

# WATERSHED NEWS

PO BOX 60 WICKEPIN WA 6370

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

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# WATERSHED NEWS INC - COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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**Next edition of Watershed News**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**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

**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.





### 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 at the beginning of each council meeting. Members of the public are able to ask questions relating to the business of the Council.

**2024 DATES**

16 APRIL

16 JULY

15 OCTOBER

**Collection Point: Brookes Rd, Wickepin**

Contact the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office on 9888 1005 to make a booking, advising number of drums.

CALLING ALL WICKEPIN COMMUNITY GROUPS!

2024

UNLEASH  
YOUR CLUB'S  
INNER  
MASTERCHEF

FREE KITCHEN RENTAL !!

PROPOSED FUNDRAISER MEAL NIGHTS  
MEALS PRICED \$15-25  
JAN-APRIL

HOSTED BY:  
[ YOUR CLUB ]

**WICKEPIN SPORTS CLUB**  
Wogolin Rd, Wicky.  
Call Greg White 0427 881 057  
to reserve your Fundraiser Friday!  
Limited spots available!

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

**HAVE YOU GOT A GREAT IDEA FOR YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP PROJECT OR EVENT BUT REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?**

Applications for the 2024/25 Community Funding round are opening soon.

Contact Council's Community Economic Development Officer to discuss whether you may be eligible to receive funding prior to commencing your application.

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005 SHIRE OF WICKEPIN - LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 4 AMENDMENT NO. 3

It is hereby notified for public information that in accordance with Section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005, the Shire of Wickepin has resolved to amend Town Planning Scheme No 4 by:

1. Amending the classification of Lot 7 on Deposited Plan 189958 (No. 56) Fisher Street, Wickepin from 'Recreation and Open Space' reserve to 'Residential' zone with a density coding of R10.
2. Amending the Scheme Map accordingly.

Documents and plans setting out and explaining the scheme amendment proposal are available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Shire of Wickepin Administration Centre, at 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin. A copy of the Amendment documentation is also available on the Shire of Wickepin's website [www.wickepin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au)

Submissions on the scheme amendment may be made in writing and lodged with the Shire's Chief Executive Officer at the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office or by post to PO Box 19, WICKEPIN WA 6370 on or before 29 February 2024.

Tim Clynch  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

*Embracing Community Growth*

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Phone: 9888 1005 Fax: 9888 1074

[admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au) [www.wickepin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au)

# Community Notes



Happy birthday wishes to Cara Borthwick, Stella Mullan, Stefie Green, Liam McDougall, Logan Pike, Catherine Pauley, Bradley Bunter, Jayce Fulford, Stacey Ewen, Rodney McColl, Zari Duckworth.

Don't forget to come to the Mezzanine floor or the Community Centre on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> for a delicious Devonshire Tea provided by the Arts & Crafts group for \$5. Craft items, jams and pickles also on sale.

Come along to the Wickepin Festival and car rally on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 11am at the Wickepin Oval. Included in the Festival – car rally, market stalls, free kids entertainment, food trucks, guessing competition, blade shearing display, bar, RAC Helicopter simulator, photography display, classic motor display, tractor tug competition, kids art display, hay bale role, live music.



Government of Western Australia  
North Metropolitan Health Service  
WA Cervical Cancer Prevention Program

NATIONAL  
**CERVICAL SCREENING**  
PROGRAM

A Joint Australian, State and Territory Government Program

**Book your  
Cervical  
Screening  
Test today.**

## Cervical screening could save your life.

All women and people with a cervix aged 25 to 74 years who have ever had any sexual contact should have a **Cervical Screening Test every five years.**

**There are two ways to have your Cervical Screening Test.**

You can choose to:

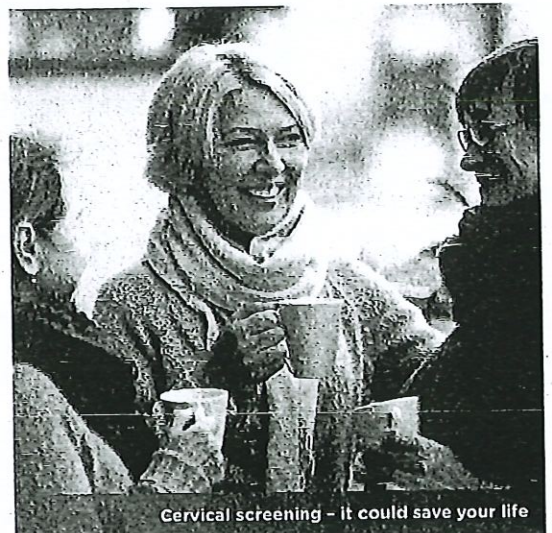
- Take your own sample, or
- Have your healthcare provider collect your sample.

Both options are accurate, safe and effective.

**Talk to your healthcare provider about your options.**

Visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/cervicalscreening](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/cervicalscreening)

Complete the  
cervical screening in the  
Wheatbelt community »  
feedback survey.



Cervical screening – it could save your life

# Classified

**FOR SALE:** Car Ramps  
 Lister Milk Separator  
 Vacuum Bucket and Cluster for milking machine Coolaroo Shade (green)  
 2 x 10ft x 10ft OzTrail Canvas Tents with Awning (old style, good condition) Eazy-Lift Caravan  
 Leveling Kit  
 Portable Fox Satellite Dish  
 Phone Allan 0417 984 226 All offers considered

## WE WANT YOUR ADS!

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

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

## 1950's Songs

Find and circle all of the 1950's song titles that are hidden in the grid.  
 The remaining letters spell the title of an additional 1950's song.

