

WATERSHED NEWS

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

15th DECEMBER 2022



WISHING YOU
Happy Holidays
AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR

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Next edition of Watershed News

Monday 6th February 2023

Community News

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEXT WATERSHED NEWS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2023.



Birthday wishes John Menegola, Harmony Flood, Karli Martin, Jayden Podmore Smith, Graham Bushby, Eliza Murray, Mel Martin, Cameron Lang, Abbey Steere, Waylon Hallett, Lily Hallett, Alexander Wilson, Rhys Thorley, Abnika White, Lexi Mutton, Mitchell Lang, Campbell Heaney, Michael Heffernan, Emma Dunn, Noah Plowman, Belinda Leeson, Bernice Dizon, Jayden Ballard, Amanda Heaney, Alice March, Alistair Murray, Morgan Spark, Lucas Snow, Jordee Pike, Toby Russell, Eva Mead, Francis Martin, Samantha McDougall, Kurtis Butler, Nicola Fleay, Carl Wilson, Alice Tropiano, Aleiah Bushby, Lucas Pawsey, Asha Manton, Jordan Flavel, Cassius Parnell



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.

Deepest sympathy to Noreen, Wendy, Gavin & families on the passing of Kevin after a long illness. The Kerruish's were long time farmers in the Townsendale area. Kevin's funeral will be held in Albany at Amity Rose Funeral Home on Thursday 22nd December at 11am.



Moonlight on the Lake 🌙

Save the date, March 18th 2023, for a sophisticated adults-only soirée, with a delicious dinner and captivating circus entertainment. A formal fundraising event by the Lake Yealering Progress Association.

Ten ladies gathered at the Yealering CWA room on Friday the 9th December for an afternoon of Mahjong. Our 'experts' Josie, Mavis and Violet travelled from Corrigin to join us, providing helpful guidance and tips on the game. Mahjong games have been added to a few christmas wish lists, so we look forward to many more social afternoons of Mahjong.

Afternoon tea followed and we were joined by other community members for a cuppa and a chat. Thankyou to Dianne who has organised these afternoons, reminding the community that our CWA room is a wonderful venue for smaller gatherings.



What's On In Wickepin Shire

Mondays:

Watershed News every second Monday: first edition 6th February 2023

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

Thursdays:

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:

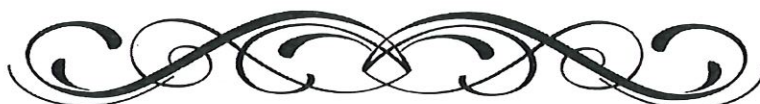
Morning Swimming 5.45am – 6.45am

Saturdays:

Banksia Bowmen Archery- Wickepin Community Centre @ 9am
Club Equipment Available

Sundays:

Anglican Church resumes February 2023 every 1st & 3rd Sunday @ 8am





Central Agcare

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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





A Tribute to Russell Gray - 22/4/58 to 4/10/22

The service "Celebrating the Life of Russell" was held at the Harrismith Golf Club on 14th Oct 2022. (this is a condensed version)

Speakers: Neil Ballard, Bernie Bayley, Wes Astbury, Adam Gray, Ellie Stanyer and Sally-Mae Downey

Russell Lindsay Gray was born on 22/4/1958 second son to Don and Beverley Gray. He followed Desmond and in turn was followed by Michelle. Des and Russell were born quite close together and as they grew up a bit could have been mistaken for twins. Two little tigers with crew cuts! As was the case for most kids of the time, their life was built around farm life and sport. And with the bloodlines they had, Gray and Doncon blood, success in sport came naturally to them. Russell started school at Harrismith Primary in 1964, he was a good scholar and particularly loved maths. His teacher, Graham Cowell, tells me Russell was a good student, loved maths but wasn't too fussed about the rest of the curriculum, but always stretched things to the limit and if he went too far, he copped his punishment and never argued. Russell excelled at cricket, football and athletics at "Harrismith Grammar". He won a 3-year bursary to Guilford Grammar school and went there for his secondary education, joining Des. He excelled in sport, making the first Eleven Cricket team and the First Eighteen football team while in third year, quite an achievement. His football career ended prematurely, when he injured a knee while at Guilford and wasn't able to play much football after that. He and Des played football for Dudinin C grade during their times at home.

Russell settled into farm life, working on the farm during the week and playing golf and cricket on the weekends. He became a very good golfer and a very good cricketer and a good celebrater. At the end of 1974, Des finished school, he had a license and no money, Russell had some money and no license, so they purchased the blue Mini Van and for a few months it heralded the arrival of "the Gray boys". Once Russell got his license, he was able to get his own wheels. He didn't have any one car for long, he managed to start a small demolition business. One accident in particular, in 1977, almost cost him his life and he came to realise that burning the candle at both ends wasn't the way to go.

Soon after this, Judy Alexander arrived in Harrismith from Victoria and met Russell at the Golf club, just after he got out of hospital, and she caught Russell's eye. This was a match made in heaven and together they formed a formidable team that carried them through 43 years of very happy marriage. They were married in Victoria on April 5th, 1979.

Russell continued farming as well as learning to mules' lambs and he built up a good mulesing run which kept him busy for many years.

Adam was born in 1982 and Sarah in 1983 and Jess came along in 1988 and their family was complete.

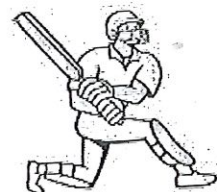
The next glorious stage in their lives began soon after in 2009 when their first grandchild Lilly was born to Sarah and Darren. She was followed by Elsie and Ivy, and Adam and Katrina bought along Harrison, Tobin and Makayla and Jess and Craig Harlow and Onyx.

Russell adored his grandchildren and spent as much time with them as he could.

During this time Russell continued to excel in sport. Mostly cricket and golf. I'll talk first about his cricket. He played in his first premierships for Harrismith in 1974/5 while still at Guilford and showed he had a bright future. His batting developed and he became a regular in the Wickepin Association team and played some great innings at the next level. His ability to score quickly with a wide range of shots was great to watch.

One thing Russell became known for among his teammates was his one-line explanation when he was dismissed. One game at Harrismith in a Watts Shield game against Williams, when he had been promoted to number three after some good scores in club games, he was in early after Rod Duckworth was out in the second over. Russell soon followed him, and we all waited with bated breath as he slowly trudged off the ground. As he got to the pavilion he muttered "The Lord moves in mysterious ways". The pavilion erupted in laughter and the Williams players must have been wondering what the hell was happening.

Russell was selected in the WA Country XI in 1982 after good scores in Watts Shield, Prudential Cup and Country Week. He played 5 games, his best score was against a strong Midland Guilford attack in a Toyota Cup game at Wyalkatchem, when he made a quickfire 30 to help us to a score that proved to enough to win the game.





Russell Captained Harrismith for three seasons and a premiership in each. The first and only hat trick of Premiership we have had. He was President for 3 years, played in 13 grand finals, winning 10. He was Cricketer of the year in 80/81 and won the batting average a number of times. He was also part of the Wickepin Association team that won three consecutive Prudential Cups, a Statewide 50 over competition. He also played Country week 8 times.

One of Russell's strengths in life, was that he had a positive outlook on the task at hand, and a game wasn't ever lost, and he wouldn't give in until it was over.

