

# WATERSHED NEWS

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

*11th December 2023*





# WATERSHED NEWS INC - COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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**Next edition of Watershed News**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



## *Merry Christmas from the Watershed Team*

As this is the final edition for the 2023 Watershed News, we would like to thank all our regular contributors; the business advertisers, Wickepin Shire, Facey Group, Julie Russell, Wickepin PS, sport reporters, event advertisers, and everyone else who has contributed in any way to the community paper.

It has been a very difficult year for our team as our much loved and very organised editor Sandra Podmore passed away in August, so we had to carry on without her great leadership and knowledge as well as missing our dear friend. She has trained us well, and we are slowly getting more organised.

We would like to welcome Margaret McLean to Watershed and welcome back Claire Bayley who has spent most of this year caravanning interstate with Bernie and Woody.

The AGM for the Watershed News will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January @10am at Ruth Bailey's home- 2 Wogolin Rd Wickepin. Everyone is welcome!

We'll be back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024



With best wishes to all our readers for --

*The festive season and an enjoyable holiday!*

Denise, Pam, Ruth, Elaine, Daphne, Claire and Margaret





# Community Notes

Happy birthday for **December 2023** Joshua O'Brien, Lauren Martin, Marg Bennier, Kiesha Pawsey, John Menegola, Harmony Flood, Karli Martin.



Happy birthday for **January 2024** Jayden Podmore Smith, Graham Bushby, Neale McLean, Eliza Murray, Mel Martin, Cameron Lang, Abbey Steere, Waylon Hallett, Lily Hallet, Alexander Wilson, Rhys Thorley, Lexi Mutton, Mitchell Lang, Campbell Heaney, Michael Heffernan, Emma Dunn, Noah Plowman, Belinda Leeson, Bernice Dizn, Jayden Ballard, Amanda Heaney, Alice March, Alistair Murray, Morgan Spark, Lucas Snow, Jordee Pike, Toby Russell.

Happy birthday for **February 2024** Eva Mead, Francis Martin, Samatha McDougall, Kurtis Butler, Nicola Fleay, Carl Wilson, Alice Tropiano, Aleiah Bushby, Lucas Pawsey, Asha Manton, Jordan Flavel, Cassius Parnell, Katie Martin.

Deepest sympathy to Beth and Gary Thompson, Ric and Shirley Elson and all the Elson families on the passing of their mother, Lesley Elson.



On Sunday 3rd December, the Bishop of Bunbury, Ian Coult, presented Irene Moore with her LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) certificate at the Anglican Church in Narrogin. A huge congratulations is sent from the community. After 3 years of studying, this is a great accomplishment. Well done Irene.

## Thankyou

Many thanks to everyone who attended the fire, which was started by lightning near Dalton Road on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

The quick response by so many had the fire contained and under control before it caused too much damage. Also, to those who stayed to help mop up, your efforts are all very much appreciated.

Thanks again to our great community!  
Ken Beattie and the Angwin families



A final games and bring and share afternoon tea for 2023 will be held at the Yealering C.W.A. on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Come along for some Christmas cheer at 1pm for games or later for afternoon tea. See you there!

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 rowdy gatherings were seen at the Yealering Hotel to have farewell drinks with Tanya and wish her well in the next chapter of her life. Tanya has been in charge of the Hotel for 6 ½ years, during this time many changes and improvements were implemented. Thanks Tanya from the Yealering community. Good to hear you will still be in Town so many more happy times can be had with your company.







**Wickepin Anglican Church**  
Christingle service will be held at the  
Anglican Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 8.00am.  
All welcome

### **Anglican Church Services**

Wickepin—Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December—Christingle service 8.00am

Narrogin—Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December— 10.30am

Mourambine—Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December—7.30pm

Narrogin—Christmas Day—9.00am

**NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE IN WICKEPIN**

**NO SERVICES IN WICKEPIN IN JANUARY 2024**



## *Wickepin Art & Craft*

Joyner Street, Wickepin, WA, 6370

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*We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.*

The Arts & Crafts have had a progressive year with 4 new members and a busy year with lots of sewing for shoe boxes and Care Bags. We have been very appreciative of donations of fabrics and trimmings which have been put to good use.

Our final craft day for the year will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and we will be having a bring and share lunch on the day. This invitation is open to all who would like to join in. We will resume on January 10, 2024.

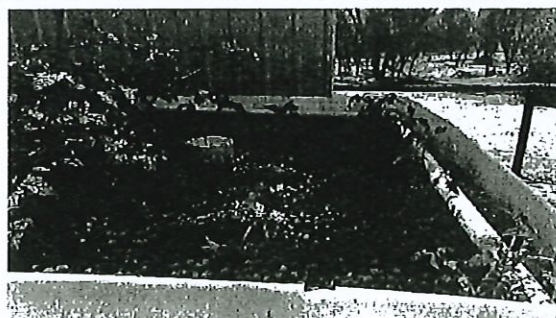
### **COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS**

A sincere thanks to the Shire for approving the power to be connected to the Community Garden which has now been installed. Thank you to Ryan Duffy for installing the electrics and to Graeme Wilson for his input and knowledge to get the garden going.

Self sown tomatoes are flourishing, despite not having the power and flow of watering system. Now more tomatoes, celery and capsicum have been planted.

Please take a wander to the garden in the grounds of the Arts & Crafts centre at the end of Joyner Street or take a leisurely stroll on the walkway from town to see what's going on.

Any monetary donations towards the garden can be left at the CRC.



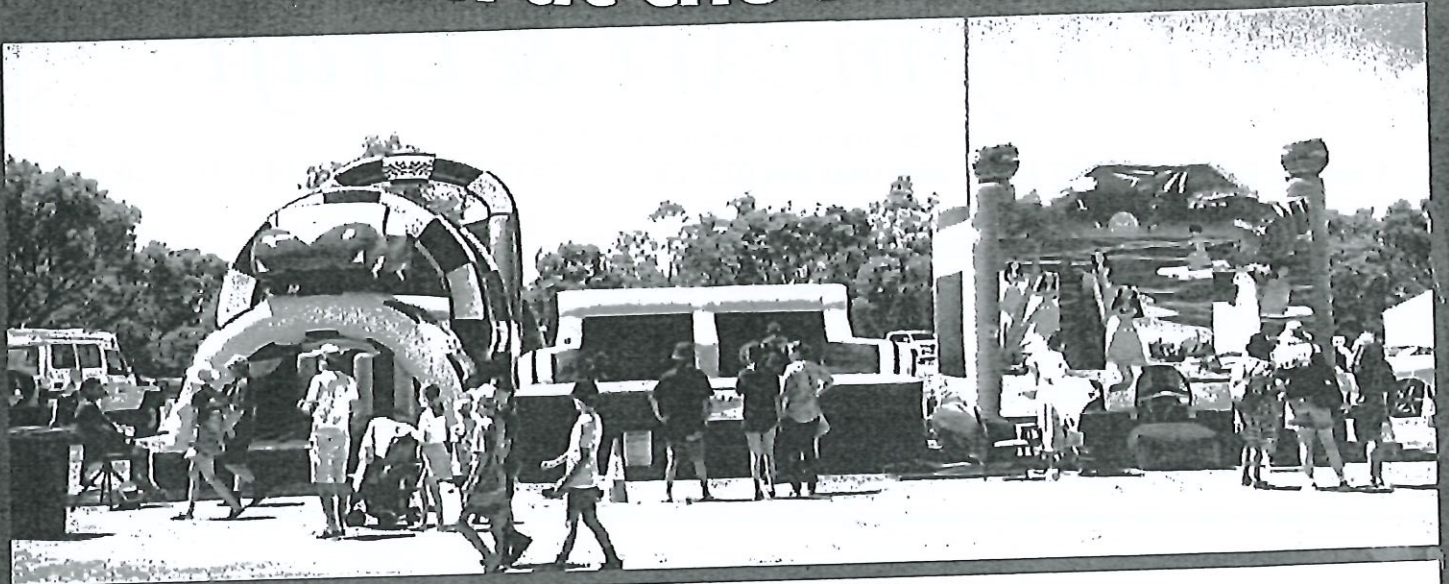


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# WICKEPIN FESTIVAL AND CAR RALLY

**24-02-24**

**From 11am at the Wickepin Oval**



## ALL AGES EVENT

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**Administration Staff Changes**

As we close for the Christmas break on Friday 22 December, we will sadly farewell our Finance Officer Ellie Stanyer. Ellie will commence maternity leave as she embarks on her new profession of motherhood. We wish Ellie and her partner Riley all the best for this new and exciting stage of their lives.

We are pleased to announce Josh Hobley has commenced as Finance Officer on a 12 month contract. Josh is a keen sportsman and has already cemented his spot in the local cricket team and is looking forward to becoming involved in winter sports.

**Ordinary Meeting of Council**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2023, Council Chambers, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin.

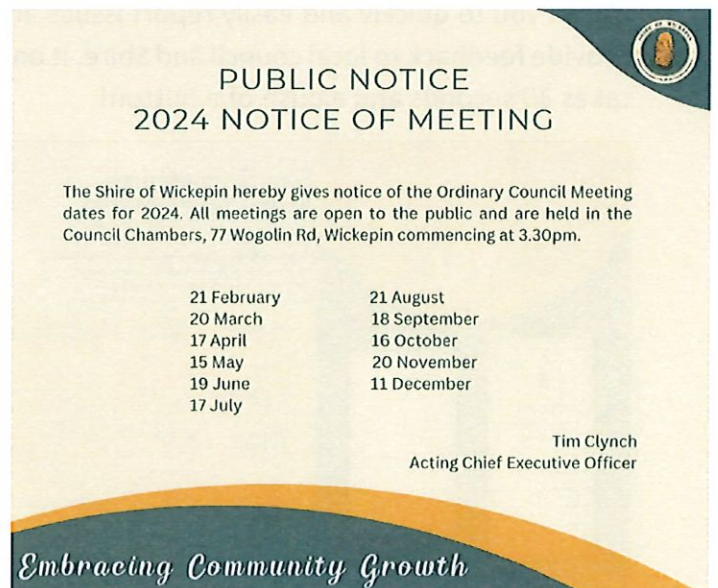
The Shire of Wickepin welcomes community participation during public question time. Members of the public are able to ask questions relating to the business of the Council.

For further information and guidelines regarding public question time please contact the Shire Administration Office.