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R A V E O N I A R T Y R E T S Y M L I
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 DJANGO  
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 FEVER  
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 HONKY TONK

HOUND DOG  
 JAILHOUSE ROCK  
 KANSAS CITY  
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 MANNISH BOY  
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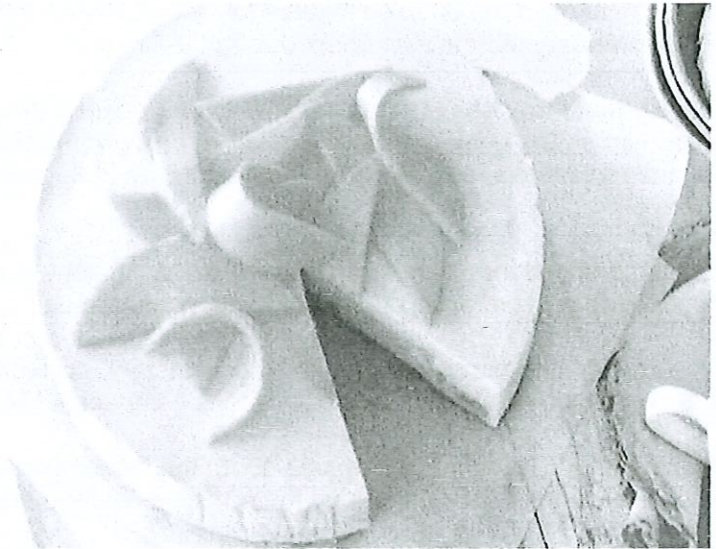
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 MOVE IT  
 MYSTERY TRAIN  
 NIGHT TRAIN  
 ONLY YOU  
 PEGGY SUE  
 RAVE ON  
 RED HOT  
 RIP IT UP  
 RUMBLE

SEARCHIN'  
 SHOUT  
 SIXTEEN TONS  
 SPEEDO  
 SUZIE Q  
 TAKE FIVE  
 TEQUILA  
 TUTTI FRUTTI  
 YAKETY YAK  
 YOU SEND ME

## Mango Cheesecake

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 tbs gelatine powder
- 125 g plain biscuits
- 75g butter, melted
- 500 g cream cheese softened
- 2/3 cup caster sugar
- 500 g mango diced
- 300 ml thickened cream
- 1 mango sliced \*to serve



### Method

Grease a 22cm-round (base) springform cake pan. Line side with baking paper, extending paper 1cm above edge of pan.

Place water in a small heatproof jug. Sprinkle over gelatine. Microwave on HIGH (100%) for 20 to 30 seconds or until gelatine is dissolved, stirring halfway through cooking. Set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, process biscuits until fine crumbs. Add butter. Process until combined. Press biscuit mixture over base of prepared pan. Refrigerate while preparing filling.

Wipe processor clean. Process cream cheese, sugar and half the diced mango until smooth and combined. Add cream. Process for 30 seconds or until combined. With motor running, gradually add cooled gelatine mixture, processing until combined. Transfer to a bowl. Fold in remaining diced mango. Pour over prepared base in pan. Refrigerate overnight or until set.

Serve chilled cheesecake topped with sliced mango.

(Recipe from Australia's best recipes)



**Hon Mia DAVIES MLA**  
Member for Central Wheatbelt

## MEDIA RELEASE

### PREMIER DUCKS QUESTIONS ON POWER & TELECOMMUNICATIONS 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Member for Central Wheatbelt Hon Mia Davies MLA has accused the Labor Government of continuing to pass the buck on failures to essential services in the Wheatbelt in the wake of the massive January storms that swept through the region.

In Parliament this week Ms Davies asked the Premier if the Minister for Emergency Services had briefed him on the unacceptable risk to lives and communities as a result of the telecommunications failures and lack of access to triple zero that occurred during the prolonged outage.

She also pressed the Premier on when more standalone power systems would be deployed to the Wheatbelt to prevent ongoing outages across the region.

"The Premier's response was wholly unsatisfactory, saying there would be yet another review and more conversation with telecommunications companies," Ms Davies said.

"He also made sweeping statements about the Government's program of delivering standalone systems across the State, ignoring the question of when more would be delivered to the Wheatbelt.

"There are communities that have been advocating for alternative power solutions in the electorate who have met brick wall after brick wall and it's simply not good enough."

The Premier refused to acknowledge if action to remedy the power and telecommunications issue had ground to a halt under the State and Federal Labor Governments.

"When asked to confirm that improving the resilience of regional telecommunications networks should be a priority but that nothing had changed under this state or federal Labor Government despite recommendations from multiple bushfire reviews, including the recent Corrigin-Wickepin bushfires, he avoided the question," Ms Davies said.

"His undertaking was merely to continue working with the Commonwealth to ensure that we have a much more resilient telecommunications system in the context of bushfire or power outage events."

Ms Davies said she would be holding the Premier to his word and asking for regular updates on progress to deploy improved power solutions for the region, along with greater resilience across the telecommunications network.

"People living in regional WA deserve a Government that cares about basic and essential infrastructure and services," she said.

"With a massive budget surplus it's not too much to expect reliable power, water and mobile communications."

**For media enquiries please contact Mia Davies on 9041 1702 (Merredin office), 9622 2871 (Northam office) or email [mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au).**

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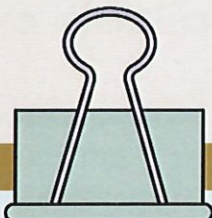


Wickepin

Community Resource Centre

*Your local connection*

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
- ☐ Other (please list below)

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

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

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

# TECHNOLOGY TUTORIALS

**One-on-One Lessons with Lynda**

**\$10 per 30min session**

**Available every Thursday**



Is there something specific you would like to learn about your phone, tablet or computer?

Do you need help navigating the increasingly digital world around you?