Russ was a naturally gifted golfer, enjoying all competitions and was seen in the winner's circle for many events around the local area. Russ's first round of golf is recorded in 1973 at age 15.

He was club champion in 1996, after being convinced by a friend at Wickepin that he really did need a new set of sticks. They did the trick.

Fellow golfers of the day, when Pennant Competitions were held around the area, report that Russell was a very hard man to beat in match play.

Russell was an excellent club man and contributed to the club in all areas. He held the position of treasurer for five years and was President for three years in 1995-96 & 97 culminating in this wonderful building opened on 28th June 1997 by our then Premier Richard Court.

Russell and Des took over the family farm when Don and Bev retired to Perth in 1985. They split the farm and each farmed in their own right. Russell and Judy were able to expand their land holding and in 1999 the opportunity arose to purchase the Oasis Hotel in Harrismith. It was a brave move and proved to be a fortuitous one. An already well-known hotel became the centre point in the region for gatherings, parties-especially the "Christmas party at the O" and a chance to dine out and enjoy Judy's wonderful cooking.

Russell became the ultimate publican. His outgoing personality, his memory for names and his general good nature really shone out, while Judy managed the business aspects, staff and cooking.

The success of the hotel can also be attributed to a long line of back packer girls who worked there, some of whom are now residents of the district. They came from many different countries and formed life-long friendships with Russell and Judy.

(Two of them, Sally Mae Downey and Ellie Stanyer told of their memories of working at the O). It was a busy life for 23 years until a few months ago after being unable to sell it they decided sadly to close it down, due in part to Russell's ill health. They built up a huge reputation for service, quality food and just a great place to be, any time of the year. I was talking to a local lady at the closing night. She said "she didn't like going to hotels as a rule, as she didn't feel safe. However, at the Oasis, she didn't mind if she was the only woman there, because she felt safe, and it was a good place to be."

While this was going on the farming business continued to expand and now with Adam at the helm, they have acquired more land and Adam has become a very good farmer following a long line of Grays being good custodians of the land.

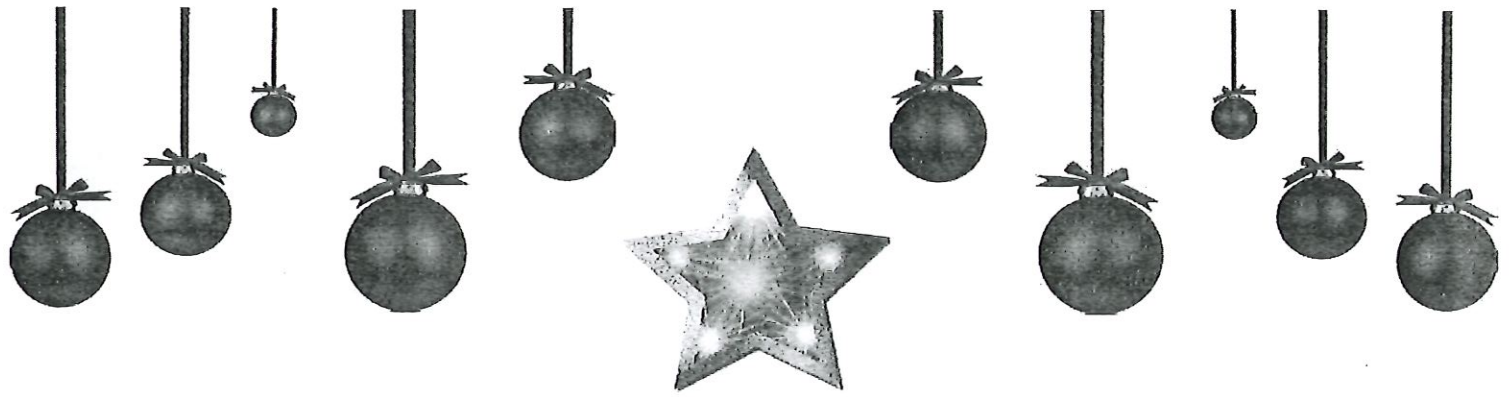
Russell was diagnosed with cancer in November 2019. Surgery and chemo followed and along with a number of different treatments and with Judy's care, and help from Sarah and Jess, he fought off a number of other problems and outbreaks. That positive attitude I mentioned earlier was still there and he still continued to work both on the farm and in the pub when he wasn't having treatment or recovering from treatment.

His last couple of weeks at Mandurah was surrounded by love. His family, friends and people from all over sending him messages to say they were thinking of him, some Judy said she didn't even know. It was a great comfort to him and to his family. He continued to have a bet, follow the football and listen to his favourite music. Judy said in the last two weeks he kept picking winners and even gave his niece Darcie a tip backing the winner of the Kalgoorlie Cup. He was able to watch his beloved West Perth win a premiership. The Dockers gave him a lot of joy in this last season but whenever I saw him, he had a list of players that "had to go", same with the Australian and WA Cricket sides!!

Russell will be sadly missed by many, a life spent working hard, enjoying himself and loving his family. Family meant the most to Russell, and he was particularly pleased that he was able to spend his last days surrounded by them. A family he was very proud of, and they can be, in turn, very proud of him. Russell was loyal, honest, and had a great sense of humour and mischief. He was just great company wherever he was, and whoever he was with.

As were his wishes, Russell's Ashes will be placed on the Gray "Springhurst" Farm.





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.**

Further info – Maree 0448 103 747

THANK YOU to sponsors –



**& The Shire of Wickepin for the venue
We always welcome more support.**





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.

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.

2022 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

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

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.



GARDENER PERMANANET FULLTIME

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person to fill the position of Gardener with the Shire of Wickepin.

Works department staff currently work a 9 day fortnight. Remuneration will be based on the Local Government Industry Award 2020 starting at a Level 1 up to Level 4 depending on experience.

A position description and information regarding how to apply can be obtained by contacting the ESO on 9888 1005 or email eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au. Details are also available on the Shire of Wickepin website www.wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt, the final close of applications will be 2pm Friday 23 December 2022.

The Shire of Wickepin is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Erika Clement
Acting Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS FOR THE 2022/2023 BUSH FIRE SEASON

At the September Ordinary Meeting of Council, as per resolution 210922-03 council resolved to appoint the following persons as Fire Control Officers/Bush Fire Radio Operators and Fire Weather Instrument Officers of the Shire of Wickepin for the 2022/2023 bush fire season:

- Todd Mullan
- Toby Russell
- Cal Sims

Public Notice

Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. For warnings and advice visit emergency.wa.gov.au.

watercorporation.com.au





AUSTRALIA

DAY BREAKFAST
THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023

&
2022 COMMUNITY AWARDS
PRESENTATION

8AM WICKEPIN
COMMUNITY CENTRE

FREE

BREAKFAST COOKED BY YOUR
COUNCILLORS
& POOL ENTRY FROM 11AM-6PM

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN 2022/23

Christmas Business Hours

Friday 23rd December	Open
Monday 26th December	Closed
Tuesday 27th December	Closed
Wednesday 28th December	Closed
Thursday 29th December	Closed
Friday 30th December	Closed
Monday 2nd January	Closed
Tuesday 3rd January	Open



AWARD FOR DANIELLE TILBROOK

On the 25th of November at the Rosemount Hotel the 2022 WA Youth Work Awards were held. Ex Wickepin girl Danielle Tilbrook was one of the 3 finalists for The Anglicare Youth Worker Award 2022. This year there were more nominations than in past years. 180 tickets were sold for the ceremony.

