

WATERSHED NEWS

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Monday 19th February 2024

EULOGY – LESLEY ELSON

Our beautiful Mum was born at Wickepin Hospital on the 25th February 1929, the 3rd child to Leonard and Edith Hosken. Mum, Lesley, Lel, Les or Grandma was very much loved by all.

Mum was a **loving wife** to Peter for 71 years, **father to 7**, Ray, Ric, Beth, Sue, Doug, Tim and Terri, **Grandma to 17**, Sam, Adam, Amanda, Tegan, Brendan, Sarah, Rohan, Andrew, Carolyn, Tracy, Brie, Caris, Callum, Rhys, Clare, Gemma & Bryn, **Great Grandma to 27**, Brodie, Ken, Campbell, Georgia, Ruby, Bodhi, Jesse, Jake, Rivah, Lucy, MacKenzie, Asher, Jasmine, Cadence, William, Lucas, Matthew, Levi, Tyler, Jazlyn, Maddox, Harry, Charlie, Rafferty, Halle, Augie & Ned and **Great Great Grandma to 2**, Kingston and Elouise.

Mum started school at Wickepin in 1935, aged 6 and went to Standard 3.1, before doing correspondence for 3 years. She then went to Perth to attend Claremont school where she boarded with her paternal grandmother. Mum always dreamt of becoming a wonderful singer and she hoped to take singing lessons when in Perth. Unfortunately war intervened and all children were evacuated to the country so she went back to the farm after only one term. So, back to Wicky School with a 4 mile drive to the bus stop in the mornings, dropping off her bike so she could ride home after school. She loved riding her bike especially on the sheep tracks on the way home, which made for quite a hairy ride. When Phyl, Mum's older sister joined the Air Force in 1943 that was the end of Mum's formal schooling and back to doing it by correspondence in between her chores. Mum enjoyed working on the farm. She spoke about driving the tractor, a Caterpillar D22 crawler that raced along at 2 miles an hour and was controlled by levers and pedals. After a couple of incidents Mum was banned from driving it and was back doing other jobs.

Later on a new family moved to the farm next door and Mum said "she felt a faint stirring" when the younger son, Peter, came home from the School of Ag in Narrogin. His sister, Marjorie and Mum's cousin June were working at the Wickepin Hospital, so when an extra hand was needed Mum applied and got the job. When Matron Ingram left the Wickepin hospital to go and run Bethal Convalescent Home in Guildford, she asked Mum and her cousin June to consider working for her. Mum was 17 and her dad was against it. He relented when he found out cousin June was going, and allowed her go.

Mum worked at Bethal for a year before realising the land was calling her back to the farm. Her brother, Russ, came back from the war and was on the farm again so at the age 19 she stayed on the farm to help as he needed a cook while her Mum, Dad and Elaine moved into town. It was a happy time for Mum as they went to dances, football and other outings on the back of a truck with other young people of the district. Mum learnt to drive, a three ton truck. In Mum's words, not very romantic, but it was transport. She joined the Junior Farmers and tried to interest the boy next door, Peter, offering to pick him up each meeting day, even saying he could drive the new acquired Oldsmobile car, had no effect. Mum went to Perth to attend the Junior Farmers conference without Peter. When Russ and Ailsa were married, Mum moved into Wicky and worked in the family newsagency and later in the co-op.

Mum and Dad's relationship obviously progressed as they got engaged on 20 Jan 1950 and later married on 20 Oct 1951.

We figured out that for the first 10 years of their marriage Mum was either pregnant, breastfeeding, or both as she had 7 children in just under 8 years. Obviously **NO** TV in those days or heaters and lots of cuddles. Two of us kids were really eager to meet the world. Sue was born in the front seat of the car on a cold night at a neighbours farm 3 miles from home. Tim was an unaccompanied home birth. Mum said he only gave enough warning for her to send the older kids out to find dad. When dad got to the house mum greeted him at the door with Tim wrapped up in a blanket!!

We look back on this now and wonder how on earth Mum coped with everything she had to do. Getting us ready for school (including our lunches), doing the bus run, cooking, washing, helping out with harvest, seeding, shearing, moving sheep, taking lunch and on occasions dinner out to dad while seeding and harvesting, feeding the shearing team and at the end of the day assisting with homework, reading etc. What a wonderful mother. She nailed multi-tasking!!

Someone asked Mum one time, how she coped. She responded saying that she taught the older kids how to look after the younger ones.

From a very early age Mum taught us how to do all the domestic jobs, eg: dishes, folding washing, prepping food, making the beds, did we mention doing the dishes for 9 people 3 times a day. This allowed Mum to do other things. She spent many hours behind the sewing machine making all our clothes. Mum had so much patience when it came to us wanting to learn at an early age how to knit or sew. She would just unpick our mistakes and pin it up again, and say "try it again". Mum was very active in making costumes for the End of School Concert and the Choral Group. I remember the yards and yards of ricrac she sewed on the skirts for the girl's cancan performance. As kids we were

always decked out in amazing costumes for fancy dress competitions, all sewn on the Singer sewing machine or hand sewn by Mum.

Mum was very active in a number of organizations. Junior Farmers, P & C, Yealering Choral Group, East Pingelly Muscular Dystrophy Research Association, Yealering Writing Group and the Local History Group.

Mum was a great singer and starred (in our eyes) in several musicals in this hall. In the Choral group, Mum's first solo performance was the song "Black Hills of Dakota" from Calamity Jane production. Mum said the words of this song echoed her love of the land. Another moment of glory for Mum was being asked to sing the role of Katisha in the production of the Mikado. We all sat very proudly in the audience watching mum in these shows.

Mum joined the East Pingelly Muscular Dystrophy Research Association in 1976. She was involved for 21 years and was Secretary & Treasurer for 17 of them. The group worked tirelessly fundraising for the research through catering functions, running stalls, selling their cookbooks etc. Every year Mum would attend the state conference in Perth, firstly at Sir Charles Gardiner hospital where the research was being conducted and then at Rocky Bay facility where she was able to interact with the children. It was a great sense of achievement to see where all the money raised would go.

Yealering Writing Group. Mum enjoyed being a part of the group as they all shared a common love of writing. The meetings originally were over morning tea but as the group evolved it turned out to be an all-day affair. The group produced a book entitled "Captured Images" in 1997, forming a strong bond in the sharing of their writing together. Ruth commented that the Writing group really appreciated and admired Lesley's evident talent.

Local History Group. Mum interviewed many pioneer farmers of the district to capture their stories of the days gone by. She would go out with the trusty cassette recorder and then come home and type out their stories. Years later a family asked if they could have the tape of their grandfather as they wanted to hear his voice once again as he told his life story.

As we got to high school age, we needed to go off to boarding school. This was a real wrench for most of us. On the drive to the hostel you would get this queasy feeling in your stomach. Mum understood this without us having to say anything. She had a lovely mischievous way of cheering us up when we were feeling down. There was one particular gravel hill that she knew if she took her foot off the accelerator at the right moment the car would kind of float over the hill and everyone in the back seat would feel their stomach doing backflips. It was always a fun thing, created lots of laughs, helped us all feel better on that awful drive away from our beloved farm. Mum was a great storyteller and we treasured the letters she sent us when we were at boarding school which kept us up-to-date and connected with everything that was happening at home. She had the uncanny ability with her writing that when reading her letters and stories it was as though she was right there speaking those words out loud to us. It still brings a smile to my face just thinking about it.

Not only did mum look after all us kids, she was a great support to dad in the many roles he took on eg: tennis club and football club. Especially the afternoon teas, occasionally washing the football jumpers and assisting with counting the gate takings on a Sunday night. I remember the hills hoist being full of 20 footy jumpers plus the family washing on several Mondays. Just as well we had the jumbo clothes line.

