

WATERSHED NEWS

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Next edition of Watershed News

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Community Notes



Happy birthday wishes to Shirley Elson, Callan Sims, Damien Riley, Jordan McColl, Brigette Bayley, David Graf, Derek Taylor, Katherine Thompson.

Please Note: All advertisements need to be sent to the Watershed News email address, watershed@wn.com.au, as we are separate identity to the Wickepin CRC.

The Banksia Bowmen are spreading their wings on Saturday 6th April to shoot at Popanyinning Oval. "COME AND TRY" at 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Welcome for all people interested.

Save the Date

WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB INC.

AGM and windup dinner and presentation evening.
Sunday 21st April, 2024 – 4.00pm

Classifieds

FOR SALE: 2 x 10ft x 10ft Oz Trail Canvas Tents with Awning (old Style), good condition.
Coolaroo Shade (green)
Ezy-Lift Caravan Leveling Kit
Portable Fox Satellite Dish
Phone Allan 0417 984 226 All offers considered.

FOR SALE: New, Otter Box Defender Rugged Protection Cover suits iPhone 11 Pro \$50.00
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FOR SALE: Young beautiful budgies – all colours
\$20 each or 2 for \$30
Please ring Jan – 0474 957 327

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Email your ads to watershed@wn.com.au, drop them at the Community Resource Centre or fax to 9888 1588



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



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

Choir with The Green Shoots - 6pm in Narrogin

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

Wickepin Sports Club open from 5pm Happy Hour 6-7pm

Thursdays:

Fit Pursuit 5.45am-6.35am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Friday:

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

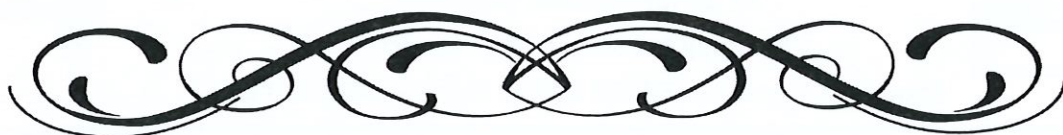
Wickepin Sports Club open from 5pm Happy Hour 6-7pm

Saturdays:

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

Sundays:

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



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Get up and get moving with this school holidays activities

Slam dunk into your holidays with some fun activities while listening to some cranking tunes . Come burn some of that extra energy while hanging with some friends . Shoot some hoops , play some games, learn some skills .

Date : Tuesday 2nd April

Time : 10.00 to 11.30

Place : Meet at new basketball playground on Wogolin road (main street)

Who : All ages

LINE DANCE CLASS

Thursday April 11

1:30PM - 15:00

Wickepin Town Hall



Activities cost \$ 5.00 (includes refreshments)

RSVP Essential to Wickepin CRC 9888 1500



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Your local connection

WICKEPIN 2025 CALENDAR

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This year's theme:

R U S T



HOW TO ENTER:

Photo's can be submitted to Wickepin CRC on a USB, or emailed to admin@wickepinrc.com.au by Friday 13th September 2024

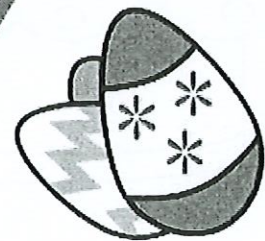
- ~ You may enter up to 4 photographs
- ~ Photo's must be in landscape orientation and of sufficient resolution (1mg or larger)
- ~ Photo's must contain the theme element of **RUST**
- ~ Preferably, photo's should be taken in and around the greater Wickepin district
- ~ The 12 photos with the most votes will be used in the calendar, and winners will receive a free copy