John Thompson general manager of State Wide Services announced Danielle as this year's winner. Danielle was presented with a framed certificate trophy and monetary prize.



Danielle has worked in the youth work field for 20 years with qualifications in youth work and social work. She has spent a significant period of her career volunteering with organisations and was on the Youth Work WA committee for 5 years from 2012. During this time, she helped organise the first WA Youth Work awards and undertook the treasurer's position, developing systems that ensured the associations financial position was the most stable it had ever been.

Danielle has worked at Youth Futures for the past 5 years, and through her role in the Anchor Point program, supports young people to address barriers preventing them from engaging in education. Danielle consistently demonstrates her professionalism, ethics and high-level youth work skills in her daily practice. She works with a case load of up to 28 young people and still manages to continually intake and assess new young people. Despite this huge caseload, Danielle has successfully implemented strategies that enable her to work at the top of her work tasks. In recognition of her successful process and extensive knowledge she is often delegated the task of onboarding new youth workers, a role that she undertakes happily and with a great deal of diligence.

Danielle said in her thank you speech that she had been very lucky to work as a youth worker for the past 20 yrs. It has been a privilege to walk beside young people on their journey. Youth work can be really hard some days and often we hear some really tough things. And sometimes we can see the worst of humanity when we see what's being done to young people. But just know that you do make a difference. So, if you are here with a friend, if you are here with a colleague, if you are here with a family member, whoever it is you are here with and YOU are here with a youth worker, don't forget to remind them how awesome they are.



Rainfall registered at the Wickepin Post Office

2021	mm	Days	Total	2022	mm	Days	Total
January	4.4	2	4.4	January	0.0	0	0.0
February	37.0	3	41.4	February	5.0	1	5.0
March	49.2	5	90.6	March	20.8	6	25.8
April	34.6	2	125.2	April	15.0	4	40.8
May	115.5	9	240.7	May	43.6	6	84.4
June	28.3	9	269.0	June	60.2	8	144.6
July	146.4	21	415.4	July	53.8	12	198.4
August	58.6	10	474.0	August	79.2	11	277.6
September	20.8	8	494.8	September	35.8	10	313.4
October	42.0	10	536.8	October	30.0	7	343.4
November	6.2	3	543.0	November	6.2	4	349.6
December	0.0	0	543.0	December	0.4	1	350.0

As of 14th December 2022

Classified

FOR SALE: Block of land in Wickepin. Over an acre. Fenced on 4 sides.
\$30,000 Phone 0428 898 025

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: **House To 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



Another Movember Update (in December)

Due to the generosity of our sponsors, raffle ticket purchasers and cash donors, working bee supporters (fencing and shearing) and our auction bidders we are excited to announce that \$60,121.00 will be forwarded to the Movember Foundation for 2022.

In 3yrs (2020) \$33,742

(2021) \$30,542

(2022) \$60,121

Total \$124,405

This is truly amazing! Thank you Pingelly and beyond.

Your friendly and appreciative Mo Bros Men

Turto, Bobby, Smithy, Wilesy, Braydy, Adie

Remember our Motto : *All money will help someone somewhere at sometime somehow.*



Merry Christmas

Wickepin CRC Staff and Committee would like wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

We would like to thank the community for your continued support over the year, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

New to the Library

Free Laptop use for all Wickepin Public Library Customers

Come in and browse the internet, search the State Library of WA catalogue, or access e-resources.



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

CHRISTMAS SALE

50% OFF

Half Price on Kodak Kiosk Prints in December

6 x 4 only \$0.25
5 x 7 only \$2.00
6 x 8 only \$2.50

Share the memories this Christmas.

Wickepin Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

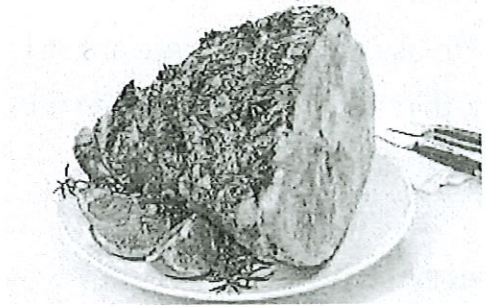


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 DEC CLOSED	19 DEC OPEN	20 DEC OPEN	21 DEC OPEN	22 DEC OPEN	23 DEC CLOSING AT 12.30PM	24 DEC CLOSED
25 DEC CLOSED	26 DEC CLOSED	27 DEC CLOSED	28 DEC CLOSED	29 DEC CLOSED	30 DEC CLOSED	31 DEC CLOSED
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Christmas Cookery

Maple honey mustard glazed ham

100g (1/2 cup, firmly packed) brown sugar
80ml (1/3 cup) maple syrup
80ml (1/3 cup) honey
1 tbsp dijon mustard
1 (about 8kg) whole leg ham, on the bone
Whole cloves, to stud



Stir the sugar, maple syrup, honey and mustard in a bowl until the sugar dissolves. Preheat oven to 170C. Line a large baking dish with 2 layers of non-stick baking paper. Place an oven shelf in the lowest position. Remove all other shelves. Use a sharp knife to cut around the shank of the ham, about 10cm from the end. Run a knife under the rind around edge of ham. Gently lift the rind off in 1 piece by running your fingers between the rind and the fat. Score the fat in a diamond pattern, about 5mm deep. Stud the centres of the diamonds with cloves. Transfer to prepared dish. Brush one-third of the glaze over the ham. Bake, brushing with glaze every 25 minutes, for 1 hour 30 minutes.

Storage tip: To store leftover ham on the bone, reserve the rind in step 2.

Swap it: For a different flavour, make a cranberry & orange glaze. Stir 2 x 275g jars Cranberry Sauce, 125ml (1/2 cup) fresh orange juice and 125ml (1/2 cup) port in a saucepan over low heat until combined. Strain through a fine sieve into a jug. Brush over the ham.

Recipe taken www.taste.com.au

Raspberry and almond trifle

2 x 85g packets raspberry jelly crystals
500 grams small strawberries
250 grams raspberries
200 grams sponge cake, cut into 3cm cubes
1/3 cup sweet sherry
500 grams mascarpone
2 x 500g cartons vanilla bean custard
600 mL thickened cream
2 tablespoons icing sugar
2 tablespoons flaked natural almonds



Recipe taken from www.womensweeklyfood.com.au

Make jelly according to directions on packet; pour into a 3-litre (12-cup) glass serving bowl.

Cut 250g of the strawberries in half; add to the jelly with half the raspberries.

Refrigerate for 1 hour or until almost set.

Place cake in a medium bowl, sprinkle with sherry; toss to coat.

Beat mascarpone and custard in a large bowl with an electric mixer until soft peaks form.

Spoon custard mixture over jelly; top with sherry-soaked cake.

Beat cream and half the sifted icing sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer until soft peaks form.

Spoon cream over cake.

Serve trifle topped with remaining berries and the flaked almonds. Dust with remaining icing sugar.

Handy hint

Take out the guess work, by using a meat thermometer to check when the meat is cooked.

Alcohol-free Christmas drinks everyone can enjoy

Whether you're avoiding alcohol for health reasons or just want to have a booze-free Christmas celebration, there are still so many refreshing drinks you can serve your guests. Fizzy, thirst-quenching and often full of beautiful summer fruits, these are our best non-alcoholic drinks and mocktails.