Are you tired of your children rolling their eyes at you when you ask for their help with your device?

Then why not book a 1-on-1 Lesson with Lynda at the CRC?

**Bookings are essential.**  
**Call us on 9888 1500 today.**



# WELCOME

## TO WICKEPIN

**If you're new to Wicky,  
what information do you  
think would be useful?  
Pop into the CRC to let  
us know, and register to  
receive a Welcome Pack  
when they're complete!**

We're creating a Welcome Pack for newcomers to town, and we'd love your suggestions for what should be included. Let us know your favourite regular activities, your recommended places to eat, must-see attractions around the district, and anything else you think deserves a mention.



# *KIDS CORNER*



**Colour Me**

# Happy Birthday

**Bunny and Lily  
Marsh**

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**Lara Bayley**

**24.02.2016**



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**22.02.2013**





## Wickepin Playgroup News

February 2024

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### FRIDAY IS THE NEW PLAYGROUP DAY

Welcome to a new playgroup year. We look forward to a fun filled year ahead for the group. Wickepin playgroup is changing from Thursday to Friday as of the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 9am to 11am. All Mums, Dads, babies, kids and expectant Mums are most welcome!

### 2024 MEMBERSHIPS OPEN NOW

We are calling for memberships for the group so if you would like to join please email us or come along one week to complete the membership information. Memberships will be \$60 per family and \$40 for concession holders.

### WICKEPIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE 2023

The first year for the playgroup hosting the Wickepin Community Christmas Tree was an excellent event and supported well. With over forty kids coming to meet with Santa who was kindly transported by our local police to the oval spreading joy and lollies to all. The face painting was a great hit with the young and old.



A big thank you to our event supporters being the Shire of Wickepin, Wickepin Newsagency, Williams Family Contracting, Wickepin CRC, Ewen Rural Supplies and Honourable Mia Davies. Thank you to our event planners Jo & Alyce and all our helpers and we look forward to planning this year's event.



### New Members FREE PASS

New members are encouraged to attend for three FREE sessions to see what our group is all about.

Come and join us for a chat and a play!

Where: Playgroup Building on Campbell St



President - Maree Dougall

Secretary - Jo Priest

Treasurer - Ashleigh Williams

[wickepinplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:wickepinplaygroup@gmail.com)

## Wickepin Subcentre Update

### **New Ambulances Arrive for WK, HSM & YEA**

Over the last few months we have updated our three ambulances. This has also meant updating some of the equipment within the ambulances which allows our volunteer officers to provide such excellent care locally. The total cost of changing over and updating each van has been around \$15,000 each. Our fundraising, memberships and generous donations we receive are very important in keeping our equipment up to date and this vital service available for our community.

We will be showcasing the new Wickepin ambulance at Wickepin Ignite Festival on the 24<sup>th</sup> of Feb so pop by and have a look and chat to the team.

### **Volunteer Ambulance Officer Training Kicks off for 2024.**

The training sessions for our volunteer ambulance officers began on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb with a skills session from Community Paramedic Ronan on the Stryker stretcher.

The team meet each 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (excluding seeding & harvest) for trainings and upskilling on specific topics. At the moment we are lucky to have some new faces joining the team and if anyone is at all interested in a role with the group please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.



### **Upcoming First Aid Training**

#### **- TINY TOTS First Aid**

Protect your toddler or infant with this concise short course that teaches you the skills to perform CPR and how to manage bleeding, burns and a range of other childhood related illnesses and injuries.

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- 9am – 12:30pm
- \$75pp – Booking Via : <https://stjohnwa.com.au/first-aid-training/first-aid-courses/details//2273-1/tiny-tots-first-aid>  
Selecting Wickepin Sub Centre as the location.

#### **- FIRST AID COURSE – Expression of Interest – 19<sup>th</sup> March TBC**

We are seeking people who would be interested in completing this one day course locally in Wickepin to get in contact please via email: [Wickepin.Subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:Wickepin.Subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au)  
It requires a minimum number of attendees to proceed. \$170pp

This course would benefit all those at work, home or for leisure. The course provides an excellent general grounding in first aid and will enable you to perform appropriate first aid procedures and basic life support skills. This unit satisfies training requirements across a range of community and workplace settings.

**Please Note Our New Email Address - [Wickepin.Subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:Wickepin.Subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au)**



# REDCARD



**wheatbelt**  
natural resource  
management



**Calling for Wickepin Local Area Coordinators! - for the upcoming Season of the Red Card Fox Shoot**

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes is a coordinated community predator management activity.

The idea is to make a greater impact through coordinating teams to conduct baiting and shooting activities at the same time across the landscape.

Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes is being sponsored by the Sporting Shooter's Association of Australia (Western Australia).

The Regional Men's Health Initiative is a Statewide program which works toward raising awareness of men's health in regional communities.

**Registration  
Autumn Dates  
8-10th March  
12-14th April**

Who are our sponsors and recipients?  
Sporting Shooter Association of Australia  
(WA)

sponsor

Regional Men's Health Initiative  
by donating

\$5 per fox & cat culled to a capped amount of  
\$20,000.



**SSAAWA**  
Sporting Shooters Association of Western Australia



REGIONAL  
MEN'S HEALTH  
INITIATIVE



### CONTACT US

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- 08 9670 3118
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 <https://www.redcard.org.au/>

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**20  
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## Priscilla Pop-Up: Wickepin

### Meet the Carers WA team in Wickepin

Are you an unpaid family or friend carer who would like to learn more about Carers WA and Carer Gateway?

Join the Carers WA team and our community engagement van, Priscilla, to find out more about Carers WA services and supports and how we can help you in your caring role.