**Harvest Ban Alerts**

To register to receive harvest ban alerts or to have your number removed from the system, please contact the office or email your details to [admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au).







**Works Program**

- Wickepin – Corrigin Rd will be sealed 14 – 16 December, 2023. Please take care on the road and allow for delays during this time.
- Wickepin Skate Park – Landscaping is to commence in the coming days and is scheduled for completion prior to Christmas.
- Independent Living Units – awaiting Western Power to commence works with completion set for March 2024.

**Wickepin Swimming Pool**

The Wickepin Swimming Pool is now open for the 2023/24 season, 1pm – 6pm. The pool will be closed every second Tuesday commencing 7 November 2023 except during Vac Swim or Education Department swimming lessons. Season passes are available from the Shire Office.

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



Children under 10 must be supervised at ALL times.

**Reporting A Local Issue Is As Simple As A Snap.**

You can help the Shire stay safe by alerting the Shire of any issues arising in the community as they happen! Snap Send Solve is a free app that allows you to quickly and easily report issues and provide feedback to local council and Shire. It only takes 30 seconds and a push of a button!

**Yealering Ablution Block**

The Yealering ablution block is CLOSED until further notice. Construction of the new amenities will commence soon.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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## Ellen Evelyn Walton – Eulogy

9.2.1928 – 9-10-2023



Life is a magnificent tapestry woven with threads of joy and sorrow, triumphs and challenges, love, and loss. The journey of Ellen's life is filled with countless experiences that shaped who she was.....

Ellen, affectionately known by family and friends as Nell or Nellie, was born in the Wickopin Hospital on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1928 to parents William and Evelyn Tahn (nee Bell). Living about a mile and a half out of Wickopin, her parents would walk along the railway line into town for shopping. Nell was carried on her father's shoulders; the shop owner often gave her mum a bag of boiled lollies.... Nell always believed that is why she had a sweet tooth!

Later they took up a block of virgin sandplain that adjoined her Nanna and Poppa Bell's farm near the Rabbit Proof fence north of the 76 Gate. This was later sold to Reg Dunwell. During this time Nell's sister Betty was born. As youngsters, Nell and Betty would go with their dad as he cleared the block. She loved the smell of the crushed gum leaves when a large tree was felled. She used to run and look at the bright soft leaves on the top of the tree. She wrote in one of her many journals:

"Dad always gave me a stern warning about where I must stand when he started to chop down a tree. I can still hear the sound, of that penetrating click, of an axe in the bush."

Rabbits were trapped and the government paid a bounty for all fresh skins. The rabbits were a frequent part of their diet, baked or stewed.

The family made frequent visits to her Nanna and Poppa Bell's farm, walking 2 miles through the scrub from where they lived. Her Aunty Jesse was much the same age as Nell, and they were often dressed like twins. She played dolls with Jesse and learned how to embroider, which is something she enjoyed doing throughout her life, examples of which can be seen in the display. They loved to sit on Poppa Bell's knee as he sang to them. Nell recalled his dear old face, and him getting out of breath, when they demanded too many songs.

Poppa Bell would make the girls shepherd the sheep. They would sit on the ponies and read books or do some embroidery, waiting for the chance to gallop across the paddock to round up straying sheep.

With Jessie, Nell commenced school at Sewells Rock, which was a one room school for infants to standard 6. There were around 14 students and their teacher's name were Myrtle Smith. For the first year of their schooling Nell's Aunty Rene, who later married Les Jackson, took them both to school with a horse and sulky. Later they rode their own ponies and Nell told many stories about how her stubborn pony would deliberately line up low lying branches to try and knock her off.

Later the government gave a fuel allowance to parents, so her dad and Poppa Bell paid the teacher who then transported them to school.



According to Nell, Miss Smith was nice but very strict about the lessons and homework and would apply the ruler if needed. Nell loved school and her passion for reading, writing and a love of history and nature was ignited here. She recalled Buster Dawes often bringing lizards and other wildlife he'd caught on his way to school to show them. Embroidery was also taught, however if the stitches weren't just right, they had to be pulled out straight away.

In 1942, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war, the family moved to Bayswater in Perth. Her father, who prior to emigrating from England, had an aeronautics engineering background and wanted to enlist in the RAAF. Unfortunately, he failed the medical due to an injured knee so was given a job in charge of the machine shop at the Australian National Airways. Nell was enrolled in a business college and when she completed her course, she commenced her first job at the same place as her father operating the switchboard and checking time sheets.

Later Nell commenced a new job at the taxation department in St Georges Terrace. The job entailed assessing peoples' income to calculate their tax. She was expected to do a minimum of 200 assessments a day – using her brain to work out the long sums, with no calculators or computers.

Although they had regular air raid practices and food and petrol rations, to her, the war seemed far away. She joined an Anglican Church youth club, which organised dances and picnics. Here she met a dear lifelong friend, Thelma Abott and her dad would often take them to the beach on Sundays, and sometimes on a summers' evening they would walk to Maylands and attend outdoor movies. Around this time, 1944, the family welcomed a baby boy, Jimmy, bringing much joy to the family.

When the war ended in 1945 government jobs became a priority for ex -service men therefore, her job ended at the tax department. Soon after the family decided to return to Yealering to live, with her dad buying Frank Harris's black smith shop, which was situated near Coxon's garage.

Nell was given a job, as librarian, by the co-op manager of the time, Mr Arthur Kelly. The library was set up in a small room in the co-op building. It was Nell's job to varnish the covers and number and index each book. It cost 5 pence to borrow a book and one of her most regular customers was Pat Shipley who would ride her bike into town nearly every day.

During this time Nell met Bernard Walton who, had also returned to Yealering after being manpowered as a shearer up north for the war effort. He was working for and living with the local carrier Fred Coxon and his family.

In March 1947 Nell and Bernie were married. For two and a half years they lived in Perth in a small flat in St Georges Terrace. Bernie worked for Sydney Atkins while Nell worked for an insurance company. After this period, they returned to Yealering, Bernie taking up shearing again around the district and helping his father, Albert Walton, on his farm called Rockyridge.

For five years they lived in Woodbine cottage, which Albert had transported from the Goldfields for use while Bernie was attending Yealering Primary School. The cottage was situated west of the school. Their first son Glenn, was born in 1951, followed by Chris in 1953. Around 1958 the family swapped houses and moved to the Rockyridge homestead and Albert retired to Woodbine Cottage.

This was one of the happiest times for Nell, as she loved farm life and activities in nearby Yealering. She would drive into town in the Whippet, the family would joke about the fact that she could drive ten miles to town, on a corrugated road, in less than ten minutes, and yet, according to her, had not gone over 50 miles per hour!

In her journal she wrote, "They were wonderful times for us all, local balls not to be missed, the large lake welcoming us on hot days and trains bringing crowds of people from Narrogin and Corrigin for the Boxing Day events."



Life on the farm was busy with growing boys. To make extra funds Nell bred chooks, turkeys, and geese ready to sell before Christmas. The back yard was covered in feathers and the boys loved using these for the quills in their home-made bow and arrows.

Nell was an active member of the community and became very involved in the Yealering Church Guild and was the president for a time. She enjoyed finding thought provoking quotes and readings to share at the meetings. Around this time, she became a member of the East Pingelly Muscular Dystrophy group helping to fundraise for this worthy cause.

Later son Glenn was married to Geraldine Lego of Cadoux and Chris married Dianne Marshall from East Pingelly. They were thrilled when they first became grandparents with the first being Kirsten then followed Melina, Michael, Hayden, and Jennifer. The joy of grandchildren enriched their lives.

In 1981 Bernie and Nell decided to retire and officially moved to Mandurah returning to the farm to assist during shearing, seeding and harvest.

Nell joined the Mandurah CWA, and soon became the coordinator of the Movement to Music Group. Each year a new country was studied, and Nell would choreograph dance movements, and together the women would make costumes. One year they travelled up to Bulyee to perform their Greek Dance at the annual International Luncheon and did other shows in both Pinjarra and Bunbury. Nell continued her volunteer work with the Muscular Dystrophy Research Association joining the Mandurah branch and held the position of president for a time. After years of dedicated service, she was honoured, in 1994, when she received a lifetime membership award from the MDRA of Western Australia. Nell also did voluntary driving for the Red Cross taking people to medical appointments.

Unfortunately, as fate would have it, Bernie suffered a massive stroke in May of 1988 which paralysed the left side of his body. This changed the course of their retirement years as Nell was now the carer. Despite this setback, Nell, with steely determination and faith endeavoured to make the best out of life. The pen is mightier than the sword, so she immersed herself in writing poetry. To help her through hard times she would mindfully pen poems about all aspects of her life compiling a book entitled "The Harvest Forgives the Plough." She later wrote another book based on the Walton Family History, called "Whispers of the Past."

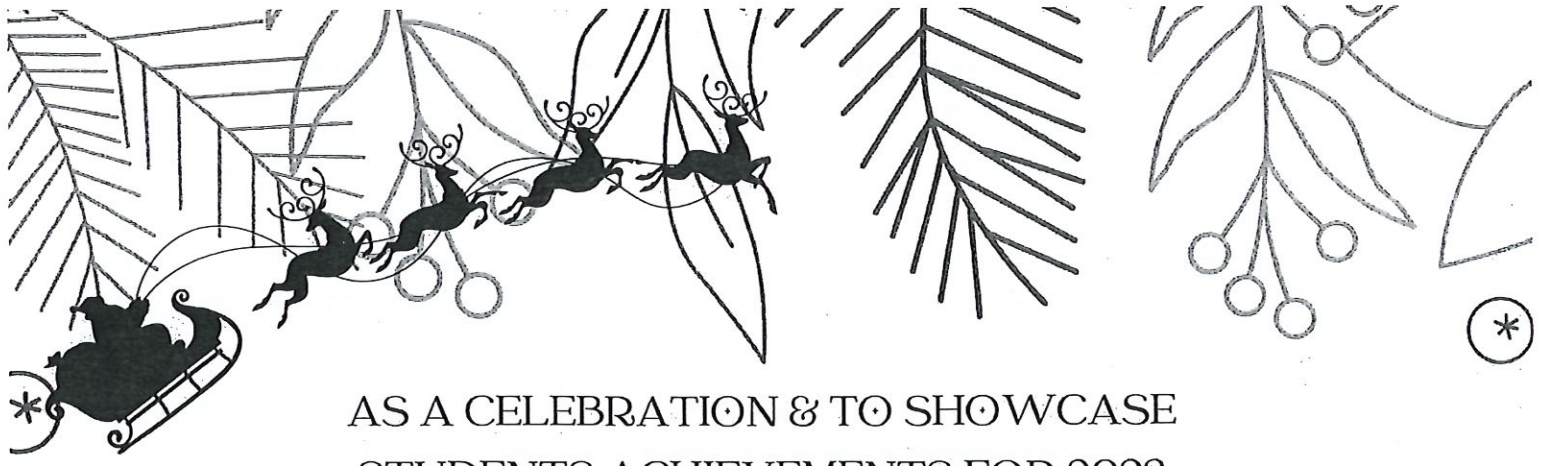
As mentioned earlier Nell learned how to embroider early in life, and continued using her creative talents doing tapestries, embroider pictures and knit perfect squares with which she made many throw rugs for family members. One of her designs was inspired by the story "The Coat of Many Colours," which she had heard when she was a child.

