who were absolute legends the entire time and also to Mrs Norwell who helped and organised so much of the preparation and paperwork to ensure it all went to plan.

Presentation Night

A reminder to please bring your own chair for a 5.00pm start. Seats will be provided for special guests and families of graduates.

Names on uniforms and possessions

We are still finding several jumpers and student possessions that do not have names on them. Can you please ensure all of your child's property is clearly named, making the return of lost property mush easier.

Cuttings and propagation

We are on the hunt for the gardeners of the community that may be happy to donate some cuttings or propagations to help fill our garden beds around the school. The gardens have all been freshly mulched and weeded so now we'd like to fill them up. Please drop your plants either at the office or by the gardeners shed. Thank you in advance.

2023 Staffing Update

The next announcement for 2023 is the change in our Year 5/6 classroom teacher. As we farewell Mrs Thysse, thanking her for her commitment to the class these past 3 terms, we welcome Ms Tarnelle Wyllie to WPS. Tarnelle is beyond excited to have been offered a position and describes this opportunity as 'coming home'. Tarnelle attended the school as a student and even had Mrs O'Brien as her classroom teacher. I know you will all make her feel welcome.

The Wicky Way

This month's Wicky Way recipient is Matilda Martin. Matilda is a kind, caring and considerate student who demonstrates the Wicky Way values in all areas of the school. In the playground,

Matilda can be seen assisting other children if they are injured and including others in her games. In the classroom, Matilda demonstrates great resilience as she perseveres when tasks become difficult, uses her initiative and is always ready to learn. Congratulations on being this month's Wicky Way Role Model.

This months Wicky Way work has been awarded to Room 3 Paisley Davey and Jakobie Bayley; Room 4 Abbie McColl; Room 8 Lucas Bransby and Room 9 Reid Ewen. Congratulations to these award winners.



Absentee Information

As well as calling the school office on 9888 2300 to let us know of your child's absence, you are also welcome to email us at wickepin.ps@education.wa.edu.au. This email address captures the Principal, Manager Corporate Services and School Officer. You can also send us a message on 0438 957 163. If you have not informed the school of your child's absence, then a text message will be sent at 10.00am. Please remember to let us know the reason for the absence, i.e. unwell, appointment etc.

Kind regards, Kerrianne Mills

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November

29 Wicky Wrigglers

30 Year 3/4 Tennis Competition

December

6 Wicky Wrigglers

8 Presentation & Graduation Night

13 Reports to go home

14 Year 6 Graduation Fun Day

15 Students Last Day of Term

16 Staff Development Day

January

30 School Office Reopens

February

Students First Day

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When:
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Sunday 18^{th} December – Wickepin – 8.00am (The final service for the year and no services in January in Wickepin)



Sunday 18th December – Narrogin Christingle service – 10.30am

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Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day – Narrogin – 9.00am

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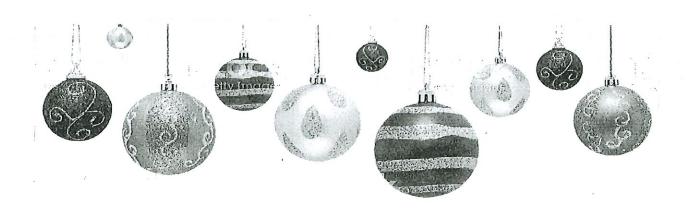
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Help is on its way for fire affected farmers

Work is progressing getting ready for the first round of support to help farmers who lost remnant vegetation in the East Narrogin and Corrigin fires last February. This round, the focus will be on protecting recovering remnant stands in cropping paddocks.

For mixed farming operations, grazing stubbles are an important feed source for livestock over the summer months. Some large paddocks across the landscape dedicated to crop have patches of remnant vegetation that have been fenced off to conserve highly valuable native ecosystems as well livestock from grazing any of the poisonous gastrolobium species common to Western Australian bushlands.

Close to 18,000 Hectares of farmland were burnt in the East Narrogin fire including 3,284ha of vegetation.