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

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

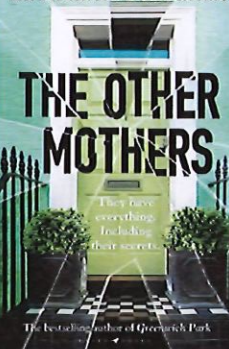
If you have any questions, please contact the Community Capacity Development team on **1300 CARERS (1300 227 377)** or email **ccdteam@carerswa.asn.au**.

[www.carerswa.asn.au](http://www.carerswa.asn.au)

New  
books!

# WICKEPIN LIBRARY

KATHERINE FAULKNER



## ADULT FICTION: The Other Mothers - Katherine Faulkner

Ex-journalist Tash has been searching for a story to launch her freelance career. But she has also been looking for something else: new friends to help her navigate motherhood.

She sees them at her son's new playgroup. The other mothers. The sleek, the sophisticated, the successful mothers...the women she wants to be.

And then one day they welcome her into their circle and Tash discovers the kind of life she has always dreamt of; their elegant London townhouses, brunches and spa dates a far cry from her cramped basement flat and endless bills.

These families seem to have everything. But they also have their secrets. And it's soon clear that not everyone at the playgroup can be trusted.

## ADULT FICTION: Argylle - Elly Conway

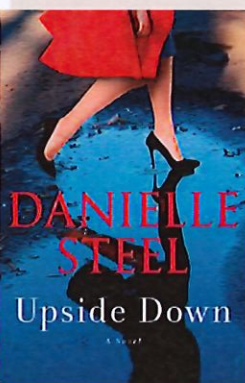
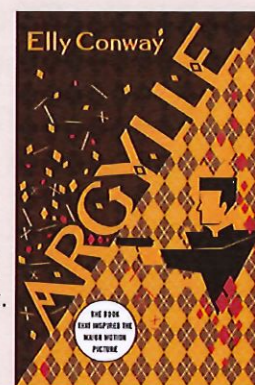
A luxury train speeding towards Moscow and a date with destiny.

A CIA planed downed in the jungles of the Golden Triangle.

A Nazi hoard entombed in the remote mountains for South-West Poland

A missing treasure, the eighth wonder of the world, lost for seven decades.

On Russian magnate's dream of restoring a nation to greatness has set in motion a chain of events which will take the world to the brink of chaos. Only France Coffeey, the CIA's most legendary spymaster, can prevent it. But to do so, she needs someone special. Enter Argylle, a troubled agent with a tarnished past who may just have the skills to take on one of the most powerful men in the world. If only he can save himself first....



## ADULT FICTION: Upside Down - Danielle Steel

Radiant at 62, Oscar-winning actress Ardith Law is a Hollywood icon. But her 38 year old daughter Morgan, a successful plastic surgeon, still blames Ardith for putting her career before being a mother.

Ardith became a widow when Morgan was 7. In recent years, she has found companionship with actor Bill West. While Bill is away in London, Ardith hires a personal assistant, Josh Gray, who's rough around-the-edges-persona is the opposite of what she is used to. An unexpected tragedy brings them closer and stirs up feelings in Ardith for the younger man.

In New York, Morgan has fallen for TV anchorman Ben Ryan. Despite being two decades her senior, Ben is handsome, charismatic, and just as smitten as Morgan. When a blackmail scheme puts his career - and their relationship - on the line, Morgan turns to her mother. As each woman navigates an unconventional romance, they cautiously approach each other on new terms and try to put aside their past for a new future.

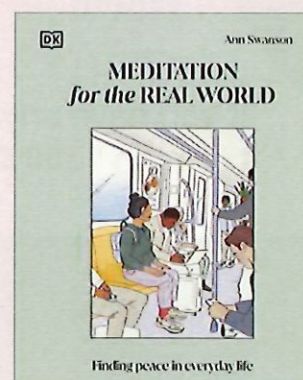
## ADULT NON FICTION: Meditation for the Real World - Ann Swanson

Feeling impatient? Going through a challenging time? Worried about work? Meditation offers simple, fast and effective relief to support you both mentally and physically in your day-to-day life.

No matter how busy you are, there are myriad ways to take a break and breathe, find focus, and calm your busy mind.

With meditations to help you sleep, exercises for sparking creativity, mindful movements before a flight, or visualisations to ease pain from PMS or arthritis, discover which methods work best for you, and find new ways to answer your specific needs.

Backed by science, this is a user-friendly guide on how to rewire your brain and fit what could be the most important skill you ever learn into your daily routine.