With need for more medical support, Nell and Bernie decided to relocate to "Amaroo Retirement Village" in Gosnells in 1996 where Nell's Aunty Rene, had retired to some years earlier. Her cousin Amy lived nearby, and they would attend church and enjoyed special outings together. Amy's daughters' Inez and Moya also visited regularly which brightened her days. Eventually Bernie required more care and moved to a nearby nursing home where Nell would visit her beloved husband regularly. After nearly 59 years of marriage, Bernie passed away on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2006. This was a great loss for Nell as she adjusted to life as a widow. Without daily visits to see Bernie she filled the void with reading, keeping up with current events, watching much loved travel shows, knitting her colourful knee rugs and taking the train into the city to visit the art gallery, museum and shops where she loved to browse. Always so happy to see her family when they visited, and affectionately nursing her great grandchildren.

As health deteriorated, and her mobility declined Nell eventually moved to Kalkarni Residency in Brookton where in February 2018 she celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by many close friends and family.

Sadly, dementia slowly stole Nell's mind and body however the carers at Kalkarni, attended to all her needs with love, empathy, and kindness. Thank you so much. Nell passed away peacefully on the 9th of October 2023. A life well lived, her love of all family and friends never wavering. Rest In Peace.





AS A CELEBRATION & TO SHOWCASE  
STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2023  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

YEALERING PRIMARY SCHOOL

# End of Year Presentation Evening

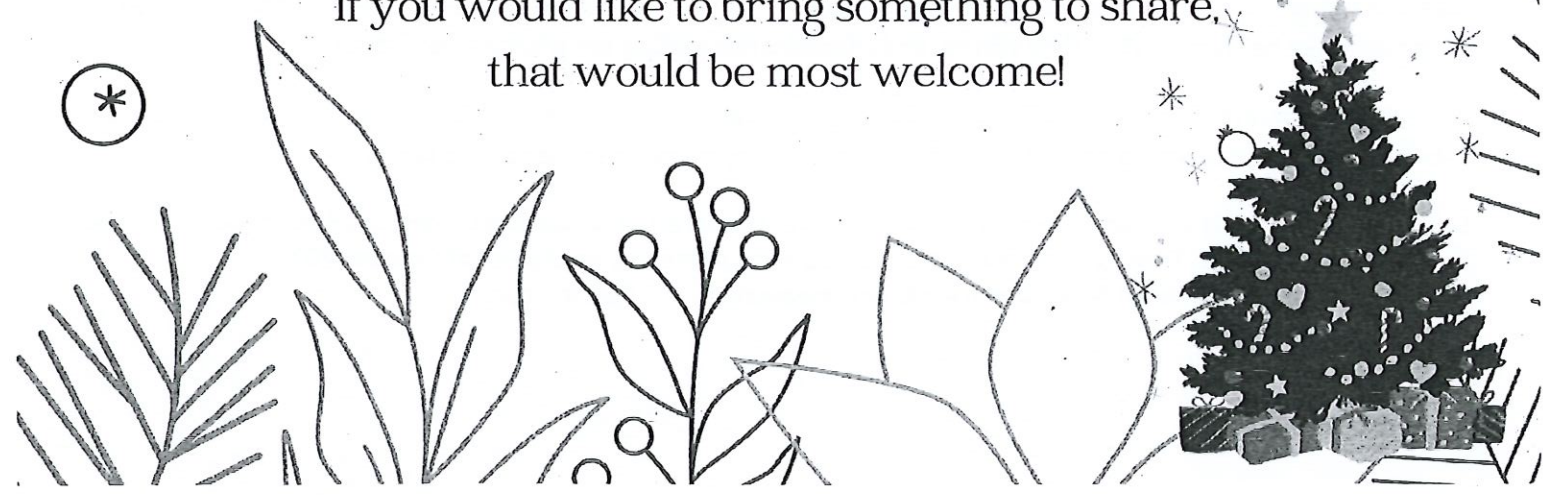
DECEMBER

13<sup>TH</sup>  
WEDNESDAY

6.30 PM

YEALERING TOWN HALL

We will enjoy a light supper afterwards.  
If you would like to bring something to share,  
that would be most welcome!





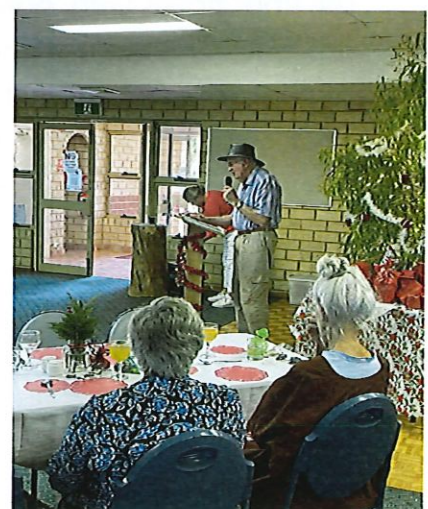
# Seniors Christmas Lunch 2023

The Seniors Christmas Lunch this year truly warmed hearts! With about 40 local seniors attending and beautifully showcased the unity and care within our community. The sponsorship from the Shire of Wickepin and the generous support from local businesses in Wickepin and Narrogin truly made this event possible.

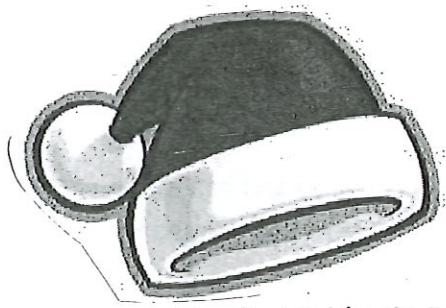
What's truly touching is the involvement of the amazing year 6 leaders, the commitment of the teachers coordinating the beautiful Christmas carols, with Principal, Ben Parkin from Wickepin Primary School. Their dedication in ensuring the seniors were well cared for and the distribution of the lovely gifts, reflects the deeply instilled values within our community. It's heartening to hear that this collaboration with the school will continue in the years ahead, promising even more connections and support within the community.

The lovely folk at the arts and crafts centre, generously crafting the lolly bags with beautiful materials and ribbons. The Australian gum tree, brought in by the Shire's Works Manager, adorned with decorations, showcases the creative talents of little Frederik and Charlotte Astbury. Their efforts added an extra layer of warmth and charm to this already delightful event.

The menu was delicious with a hearty roast dinner featuring both beef and pork, followed by the sweetness of fruit salad, plum pudding and custard. Here's to hoping that everyone involved had a wonderful time, filled with good food and even better company. The anticipation for next year's gathering is high, with the hope of creating more beautiful memories and strengthening the bonds within the community.







## *Seniors Christmas Lunch*

The first Friday in December is traditionally the Senior's Christmas Party. It is open invitation to all those who are getting older and live in the shire. A lot of work goes into the preliminary preparations.

Thanks to the ladies who made and filled the lolly bags.

Olivia the Community development officer at the shire did a wonderful job with the community centre with the highlight being the with a real live genuine eucalypt Christmas tree. (A broken branch off a street tree) Olivia did most of the organising of the day which was voted a great success.

Libby Heffernan put together a great display of historical photos that were on show.

On arrival we were all greeted by one of the year 6 students from the Primary School. They handed out the door prize tickets then became drink waiters before serving everyone their meal and clearing away the plates. These students acted in a polite and well-behaved manner throughout the day. The principal Ken Parkin was the head drink waiter, serving the beer and wine and keeping a friendly eye on the students.

To start the day, we had some Christmas-carols sung by the years 1-5 from the school. The children like to see their grandparents and give them a wave. The roast meal followed by either fruit salad or plum pudding was delicious and plentiful. This was followed by coffee and cake. Jean O'Brien was given the honour of cutting the cake. There was a great crew of people working in the kitchen, a few of them seniors who wanted to be in the kitchen. There were a few take away meals delivered to those who could not attend and at the end of the day quite a few people were able to take home an evening meal. Three-year-old Frederick endeared himself to all and managed to get a present also. (Frederick's family have recently moved to town and his mother was volunteering in the kitchen.

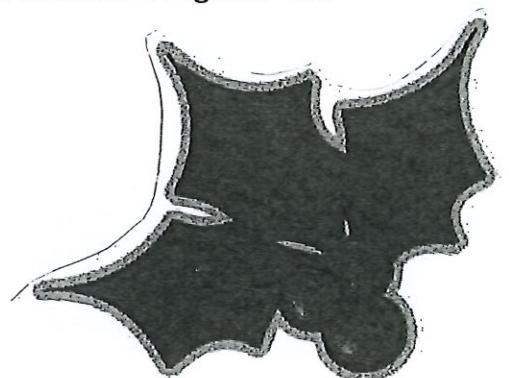
Frank Heffernan and his bush poetry was very entertaining as always. He writes a few new poems every year and they are always close to our hearts.

The door prizes were donated by the businesses in Wickepin and Narrogin as well as other generous people. They were all wrapped and under the tree.

There was enough so that everyone received something.

Thank you to all and if you have not been before try to become a regular. The shire is very generous with this meal.

Submitted by Hazel





# Letters to Santa

The elves have delivered my special mailbox!

Write me a letter and drop it into my mailbox at the Wickepin CRC.

Don't forget to include your full name and address so I can write you back!