Cherry lemonade

12 fresh cherries
100g fresh cherries, extra, pitted, finely chopped
1 tbsp caster sugar
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
1 1/2 cups (375ml) lemon juice
1 cup (220g) caster sugar, extra
3 1/2 cups (875ml) chilled sparkling water
2 tsp natural rosewater essence
Lemon slices, to serve
Mint sprigs, to serve



Place cherries in an ice-cube tray and cover with water. Place in the freezer for 2 hours or until frozen. Meanwhile, place extra cherry, sugar, cinnamon and 1/4 cup (60ml) water in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 mins or until cherry softens. Set aside to cool slightly. Place in a blender and blend until smooth. While the cherry mixture is cooking, combine the lemon juice and extra sugar in a large saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 mins or until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat. Set aside to cool completely. Combine the cherry mixture, lemon mixture, sparkling water and rosewater in a serving jug. Add lemon slices, mint and cherry ice-cubes. Serve immediately.

Pineapple, apricot and lime punch

2 cups pineapple juice
1 1/2 cups apricot juice
1 cup ginger beer
1 cup soda water
1/4 cup lime juice
crushed ice, to serve
2 limes, thinly sliced



Place the pineapple juice, apricot juice, ginger beer, soda water and lime juice in a large mixing jug and stir to combine. Pour into a serving jug and add the ice and lime slices. Serve immediately.

Recipes taken from www.taste.com.au

KIDS CORNER



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Oliver Bushby

22/12/2018

Emma Rance

4/01/2017

Lucy Landsdell

4/01/2013

Marley Steere

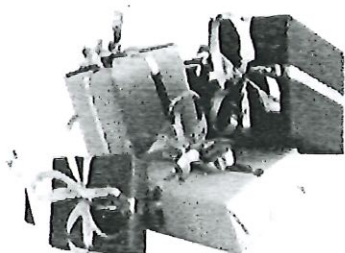
30/01/2012

Makenzie Rance

31/01/2012

Macie Russell

5/02/2019



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December 18th

2022

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Bar is open from 5:30 pm

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Please put child name in the book.**



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10 November 2022

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Pitfalls of paying tradies upfront

When you hire a tradesperson to undertake a home renovation or maintenance job, they might ask for a deposit upfront to confirm the booking or cover any materials they need to order.

While tradespeople are legally allowed to ask for deposits, there are a few things we want consumers to know before paying them.

A common issue reported to Consumer Protection is traders who demand large deposits – or even full payment upfront – then fail to complete the agreed work, leaving consumers both out of pocket and without the work done.

We recently prosecuted the owner of an air-conditioning business for failing to supply goods and services after taking deposits as high as 60 per cent from several customers. Vernen Naicker, trading as Desti Cool AC, was subsequently fined \$15,000 by the Perth Magistrate's Court.

Dodgy tree lopper Sean Weinthal is another trader who continues to attract complaints and enquiries from consumers who in many cases have been pressured to pay for the work upfront and never receive a written quote, invoice, receipt or any other proof of the transaction as required by law.

Paying upfront for goods or services puts consumers at risk if the business fails to deliver or goes broke. That's why we recommend only paying smaller deposits of about 10 per cent to limit that risk and to have greater bargaining power if something goes wrong.

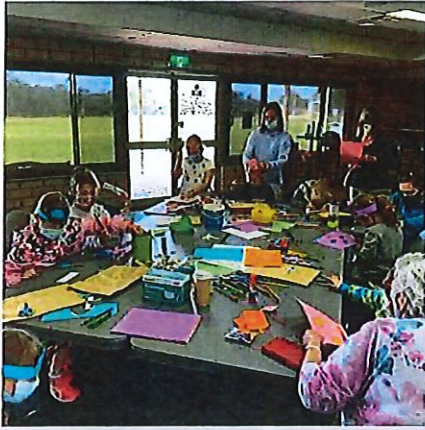
For larger jobs, we recommend paying in instalments as goods are delivered and stages of the work are finished. In Western Australia, it is illegal for tradespeople to accept deposits of more than 6.5 per cent for building work valued at more than \$7,500.

Paying by credit card is an option worth considering as it provides the protection of getting a chargeback if the goods or services aren't delivered.

Don't forget that if you invite any tradesperson to your home just for a QUOTE, they will be breaking consumer law if they don't observe a ten business day cooling off period before starting the job and collecting payment.

Consumers who pay a deposit but don't get the goods or services can lodge a complaint on the [Consumer Protection website](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au). Enquiries can be made by emailing consumer@dmirswa.gov.au or calling 1300 30 40 54.

Wickepin CRC Highlights of 2022



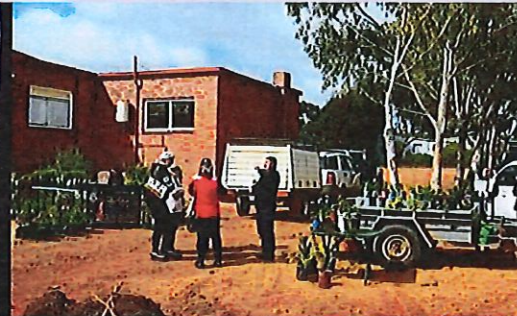
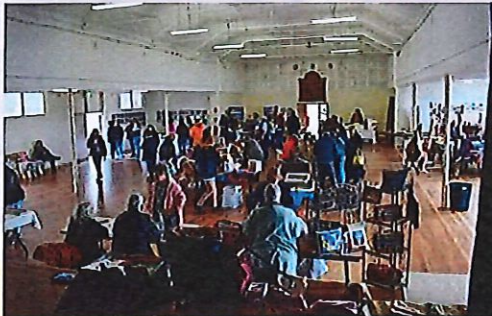
Easter Craftivities



Stand Down Wickepin



Hazel became an honorary life member of the Wickepin CRC after 20+ years on the committee



Market Days and Garage Sale Trail



School Holiday Baking



Heavy Vehicle Pilot License Training



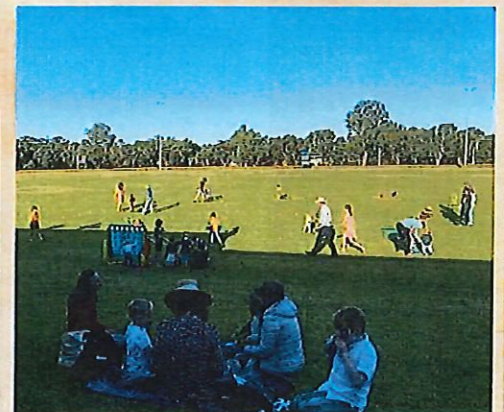
Anzac Biscuit Baking Competition



Amanda's Farewell



Children's Week Disco



Wicky Pre Harvest Bash



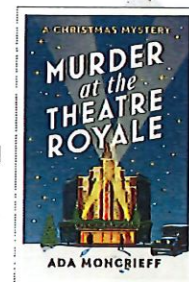
Senior's Week Music & Morning Tea

Thank you for your support during 2022, we look forward to bringing more events to the community in 2023.