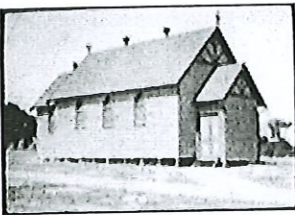
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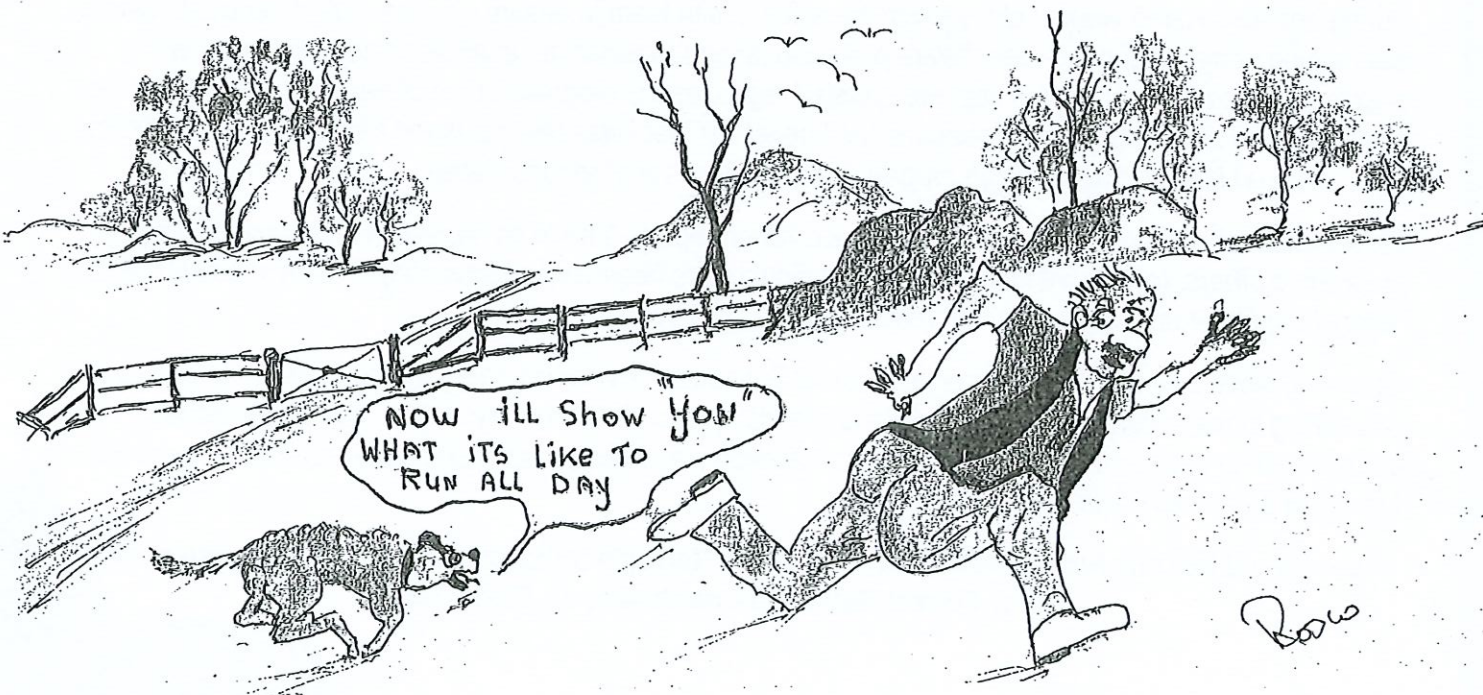


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After sustaining a fall and a fractured ankle Karen was transferred to the Narrogin Health Service Inpatient Subacute Service from a Perth tertiary hospital for ongoing rehab. *"This service allows patients to receive the care they need close to home without the extended stay in Metro sites"* reports Subacute Coordinator Stacy Forrest.

During her stay, Karen worked closely with the allied health team to ensure she meet all of her goals before discharging home stating the team *"Were professional and included me in all decisions relating to my ongoing treatment. They always kept me updated regarding my progress"*. One of her highlights during the stay was the daily Physiotherapy sessions *"as I never felt that I was being pushed too hard, but at the same time, I noticed how well my strength progressed at each session"* reports Karen.

On reflection of her time in the Subacute Service Karen reports *"I have no hesitation in recommending this program to others. In fact, without it, I feel that I would have been very disadvantaged in my recovery"* and *"everything about my experience with the service was positive."*

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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

Local Vocals with Mazz – 6pm in Narrogin

## Friday:

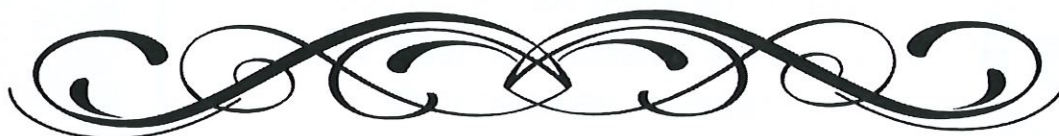
Wickepin Playgroup 9.00am – 11am during school term. Ages 0-5

## Saturdays:

Banksia Bowmen Archery~ Wickepin Community Centre @ 9am  
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## Sundays:

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





# 2023 Trials Review & Pre-Seeding Catch-Up

## 7th March 2024

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Full details released soon!

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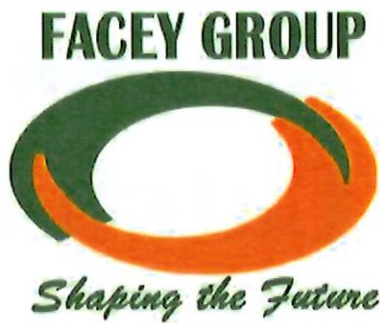
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Presentation by Hayley Norman - CSIRO, who will provide insights on how to turn low profitable landscapes into high performing drought-resilient livestock systems.

### 10:00am CONFINEMENT FEEDING & DEFERRED GRAZING - WILLIAMS

Facey Group's Kaitlyn & host farmer Sandra will run through Sandra's confinement feeding system & how they utilise it for their sheep enterprise.

### 11:30am MAKING GOOD FINANCIAL DECISIONS IN A DRYING CLIMATE - WILLIAMS WOOLSHED

While enjoying your lunch, gain insight on how to financially manage your farming business through extended dry seasons.

### 1:30pm WATER SMART DAMS - DARKAN

Join Icon Agriculture & visit their Water Smart Dams project which is looking at harvesting subsurface water using V Drains.

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Member for Central Wheatbelt

## ELECTORATE NEWSLETTER



### From Mia's desk

Welcome to the first edition of my newsletter for 2024! We're only a couple of months into the new year and already so much has happened in the electorate. First, thank you to all the first responders and volunteers that helped out in the aftermath of the storms that washed through in January. Also, a big shout-out to the teams on the ground for Western Power, Water Corporation and others who were tasked with the recovery and repair. It's unacceptable that our power, water and telecommunications infrastructure is so vulnerable – leaving some Wheatbelt communities without any services for over a week in sweltering temperatures. When Parliament resumes mid-February, you can be assured there will be questions for the Government to answer!