## Christmas

Half Price on  
Kodak Kiosk Prints  
1 - 22 December

**SALE!**

*Get in quick and  
share the memories  
this Christmas.*







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## Christmas/New Year Trading Hours 2023/24:

The Wickepin CRC & Library will close at

**12:30pm Friday 22nd December**

We will reopen at

**10:00am Monday 8th January**

with reduced trading hours:

Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th January 10am - 3pm

Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th January 10am - 3pm

Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th January 10am - 3pm

Normal trading hours will resume on Monday 29th January.



# Merry Christmas

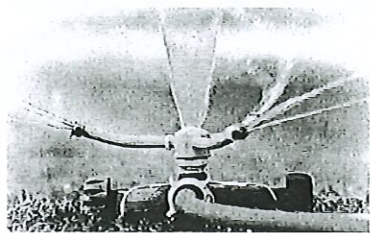
from the Wickepin CRC Staff and Committee.

As the year draws to a close, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you a safe and joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

We can't wait to see you all in 2024.



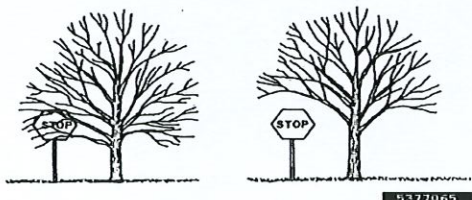
## Garden Snippets...



## ...December-Do's

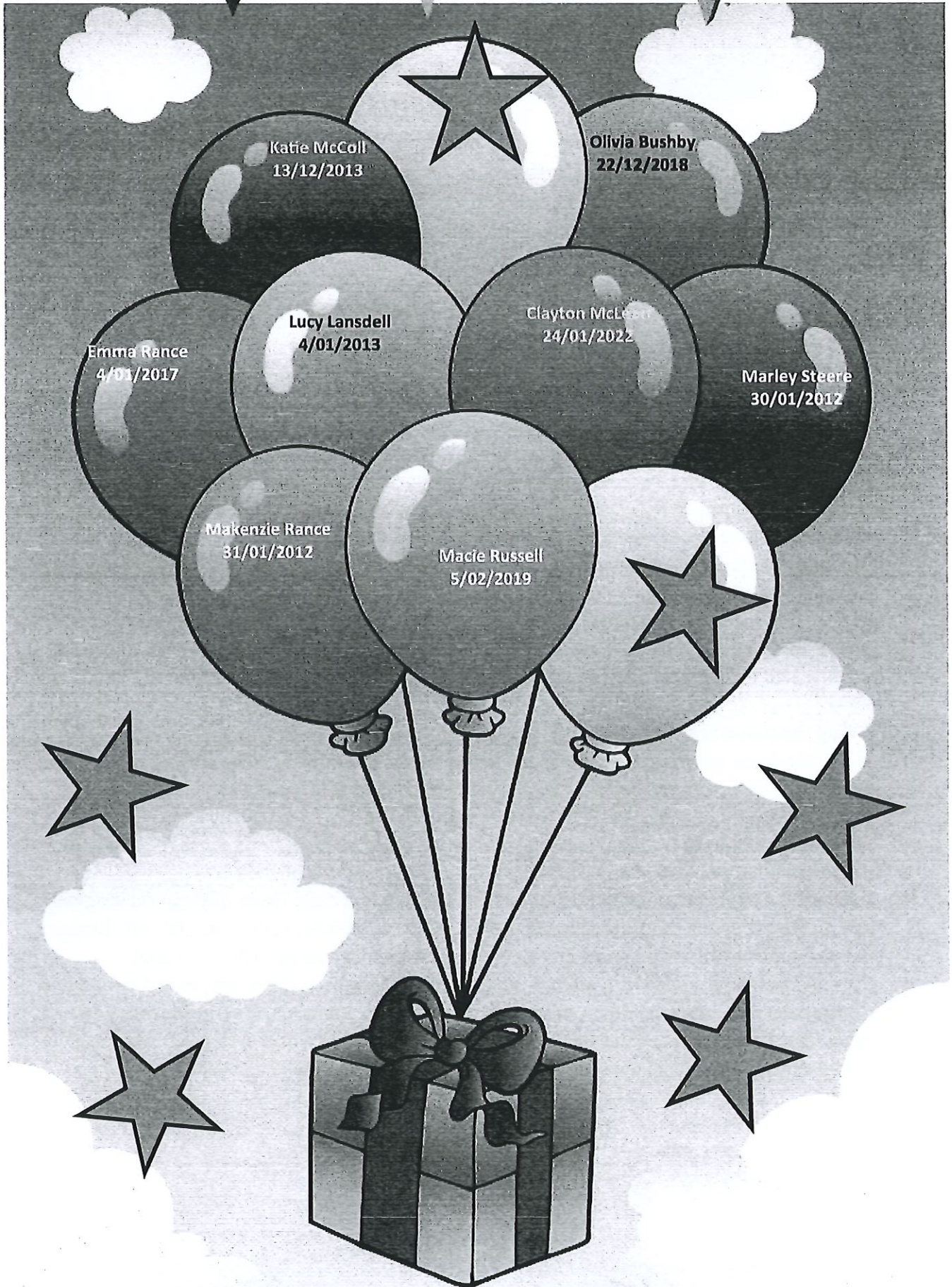
*The calendar tells us that December heralds the beginning of summer, but the reality is that we have been feeling it for some time. There are lots of gardening jobs to do, so get an early start to beat the heat:*

- ⊗ Harvest any flowers for seed and store them in paper bags in a dry, cool, airy spot until autumn, when you can plant them out and get them going for some Next-Spring colour.
- ⊗ Water-wise gardening is the order of the day. If water runs off your soil rather than soaking in then apply a wetting agent and repeat twice each year for best results. Be aware that plants in your garden have different watering requirements, and hot sunny areas will need more water than cool shady spots. Program the stations of your watering system to effectively apply water when and where it is required.
- ⊗ Water garden beds deeply. Your garden will respond better to a good soak less often, rather than a little sprinkle every couple of days. Heavy clay soils may survive on a once-a-week watering, although sandy soils will need watering more often.
- ⊗ Give your garden a good water-wise assessment. Check that plants have been grouped together according to their water needs, so that your watering can be more efficient at each station. If you need to transplant any to get your “groupings” right, make sure you do it in the cool of the late afternoon, and water in well afterwards, so that they have the cool of the night to settle into their new spots. Top up your mulch and remember to stick to your assigned watering day rosters. Additional watering may be necessary at times with a hand-held hose during excessive heat and windy spells.
- ⊗ Tip-prune quick growing shrubs, and any native plants that have finished flowering, to keep them bushy and compact. Try to time this during a cool spell to reduce the stress on your plants.
- ⊗ Plant warm weather bedding plants such as brachyscome, marigold and vinca. Plant seedlings in the late afternoon and hand water regularly until they are established.
- ⊗ Keep an eye out for two-spotted mites (also called spider mites). These tiny sap sucking pests live on the underside of leaves, causing them to become blotchy, yellow and fall off. Remove the worst affected material and apply a pest oil in the late afternoon when it is cool.
- ⊗ Rust and powdery mildew can affect a range of plants including roses, grapes and carnations. Control them by applying a lime sulphur spray in the late afternoon, Overhead irrigation exacerbates many fungal diseases, so think about switching to a drip system for watering.
- ⊗ Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays outside in the Garden 😊.





# Happy Birthday





# KIDS CORNER



COLOUR ME



# @home

*Side dish suggestions to serve with your Christmas meats.*

## **Smashed potato and herb salad**

1.5kg small chat potatoes  
3/4 cup olive oil  
sea salt  
1/2 cup white wine vinegar  
1 lemon, juiced

2 tsp caster sugar  
2 cups flat-leaf parsley leaves  
2 tbsp dill, roughly chopped  
1 bunch chives, chopped



Preheat oven to 180°C. Place potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to the boil over medium-high heat. Boil, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until just cooked when tested with a skewer. Drain. Allow to cool slightly. Place on chopping board.

Using your palm, gently press potatoes to flatten slightly. Place in a single layer in a large, greased roasting pan. Drizzle with 1/4 cup oil and sprinkle with sea salt. Roast for 30 minutes or until potatoes are crisp and golden.

Transfer to a platter.

Whisk together vinegar, 1/4 cup lemon juice and remaining 1/2 cup oil in a bowl. Add sugar and season with pepper. Pour dressing over warm potatoes. Turn potatoes to coat in dressing. Sprinkle

## **Roast tomato, feta and pine nut rice salad**

500g cherry tomatoes  
1 red onion, cut into thin wedges  
olive oil cooking spray  
2 garlic cloves  
1 tsp sugar



1 1/2 cups white long-grain rice  
80g marinated feta cheese in olive oil  
2/3 cup pine nuts, toasted  
1/3 cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a roasting pan with baking paper. Place tomatoes and onion into roasting pan. Spray with oil. Crush garlic over tomatoes and onion. Sprinkle with sugar, and salt and pepper. Toss well to coat. Roast for 20 minutes, or until tomatoes are tender but still hold their shape. Meanwhile, cook rice by the absorption method, following packet directions. Set aside to cool to room temperature. Stir gently with a fork to separate grains.

Drain feta, reserving 2 tablespoons of oil. Crumble feta over rice. Add pine nuts, parsley, tomato and onion mixture, and salt and pepper to rice. Drizzle with reserved feta oil. Stir gently to combine. Serve at room temperature.

## **Roasted pumpkin salad with honey and balsamic dressing**

1.75kg butternut pumpkin, deseeded, cut into 2cm-thick pieces  
olive oil cooking spray  
1/2 cup pine nuts  
200g baby spinach

### **Honey and balsamic dressing**

1/4 cup honey  
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar  
1 tbsp olive oil



Preheat oven to 250°C. Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Place pumpkin in a single layer on trays. Spray with oil and turn to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Roast pumpkin, turning once, for 20 minutes or until golden and tender. Set aside to cool to room temperature.

Meanwhile, heat a small, non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add pine nuts.

Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until golden.

Make honey and balsamic dressing: Combine honey, vinegar and oil in a screw top jar. Secure lid and shake to combine. Remove lid. Microwave on HIGH (100%) for 10 seconds or until honey is melted. Replace lid.

Shake until well combined.

Place spinach and pumpkin in a large bowl. Sprinkle with pine nuts. Drizzle with dressing. Season with salt and pepper. Serve.