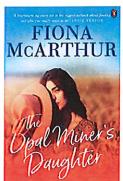
Most native vegetation species in the Wheatbelt respond well to fire and it is an important part of seed germination and recruitment however, our bushland is adapted to regenerate after cool fire, not the hot fires seen last February. As a result, some remnants are struggling to come back, what regrowth exists is hence vulnerable to grazing pressure and will need protecting. Throughout the fire zone, abundant regrowth has been sighted in many patches of burnt remnants and if the new seedling growth survives the first summer, these areas will be well on their way to regenerating in no time.

In a bid to help farmers get these recovering stands protected prior to livestock going onto stubble, we are racing against the clock to develop an equitable process for providing farmers with support for fencing.

If you have been affected by fire and have lost precious remnants, the funding round with expressions of interest will open in the coming month. Wheatbelt NRM is partnering with Facey Group and CFIG to deliver the program over the next two years. Funding has been provided under the State NRM Community Stewardship Grant Program to support the revegetation and re-fencing of previously protected remnant vegetation areas.



ADULT FICTION FIONA MCARTHUR - THE OPAL MINER'S DAUGHTER



Obstetrician Riley Brand leaves the city behind to go in search of her mother, who's taken leave from her marriage to pursue a passion for opal mining in the dry backblocks of an old mining town. Accepting a short-term posting as a fertility expert in Lightning Ridge, Riley plans to assist women pursue their baby dreams in remote and regional areas, while at the same time helping to rekindle her parents' love for each other. The small community is a far cry from her polite medical practice on the North Shore of Sydney, but the down-to-earth locals soon welcome her into the fold with their Friday night social gatherings. But no one is more welcoming than enigmatic doctor Konrad Grey, the GP who's working alongside her. When an employee of their medical practice confesses she's hiding an unexpected pregnancy, Konrad and Riley are thrown together in challenging and wonderful ways.

ADULT FICTION GRAHAM NORTON - FOREVER HOME

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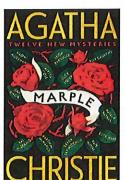
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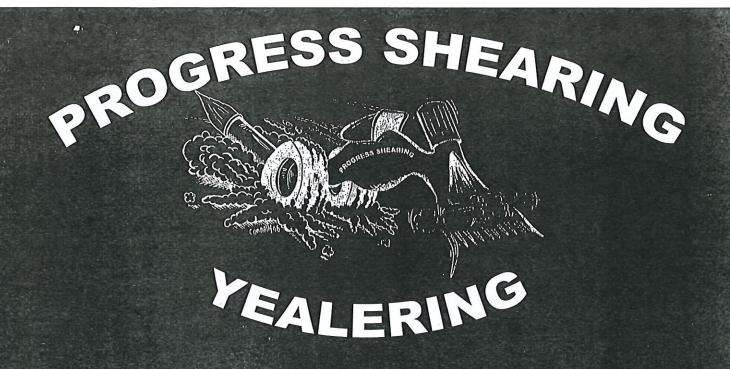


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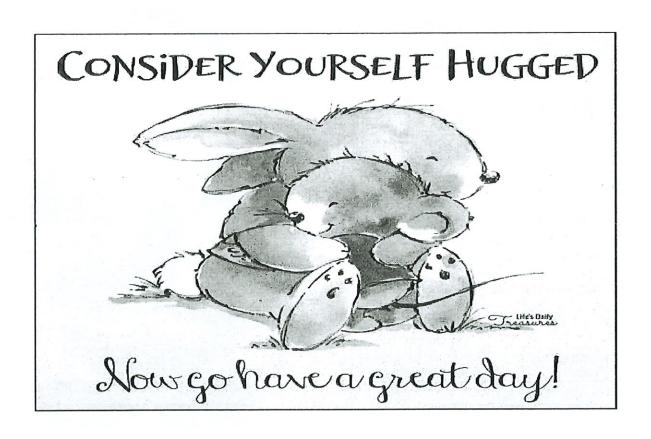
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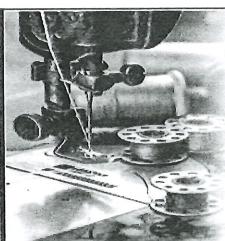
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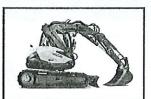
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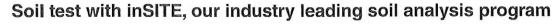
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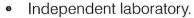