KIDS CORNER

Easter Word Search



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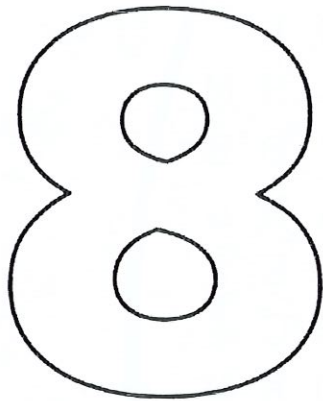
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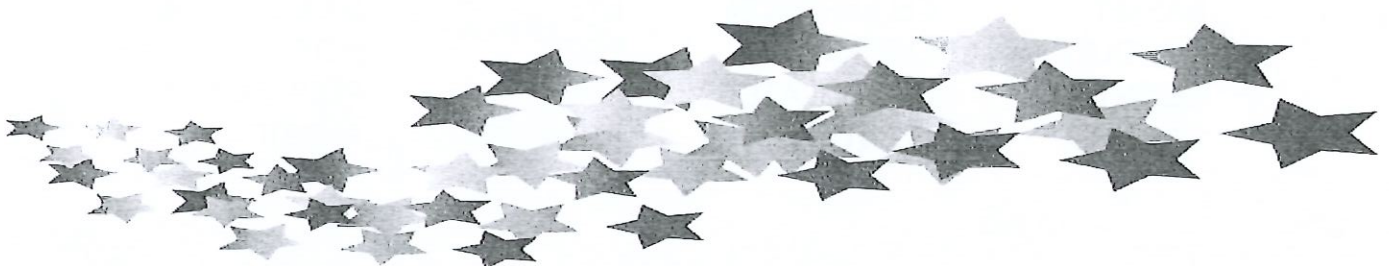
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26 March 2016

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26 March 2022



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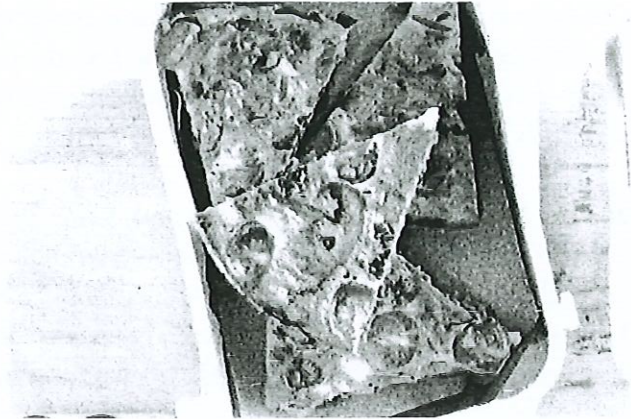
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Bacon, spinach and tomato frittata

- **9 Ingredients**

- 20g butter
- 1 brown onion sliced
- 3 bacon rashers, chopped
- 200g cup mushrooms, sliced
- 80g baby spinach
- ¼ cup chopped basil
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved
- 8 eggs
- ½ cup finely grated parmesan



- **Method**

Preheat grill on high.

Melt butter in a 20cm (base) heavy-based flameproof frying pan over medium heat.

Cook sliced brown onion and chopped shortcut bacon rashers for 5 minutes or until browned.

Add sliced cup mushrooms. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until soft.

Add baby spinach, chopped basil and halved cherry tomatoes. Reduce heat to low.

Whisk 8 eggs and finely grated parmesan together. Season. Pour over vegetable mixture in pan.

Lift and tilt pan to spread egg mixture evenly. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until frittata is almost set.

Place pan under grill. Grill for 5 minutes or until just set and light golden. Stand for 2 minutes before sliding onto a plate. Cut into wedges. Cool.

Refrigerate for up to 2 days. (Supplied by Taste.com.au)

A list of common foods that don't complement each other

According to btMag

Did you know that an apple a day may actually bring the doctor to your doorstep if eaten right after a meal? A list of common foods that don't complement each other.

Cereal and orange juice

The acids in orange juice destroy the enzyme that helps digest starches present in cereal. Also, acidic fruits or juices can curdle milk, turning it into a heavy mucus-like substance.

Melons and milk

Ayurveda states that while milk acts as a laxative, melons have diuretic properties - resulting in a clash of functions. Moreover, the stomach acids required to digest the melon make the milk curdle, causing gastric issues.

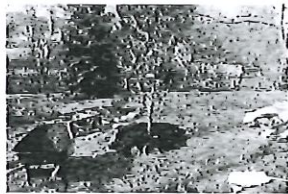
Fruits after meals

As fruits contain simple sugars that require no digestion, they do not stay long in the stomach - unlike other foods that are rich in fat, protein and starch. However, if you eat fruits after meals, the sugar therein is likely to sit in the stomach and ferment rather than get digested instantly.

Beans and cheese

Now, this is something you should keep in mind before entering a Mexican restaurant. When dairy cheese and beans are eaten with a hearty serving of guacamole and hot sauce, it is almost guaranteed to cause gas and bloating. Potent!