Recipes from [www.taste.com.au](http://www.taste.com.au)

*Merry Christmas everyone!*





Wickepin

Community Resource Centre

*Your local connection*

## **WE'RE HIRING 2024 TRAINEESHIP**

The Wickepin Community Resource Centre invites applications from individuals passionate about community involvement to join our team. We currently have an exciting opening for a part-time traineeship in community services, offering a fantastic opportunity to gain experience in a supportive and rewarding environment, while working towards a nationally recognised qualification.

### **About the Roll**

- 18 month traineeship
- Part time 21 hours per week
- Commencing February 2024
- Get paid to study, earn while you learn!
- Undertake a nationally recognised qualification  
Certificate III in Community Services

### **Our ideal Candidate**

- Enthusiastic and motivated
- Passionate about community involvement
- Strong communication skills
- Able to commit to an 18-month part-time traineeship

For further information and to obtain the application package please contact Executive Officer Lauren McColl.  
PH - 9888 1500 or Email - [eo@wickepinrc.com.au](mailto:eo@wickepinrc.com.au)

Applications must include a current resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria.

**Applications close 25th January 2024 by 4pm.**





FREE WORKSHOP ▶

Presented by Jenny Reid  
RSM Business Local Advisor

# Working for yourself as a Support Worker



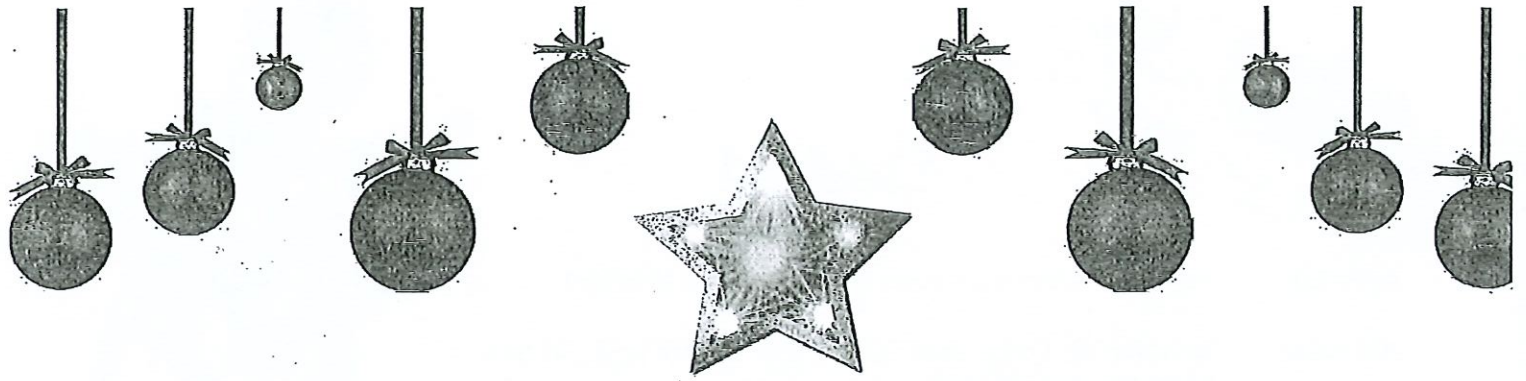
Thursday 8th February | 1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Wickein CRC, 24 Wogolin Rd

This workshop will cover the key steps to working for yourself as a support worker; from initial start-up, organising your business and managing your customers information.

You'll also receive lots of hints and tips on where to find more detailed information about the NDIS and My Aged Care.

**Booking Essential**  
**Contact Wickein CRC**  
**for more information**  
**Phone 9888 1500 or email**  
**[admin@wickeinrc.com.au](mailto:admin@wickeinrc.com.au)**





# WICKEPIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Wickepin Community Centre**  
**4:30pm – Santa arriving 4:45pm**

**Sausage Sizzle available for purchase – Raffles – Face Painting**  
**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 14<sup>th</sup> Dec with colouring in entry too please.**

**Further info – Alyce 0427 949 125 or Jo 0448 871 779**

**THANK YOU to sponsors –**



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







## Classified



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**FOR SALE:** Scorpion Air Compressor 240v 2.5HP 50 litre tank. As new  
\$400.00 0427811502

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To advertise any item in the Watershed Classifieds is free for two weeks,  
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Email your ads to [watershed@wn.com.au](mailto:watershed@wn.com.au), drop them at the Community Resource Centre or fax to 9888 1588

## Watershed News 2024 Publication Dates

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
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Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December

### Rainfall registered at the Wickepin Post Office

2022	mm	Days	Total	2023	mm	Days	Total
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February	5.0	1	5.0	February	0.8	1	4.2
March	20.8	6	25.8	March	37.4	3	41.6
April	15.0	4	40.8	April	83.2	8	124.8
May	43.6	6	84.4	May	5.0	3	129.8
June	60.2	8	144.6	June	74.8	10	204.6
July	53.8	12	198.4	July	32.2	13	236.8
August	79.2	11	277.6	August	38.6	5	275.4
September	35.8	10	313.4	September	28.4	4	303.8
October	30.0	7	343.4	October	0.0	0	303.8
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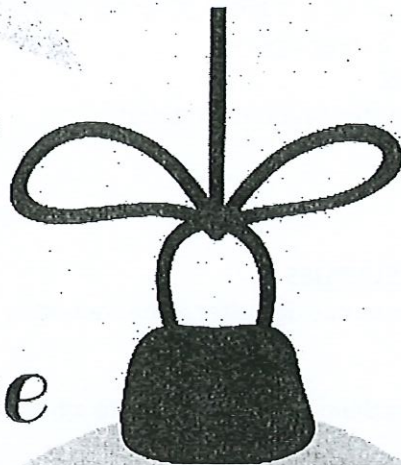
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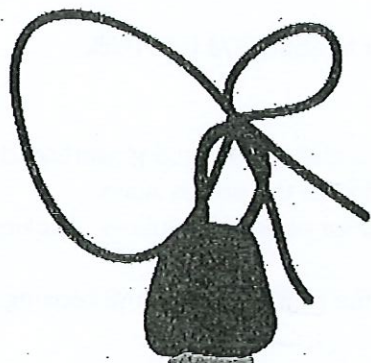
Lake Yealering Bowling Club

# Yealering Christmas Tree



*December 17th 2023*

- ★ Santa arrives at the Lake at 530pm
- ★ Bar opens at 530pm
- ★ BYO meat, a salad to share and own utensils



★ Can Santa please leave his gift at the  
Yealering Post Office by Friday 15th.

★ Please write Childs name in the book.





## REINDEER GINGERBREAD COOKIES

2 cups plain flour (plus additional for sprinkling)	2 teaspoons ground cinnamon	
2 teaspoons ground ginger	¼ teaspoon ground cloves	½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon salt	¼ teaspoon baking powder	1/3 cup packed brown sugar
½ cup salted butter @ room temperature	1 egg	1/3 cup molasses (or golden syrup)

### ICING

2 egg whites	¼ teaspoon vanilla extract	1 ½ cups icing sugar
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### DECORATING SUPPLIES

Gingerbread man cookie cutter, squeeze bottle, 36 chocolate chips, 18 red M & M's

### METHOD:

1. In a medium bowl, use a fork to whisk together the flour, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, salt and baking soda.
2. In a large bowl beat the butter and brown sugar together until creamy.
3. On low speed, mix the egg and molasses into the butter and sugar.
4. Still on low speed, add the dry ingredients (about ½ cup at a time to prevent a mess) and mix well.
5. Divide the dough into 2 balls and dust them with flour. Wrap 1 ball in plastic wrap and refrigerate it.
6. Place the other ball on a sheet of baking paper dusted with flour.
7. Place another sheet of baking paper on top and roll the dough out to about 1/8 inch thick.
8. Place the rolled sheet of dough in the freezer for 20 minutes.
9. Preheat the oven to 180° C.
10. Remove the sheet of dough from the freezer and use your cookie cutter to cut out 9 gingerbread men. You will have to re-roll your scraps to get all 9 but should not need to freeze the dough again.
11. Place the gingerbread men on baking paper on oven tray and bake for about 10 minutes. Cookies need to be firm with the edges just starting to darken.
12. Transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely and repeat the rolling, cutting and cooking with the second ball of dough.
13. For the icing: whisk the egg whites until frothy.
14. Mix in the vanilla, then add icing sugar, ¼ cup at a time while mixing on low speed.
15. Turn the speed up to high and whisk for 6 to 8 minutes until stiff, glossy peaks form.
16. Scoop the icing into a squeeze bottle or a plastic bag with the end snipped off.
17. Pipe antlers, eyebrows, ears and a mouth onto each cooled cookie.
18. Using a pair of scissors or a paring knife, snip the points off each chocolate chip.
19. One at a time, pipe 2 ovals for eyes onto each cookie. Place a chocolate chip upside down into each oval.
20. Working with 4 cookies at a time, place a dot of icing above the mouth and stick on a red M & M.
21. Make sure you let the icing harden completely before stacking the cookies.



*Recipe submitted by Elaine Bushby*



# What's On In Wickepin Shire

## Mondays:

Watershed News every second Monday:

Fit Pursuit 6am-6.45am @ Wickepin Community Centre

## Tuesdays:

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

Pathology Service~ Appointment Only @ Wickepin Health Centre  
Phone No 98881104

Yoga at Harrismith Hall 6pm – 7.30pm – all welcome  
Further details: Ph Tara: 0427 333171

## Wednesdays:

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

Chair Aerobics 9.00am – 10.00am Wickepin Health Centre

## Thursdays:

Fit Pursuit 5.45am-6.35am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Wickepin Playgroup 9.00am – 11.30am during school term. Ages 0-5

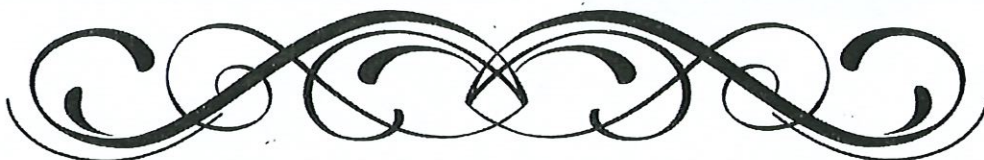
Local Vocals with Mazz – 6pm in Narrogin

## Saturdays:

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

## Sundays:

Anglican Church every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 8am  
(No services in January 2024)







# The Wicky Weekly

Volume LXXXIX Number 20

11 December 2023

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last week of the 2023 school year. This is the time when we reflect on the year that was, and celebrate the many milestones achieved along the way. Every one of our fabulous students has worked very hard over the last four terms and I hope you are delighted with their progress this year. A reminder that student reports will be emailed home on Wednesday 13 December.