Christmas was always special in our family. A time to catch up with relatives we rarely saw. And in the later years, it was all about spending time with grandchildren. But for Mum, this time of year was about cooking and catering for the big event. Out would come her special Christmas day recipes and we all worked hard preparing food for the day. Mum's chicken stuffing was legendary. It had to be portioned up carefully so no one missed out on a piece. It was so popular that it became a dish in its own right and Mum would make a big tray of the stuffing. There was no recipe as such, just certain ingredients to create her magic. Mum would also make a Christmas pudding every year, in the early day with sixpences in the mixture, which was always exciting to see how much money we would get. It also meant that the Metters 2 wood stove would be cranked up even when the outside temperature was over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. For the younger ones that would be over 38 degrees. Many a hot sweaty christmas lunch was had in our kitchen dining room so we could enjoy this treat. One year Mum had all her teeth removed just before Christmas. Despite her pain, she soldiered on catering for the extended family, 30+ people, cooking up a storm, even though she couldn't touch a morsel herself. Mum did so much cooking in her life, but there was one staple that never changed in the 70 years of marriage. Each tea time was started with her split pea soup, winter and summer. But Mum had one night a week off from cooking which was a Friday night after shopping where we had pies and pasties. Pies for those who liked gristle and gravy and pasties for those who didn't. She not only cooked for our family of 9, she was always willing to cook and cater for charities, stalls, functions, dance evening, afternoon teas, wherever there was a good cause. And of course at shearing time she fed all the shearers morning and afternoon teas as well as lunch in our kitchen dining room.

Lesley Elson Euology – Cont'd

When Mum and Dad moved onto their farm "Ben Lomond" in 1956 mum found a really good knife left in one of the drawers. This became her special knife. Over the next 60 years this knife was sharpened, broken, repaired and sharpened more, leading a 12" large blade to becoming a 3" skinny bladed knife that only Mum could use.

Along with all the things Mum HAD to do being a wife, mother, farmer, she also somehow found time to do some photography and tend her beautiful garden.

As us kids left home and Mum got older she wanted to explore some of the world and found a Women's Weekly World Tour she fancied doing. She told dad he could either come with her or she would go by herself. Luckily he chose to go and this was the start of their travels for pleasure.

Mum was the glue of the family. She was a kind, gentle and patient Mum. She always put the family needs before her own. She was a great sounding board to us all as we made important decisions in life. We were blessed to have Mum who was such a beautiful, kind, caring loving and compassionate Mother. She had the uncanny ability to know when to just listen or when people wanted some sage advice from her.

We will miss her so deeply.

Reunited with her beloved husband, Peter.

Love you lots Mum.

MORNING MUDDLE – Read by Sue

Mum --- Mu-u-m --- It's after half past six and the kettle's boiling. What!!! Oh darn – it's a good thing you woke up early – could you give the girls a shout as you go back. Try not to wake Bubbie, I haven't time to fix her up yet, and see if you can get your brother moving --- Thanks dear --- hey, if the kettle's boiling, the fire must be going well, would you like a jaffle today instead of sandwiches? Beans be OK --- right --- see how quickly you can get ready for school now. C'mon now, old girl, get your skates on, do your hair while you're talking to the kids, get them organised before you start lunches. What was it they wanted to take today, -- pictures, sewing, -- I guess I'll find out soon. Grab the jaffle iron and put it on to heat up while you chase the little boys around --- Morning girls, --- nearly dressed, --- good kids, be back in a minute, --- Hello there, how's my little boys this morning? I know, darling, I didn't want to get up either, but I'm afraid we have to, the bus won't wait too long for us. Here you are now, clean shorts and socks, your shirt will do for today, see how quickly you can put them on and come out to the kitchen, Dad will be back from the pigs in a moment and you could have breakfast with him. I'm making jaffles today --- would you like one? OK --- let me know later --- and you, --- you little devil, you can wait till the kids are gone, then I'll dress you --- alright, alright --- HELP you get dressed, you little imp. Hurry up now there's a dear. --- Kids seem to be feeling pretty good today --- hope it lasts till they are on the bus. --- How are you going, girls, don't forget to bring your ribbons and things for your hair --- I must go and get the lunches started or we'll be running late. --- Pardon? --- Menu? --- well, its Sandwiches, Salad, or Jaffles -- - OK --- one salad and one jaffle coming up. --- hurry, hurry, hurry now. Ah now, jaffle on first, then cut the toast, lunch boxes out, play lunches, --- ah-ha, nice timing, Dad's back, so he can supervise breakfast, that'll give me a bit of time up my sleeve. That's the toast done now --- who was it who had to take something this morning? --- right, what was it? --- a picture of trees --- take the cover of that old Ag Journal on top of the fridge --- was that all --- a hard boiled egg, you'll be battling --- I know we've got ten minutes, --- oh, all right, --- give it here, --- go and get some of the papers off the apples to put around it so it won't get cracked, what's it for anyway? --- To decorate for Easter, OK. Now, girls, plaits or ponytails? --- where are your ribbons --- I know red ones don't go with your purple dress --- your white ones need ironing --- I know the irons keep hot on the stove --- oh, put a towel on the end of the table, hurry now. Here, put this egg in your beaker so it doesn't get squashed, have you got your fruit, hankies, books, lunches, --- gosh, look at the time, quick out to the car, give me your ribbons, stand still, --- oh, there's Bubbie awake now --- Ask Dad if he can take you down --- what --- he's gone --- Damn --- there that's your hair done, off we go. C'mon, Bubs, come for a ride, --- let me put the two little ones in the boot first, --- thank goodness for station wagons. OK if you haven't got all your things now it's too late, see who can see the bus first when we get over the hill. Is he waiting for us? Just coming down the hill is he, good, we'll just about beat him. Get hold of your cases so you can run over and not keep him waiting --- what does our bus driver say --- does he really think I'll go straight through him, only if the brakes don't work. Here you go now, don't forget the bread and papers tonight. See ya. Give the kids a wave, they won't be home till nearly tea-time. Bye-bye, Phew, --- now home we go to get you two dressed then we'll all sit down for brekkie, --- boy, can I use a cup of tea.

By Lesley Elson



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1 February 2024

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Cash is king... or is it?

"Businesses have to accept legal tender." It's a comment we hear a lot at Consumer Protection, so I wanted to take the opportunity to clear this up and let you know what the law says about it.

Businesses can choose which payment types they accept. It is legal for a business to specify the terms and conditions that they will supply goods and services. This includes whether they will accept cash payment.

However, you must be made aware of these terms and conditions before you make a purchase. This could be a clear sign at the register or door stating the business does not accept cash, or the staff verbally informing you that you can't pay with cash.

We know a lot of people like to pay with cash to avoid credit card surcharges. The good news is there are rules about this too. Card surcharges are permitted under the Australian Consumer Law, however the fee must only reflect what it actually costs the business to process the payment, such as bank fees or terminal costs. If a business charges a payment surcharge, it must be able to prove the costs it is based on.

If there is no other way for you to pay without incurring a surcharge, then the business must include the fee in the total cost. For example, your local café charges \$5 for a coffee, but they do not accept cash, and all card payments are surcharged. Then it is not possible for you to buy that coffee at \$5. If the surcharge is 1% then the price displayed must clearly be \$5.05 so you can easily tell how much your coffee really costs.

While the costs associated with taking card payments is obvious, there are also costs for dealing in cash. Handling cash costs businesses in time and wages.

Remember, purchasing goods or services is entering into an agreement with a seller. You do not have to agree to make the purchase if the payment methods aren't acceptable to you. But, it is legal for the business to refuse to accept cash so long as they have made this clear.