Garden Snippets...



...Autumn Transplanting

If you've been hankering to move a plant, now is one of the best times of the year to do it. Air temperatures have dropped so plants will be less stressed, but soils are still warm, which will help the roots to re-develop after the move. To achieve the best results, a bit of forethought, planning and preparation is the way to success.

Prepare the Plant: Two weeks beforehand, water the plant with a seaweed solution. Water again a week before, and then again the day before the move. This will prepare the plant to cope with the imminent stress and already have it in root development mode. Watering the day before ensures the plant is fully turgid at transplant time. Transplant death is usually due to a loss of root mass and the resulting dehydration of the plant, so these steps will work on both aspects.

Digging: Determine where the plant is going to go, and dig the new hole first. This minimises the length of time the plant is out of the ground, when the root ball is vulnerable to drying out. If the soil is dry, then fill the hole with water and let it drain through.

Next, dig the plant out by working your way around the plant, maintaining as large a root ball as possible. Don't be tempted to half dig and then yank the plant out, as this will tear the roots and greatly disturb the root ball.

Once out, check the outside of the root ball, and trim back any roots that have jagged edges, leaving sharp clean cuts which will heal faster. Wrap the root ball in hessian to hold it together and minimise drying out whilst it is in transit. Handle the plant by the root ball instead of the trunk to prevent damage to the trunk.

Planting: Check the new hole is the correct depth and width. The plant should sit at the same soil level as before, and there should be at least 10cm space between the root ball and the sides of the hole to allow the new roots to grow into softer soil. Gently place the plant in the hole, remove the hessian, and stand back and look at it from several angles to make sure you are happy with it's new positioning before backfilling with soil. Water in well, again with seaweed solution, so that the soil properly settles all around the root ball, adding more soil if needed.

Look for the Wobbles – If the plant is unstable in it's new position, then insert some stakes for several months until anchor roots develop.

Pruning: Even with the best of care, the plant will still be left with a reduced amount of roots. Pruning some foliage will reduce water loss and help restore the balance of roots to leaves. How much you cut back depends on the plant type and root-ball size, but generally aim to prune about 20-30 percent.

Aftercare: Plants will need weekly watering for the first month to get them properly established. Don't fertilise until they produce some new growth under their own steam.



SAVE THE DATE!

WICKEPIN CRC'S ANNUAL
MOTHER'S DAY
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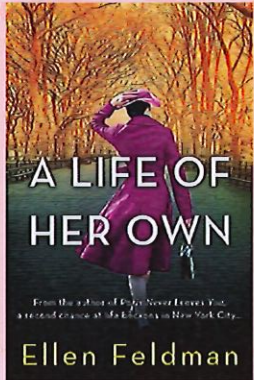
11TH MAY 2024 | 10AM - 2PM
WICKEPIN TOWN HALL

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ADULT FICTION: A Life of Her Own - Ellen Feldman



New York City, 1945. The war is over, the men are coming home and life can go back to normal for young Fanny Fabricant. But when she loses her rosy future in a single instant, she is forced to reinvent her life and raise her daughter alone by sheer will and courage.

Brought up to be a 'nice girl', to never step out of bounds, and educated for a career as a wife and mother, Fanny quickly learns that the real world isn't so straightforward.

When Fanny gets a job working for the queen of radio dramas, she finally has a sense of control over her destiny - until two very different men enter her life, giving Fanny an impossible choice. Will she play it safe, or do what she knows is right?

ADULT FICTION: Lone Wolf - Gregg Hurwitz

Once an assassin known as Orphan X, Evan Smoak left the program, went underground, and reinvented himself as someone who will risk everything to help the truly desperate who have nowhere else to turn. Since then, Evan has fought international crime syndicates, faced down the most powerful men in the world, and even brought down a President. Struggling with a personal crisis, Evan goes back to the very basics of his mission - and this time, the truly desperate is a little girl who wants him to find her missing dog.

This tiny, unlikely job quickly explodes into his biggest mission yet, one that finds him battered between twisted AI technocrat billionaires, a mysterious female assassin who seems a mirror of himself, and personal stakes so gut-wrenching he can scarcely make sense of them.