School concludes for students this Thursday 14 December. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday 31 January 2024. Please be advised that our front Administrative office closes Friday 15 December and reopens Thursday 25 January 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Wickepin family and community member for their support. I hope you all have a very merry Christmas, a safe relaxing holiday and joyful prosperous New Year.

### Presentation and Graduation

It was fabulous to see so many people at our Presentation and Graduation celebration last Wednesday evening. Our students performed admirably and our Year Six leavers did an outstanding job hosting the event. Thank you to Steve Martin MLC, invited guests and all of our award donors for making this event possible. Thanks also to the Wickepin PS team for their work pulling together this major operation.

### Seniors Community Lunch

On Friday 1 December, Wickepin students attended the Shire of Wickepin Seniors Community Lunch at the Community Centre. Year Six students waited on the special guests and Year 1-5 students performed three Christmas carols. Our students represented our school with distinction and it was beautiful to see the smile they bought to the faces of the most important in the community.

### Year Six Fun Day - Wednesday 13 December

To celebrate the important milestone of graduating from primary school, our Year Six students will be heading to the Kulin Aquatic Centre on Wednesday of this week.

### Wicky Way

The November Wicky Way award winner is Harper Evans. Harper has demonstrated being both a Resilient Rosie and a Respectful Rex. She always treats others in a friendly and fair manner, listens politely to our school staff and follows



instructions promptly. Harper has shown resiliency in the playground when injured or faced with a challenge. Well done Harper on demonstrating these values within our school.

November's Wicky Way work is proudly displayed in our front office, congratulations to the following students;

- Room 3: Bailey Martin
- Room 4: Harper Evans
- Room 7: Cadence Edwards and Marley Steere
- Room 9: Sam McColl
- Phys-Ed: Fletcher Miller



### Early Arrivals

Please note that Wickepin PS does not assume duty of care of students until 8.30am. Please ensure your child does not arrive before this time.

### COVID-19 and Free RAT Tests

COVID-19 is back in our community. Please test daily if your child/ren is COVID positive and keep them home for five days and until they are symptom free. Please keep your child/ren home if they are unwell, no matter the cause, to avoid the spreading of viruses and germs.

### Absentee Information

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

Kind regards,  
Benjamin Parkin

### Dates to Remember

December	
13	Year 6 Fun Day
14	Last Day of Term 4
15	School Office Closure
January	
25	School Office Opens
26	Australia Day Public Holiday
31	First Day of School for Students

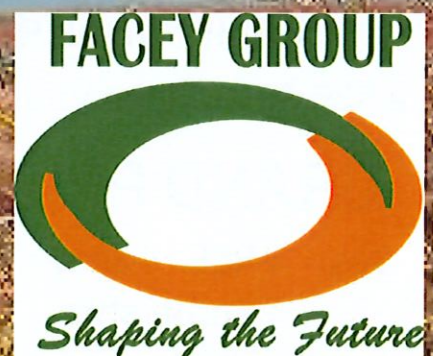


All the Staff & Committee at Facey Group would like to  
wish everyone a very

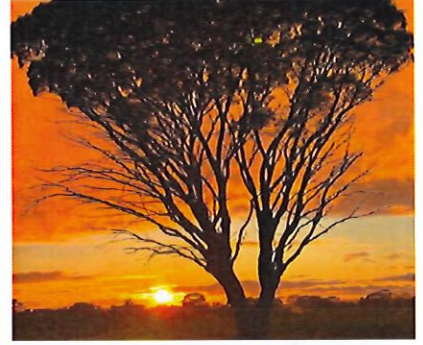
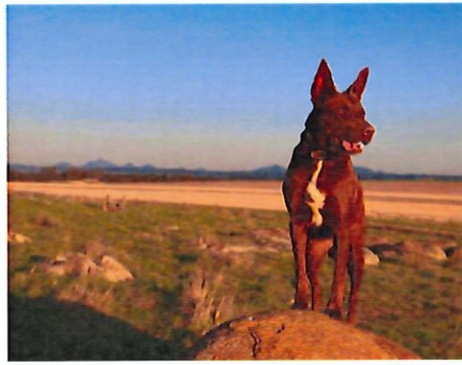
**Merry Christmas**

& a Safe & Prosperous New Year!

Please note, our office will be CLOSED from  
22 DECEMBER 2023 & reopen on  
2 JANUARY 2024







# \*LAST CHANCE TO ENTER\* 2023 PHOTO COMPETITION

## FARMING & FAMILY

## THE RULES

MONTHLY WINNERS

a \$25 Coles/Myer Voucher

GRAND PRIZE

1 year FREE Facey Group  
Membership

- Photos are to be submitted via email to: [comms@faceygroup.org.au](mailto:comms@faceygroup.org.au)
- 2 photos per month may be entered into the competition per person.
- Judging will be completed by a member of the Facey Group Committee and a Facey Group staff member.
- Entry into the competition includes permission for the Facey Group to use images in future publications and media.
- Camera, mobile phone and drone images all welcome.
- **Last date to submit entries - 15TH DECEMBER 2023**





## Home Care Survey

Are you in need of support at home, or are you interested in being paid for providing support?

Please dedicate a few moments to complete this survey if you believe you currently require support at home or if you anticipate requiring this support in the future. If you are 65 years or older, you may qualify for a federally funded home care package.

Additionally please take the time to complete this survey if you are willing to consider being PAID to help older people stay living at home, in their community, as they age. Your support to help them stay healthy and independent, keep safe at home and stay connected to the community is greatly valued.

### Home Maintenance such as

Help with making beds, ironing and laundry, cleaning such as dusting, vacuuming, mopping, etc. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future	Could get paid to provide this service	

Light household support, including making simple repairs, changing screens and air conditioners, moving furniture, replacing hard to reach light bulbs, replacing smoke detector batteries, hanging pictures and mirrors, etc. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future	Could get paid to provide this service	

Gardening and yard care. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future	Could get paid to provide this service	

Dog walking, feeding chooks and other pet and animal care. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future	Could get paid to provide this service	

### Tech and Admin Support

Computers, printers and networking; instruction and setup of mobile phones and tablets; software help and tutoring; TV remotes, VCRs; programming answering machines, emergency alert devices. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future	Could get paid to provide this service	

Services to help with administrative tasks such as paying bills, filling out forms, and reading, sorting, and responding to mail. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future	Could get paid to provide this service	

### Transportation

To doctor or dentist appointments, outpatient procedures, lab tests, shopping, bank, post office, pharmacy, hairdresser, other errands, visiting friends, concerts, theatre, shopping, trip to airport, etc. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future	Could get paid to provide this service	



**Social:**

Companionship or friendly visits at home. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future		Could get paid to provide this service

Outings/trips. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future		Could get paid to provide this service

**Meals**

Cooking and meal preparation. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future		Could get paid to provide this service

Providing and delivering meals. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future		Could get paid to provide this service

**Personal Care**

Bathing, showering and toileting, dressing and undressing, washing and drying hair, shaving. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future		Could get paid to provide this service

Assistance taking medications. (Please ✓ relevant box)				
Require this service now		Anticipate needing this service in the future		Could get paid to provide this service

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY

Please provide any other information you feel is relevant and return to Wickepin Community Resource Centre, or contact us if you would like further information.

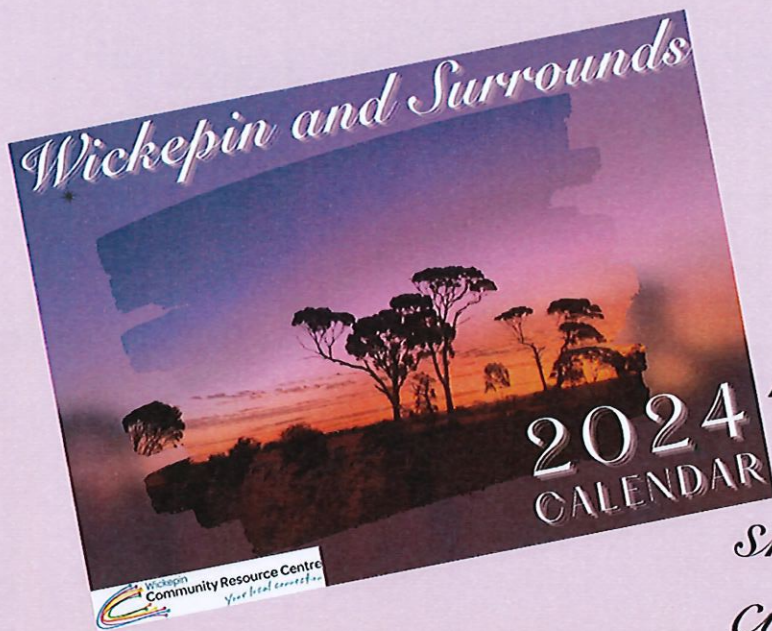
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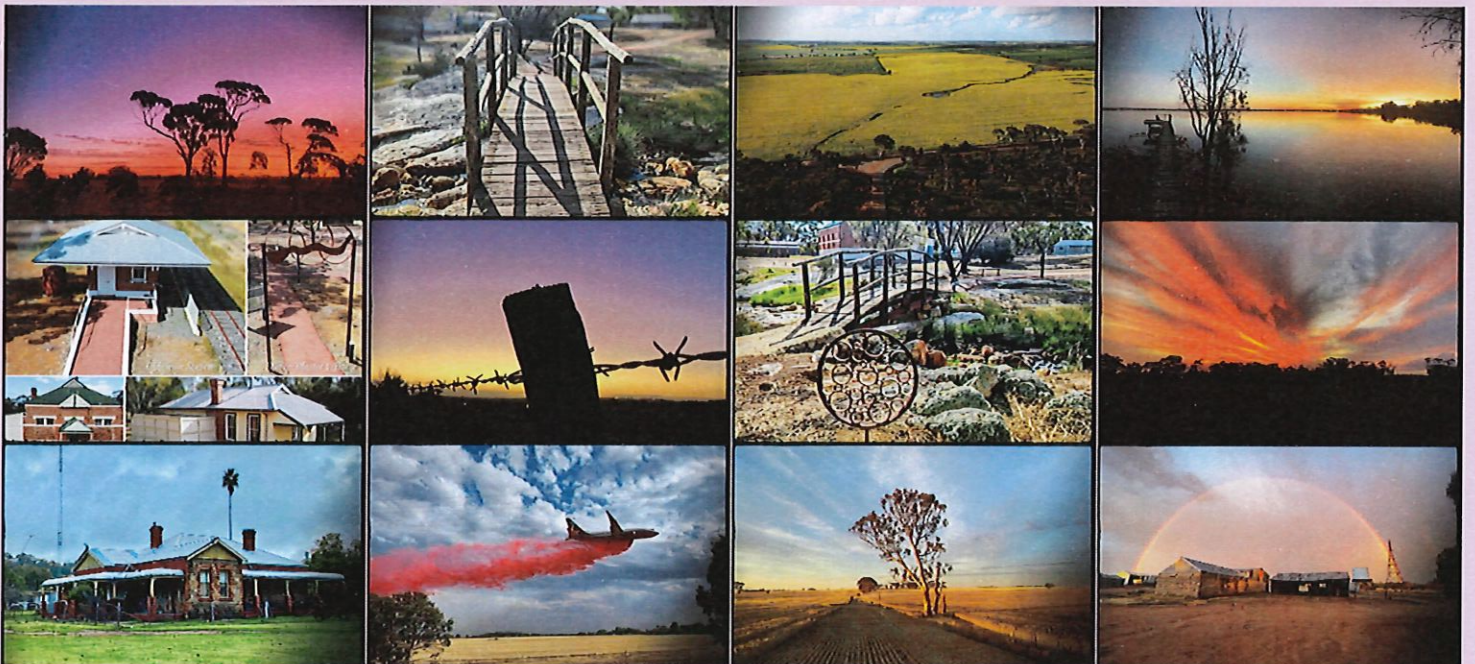
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*Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this survey.*