If you believe a business is breaching the rules, it's best to broach it with them first. Should negotiations fail, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54, or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

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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

Indoor Bowls 1pm @ Wickepin Community Centre

Thursdays:

Fit Pursuit 5.45am-6.35am @ Wickepin Community Centre

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

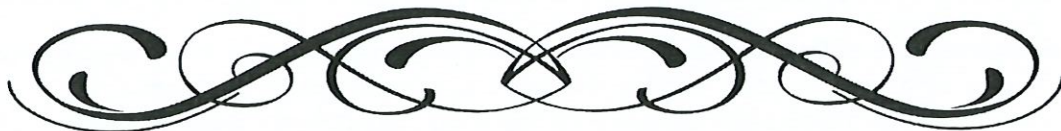
Local Vocals with Mazz – 6pm in Narrogin

Saturdays:

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

Sundays:

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



EULOGY – THOMAS PETER WILLIAMSON

DAD'S Story

I'd like to welcome everyone here today Dad would be so pleased to see you all.

Thomas Peter Williamson born 23 November 1927, born in Wickepin to a family of 4 children. Jim, Vina and Wally. His mum passed away when he was only 2, from that stage on Pop looked after them until Catherine came out from the Shetlands, they married on the 7th November 1934 and that is the Nana we knew.

They all grew up on the farm 29 miles east of Wickepin on the No 2 Rabbit Proof Fence road, and attended the Elsinore school opened in 1917 and closed in 1946 it was on the corner of Elsinor road & 86 gate road.

He married Lorna Fulford on July 14 1954, they had 5 fantastic children Janet, Irene, Helen, Thomas and myself, and sadly Mum passed away on the 14 July 1999, and from that day Dad lived by himself.

TP Williamson, Pete, Uncle Pete, Pop but to us Dad. There were other names such as slave driver, silly old bugger, which we used quite a bit when we were on the farm

Dad was a big man with big hands but even a bigger heart.

Passion for family, was always high on Dads outlook on life. Dad was always in the house for lunch and Tea, 12 o'clock lunch 6pm Tea. If we were shearing or seeding he would go back to work at night. He also had the leather strap behind the kitchen door but I never saw him take it off to use it.

We had a 3 bedroom weather board house that we lived in as we all grew up, Dad thought it would be good to extend, so he purchased a house in Kulin, pulled it down, carted it all home to the farm and built a sleep out on the side of the house. The three girls then got that room Tommy and myself moved into the girls room and Pop Williamson moved into our old room. Cosy house hold. But we learned how to build onto a house, he was a great teacher, I'm sure sometimes he didn't think we were listening but it all comes back to me when you start doing a task now.

He had some do not's and superstitions one of them was not starting a new job on a Monday, which worked well for Tommy and myself, but Dad was one step ahead of us he would go and do something the day before just so it wasn't started on the Monday.

Dad was quick witted and this continued right through his life, even when he had his second last fall, the Ambulance officer asked him what he was doing prior to the fall, Dad came straight back with standing of course.

He was there for us and always willing to help with any working bees for any organisation that he was a part of, belonging to the P&C's of Wickepin & Kulin I remember sports days he would supply the sand for the long & high jump, now we didn't have a front end loader he would shovel it on and shovel it off no issues.

Dad was involved in the community that he was living in, didn't matter which one, he was really good at keeping the Wickepin and Narrogin shires on their toes, if he saw something that was not right around the area., he would write letters to explain the issue, such as footpaths not to the standard, over hanging trees, condition of public toilets or lack thereof, we're sure that they would cringe when a letter with his hand writing on it would come over the desk.

Dad was part of a lot of organisations and sporting clubs he had Life Membership's to the Ten Mile Tennis club, Dudinin Golf Club, Narrogin Senior Citizen, he also was recognised for his years of service with the Narrogin Hospital Auxiliary, he was awarded the Citizen of the year in Wickepin in 2008, he was also honoured to receive the Sharon Matthews trophy for his years of support to the Wickepin netball club.

Ten Mile Tennis club was one of Dads passions he had a bit of a competitive edge so there was no messing around when he played, he was an active member and was always ready to help new comers and the young ones come up through the years, I think everyone that lived around the area has memories of Dad. I will never forget the BBQ's they were wood in old steel tractor rims with rabbit netting over them, car lights or tilly lamps for lighting and lucky we had big chops because otherwise they would fall through the holes in the rabbit netting, it was just take it off and eat it, burnt most of the time.

Dudin golf club was another one of Dads enjoyment, I remember when he, Kevin Wilson & Charlie Turner from our area along with the Bricks from Dudinin and others had the thought of reopening the club, we spent numerous weekends down there cutting down all the regrowth mowing the fairways and getting the sand greens into shape using of course environmentally approved sump oil on them.

86 Gate fire brigade which was established by all the farmers in our area, Dad was the chief of the brigade and it was only after one fire we attended that I saw him in the office writing stuff down, it was only then that I realised he did not only attend the fires but had to keep a record of what happened as well.

Dad & Mum would take a holiday every year the second week of January and go to Mandurah, 5 kids, the grey EH station wagon and the trailer. Scotties caravan park, was our first place I remembered staying at, some of these times were with the Fulford side of the family, awesome memories were made. Janet mentioned the other day that Dad made sure we attended swimming lessons that were held between the Mandurah jetties, it didn't matter what the weather was we were there. Fishing while we were there was a given most mornings and nights, we caught them and Mum would sit on the beach and clean them, they made a great team.

Dad was one of the hardest working people that I have ever known, he never seemed to stop, as the years went on it didn't seem to phase him, he always instilled in us you treat people the way you want to be treated and if you want something you work for it. I think back to when we purchased the other farm, Mum & I were in the house and we got the phone call from the bank, Dad ran down from the shed and came into the house and talked to the bank, when he got off the phone he said we have got the loan, but I think we have started off on the wrong foot, he lifted his right leg and his foot just dropped, he had snapped his Achilles tendon, with no showing of pain, he just asked Mum to take him to hospital, they got in the car and went off to Narrogin, this just shows how tough our Dad was. His arms and hands were huge, it was a few weeks ago I was talking to Craig and he said he remembered as a kid watching Pop wipe the dishes which he did every night with Mum and he said you couldn't really see the dinner plate he was wiping because of the size of his hands and his muscles in his arms were massive.

In the early days I always remember that the barbecue sauce bottles were plastic had a push on lid and when the bottle was nearly empty you got to pop the lid off and it would hit the roof but Mum didn't like that being done, so we were never allowed to do it but Dad would and we'd get told off for it because Mum never saw Dad doing it, he would sit there with a smile on his face.

One of the things that I really remember about Dad was in the shearing shed with the old Ajax wool press he was one of the very few people that could operate the twin handle wool press by himself, with little effort.

When he lived in Wickopin Dad would go around to check the elderly to make sure that they were all good, now he was in his 80's at this stage.

While living in Narrogin, Dad took up carpet bowls, once again he was involved in the running of club and made lots of friends during this time. When Dad turned 90 he purchased a new car a Ford, when I asked why he brought a ford he said I learnt in a T Model and I wanted my last car to be a Ford.

There are so many things we could have put in this story of Dad, but these memories will stay with us forever.

We all have great memories of this Man he was an inspiration to all of us and he will be remembered as the best Mate, Uncle, Pop and Dad you could ever have.



Wickepin Art & Craft

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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2024. We hope you had a happy festive season break.

Our sincerest best wishes to Esther Fulford who is in hospital. We miss you Esther, so hurry and get well and come back to us.

The Arts & Craft group continued meeting in January. We've got lots to do before the end of the year for the shoe boxes. We were very fortunate to have been donated discontinued upholstery samples from Wheatfields Upholstery. These are currently being used for making bags and pencil cases. We have also donated a total of approximately 40 TTT bags for the Care Bags. This also is a very worthy cause and can be investigated on their website which has lots of information as to what they do. This is a Perth group. Thank you to all who generously donated suitable fabrics.