Wickepin Public Library News

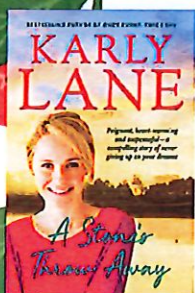
Adult Fiction Murder at the Theatre Royal - Ada Moncrieff

The perfect murder mystery for Christmas. December 1935. Director Monty Harrison's production of A Christmas Carol has had a troubled run on its tour of regional theatres. With tensions amongst the cast running high, the company reach their final stop - London's Theatre Royale. Catastrophe, however, strikes on opening night: Scrooge dies on stage, the result (it is presumed) of a heart attack. But the show must go on. Until, that is, a leading theatre critic - and old rival of Monty's - is killed backstage. Are those associated with the production being picked off one by one? Budding journalist Daphne King takes up the case...



Adult Fiction A Stone's Throe Away - Karly Lane

When a drought dries up the contents of a water hole on her uncle's property, investigative journalist Phillipa Davenport is astonished at what she finds. On a deadline, Pip doesn't have time to investigate - she just wants to write her book. However, the universe seems to have other ideas. And then there's the mysterious detective assigned to the case, who Pip is beginning to find very distracting. When the only person of interest is a ninety-eight-year-old war veteran, who's unable to communicate and who appears to have been found unjustly guilty in the court of public opinion, Pip feels drawn to the case despite the fact she simply doesn't have time to take it on. But how often does a cold case murder land on your doorstep?



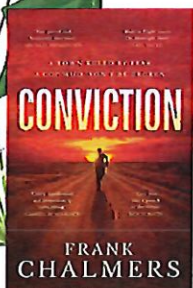
Adult Fiction Paperbark Hill - Maya Linnell

Diana McIntyre and her four boys have had a tough eighteen months but with the love and support of her family, she believes their lives are finally back on track. Diana's dream of starting a flower farm has been the perfect diversion, with an elderly dahlia expert showing her the ropes. She won't have to do this alone. Pharmacist and single dad Ned Gardiner hasn't called Victoria home for years. However his father's death forces Ned to return to the family farm, a place that holds few happy memories. Dealing with his estranged mother and sorting his father's affairs, he plans on leaving as soon as possible, but what will it take for Ned to stay?



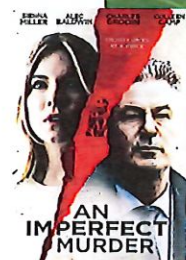
Adult Large Print conviction - Frank Chalmers

Queensland in 1976 churns with corruption. When Detective Ray Windsor defies it, he is exiled deep into the state's west. It's easy out there to feel alien in your own country. Royalton is a town on its knees, stricken by drought, riven by prejudice, and plagued by crimes left largely uninvestigated by the local police chief, Kennedy, and his elusive boss. Mutual dislike between Kennedy and Ray gradually turns ugly as Ray and his new partner, Arshag, uncover a pattern of crimes that no one seems concerned about solving. But when two girls from local immigrant families are found dead and another disappears, Ray and Arshag are forced to take the law into their own hands. Not knowing who to trust, nor how deep the corruption runs, how long will it be before their lives are also threatened?



DVD An Imperfect Murder

Alone in her stunning New York apartment, actress Vera Lockman (Sienna Miller) awakens from a restless sleep to a frightening reality her nightmare was real. She really did kill her abusive ex-boyfriend in a struggle the night before. But was it an accident or an act of intent? Was it done in self-defence or out of sheer rage? As Vera wrestles with the reality of her predicament, the tension builds as unexpected guests drop by including a seasoned and suspicious detective (Alec Baldwin).



Don't forget to pick up your holiday reading before
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Library will reopen on Monday 9th of Jan.

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The Wicky Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another year, I couldn't be more proud of all the accomplishments that we as a whole school have achieved. There has been upgrades of the grounds and classrooms, staff development and growth and most importantly student growth, both physically and through academic achievements.

I am very excited to announce that I will be staying on as Principal for 2023. My contract has been extended for 6 months and I could not be happier to take on the new challenges that WPS has to offer for 2023, including a new Strategic Plan and Public School Review.

I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday break, filled with family, love and laughter. I look forward to seeing you all back in 2023 with smiles on your faces and sun kisses on your skin.

To the Year 6 students, I know you will continue to make us proud on your endeavours into high school and the next chapter of your journey. Whatever school you are attending, always remember to aim for the stars and that nothing is impossible. To the Year 6 parents, if you are leaving us, I thank you for your commitment to the school and for those that are not, I look forward to seeing you next year. I remember dropping my eldest to boarding school and telling her that this next adventure was very exciting and not to be scared, she'd settle in in no time, meanwhile I went to the car and cried - it's okay to not be brave. :)

2023 Staffing Update

Our final staffing update for 2023 comes with sadness. We say farewell to our Gardener, Hilton Kirby, who is hanging up the whipper snipper after 14 years in the role. We wish Hilton every happiness in his retirement and hope he enjoys the peace and quiet. Thank you for your service, dedication and commitment to our school, Hilton.

We also say farewell to Alyce Donaldson who is off to pursue her passion as a teacher. Alyce will be completing her final teaching practicum at St Matthew's School in Term One and then on to bigger and better things in the teaching world. We thank Alyce for her dedication and commitment to our WPS students since mid-2016.

A final farewell goes to Reet, our wonderful Chaplain. Reet has been at WPS for two years now and has had such a positive impact on our students, staff and wider community. She went on the Year 5/6 Camp in 2021, the Year 5/6 Funday, participated in other whole school events and generally embedded herself into our school with a great deal of care and compassion. She will be sorely missed but we wish her all the very best as she moves to tackle the big kids at Narrogin Agricultural College.

The Wicky Way

This month's Wicky Way recipient is Banjo Anderson. Over 2022 Banjo has consistently demonstrated compassion and empathy towards his peers. He is often seen comforting injured or upset students and is quick to attend to their needs by

bringing water, tissues or icepacks. He embodies the character 'Respectful Rex' by using impeccable manners and safe and courteous behaviour towards others. Congratulations on being this month's Wicky Way Role Model.

This month's Wicky Way work has been awarded to Room 3 Lara Bayley; Room 4 Nakula Astbury; Room 8 Marlo Cowcher and Room 9 Kaiser Bushby. The Sports Star Award went to Spencer Spurling. Congratulations to these award winners and feel free to pop your head into the office into this work on display.



Presentation Night

Once again, it was a beautiful evening shared with our staff, students and community. The students all performed like absolute stars and the items chosen for our "Around the World" theme proved fitting.

Thank you firstly to the incredible staff here, who worked tirelessly getting the students showcase ready. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping with setting up, packing up, costumes and choreography, your efforts are always appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

To the office staff, especially Mrs Cowcher, who keeps us all on track, ensuring the certificates are ready, bears are ordered and citations written, amongst many other behind the scenes jobs, thank you. Mrs Steere, who always puts in many hours of preparation for not only the students but also the stage set up and organisation of lecterns, boards, etc required underway, thank you very much. Without all of our staff and community the night would not be as big of a success, to the students you are AMAZING and thank you to all those that attended.

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.