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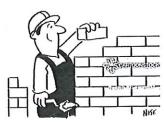
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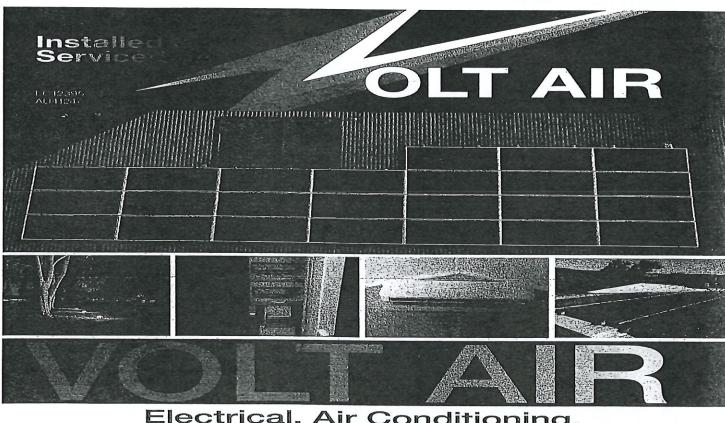
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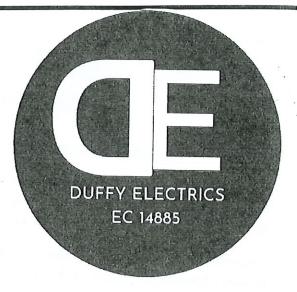
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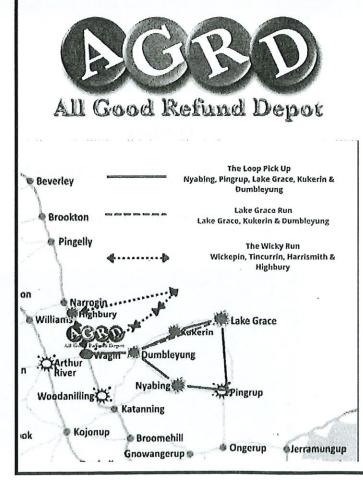
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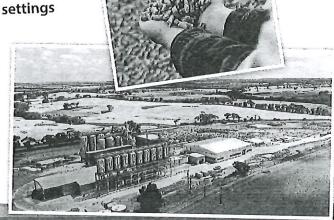
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WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB NOTES

Tuesday 22nd **November** Pennants was disappointing for our club when we played Williams. Wickepin 5 points and Williams 3.5 Aggregate Wickepin 38 to Williams 40.

Friday 25th **November** Bev, Judy and Beryl enjoyed their day playing at Pingelly while Leanne, Claire, Beryle H and Robyn travelled to Collie and had mixed results but a fun day.

26th **Nov Saturday** Pennants was also a disappointing result for the club when due to lack of players we had to forfeit the 2nd Div and 1st Div were soundly beaten Brookton 8 points Wickepin 0 points Aggregate Brookton 96 to Wickepin 58.

Sunday 27th **November** Ladies Championship Triples played and the results Congratulations

Winners: Beryl Elphick, Karen Jamieson, Daphne Tetlow Runners-Up: Robyn Mullan, Claire Bayley, Beryle Holm

Tuesday 29th November Pennants was at Williams Wickepin 3 points Brookton 1 point Aggregate Wickepin 37 Brookton 35

Wickepin finished on the top of the ladder so will play either Pingelly or Brookton who will play in the semi final.

Saturday 3rd December Wickepin played Narrogin

1st Div: Wickepin 0 points Narrogin 8 points Aggregate Wickepin 871 Narrogin 112 2nd Div: Wickepin 0 points Narrogin 6 points Aggregate Wickepin 40 Narrogin 58

Sunday 4th December Mens Triples Club Championship

Winners: Greg White, Colin Marsh, Alan Wyllie Runners Up: Aaron, Gary Thompson, Bob Read

Sunday 4th December Ladies Fours Club Championship

Winners: Robyn Mullan, Karen Jamieson, Claire Bayley, Beryle Holm Runners-Up: Marj White, Beryl Elphick, Leanne Smith, Daphne Tetlow

Congratulations to all

Merino Fours this week so an important week for the club. 20 teams nominated to play. Please check rosters and food lists and if anyone has a problem please contact me 0427831027 regarding either of these. BUSY BEE AT THE CLUB 1.00pm tomorrow – many hands make light work. Representing Wickepin is the team of Greg White, Chris, Moore, Rex Bergin and James Dymock.