### In This Edition

Power and Telecommunications

Australia Day Awards

Rail safety

Electorate changes

## Australia Day

It was a pleasure to join the community of York for their Australia Day and citizenship ceremony, celebrating the volunteers and community members who contribute to our towns and region. Congratulations to all that were recognised in their local awards!



Photo: York Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services received the Active Citizenship Group / Event award for their continued efforts to keep the community safe.

## Rail safety fight continues

Another year rolls on and the fight continues to improve safety for road and rail users. The Improve Train Lighting and Level Crossing Safety Lobby Group continues to advocate for the national standards governing lighting for trains to be strengthened. The current standards are minimalist, voluntary and completely inadequate. I stand with Lara Jenson and the families who continue to fight – the State and Federal Labor Government need to do the same.



## Electorate boundary changes

As we head toward the next State election I can confirm that the Shires of Toodyay, Wongan-Ballidu, Dowerin, Goomalling and Victoria Plains will become part of the electorate of Central Wheatbelt after March 2025. The Shires of Kulin, Cuballing, Wickepin and Kondinin will move into the electorate of Roe. Our team of Nationals MPs will work to make sure the transition is seamless – our office doors are always open, no matter where you live!

Find it here!

You can find the link for Western Power's Extended Outage claim here: <https://bit.ly/4bsPtpX>



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17 January 2023

### With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

#### How to save over \$1,000 on your fuel bill

We know every dollar counts to Western Australian families right now. I want to share the news that savvy motorists could save more than \$1,200 a year by using the FuelWatch website to shop around before they fill-up.

Independent retailers dominated the top cheapest outlets across WA in 2023. Selling the cheapest fuel in the South West region was Liberty Dalyellup, with an average ULP price of 177.3 cents per litre (cpl). In the Peel region it was Liberty Pinjarra with the cheapest at 172.4 cpl and in the Wheatbelt Burk Williams came in cheapest at 179.8 cpl average.

For those who travel to Perth, FuelWatch data has also revealed independent retailers Vibe, Atlas Fuel, FastFuel 24/7 and Liberty outlets occupied all spots in the top ten of cheapest non-membership outlets across the Perth metropolitan area.

Costco outlets at Perth Airport and Casuarina topped the cheapest list overall, but an annual membership is required to access these sites.

The overall average ULP price in WA last year was 187.4 cpl and for diesel we saw an average of 203.3 cpl. When it comes to diesel, we found country areas often pay less than Perth motorists due to competition. But it's always worth shopping around by using the FuelWatch service.

Long gone are the days of not knowing if the cheap fuel you saw on the way to work will be the same price on the way home. The '24-Hour-Rule', established over 20 years ago, means retailers must tell Consumer Protection by 2pm each day what their fuel price will be for the following day. They must keep that price unchanged for 24 hours from 6am the following day making FuelWatch the only service in Australia that gives you the opportunity to access tomorrow's fuel prices today.

When FuelWatch was introduced in 2001, it also required WA regional fuel retailers to display their prices on visible price boards. This is another way FuelWatch continues to help WA motorists by making sure there are no surprises when they get to the bowser.

We are currently in a weekly petrol price cycle, with Tuesday being the cheapest day to fill up but there are always bargains to be found. It's worth noting, diesel does not follow a price cycle.

It takes less than 30 seconds to check out the FuelWatch website at [www.fuelwatch.wa.gov.au](http://www.fuelwatch.wa.gov.au) to find the best deal near you, it's also worth considering signing up for personalised alerts or you can access FuelWatch through the State Government's ServiceWA app.