We will be serving Devonshire Teas at the upcoming Wickepin festival. Call in and enjoy our delicious scones on the Mezzanine floor and where there will be an Arts & Crafts Stall.

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

The garden is thriving. Please take a bag to the garden and help yourselves to tomatoes, Capsicum, pumpkin and celery and on the way. Photos below speak for themselves. After picking, if you can, please give a small donation for the upkeep of the community garden, especially for the purchase of nutrients, the CRC will accept donations. Photos show before and after. Hope you will be amazed.





COMMENCEMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Shire of Wickepin's new CEO, Ms Kellie Bartley, will commence Monday 14 March 2024. Council and staff are looking forward to welcoming Kellie to the community and working to continue to deliver and maintain the high quality of service to the Shire.

VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE BRIGADES

Thank you to our volunteer fire fighters for their prompt and professional actions in fighting and containing various fires in the Shire throughout January. We are very grateful for the dedication and willingness of our volunteers in managing these incidents and keeping our community safe.



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 21 February 2024, Council Chambers, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin.

Council welcome community participation during public question time. Members of the public are able to ask questions relating to the business of the Council.

WORKS PROGRAM

- Independent Living Units – Construction works to be completed March 2024, then awaiting Western Power to program power connection.
- Construction has commenced on Cuballing Rd East 2.6km.
- Yarling Brook Rd & Wickepin-Corrigin Rd bitumen completed.

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

The Wickepin Swimming Pool will be closed Tuesday 6 & Friday 9 February 2024.

Normal opening hours 1pm – 6pm.

Reminder:
The Wickepin Swimming Pool is closed every second Tuesday

UPCOMING DATES

FEB 6
FEB 20
MAR 5
MAR 19

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INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

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Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Tuesday, 13 February 2024

9 am to 4 pm

Near Facey Homestead, Wogolin Road

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**TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS AT WICKEPIN WASTE SITE**

In light of the continued fire suppression efforts at the Wickepin Waste Site and the associated risks to public safety, the Wickepin Shire has activated a contingency plan to establish a temporary waste site for use by local residents.

The temporary waste area is situated within the existing waste site boundaries, specifically to the north of the current tipping area. Access to this temporary area remains unchanged, utilizing the same entrance road off the Wickepin Pingelly Road.

To ensure the safety of users, fencing has been installed, restricting access to areas under active fire suppression. It is imperative that individuals do not circumvent the fencing and enter restricted zones within the waste site, as these areas pose a significant danger.

Key Information:

- **Opening Hours:**
 - Saturdays: 7.00 AM to 11.00 AM; 12.00 PM to 4.00 PM
 - Sundays: 7.00 AM to 11.00 AM; 12.00 PM to 4.00 PM
- **Supervised Access:**
 - A supervisor will be onsite to direct waste disposal and ensure public safety.
 - Limited opening hours are necessitated by the associated costs of employing a supervisor.

Conditions of Use/Rules for the Temporary Waste Area:

- All directions given by the supervisor must be fully complied with, including directives on waste disposal. Different areas are designated for various types of waste.
- Waste separation before arrival is required. Specific areas are allocated for steel, timber, mattresses, furniture, and garden waste. Only household waste is permitted in the designated waste cell (pit).
- Tyres cannot be accepted.
- Asbestos cannot be accepted; residents may dispose of asbestos at the Narrogin waste site with prior notice to the Shire of Narrogin (disposal fees apply).
- Access to the temporary waste area is restricted to Shire of Wickepin residents only. Proof of residency, such as a rates notice, driver's license, vehicle registration, or other bona fide evidence, must be presented to the supervisor at the entrance. Non-Shire residents will not be permitted access.

The Wickepin Shire appreciates the community's cooperation during this period

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

In accordance with section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the Shire of Wickepin invites electors to attend the Annual General Meeting of Electors. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Shire of Wickepin 2022-2023 Annual Report, and any other general business.

Date: Wednesday 7 February 2024

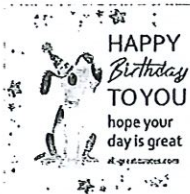
Time: 5.30pm

Place: Shire of Wickepin Administration Office, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370

A copy of the Shire of Wickepin 2022-2023 Annual Report is available on the Shire's website (www.wickepin.wa.gov.au).

Community Notes

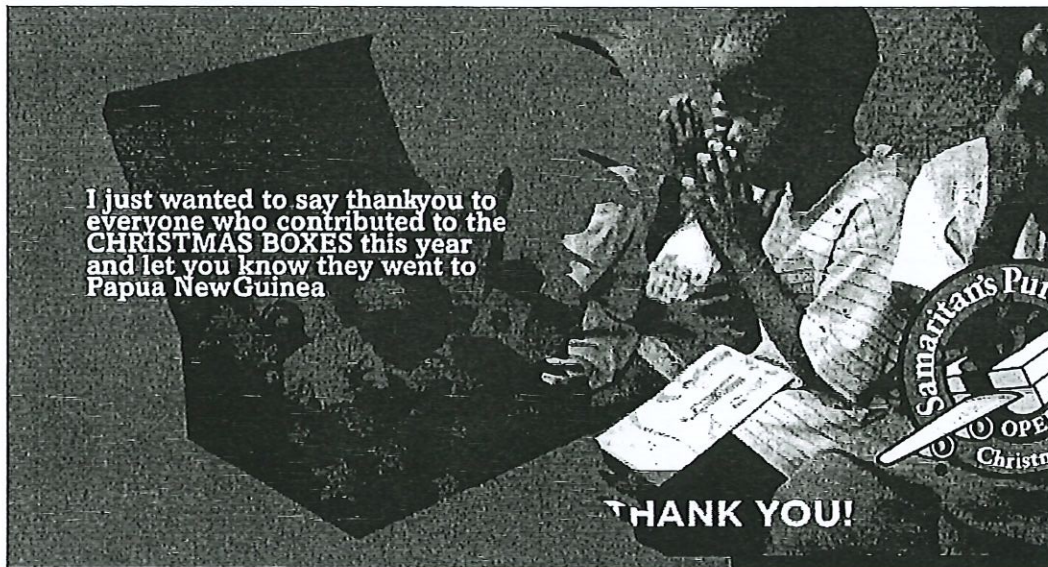
The Watershed News team extends a welcome to you all in 2024.
This is your community paper - printed for you - with news and happenings contributed by you.
We welcome your input throughout the year.
Let's work together to make it an informative and enjoyable read for all our community.



Happy birthday wishes to Asha Manton, Jordan Flavel, Cassius Parnell, Katie Martin, Chelsea Wing, Pam Carden, Lincoln Astbury, Mark Wilson, Rochell Mead, Sophie Jespersen, Darryl Gaull.



Carpet Bias Bowls commenced last Wednesday 31st January 2024 with four players plus one child, enjoying a wonderful 2 hours. Still looking forward to more players so come along and enjoy the company on Wednesdays, weekly at 1pm in the mezzanine.



Wickepin Golf Club AGM

Monday 12th February 7.30pm
Wickepin District Sports Club

All old and new members welcome



Leanne Bransby

Home Care Worker—Wickepin

At the end of last year I was nominated for an award at the WACHS Awards Presentation. Kerry and myself attended and I ended up winning. Very proud moment as there were 11 nominated throughout their WACHS area. I won for "Compassion".

L—R: Leanne Bransby
(Gold Compassion Winner)
Filipa Walmsley (MC and
2022 Compassion winner).