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 18th 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

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve – Mourambine – 7.00pm



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

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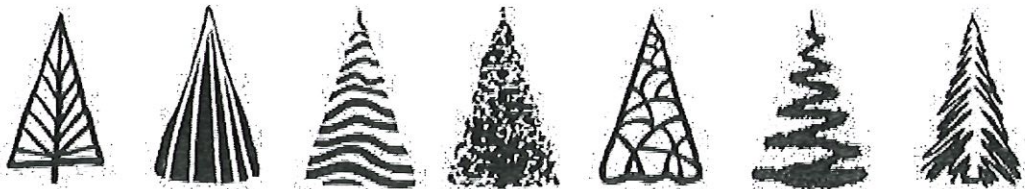
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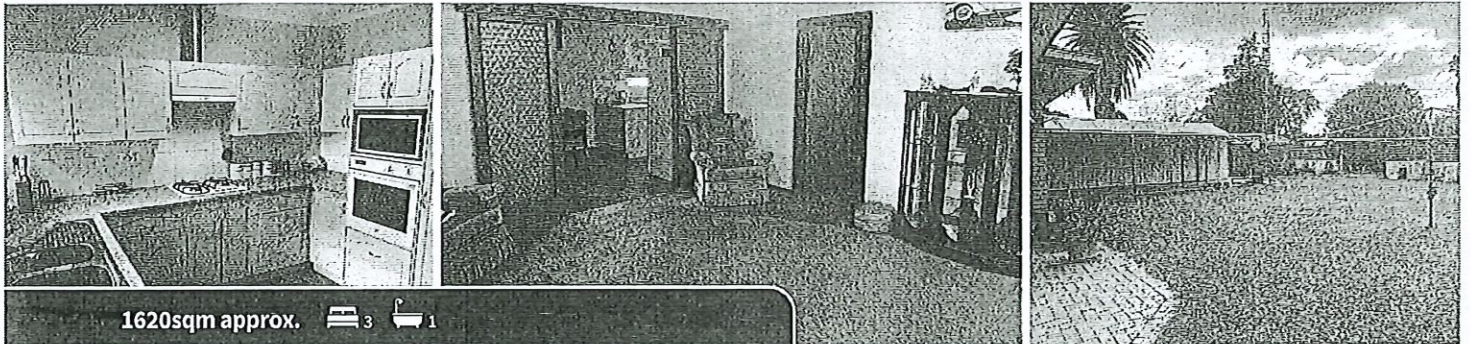
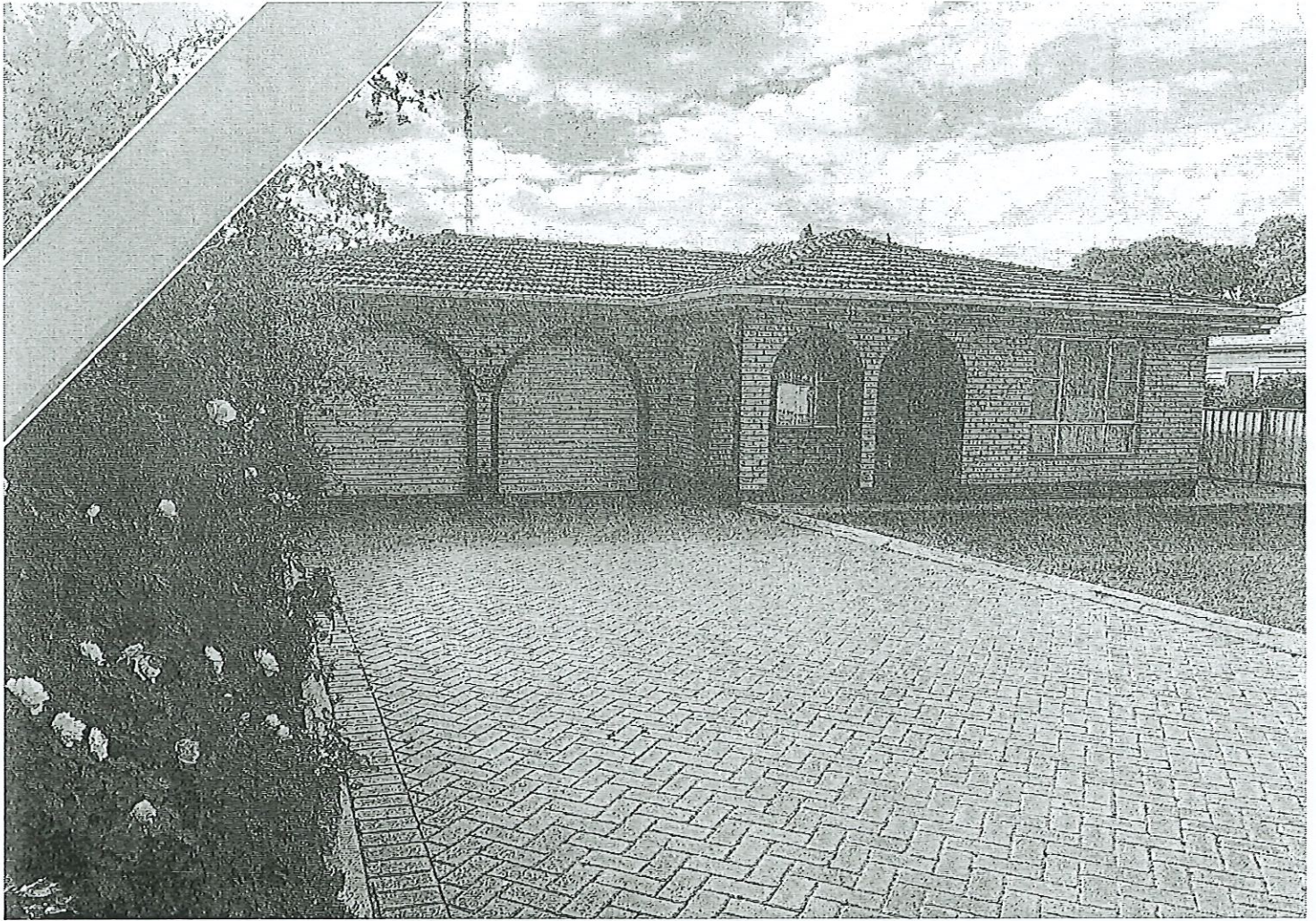




WHAT TO TAKE:

- "GO BAG" – Meds – prescriptions – toiletries
- Torch – towels – clothes (pjs and underwear)
- Mobile phone and charger. Masks.
- Purse and ID cards
- Jewellery
- Laptop
- Documents from filing cabinet. Wills Insurance
- Photos
- First aid kit – sunscreen
- Water bottles
- Battery powered radio with spare batteries
- Woollen blanket

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- **CLOSE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS**