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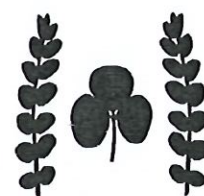
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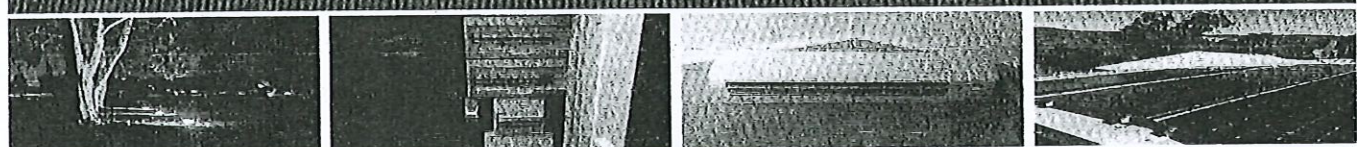
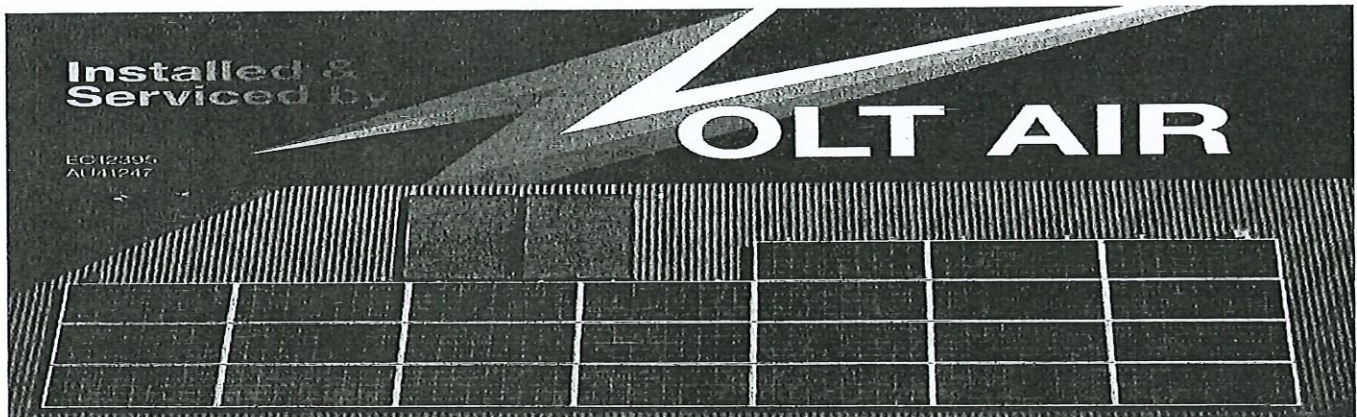
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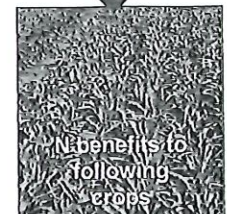
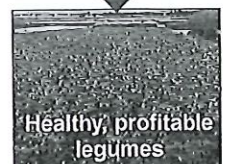
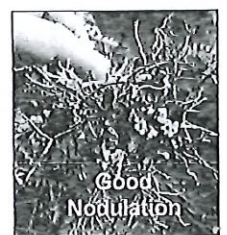
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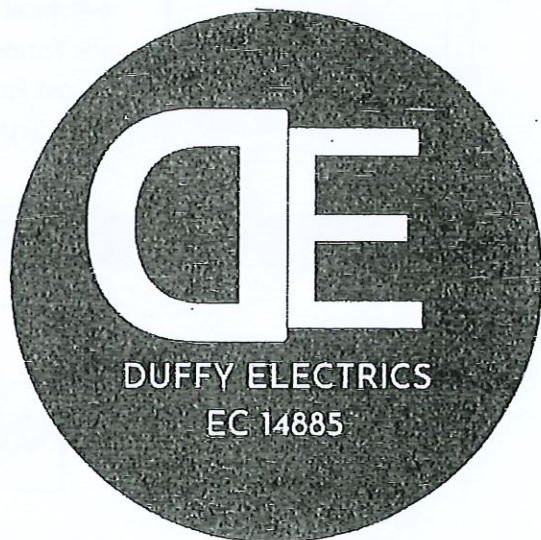
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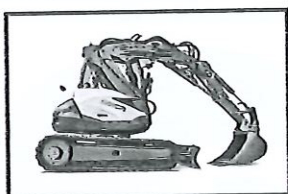
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## WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

Thank you to our bowlers & markers who have been rocking up early to take advantage of the cool mornings - it has been HOT and it's not always easy making changes to suit everyone, but it is appreciated. There are rules that apply when the temperature reaches 38 degrees and knowing the extreme heat warnings in advance provides the opportunity for discussion around changing fixtured start times and/or dates instead of abandoning matches.

Congratulations on a great men's Saturday Pennant win for round-14, 5 to 1 against Brookton Green. Unfortunately, the fixture for round-15 against Pingelly Blue on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb was abandoned due to extreme weather, and good luck for round-16 in Narrogin against Narrogin Gold on 24.02.24.

Men's Championship Fours commenced on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and will continue this weekend – date and time to be confirmed.

Our Ladies club singles commenced on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> however depending on the weather forecast, the continuation date for this may need to change to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – date also to be confirmed.

Tuesday Pennants in Williams on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb was played against Pingelly and resulted in a 3-1 win for Wickepin – good luck and good bowls Ladies for the next pennant on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb against Williams in Pingelly.

Brookton held a successful 3-day Ladies Interleague Round Robin. Well done on your winning game Marj, Judy, Robyn, Maureen, and Leanne together with teammates from the Upper Great Southern. Thank you to Beryl Elphick, Karen Jamieson, and Julie Allinson for their work on the kitchen roster and to our wonderful team manager Claire Bayley, and reserve Beryl Holm for their fabulous support and encouragement.



Ladies League Championship Pairs have been rescheduled from 20<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, in Williams – good bowling to Marj White, Judy Lang, Robyn Mullan and Leanne Smith.

A reminder to please be at the Bowling Club at 10.30am on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb for the Busy Bee in preparation for our Wickepin Gala Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



# The Wicky Weekly

Volume XC Number 2

19 February 2024

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Four - Term One. With the school holidays now a distant memory, our students are hard at work improving their swimming skills up at the Wickepin Aquatic Centre. A big thank you to the Shire of Wickepin for kindly providing us with the use of the venue for swimming lessons, at no cost to our school.

Next week, we return to our normal program. This year, students across Wickepin Primary School will be undertaking English lessons (Reading - Writing - Speaking & Listening) from the commencement of the day until recess. This is to ensure our students are at their brightest when tackling this important subject area. Our spelling instruction will be streamed, with students from across the school undertaking lessons appropriate to their developmental level, from 8.55am - 9.15am each day. We have reviewed our hand writing program and are introducing a more simple script. Lastly, we have introduced a whole-school writing program, Seven Steps. We have done this to improve the quality of our student's writing and reduce their cognitive load when moving from grade to grade. Before the 2024 school year commenced, our entire teaching team undertook a whole day of Seven Steps professional development with other primary schools in the Narrogin Schools Network. We are well equipped with the knowledge to move forward with this exciting new program.