Rainfall registered at the Wickepin Post Office

2023	mm	Days	Total	2024	mm	Days	Total
January	3.4	2	3.4	January	13.2	3	13.2
February	0.8	1	4.2	February			
March	37.4	3	41.6	March			
April	83.2	8	124.8	April			
May	5.0	3	129.8	May			
June	74.8	10	204.6	June			
July	32.2	13	236.8	July			
August	38.6	5	275.4	August			
September	28.4	4	303.8	September			
October	0.0	0	303.8	October			
November	5.4	4	309.2	November			
December	0.0	0	309.2	December			

As of 31st January 2024

Classified

WANTED: Home for abandoned ginger, male, sterilised cat.
Phone: 0428 898 025

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Thank You

On behalf of the ELSON Family we would like to thank everybody for your warm wishes and the attendance at the Funeral Service of the late Lesley Elson.

Also our greatest gratitude goes out to Jenni and the team at Dawsons for everything they did to help us on/before the day, Margie Ward for conducting the day and the Yealering Progress for a lovely light luncheon and services provided on day.

Thank You All



St John's Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickepin



1st and 3rd Sundays @ 8.00am

All denominations welcome

Morning tea served after service



Enquiries: Irene—0437 801 026 or Elaine—0428 898 025

Watershed News 2024 Publication Dates

Monday 19th February
Tuesday 5th March
Monday 18th March
Tuesday 2nd April
Monday 15th April
Monday 29th April
Monday 13th May
Monday 27th May
Monday 10th June
Monday 24th June
Monday 8th July

Monday 22nd July
Monday 5th August
Monday 19th August
Monday 2nd September
Monday 16th September
Monday 30th September
Monday 14th October
Monday 28th October
Monday 11th November
Monday 25th November
Monday 9th December

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Some "tried and true" preserves to use up the wonderful summer produce to be found in local gardens.

Zucchini Relish.

Ingredients

700 g zucchini diced
1 red capsicum diced
1 cup corn cob kernels
1 onion diced
1 1/2 cups white vinegar
1 cup white sugar
4 tsp ground turmeric
4 tsp mustard powder
1 tsp allspice
1/4 tsp curry powder
2 garlic cloves crushed
1 tbs vegetable oil
1 tbs salt
2 tbs cornflour
1 tbs water

Method:

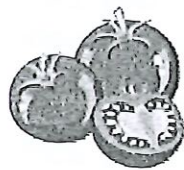
Combine all ingredients, except cornflour and water, in a pot and simmer for 1 hour, stirring often. Combine cornflour and water, stir into zucchini relish and simmer for a further 5 minutes. Transfer hot relish to sterilised jars with sealed lids.

Apple and Tomato Chutney

Spicy and a sweet, this delicious chutney goes well with breads, cheeses and chicken!

Ingredients

2 pounds apples - peeled, cored and sliced
2 cups water
2 pounds tomatoes, sliced
2 large onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
1/2 cup sultana raisins
3/4 cup white sugar
1 tablespoon mustard powder
5 teaspoons curry powder
4 teaspoons salt
2 1/2 cups malt vinegar
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper



Method

Place apples and water in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and cook 25 minutes, or until apples are tender, stirring

occasionally. Add more water as necessary to keep the apples simmering.

Add all other ingredients. Stir until sugar has dissolved.

Bring the mixture to a boil.

Reduce heat, and simmer 3 hours, stirring occasionally, until a thick chutney remains.

Remove and discard wrapped

mustard seed. Seal chutney in sterile containers until serving.



Tomato & Chilli Jam.

Ingredients:

2 red onions, finely chopped
800 g ripe tomatoes, roughly chopped
3 red chillies, de-seeded and finely chopped
5 cm piece of fresh ginger, peeled and grated
1 star anise
1 cup white wine vinegar
300 g brown sugar
2 tsp fish sauce

Method

Prepare the ingredients. Cook the red onion and chopped tomato in the large, heavy-based saucepan over a low heat.

Add the chilli, ginger, star anise, vinegar and sugar. Bring to the boil, then simmer for about 30 minutes or until very thick.

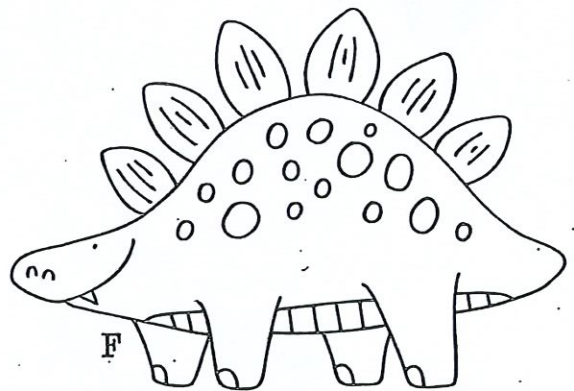
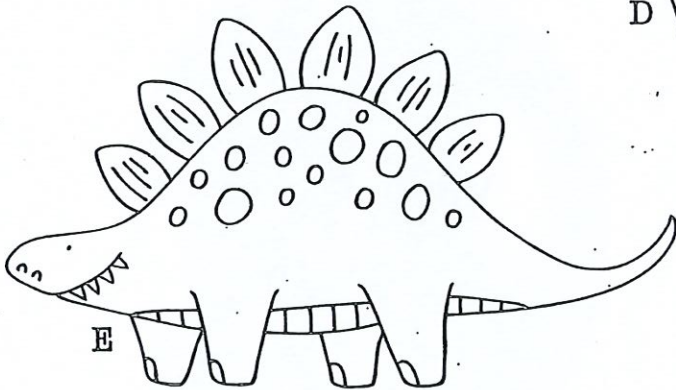
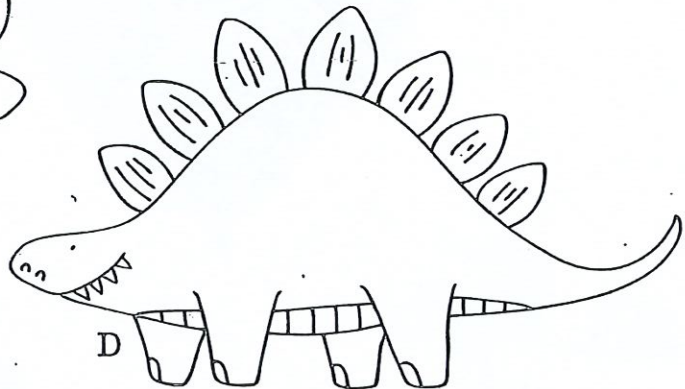
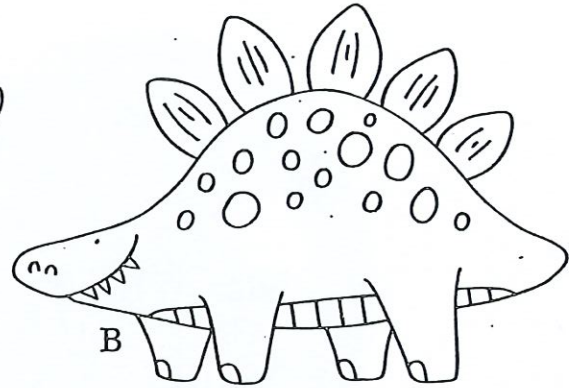
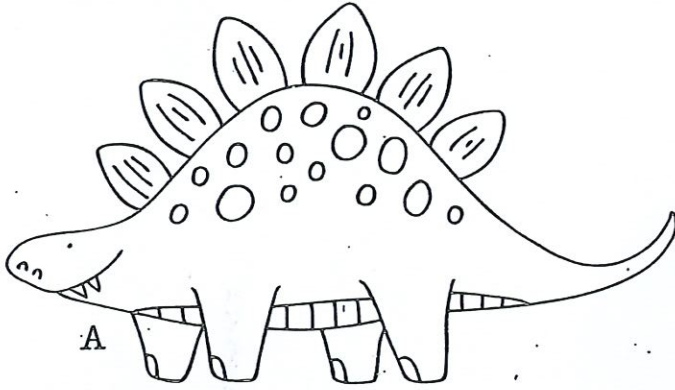
Add the fish sauce and cook for a further 2-3 minutes.