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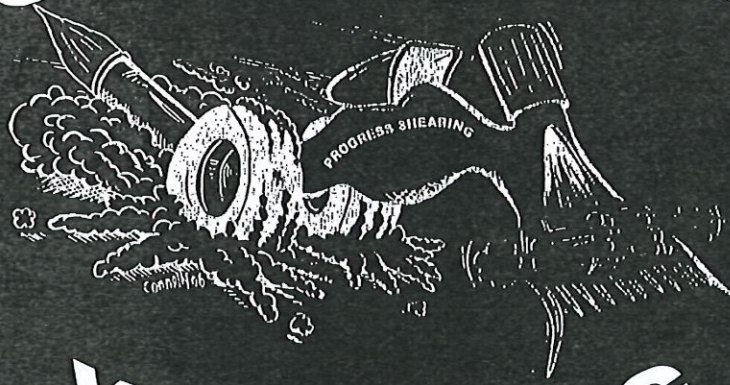
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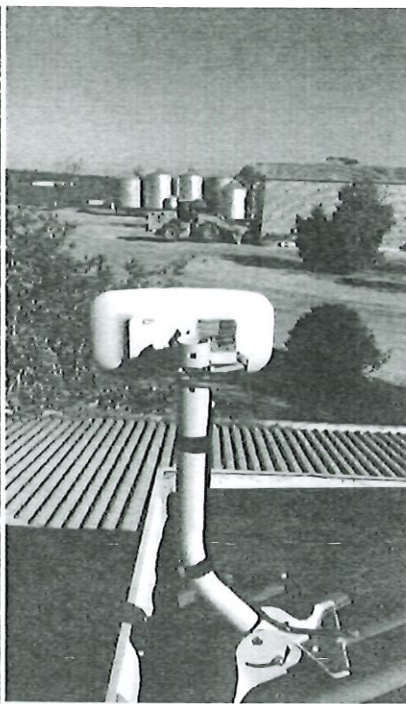


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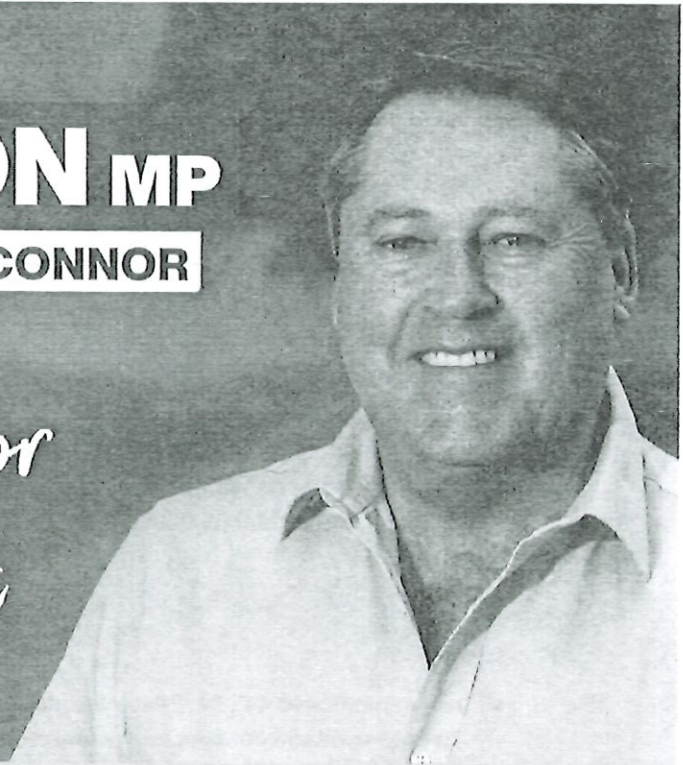




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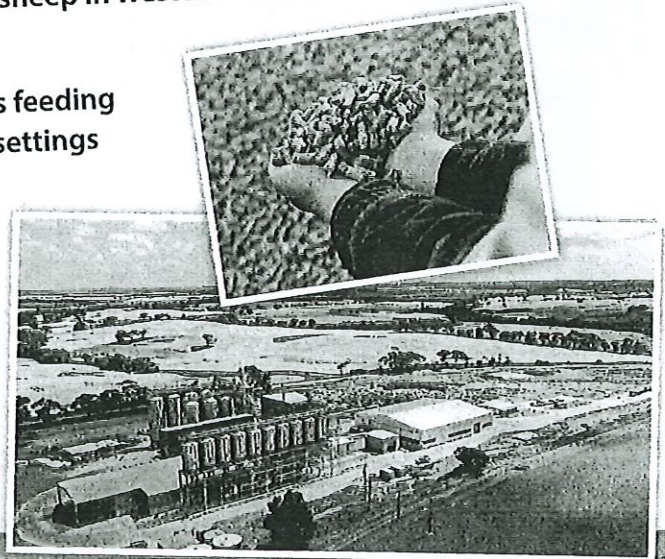
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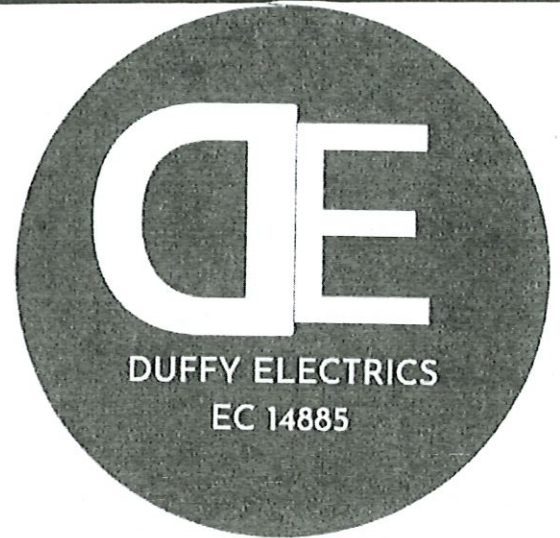
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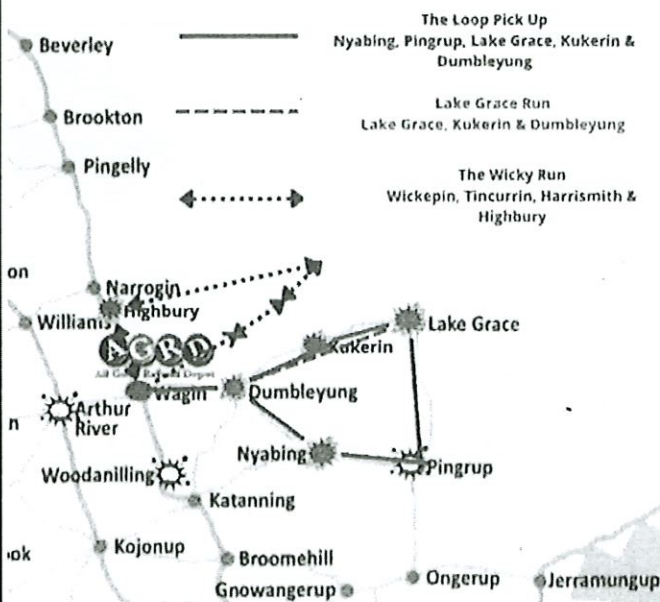
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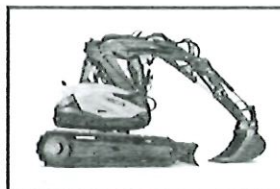


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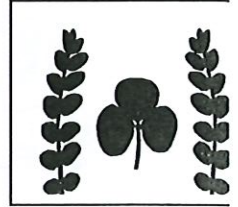