Evan must find and take down the assassin known only as the Wolf, before she succeeds in completing her mission and killing the people who can identify her - including him. Matched skill for skill, instinct for instinct, Evan must outwit an opponent who will literally stop at nothing if he is to survive.

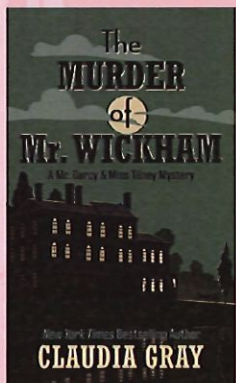


ADULT FICTION LARGE PRINT: The Murder of Mr. Wickham - Claudia Gray

Mr. Darcy & Miss Tilney Mystery #1

The happily married Mr. Knightley and Emma are throwing a house party, bringing together distant relatives and new acquaintances.. Definitely not invited is Mr. Wickham, whose latest financial scheme has netted him an even broader array of enemies. As tempers flare and secrets are revealed, it's clear that everyone would be happier if Mr. Wickham got his comeuppance. Yet they're all shocked when Wickham turns up murdered - except, of course, for the killer hidden in their midst.

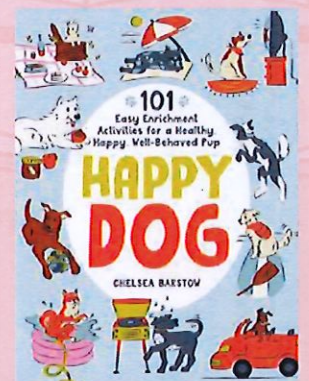
Nearly everyone at the house party is a suspect, so it falls to the party's two youngest guests to solve the mystery: Juliet Tilney, the smart and resourceful daughter of Catherine and Henry; and Jonathan Darcy, the Darcys' eldest son, whose adherence to propriety makes his father seem almost relaxed. The unlikely pair must put aside their own poor first impressions and uncover the guilty party - before an innocent person is sentenced to hang.



NON FICTION: Happy Dog - Chelsea Barstow

We all know the importance of training and exercise, but our best friends deserve fun and challenging play as well! Mental stimulation gives your pup a constructive way to drain their energy and reduce stress (which means fewer chewed shoes and garbage buffets).

Canine enrichment can help reduce stress in your dog as well as give them a constructive way to drain their energy. Learn simple ways to stimulate your dog's mind and keep them occupied whenever they need. From rolling treats in a towel, to playing the *Find It* game, a variety of lick mats, creating obstacles your dog must navigate, going on an adventure walk, and canine puzzles, there are tons of ways to help keep your dog mentally (and physically) happy and healthy.



Yealering-86 Gate Fire Brigade
Annual General Meeting

Thursday the 21st March 2024
5.30pm
at the Yealering Hotel
We hope to see you there!



Birthdays



The Watershed News is updating the birthday lists.

Please send through names and birthdays so you can be included in the birthday wishes.
We would especially like to wish the children a happy birthday for their special day.

email to watershed@wn.com.au , post to PO Box 60, Wickepin, 6370 or leave at the CRC



LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) will be held in the Club Rooms

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024 3PM

Calling on everyone interested in the future of the Bowling Club to attend this meeting. Your support will be appreciated.

Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

WICKEPIN FESTIVAL AND CAR RALLY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Ignite Wicky Team would like to acknowledge and extend a heartfelt thank you to all who generously volunteered their time and supported the Wickepin Festival and Car Rally. With over 100 community members lending a hand, from setting up to manning the entrance, your invaluable contributions made all the difference. We truly couldn't have accomplished it without you!



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Hon Mia DAVIES MLA
Member for Central Wheatbelt



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MARVELLOUS BIRDS

(Submitted by Louie Gamble)

Visitors to Wickepin Caravan Park during late Spring, were treated to the sights and sounds of Nature 'getting on with business,..with pleasure' !

A pair of Willy Wagtails raising three chicks, bravely fending-off 'Maggies' & Kookaburras.

Two (or more) male Masked Woodswallows cooperatively tending a pair of fledglings.

We heard and saw daily, the Purple-Crowned Lorikeets and Regent Parrots ("Smokers"), Wee-bills and Honeyeaters,..most noticeably the small Yellow-plumed, Brown, Singing and White-Cheeked, with their sharp black, gold and white colouring.