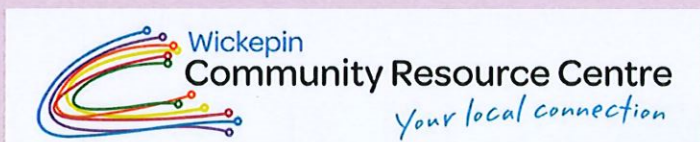


*A breathtaking collection of photographs, captured and handpicked by the community, showcasing our rich culture and stunning scenery.*



2024 Wickepin and Surrounds Calendar  
Available now at the CRC

\$15





New books!

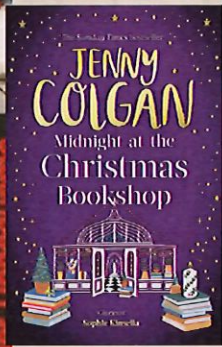
# WICKEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ADULT FICTION: *Midnight at the Christmas Bookshop* - Jenny Colgan

Carmen is at a loose end. Her gorgeous bookshop is the filming site of a cheesy Christmas movie, she's been ousted from her sister's house, and the love of her life has just flown thousands of miles away. It's turning out to be a very unjolly Christmas indeed!

But when the elderly owner of the shop comes to Carmen with a Christmas wish that threatens to never come true, Carmen knows she must get the funds to save not only his dream, but the shop itself. While fending off a shady tatt-selling businessman, Carmen discovers wonders to the shop she could never have imagined, and opens a labyrinth of bookish backrooms for the customers to get lost in.

With her deadline looming, it might take more than a fresh coat of paint to solve Carmen's problems. But with the help of their neighbours, her nieces and nephew, and a very cute male nanny, Carmen might just pull off her greatest magic trick yet...



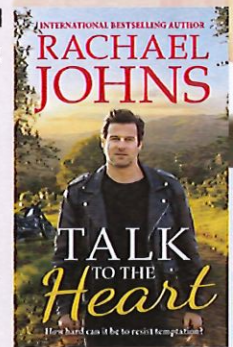
## ADULT FICTION: *Talk to the Heart* - Rachael Johns

Adeline Walsh never thought she would give up her worldly possessions - her iPhone, her make-up and even her life as a dog breeder - to join a convent on the other side of the country. But after discovering a shocking family secret she feels called to a life of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Life at the Smallton convent is nothing like Adeline expected. The other sisters quickly become like family and Adeline feels like she's found her place in the world. Until she meets Holden Campbell.

Due to his past, Holden is not interested in a relationship or even a friendship with Adeline, but when their dogs keep bringing them together he reluctantly accepts her help to organize a charity event. An accidental kiss tests both their resolves, but they are determined to fight the attraction between them.

Holden doesn't believe in love and Adeline isn't going to risk everything she's just found. Can they resist each other while continuing to work on a cause they both passionately believe in?

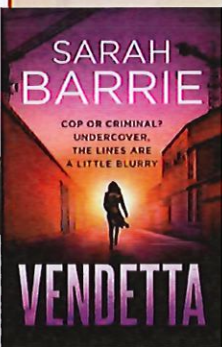


## ADULT FICTION: *Vendetta* - Sarah Barrie

Ace hacker, former sex worker and vigilante Lexi Winter is now a police officer and not keen to revisit her criminal past. But when old friends invoke the wrath of a local motorcycle club - the same club Lexi herself used to work for - she races to help them the only way she can: undercover.

If Lexi is to save a child's life, she is going to have to go back - back to a life she thought she had outrun. Back to the person she used to be. But her timing isn't great. Former club president Arthur Cronin has finished his long prison sentence and is out for revenge for the death of his wife and child. As he launches a series of bomb attacks on the club members who set him up and the cops who took him down, Lexi is caught in the middle.

Torn between old loyalties and new responsibilities, she must decide once and for all which side she's on, but even if she does decide to break free, are her old criminal friends ready to let her go?



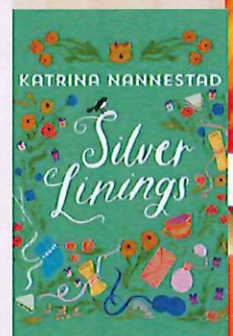
## JUNIOR FICTION: *Silver Linings* - Katrina Nannestad

Nettie Sweeney has a dad, three big sisters, a farm full of cows and a cat called Mittens. But it's not enough. She longs for a mother. One with a gentle touch and sparkles in her eyes. Instead, she as Aunty Edith with slappy hands, a sharp tongue and the disturbing belief that peas are proper food.

When Dad marries Alice, all Nettie's dreams come true. The Sweeney home overflows with laughter, love and, in time, a baby brother, Billy. The light of Nettie's life.

Then tragedy strikes. The Sweeney family crumbles. Nettie tries to make things right, but has she just made everything so much worse?

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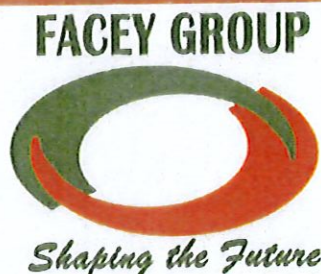
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## Events & Administration Coordinator Part Time

The Facey Group is a member-based organisation that leads, inspires, supports and challenges the local farming district of Wickepin, WA. The Events and Administration Manager reports to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer assisting the volunteer Committee to deliver relevant, localised research, information and networking to members that will help shape the successful future of agribusiness in the Wickepin community.

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- Event Management

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This position is being offered as a part-time role consisting of 20 hours per week with flexibility of working days. Working from home opportunities are also available.

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To enquire about the position and receive the position description and selection criteria please contact:

Mrs Bronwyn Dew – Deputy CEO  
PH: 0447 836004 or Email: [business@faceygroup.org.au](mailto:business@faceygroup.org.au)

Applications must include an updated CV listing two current referees and a statement addressing the selection criteria.

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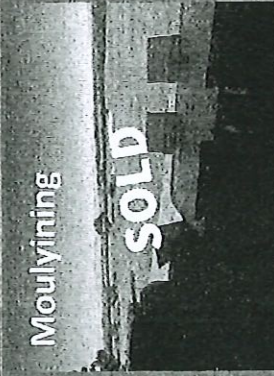
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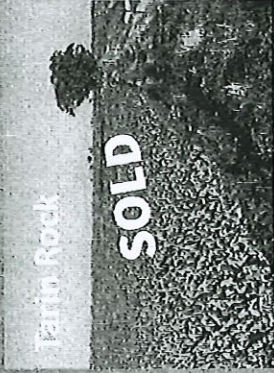
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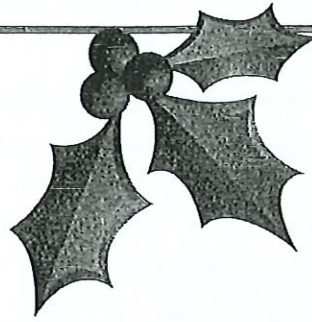


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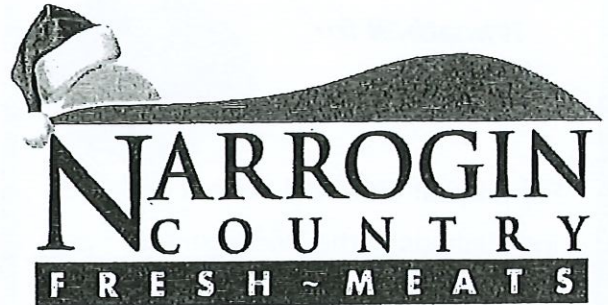
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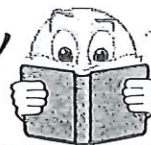
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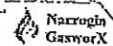