### 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](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

#### February

- 12 - 23 Swimming Lessons PP - 6
- 22 Hockey Clinic Incursion
- 27 Leadership Conference, Year 6's in Williams
- 28 Tennis Schools Classic
- 29 Assembly - Student Councillors

#### 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.

## MINING ON PINJARRA/WILLIAMS ROAD

I live in Quindanning and am a member of a group called LEAP which stands for Locals for Environmental Action and Protection, and am very concerned about the mining of the Quindanning Timber Reserve (QTR) which is the home of the endangered Quindanning Spider Orchid. (*Caladenia Hopperiana*). It is also the eastern edge of the Northern Jarrah Forrest. The Jarrah Tree is endemic to south west, Western Australia, it becomes wandoo country as you travel further east. It is also home to The Forest Red Tailed Black Cockatoo, Chuditch, Red Tailed Phascogale all classed as vulnerable. Brush Tailed Phascogale classed as conservation dependent. Baudin's Black Cockatoo, Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, Numbat, Woylies all classed as endangered. South West Barking Owl, South West Masked Owl classed as priority three. Quenda, Tamar Wallaby, Western Brush Wallaby, Western False Pipistrelle, Water Rat classed as priority four.

As the Pinjarra/Williams road is a very busy through way for people travelling from south and south east of Williams through to Mandurah, Kwinana, Rockingham and Fremantle, I wish to make you aware that although South 32 have permission to mine some of the QTR, they are seeking permission from the government to extend their mining footprint. The expansion will cross Albany Highway and continue up to Brookton. At this time they are in the middle of constructing an overpass for their haul trucks and mining equipment to reach the tree QTR on the eastern side of the Pinjarra/Williams Road. The clearing you can see now is for the overpass and haul roads.

When they start mining the visual pollution and destruction will be much worse.

South 32 also wish to increase their water allowance from 500 mega litres (500,000,000 litres) to 900 mega litres (900,000,000 litres) a year, to primarily spray on roads for dust suppression. To fulfill this they wish to put more bores down in the QTR. As climate change is such a high item in all our minds and we cannot survive without water this scares me enormously.

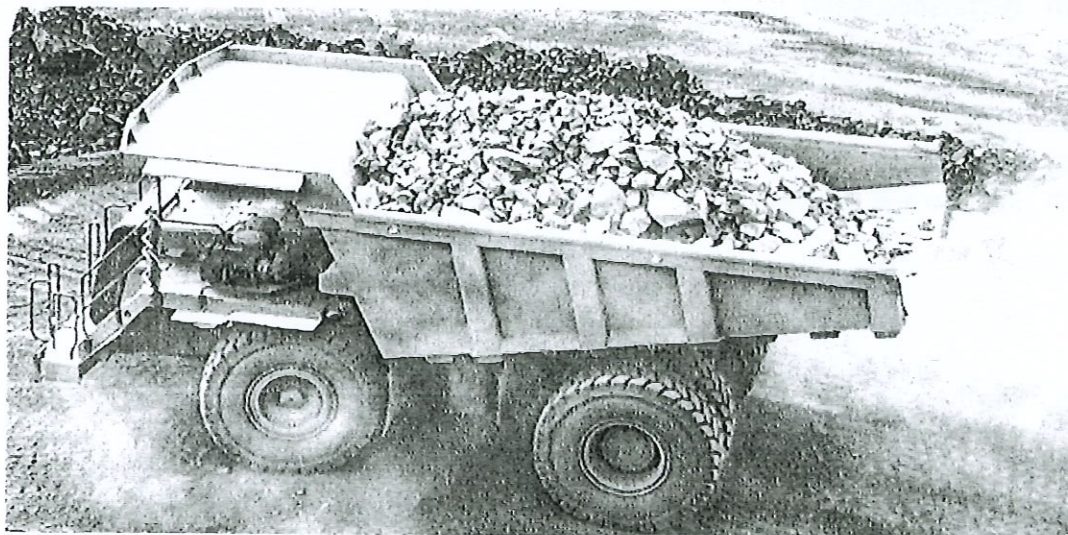
In the Worsley Mine Expansion (Revised Proposal environmental review document, June 2022, they measure visual pollution by how long it takes to pass an area of concern. If it takes five seconds to pass a visual pollution site then they class that as very low impact because it is in our sight for such a short time. Apparently they feel we won't remember the impact as it is so quick. Goldfish swimming in a bowl pops into my mind.

This mining company is causing distress and despair to our community. They do not have social license to destroy the forrest.

If you have worries about the ongoing destruction of our native bushland, please visit our Face Book:- LEAP, and if you would like to be included on our email list our address is [leap4locals@outlook.com](mailto:leap4locals@outlook.com)

You will be able to receive information on politicians email addresses to voice your concerns which we urge you to do and also other information relevant to South 32's future mining footprint. Please look out for the painted silos on the right hand side of the road heading north on the Pinjarra/Williams Road just past the Quindanning Cemetry.

(Name & address supplied)



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2024

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 Carers WA Priscilla Pop-up : Wickepin 9-11am  
Thurs 29th Wickepin Primary School Assembly Students and councillors

## MARCH 2024

Mon 4th Public Holiday  
Mon 4th Recycle and Bin Day  
Tue 5th Swimming Pool Closed  
**Tues 5th Watershed News**  
Thurs 7th Facey Group 2023 Trials Review & Pre-seeding Catch-up  
Fri 8th Wickepin Primary School Swimming Carnival  
Tues 12th Facey Group South Wheatbelt Drought tour  
**Mon 18th Watershed News**  
Mon 18th Recycle and Bin Day  
Tues 19th Swimming Pool closed  
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 @5.30pm. All Guests Welcome  
Mon 15th School Term 2 Starts  
**Mon 15th Watershed News**  
Mon 15th Recycle and Bin Day  
Tues 16th DrumMUSTER  
Thurs 25th ANZAC Day  
**Mon 29th Watershed News**  
Mon 29th Recycle and Bin Day

## MAY 2024

Sun 12th Mothers Day  
**Mon 13th Watershed News**  
Mon 13th Recycle and Bin Day



The hidden sentence is: I'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS WORLD ALIVE