Grey Shrike-thrush are quite tame, readily announcing their presence with loud, melodious calls.

I felt privileged, spotting a Sacred Kingfisher, cautiously tending a robust youngster in a wattle tree on Dumbleyung Rd.

So these too, are happily breeding at Wickepin !

Conspicuous year-round, and a constant source of entertainment, is a local family of 12 White-browed Babblers. Chattering and trotting after one another, earnestly tossing mulch and foraging alongside Thornbills, bobbing about in the undergrowth.

Pretty Striated Pardalotes flit and feed high-up in Gum trees. Stubby-tailed, these little gems of the bird-world possibly have nest burrows in the Wogolin Creek.

Many other birds are still present ,... feeding, watering, bathing and socializing.

Each has a 'vocabulary' of different sounds for different occasions eg social chatter versus warnings.

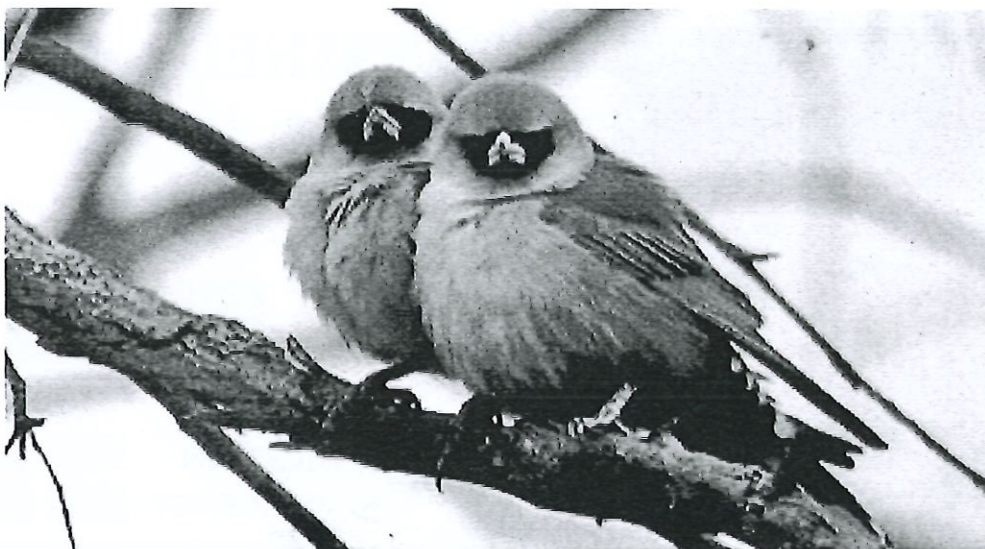
(Wouldn't it be heavenly to recognize all these voices, identifying each and every bird by the minute ?!)

With no Indian Miners, nor masses of feral birds, as in Eastern Australia ,..and those increasingly aggressive Wattlebirds more peacefully occupied, our passerine birds seem to be in a happy balance. With noisy Corellas yet to "flock-up" in town, it has, all in all, been a comfortable breeding season for our finer 'feathered friends' !

Having a birdbath in place, one senses a respectful harmony between birds at watering times(ie early morning and late afternoon), ..the smallest birds always attending first.

Daunted by my lack of knowledge, or a keener interest, it's a fine time to praise those passionate people on never-ending quests for our wildlife; West Australians such as Malcolm French (Eucalypts), Michael Morcombe (Birds) and author-environmental activist, Tim Winton.

•Summer is a fine time to marvel at Tim's 2023 TV documentary "Ningaloo Nyinggulu", available on ABC iview.





FACEY GROUP UPDATE



The annual summary of Facey Group trials was well attended by members and industry representatives on Thursday 7th of March 2024. Facey Group aims to ensure these presentations are farmer-focused and provide information that supports local farming systems.

Edward McGeoch, Associate Analyst from Rabobank, kicked off the presentations with some big-picture views of where the market is in terms of sheep, lamb, wool, and the grain markets. He predicted interest rate cuts for late 2024 but thinks global economic headwinds will likely continue.

Through a series of interesting graphs that showed the domestic and export proportions of Western Australia's various agricultural commodities, he talked us through several factors that will be at play in the short term.



Next on the podium, the Facey Group AgREC Team.