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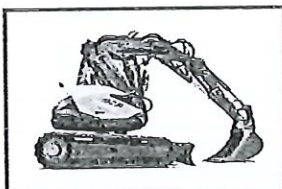
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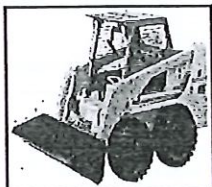
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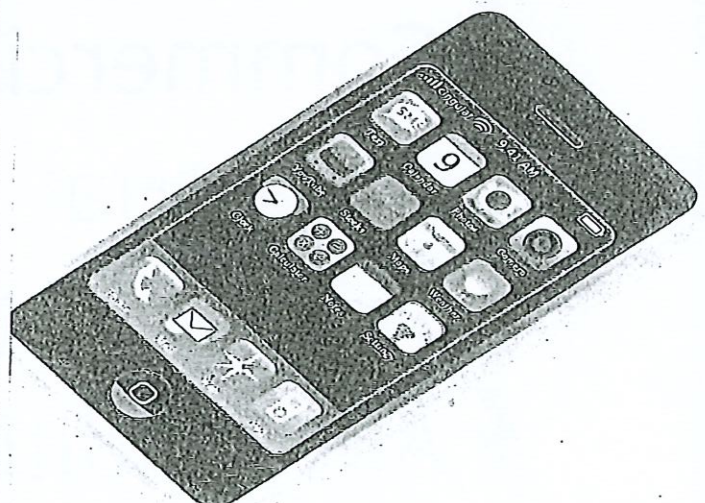


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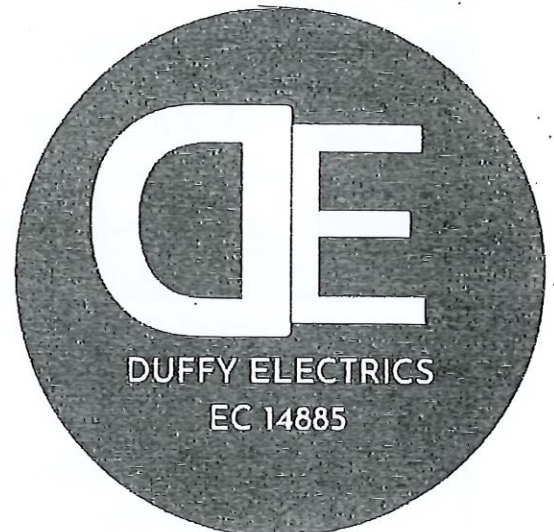
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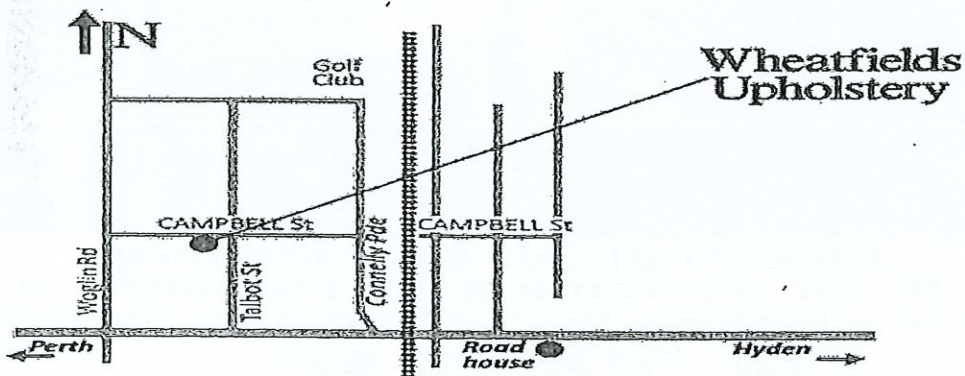
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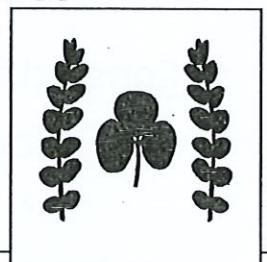


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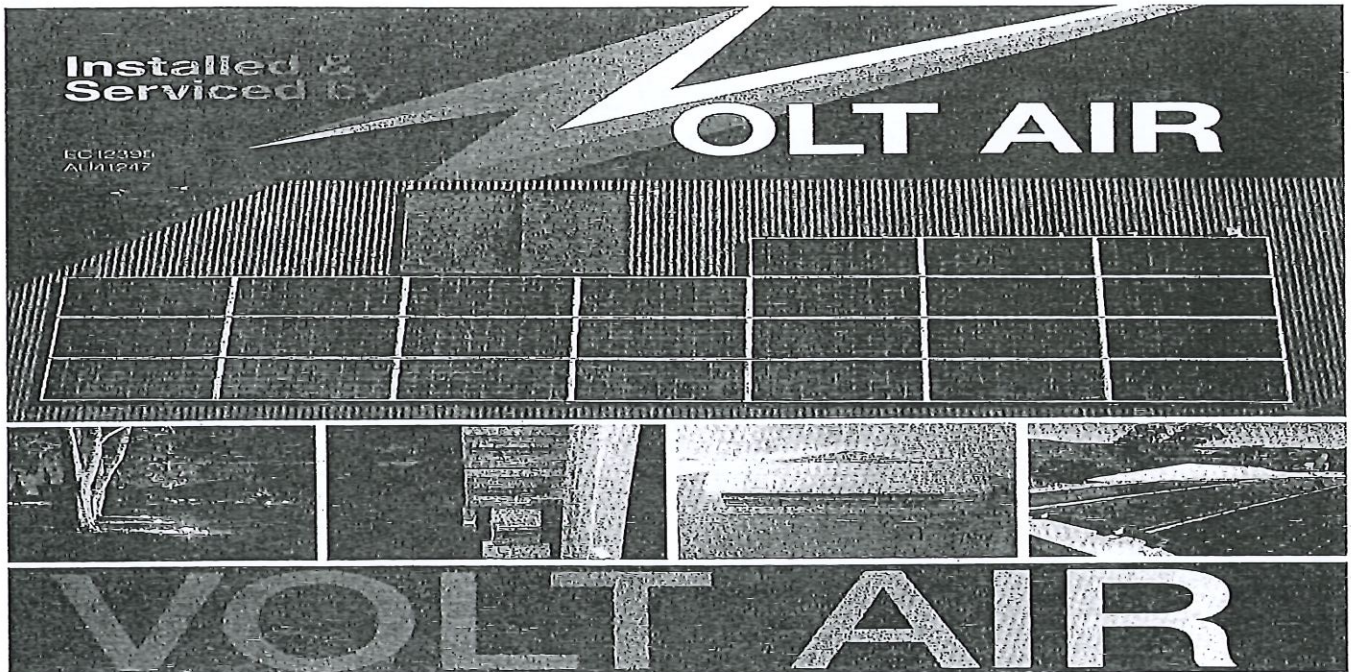
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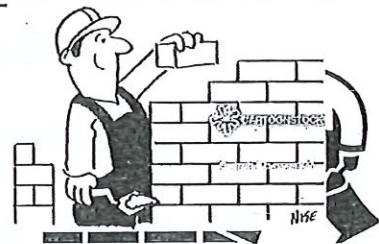


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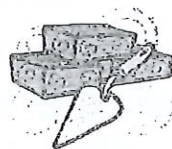
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## WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

The Wickepin Bowling Club held a most successful **Merino Fours** two-day bowls carnival last week. Twenty teams competed with some excellent bowls being played over both days in ideal weather conditions.

The twenty teams (eighty men) came from surrounding clubs and from the wider southwest of the state and from Perth.

*'Success is best when its shared'*, and it is evident that the ongoing success of the Merino Fours is due to our fabulous group of organisers.

A HUGE thank you to our Admin team: Greg White, Peter Mullan & Claire Bayley; Men's Captain Warren Thompson and office Robyn Mullan; fabulous kitchen organiser: Jenny Hemley and rostered volunteers Marg Bennier, Dale Bergin, Robyn Crouch, & Irene Moore along with our lady bowlers.

A big thank you to Colin Marsh and Daph Tetlow for their help on the day and to the reliable band of members for their time in preparing the clubhouse and surrounds.

### **SATURDAY PENNANTS:**

Well done Wicky on winning round 10 against Pingelly Gold and round 11 against Narrogin Black 6-0. Good luck for round 12 at Williams on 16.12.23.

**MENS CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS:** Congratulations to winners Greg White & Graeme Wyllie and runners-up Gary Thompson & Ted Astbury. Best of luck also for the **League Pairs** at Brookton on 17.12.23.

### **TUESDAY PENNANTS**

After a loss to Williams in round 5, and a very close game (with Williams choosing not to play their last bowl for the game), Wickepin continue to hold their lead on the ladder. Good luck and good bowling in round 6 against Brookton on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

**LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES:** After a tie and one extra end, the winners were Marj White, Leanne Smith and Daphne Tetlow with Runners-up Robyn Mullan, Claire Bayley, and Beryl Holm.

Congratulations and well done to all who played.

**The League Triples** will be in Brookton on 30.01.2024.



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**Merino Fours Winners:**

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**Merino Fours 2nd Place:**

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*Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas*



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2023

- Wed 13th Year 6 Fun Day @ Wickepin Primary School  
Wed 13th Yealering Presentation night @ 6.30pm  
Thurs 14th School Term 4 Ends  
Fri 15th Facey Group Photo Competition—last day to submit entries  
Fri 15th Games and bring and share Afternoon Tea Yealering CWA 1pm  
Sun 17th Wickepin Christmas Tree  
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Wed 20th Facey Group AGM and Post Harvest Bash 6pm @ Wickepin Community Centre  
Fri 22nd Wickepin CRC and Library closes 12.30pm  
Fri 22nd Facey Group Office closed.  
Mon 25th Christmas Day  
Tues 26th Boxing Day  
Sun 31st New Years Eve

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



## JANUARY 2024

- Mon 1st New Years Day  
Tues 2nd Facey Group Office opens  
Mon 8th Wickepin CRC and Library reopens 10am  
Mon 8th Recycling and Bin Day  
Mon 22nd Recycling and Bin Day  
Fri 26th Australia Day Public Holiday

## FEBRUARY

- Mon 5th Watershed News—First edition for 2024**  
Mon 5th Recycle and Bin Day  
Thurs 8th Free Workshop, Working for yourself as a Support Worker, Wickepin CRC 1-3pm  
Wed 14th Wickepin CRC Committee meeting  
**Mon 19th Watershed News**  
Mon 19th Recycle and Bin Day  
Sat 24th Ignite Wicky presents Wickepin Festival and Wickepin Car Rally

## MARCH

- Mon 4th Recycle and Bin Day  
**Tues 5th Watershed News**  
**Mon 18th Watershed News**  
Mon 18th Recycle and Bin Day

## APRIL

- Mon 1st Recycle and Bin Day  
**Tues 2nd Watershed News**