Transfer to hot sterilised jars, screw the lids on tightly, then label and decorate.



KIDS CORNER

Spot the Dinosaur



Can you find the missing dinosaur?
It has six spikes on its back, a long tail, spots and four teeth.

Answer: E

Happy Birthday



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WICKEPIN FESTIVAL AND CAR RALLY

24-02-24

From 11am at the Wickepin Oval



ALL AGES EVENT

Car Rally • Market Stalls • FREE Kids Entertainment • Food Trucks
Guess Rambo the Ram's Weight • Blade Shearing Display • Bar
RAC Helicopter Simulator • Photography Display • Classic Motor Display
Tractor Tug Competition Kids Art Display • Hay Bale Role • Live Music



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WICKEPIN FESTIVAL AND CAR RALLY

24-02-24

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:45 - 12:05	Car Rally Departs
11:00 - 16:00	Children's Rides and Bouncy Castles Open
11:00 - 16:00	Markets Open
11:00 - 16:00	Devonshire Tea (indoor area)
11:00 - 17:00	School Art & Photography Display My Favourite Wheels Display Historical Agricultural Photo Display
11:30 - 15:00	RAC Helicopter Simulator Ride
12:00	Food Vans Open
12:00 - 15:00	Guess Franky The Ram's Weight
12:00 - 16:00	Music by Campfire Country with Kevin Lansdell
12:30 - 14:00	Car Rally Return & Display
13:30	Kids Tyre Rolling Challenge
13:30 & 15:45	Blade Shearing Demo
14:00	Ignite Wicky Bar Open Wickepin Festival Official Opening Car Rally Awards & Rope Making Demo
14:30 - 15:00	Community Tractor Tug Challenge
15:15 - 15:45	Wool Bale Roll Competition
16:00	Winner of Wool Bale Roll, Photo Competition & Weight of Rambo The Ram Announcement
16:15 - 19:00	Music by Edona Heartland
19:00 - 22:00	Music by The Tinny Band



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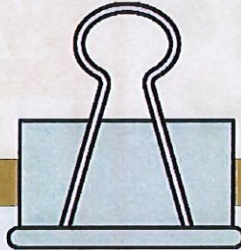
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We are planning our activities for the year ahead and we want to hear from you!



- Entertainment Events
- Tickets & Training Courses
- Art & Craft Workshops
- Pop-up Shops
- Kids Activities & Events
- Morning/Afternoon Teas
- Cooking/Gardening Classes
- Outdoor Movie
- Bingo
- Murder Mystery Party

**Is there a skill
or hobby
you'd like to
learn?**

**Do you have a
skill or hobby
you could share?**

**Email, post or drop this survey back to
Wickepin CRC. We value your input!**

Feb
2024

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Are you thinking about becoming a Support Worker?

Come along to our free workshop and learn how to get started, how to organize your business, and how to best manage your customer's information.

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FREE WORKSHOP ▶

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RSM Business Local Advisor

Working for yourself as a Support Worker

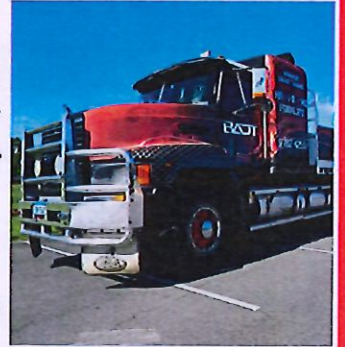
Thursday 8th February | 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Wickepin CRC, 24 Wogolin Rd

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Training Availability

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Narrogin MC - Feb 24-29
Corrigin HR & MC - Apr 13-16
Kulin HR & MC - Apr 17-18

WELCOME

The CRC are creating a "Welcome to Wickepin" pack for people who are new to town, and we'd love your suggestions about should be included! Let us know your favourite regular activities, your recommendations for places to eat, and any must-see attractions around the district.

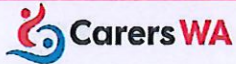


Have you considered volunteering but don't know where to start? Let us help! Wickepin CRC can match your interests and skills with a community group that suits you!

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Priscilla Pop-Up: Wickepin

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Where: Priscilla will be parked at:
Wickepin Community Resource Centre
24 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370

When: Tuesday, February 27th | 9.00am - 11:00am

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Capacity Development team on 1300 CARERS (1300 227 377) or email ccdteam@carerswa.asn.au.

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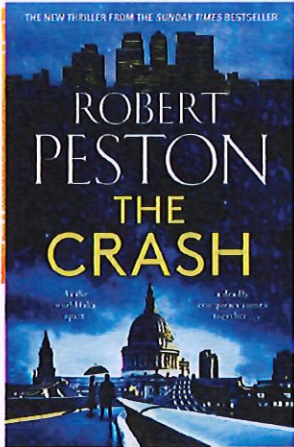
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Adult Fiction—Robert Preston—The Crash

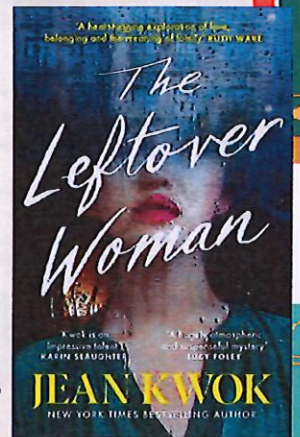
London, 2007. It's summer in the City: the economy is booming, profits are up and the stock market sits near record highs. But journalist Gil Peck is a lone voice worrying it can't last., he has noticed strange things happening which could threaten the whole economy. But nobody—politicians, bankers even his own bosses—wants to hear it. When Gil gets a tip-off that a small northern bank has run out of money, his report sparks the first run on a UK bank in 140 years. The next day, Marilyn Krol, a director of the Bank of England dies in an apparent suicide. For Gil, it's personal. Marilyn was his lover: was his scoop connected to her suicide? Or is there something more sinister in her death?

Adult Fiction—Jean Knok—The Leftover Woman

Jasmine Yang thought her daughter died at birth. But five years after she was taken from her arms, she learns that her controlling husband sent the baby to America to be adopted, a casualty of China's one-child-policy. Fleeing her Chinese village, Jasmine arrives in New York City with nothing except a desperate need to find her daughter.

Rebecca Whitney has it all: a high-powered career, a beautiful home, handsome husband and an adopted daughter she adores. But when a scandal threatens to jeopardise Rebecca's job and marriage, this perfect world begins to crumble.

Two women, separated by wealth and culture, yet bound together by their love for the same child. And when they finally meet, their lives will never be the same again..



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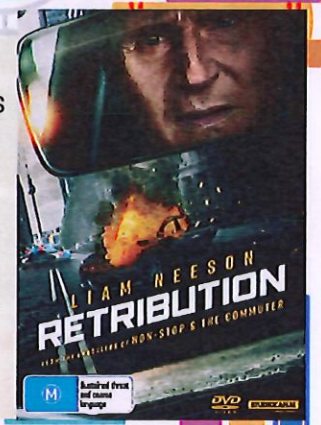
Audio Book—Jean Knok—The Leftover Woman

Meet Celine and Luke. To all intents and purposes, the happy couple. But Celine's more interested in playing the piano, and Luke's a serial cheater. And as their big day approaches, the complicated lives of the wedding party begin to unravel. A fed-up bridesmaid, a lovesick best man, guests and family members all find themselves searching for their own happily ever afters. From the author of *Exciting Times*, this is a sparkling ensemble novel about love and marriage, fidelity and betrayal.

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- *HOW CAN YOU ENGAGE WITH THE PROJECT?