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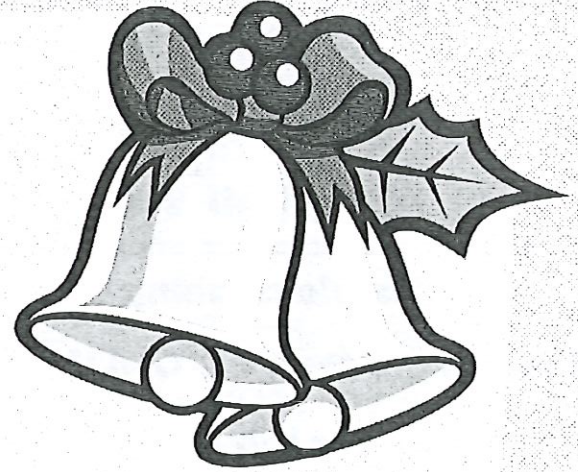
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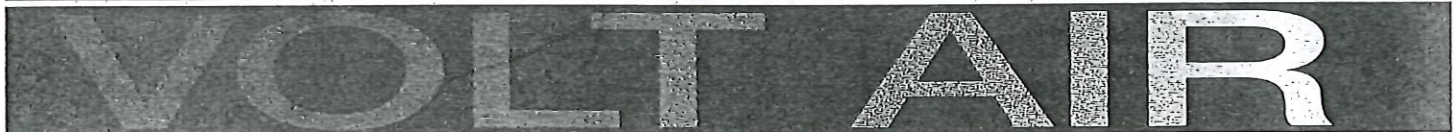
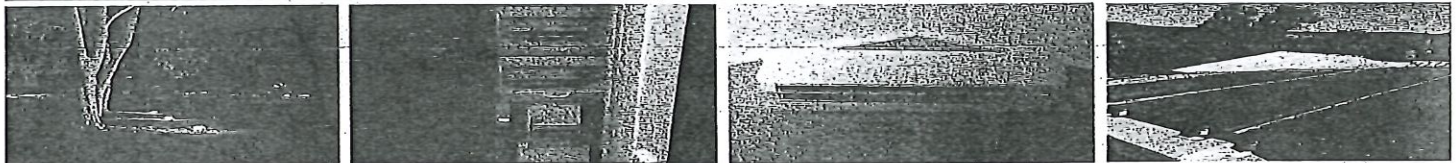
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Yealering Tennis Club

Last Sunday weather conditions were perfect for tennis. Two doubles courts were in action with some 'great' tennis played. The usual long table barbecue followed the enjoyable afternoon of tennis. It was Maus' birthday, so thanks to Jorja, we celebrated this special occasion with a delicious chocolate cake.

The club has replaced the three tennis nets with thanks to sponsorship from Mia Davies "Local Hero Grants" for the purchase of one, to Hillco Transport for purchasing another and the tennis club paying for the third net. We are very grateful for these contributions.

Sunday 18th December is the Community Christmas Tree at the Yealering Bowling Club with the bar open from 5.30pm and Santa arriving at 6.15pm so there is no tennis this week. There is no organised tennis after Christmas, but members are welcome to play and can keep up to date using the Yealering Tennis Club Facebook page.

*Merry Christmas to all
we look to returning to the courts in the new year.*



Rachael, Denise, Natalie, Maus, Sarah, Karen, Lindsay & Dean 'showing off' the new net

WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

Merino Fours was a very successful event for our club with support from members and community volunteers. John Thompson, Greg White and helpers did a great job with the greens and the surrounds of the Club. Ladies and Men helped prepare the clubhouse, food etc at the busy bee and worked tirelessly for the two days of play.

Special mention to Jenny Hemley who assisted both days as her contribution to the club.

Results of the day:

1st Place: Narrogin - S. O'Neill, G. Nicol, N. Jamieson, M. Sim

2nd Place: Gnowangerup - A. Crabbe, K. Heberle, J.Hull, V. Wellstead

3rd Place: Osborne Park - C. Fleay, G. King, K. Doncon, F. De Guiseppe

4th Place: Williams - R. Duff, J. Gillett, J. Genders, T. Cowcher

Day 1 Winner: D. Cliff, C. McGrath, M.Davis, B. Fancote

Day 2 Winner: W. Butler, P. Hart, G. Gregory, C. Coxon

Raffle Winner: Leg of Ham – Chris Moore



2nd



1st



3rd

Thankyou to the many sponsors who make this day possible:

Advanced Feeds, Dardanup Butchering Company, Dawsons Funeral Home, Dyson Jones Wool, Eastville Park, Edwards Isuzu Ute, Elders Rural Services, Ewen Rural, Fern Park, Fletchers International, Great Southern Fuel, Narrogin Tyre Service, Lewisdale Stud, Miller Rural Services, Milne Agrigroup, Nepowie Stud, Patmore Feeds, RSM Australia, Scanlan Wools Pty Ltd, Shire of Wickepin, Tincurrin Rural Services, Whitford Fertilisers.

WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB NOTES CONTINUED

Saturday 10th December 2022 Pennant Bowls against Pingelly. Unfortunately 2nd Division was forfeited due to lack of numbers. 1st Division: Wickepin 2 ½ points Pingelly 5 ½ Aggregate: Wickepin 74, Pingelly 93

Sunday 11th December 2022 Social Bowls was played with a few bowlers and Leanne Smith was the winner on the day.

Sunday 11th December 2022 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES was played in Williams. Narrogin won the event and the Plate Event was won by Wickepin, A. Bransby, L. Arundel and B Read.

Tuesday 13th December 2022: Ladies Pennant Grand Final. Teams were as follows:

B. Davidson, J. Lang, K. Jamieson, L. Smith

R. Mullen, M White, C. Bayley, B. Elphic Reserve: A. Horley

In the first game of the day Brookton beat Pingelly. In the afternoon Wickepin played Brookton in very chilly conditions and Congratulations to Brookton on winning the pennant flag for the 2022/23 season.

The following players have been selected to play in the ILRR at Middelton Beach in February 2023.

Shirley Morony, Coral Hansen, Karen Jamieson, Jenny Wiles, Charmaine Duff, Robyn Mullan, Claire Bailey, Eileen McCahon, Kaylene Lansdell, Halena Wienert, Beryl Elphick, Faye Allington Robyn Narducci, Marlene McGrath, Val Cliff, Leanne Smith. Reserve: Judy Lang. 2nd Reserve: Marj White.

Manager: Marj White.

It would be appreciated if anyone has taken club tea towels home to wash if they could be returned to the club kitchen as there appears to be many missing.

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB 2022/2023 SEASON

PENNANT TEAMS: Saturday 10th December 2022 PENNANT BOWLS played at Williams.

Darrel Sims, Lois Shipley, John McKenzie, John Sutton

P. Stribling, Graeme Poultney, Carol Davidson, Sue Richards

Jimmy Hamilton, Todd Hill, Brian Shipley, Kelly Cochrane

YEALERING v WILLIAMS YEALERING ½ WILLIAMS 5 ½ Ag. 74/49



Sunday 11th December 2022 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES held in WILLIAMS

Yealering represented by the following teams:-

Peter Stribling, Kelly Cochrane, Jimmy Hamilton

Sue Richards, John Sutton, Carol Davidson

PENNANT TEAMS Saturday 17th December 2022 PENNANT BOWLS to be played in

Yealering against Brookton. Teams have not been selected at this stage. Next Pennant Bowls after the 17th December 2022 will be in Yealering against Wickepin on Saturday 28th January 2023.

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2022

YEALERING COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE/BBQ at the Bowling Club.

Father Christmas will arrive at 6.15pm



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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 @ 5.30pm
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

Sun 1st New Years Day
Mon 9th Watershed News AGM @ 10am Watershed Rooms Wickepin CRC.
Thur 26th Australia Day Breakfast in Wickepin.

FEBRUARY 2023

Wed 1st School resumes for 2023
Mon 6th First edition of Watershed News for 2023