Friday 9th December Brookton Gala Day on Robyn, Marj, Judy and Leanne will be playing and also Beryl, Alison, and two friends.

Saturday pennants will be at Wickepin against Pingelly.

Next Sunday 11th December will be Social Bowls at the club – names to be in by 1.00pm.

Good bowling to all those playing this week and to our two mens Triples teams who will be playing in the League Championship at Williams on Sunday 11th Dec

2022 WICKEPIN JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT



On Saturday the 26th of November 2022, 76 children from around the district arrived at Wickepin Tennis Club to play in perfect tennis conditions, 26 degrees with a slight breeze. Thankyou to all the parents that brought their children along and to all the participants who played some lovely tennis and demonstrated great sportsmanship. It

was fantastic to see so many children having a go and playing in their very first tennis tournament.

Thank you again to our wonderful sponsors for their continued support - Elders Wickepin, Sunsmart, Tennis West and Ewen Rural Supplies. A huge thankyou also goes to the members of the Wickepin Tennis Club who helped on the day and in the lead up to the event. As usual, a delicious spread of afternoon tea was put on. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Winner of the raffle was Thomas Ditchburn.

Winners for the day were:

Girls 10/U Winners – Bridie Bartram & Eloise Bartram

Boys 10/U Winners - Kade Lloyd & John Tapper

Girls 13/U Winners - Ebony Westlake & Eva Kowald

Boys 13/U Winners - Deacon Mullan & Hugh Mullan

R/Up - Sophie Clifton & Neve Scott

R/Up - Zander Wilkie & David Valenta

R/Up - Jasmine Cronin & Samantha Armstrong

R/Up - Tarkyn Lewis & Cadel Bowey







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PENNANT TEAMS: Saturday 26th November 2022 PENNANT BOWLS played at Yealering.

Lois Shipley, Darrel Sims, Carol Davidson, John McKenzie

Graeme Poultney, Peter Stribling, Winston Dunwell, Brian Shipley

Jimmy Hamilton, Todd Hill, Kelly Cochrane, Sue Richards

YEALERING v NARROGIN

YEALERING 1 NARROGIN 5

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Darrel Sims, Lois Shipley, John McKenzie, John Sutton

Peter Stribling, Graeme Poultney, Winston Dunwell, Sue Richards

Jimmy Hamilton, Todd Hill, Kelly Cochrane, Brian Shipley

YEALERING v PINGELLY

YEALERING 5 ½

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Sunday 4th December 2022

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Fri 9th Entries close Christmas Lights Competition

Wed 14th Watershed News final edition for 2022

Wed 14th Letter to Santa to be dropped off to Wickepin CRC

Wed 14th Shire of Wickepin: Ordinary Meeting of Council @3.30pm

Wed 14th Yealering Primary School Graduation & End of Year Concert 6.30pm @

Yealering Town hall

Thurs 15th Last day of School Term 4



Fri 16th to Wed 21st BreastScreen WA Mobile @ Wickepin Sports Club. Appointment only.

Sun 18th Wickepin Community Christmas Tree @ Wickepin Community Centre @ 4.30pm

Sun 18th Yealering Community Christmas Tree @ Lake Yealering Bowling Club Fri 23rd Shire of Wickepin office closed 4.30pm.. Re-opens Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023

Sun 25th Christmas Day Mon 26th Boxing Day

Tues 27th Public Holiday for Christmas Day

Sat 31st New Years Eve

JANUARY 2023

No Anglican church services in January

Mon 9th Watershed News AGM @ 10am Watershed Rooms Wickepin CRC.

Thur 26th Australia Day Breakfast in Wickepin.

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st School resumes for 2023

Mon 6th First edition of Watershed News for 2023