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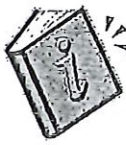
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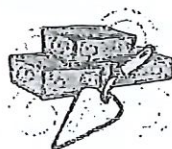
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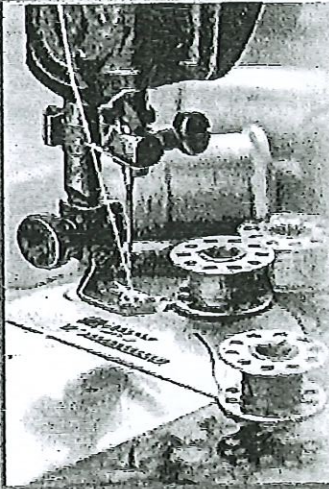
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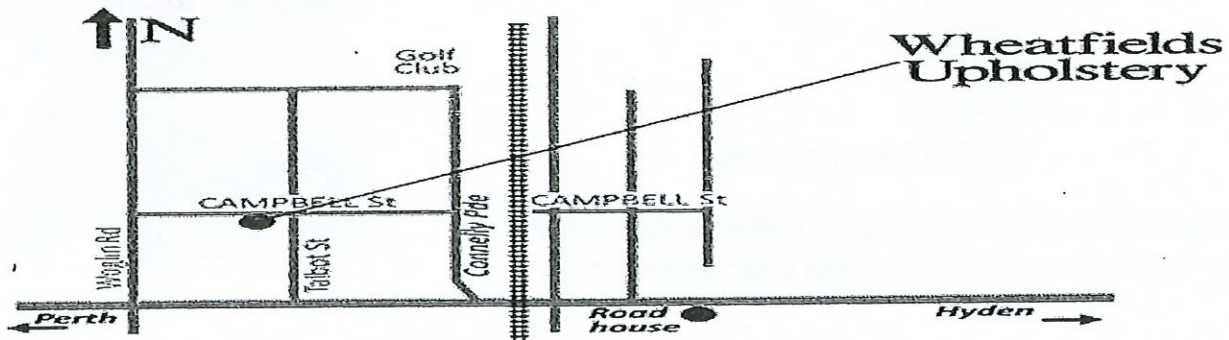
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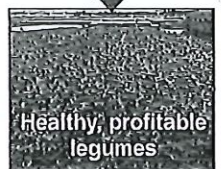
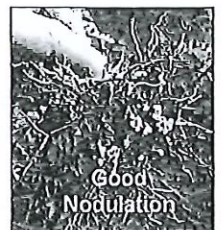
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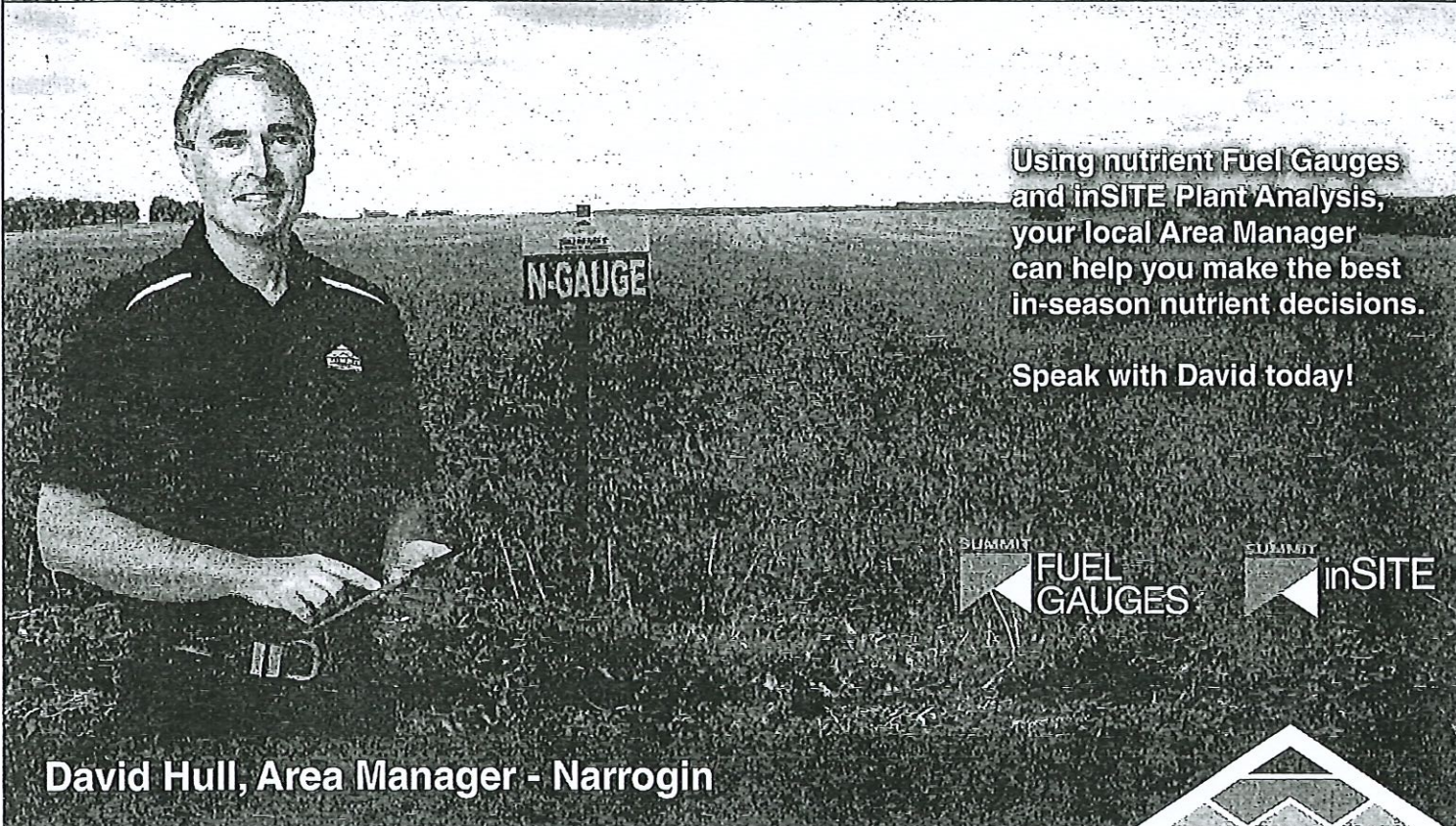
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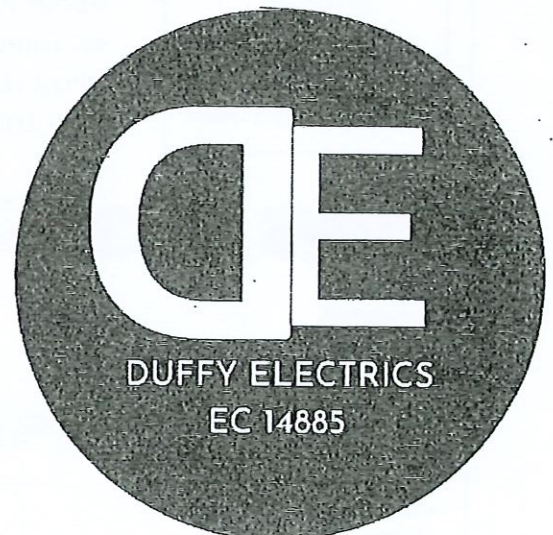
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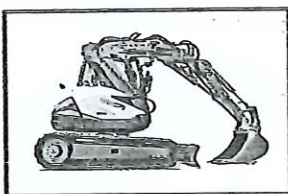
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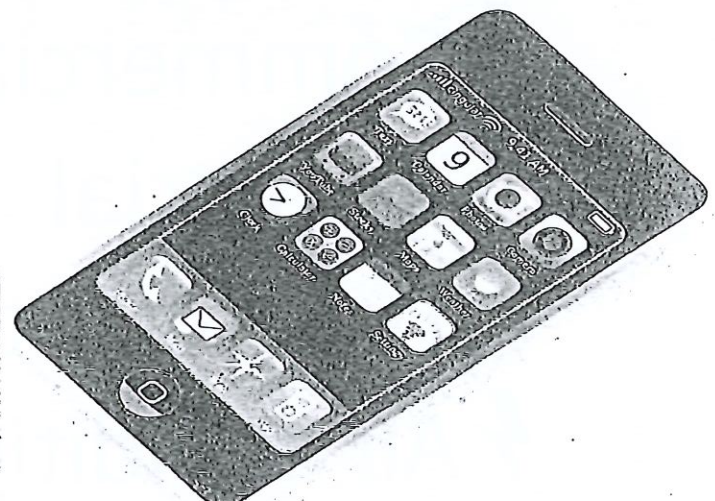
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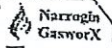


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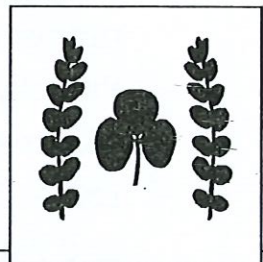
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WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to bowls in 2024 everyone!

Our **Ladies Championship Pairs** were played on Sunday 4th February. Congrats to winners Marj White & Judy Lang and runners-up Robyn Mullan & Leanne Smith. Well done to all who played.

A reminder that our **Saturday Pennants** (Round 14) resumes on Saturday 10th Feb at Wickepin, against Brookton-Green and on Sunday 11th in Pingelly for Round 15. **Afternoon tea roster** for 10th February: Judy Lang.

Tuesday Pennants recommence on 13th Feb at Williams, we play Pingelly, and our Ladies Interleague Round Robin Fours is to be held in Brookton on 16th, 17th and 18th February.

The **ladies League Championship Pairs** will be played in Williams on Tuesday 20th Feb. A **Busy Bee** at the Bowling Club on 22nd in preparation for our Wickepin Gala Day on Friday 23rd February. A busy month for our bowlers!!!

January Hi-lights

- Norm White Memorial Triples. Winners Bev Davidson, Robyn Mullan & Leanne Smith; Runners up Peter Davidson, Peter Mullan & Bob Read
- Men's interleague Round Robin Fours at Williams.
Winner: Lower Great Southern
- Roger Cook/WFI Pairs. Winners: Chris Moore & Keith Doncon
- Presidents Mystery Singles Wickepin: Winner Warren Thompson, runner up Robyn Mullan
- Pingelly Australia Day Mixed Fours: Winners Dave Triffitt, Greg White, Maureen Jones & Marj White
- Ladies League Championship Triples at Brookton. Winners Brookton 1 and Plate winners Pingelly 2 – better luck next time Wicky!

EVENTS – FEBRUARY

11.02.24 SUNDAY	8.30	LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES
18.02.24 SUNDAY	8.30	MENS CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS
23.02.24	7.45	LADIES GALA DAY
25.02.24	8.30	LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES MENS CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS



The Wicky Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2024! It is my absolute pleasure to welcome our amazing students, wonderful families and fabulous community to another year of learning at Wickepin Primary School. Our first week back at school was sensational with even our famous hot West Aussie 'back-to-school weather' not dampening spirits or the general excitement in the air.

This term, we welcome to Wickepin two new teachers, Megan Mawdsley and Tracey Campbell. Miss Mawdsley is our Year One/Two teacher and Mrs Campbell is working in Pre-Primary on Wednesdays. Please join me in welcoming these two new fantastic teachers to the Wickepin community.

I wish to advise that I will be taking Long Service Leave from 7 - 16 February in order to visit relatives in Hong Kong. Michelle Hull will be Acting Principal in my absence. A big thank you to Mrs Hull for stepping up into this role.

Swimming

A reminder that swimming lessons will be taking place over Weeks Three and Four, commencing Monday 12 February. Please ensure permission notes and swimming lesson enrolment forms are returned to our office ASAP.

Meet the Teachers - Tuesday 13 February 2024

We extend an invitation for you to visit our classes and meet our teachers, next Tuesday 13 February. Please find following the schedule for classroom visits:

3.05pm - 3.20pm: Room 4, Kindy/Pre-Primary, Miss Conway
3.20pm - 3.35pm: Room 9, One/Two, Miss Mawdsley
3.35pm - 3.50pm: Room 3, Three/Four, Mrs Hull
3.50pm - 4.50pm: Room 7, Five/Six, Ms Wyllie

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

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. 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

February

12 - 23 Swimming Lessons PP - 6
16 Swimming Carnival Time Trials
22 Hockey Clinic Incursion
27 Leadership Conference, Year 6's in Williams
28 Tennis Schools Classic, Years 3 - 6

March

4 Labour Day Public Holiday
8 Swimming Carnival

The Wickepin P&C are looking for members to join or step up in 2024. Who's the perfect fit?

IT'S YOU!

All experience welcome and all voices are valued. Look out for our next advertised event or contact Annika Miller.

What does P&C do?

- It plays an important role in fundraising for the provision of resources and facilities for the school that are either requested by the Principal or proposed to the school by the P&C.
- Provides opportunities for parents to build a school community.
- Sells the school uniform.
- Meets once a term.
- All members have voting rights, membership is via a voluntary annual contribution of \$5.00 that goes toward administration costs.
- Is overseen by a President.
- Work in collaboration with the principal
- Act as a forum for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the school and its community and for gathering opinions.
- Have the best interests of all students at their heart.
- Build members skills in governance.
- Bring a community voice into the school and bring educational matters to the attention of the wider community.
- Act as an advocate of the school.

P&C does not

- Perform or decide operational matters of the school.
- Decide how the curriculum will be implemented.
- Discuss individual students, families, or staff.
- Have control over the schools financial expenditure.

In 2023 the P&C raised \$8666.40 and contributed \$9555.14 to the school which helped pay for; the tech students use every day, a small camp contribution per child, funds to help run the school swimming & athletic carnivals plus an annual book award to name a few.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2024

- Mon 5th** *Watershed News—First edition for 2024*
Mon 5th Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 6th Swimming Pool Closed
Wed 7th Facey Group Online Discussion @ 8.30am Frost and Heat
Wed 7th General Meeting of Electors & 5.30pm @ Wickepin Shire Office
Thurs 8th Free Workshop, Working for yourself as a Support Worker, Wickepin CRC 1-3pm
Fri 9th Swimming Pool Closed
Wed 14th Wickepin CRC Committee meeting
Thurs 15th Facey Group Online Zoom @ 7.30am Confinement Feeding Pregnant Ewes Webinar
Fri 16th Closing date for entries to Photo Competition and Car Rally
Mon 19th *Watershed News*
Mon 19th Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 20th Swimming Pool Closed
Wed 21st Shire of Wickepin Shire Meeting
Sat 24th Ignite Wicky presents Wickepin Festival and Wickepin Car Rally
Tues 27th Priscilla Pop-up: Wickepin

MARCH 2024

- Mon 4th Public Holiday
Mon 4th Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 5th *Watershed News*
Thurs 7th Facey Group 2023 Trials Review & Pre-seeding Catch-up
Mon 18th *Watershed News*
Mon 18th Recycle and Bin Day
Thurs 28th School Term 1 ends
Fri 29th Easter Good Friday

APRIL 2024

- Mon 1st Swimming Pool Closes for Season
Mon 1st Easter Monday
Mon 1st Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 2nd *Watershed News*
Wed 10th Wickepin CRC Committee Meeting
Mon 15th School Term 2 Starts
Mon 15th *Watershed News*
Mon 15th Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 29th *Watershed News*
Mon 29th Recycle and Bin Day