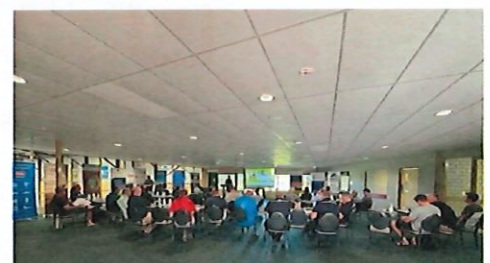


Tina Astbury, Senior Project Coordinator, reviewed two years of complex findings on the Stubble Height project which is GRDC-funded and led by Liebe Group.

Claire Willcocks, Agricultural Research & Extension Coordinator, presented Facey Group's findings on our Soft Wheat Trial. InterGrain and AGT were kind enough to provide pre-release varieties for Facey Group to compare with RockStar.

Kaitlyn Anderson, Agricultural Research & Extension Coordinator, presented the findings from a range of legume trials that Facey Group has conducted recently. These projects have demonstrated that early sowing legumes can create greater yields in the following year's cereal crops, using a high-value legume as part of a double break can have positive effects on your three-year gross margin, and seeding lupin directly after soil amelioration may be a low-risk option.

Following our team's presentation, the attendees heard from Dr. Sarah Rich, Research Scientist at CSIRO who shared findings of the Long Coleoptile and Deep Sowing Project. This demonstrated wheat that has been bred for longer coleoptiles will emerge from sowing depths as great as 120mm and will establish and yield at comparable rates. Deep sowing may suit opportunities where growers want to sow into stored moisture from early rainfall events. Sarah also demonstrated the emergence rates and subsequent yield of various legumes and this site, chickpeas, field peas, lentils, and vetch. Due to the larger seed size, these varieties all emerge from depth very well and are an option if you choose to sow deeper into stored moisture.



Dr. Hayley Norman, Senior Research Scientist at CSIRO, discussed findings from the Future Drought Fund project 'Enhancing Low Production Paddocks for Productive Sheep Systems'. This trial demonstrated the capacity to fill feed gaps in low-productive areas among saltbush plantations. Two sites established a range of clover, sub-clover, medic, serradella, and wheatgrass. Various varieties produced considerable biomass, and the project will track which varieties will re-establish best in 2024.

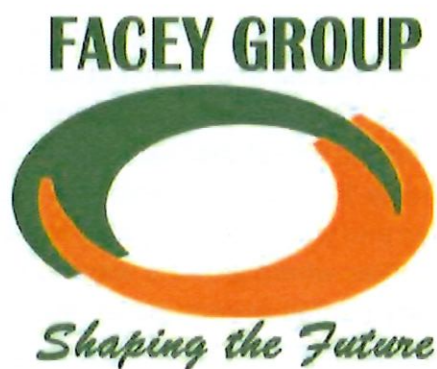


The presentations were wound up with a well-earned beverage with local Arthur River farmer and #6Bs spokesperson, Sam Burgess, who gave a heartfelt presentation about the importance of your mental health and how looking out for yourself, and your mates is so vital. He is a proud member and spokesperson of #6Bs- Blokes, Barbecues, Bonfires, Beers, Bonding, and Bullsh*t where events are organised in regional Australia for men to relax and discuss their mental health in a safe space.

It was great to catch up for a drink and a bite to eat at the sundowner which was sponsored by Carbon Sync.



If you are interested in accessing the full results of our trials and see value in attending our informative events amongst many other member benefits, become a valued member to reap the rewards. Scan the QR Code to complete a membership application TODAY!





The Wicky Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Day of Term - Thursday 28 March

A reminder that Easter is falling early this year and as such, Term One will finish at 3.00pm on Thursday 28 March. We look forward to welcoming our students and families back to school on Monday 15 April.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual combined schools swimming carnival, hosted by Wandering Primary School here in Wickepin, was held on Friday 8 March. It was terrific to see all students trying their best and having a red hot go in the water. It was also fantastic to see East Narrogin Primary School join Yealering, Wandering and ourselves for this friendly event. As always, we have many people to thank in our own community for this event going so well: to Pip Ellis, the Shire of Wickepin, Ty Miller, Jess Joldescu and all of our parent and community members who assisted on the day, we send our sincere thanks.

NAPLAN 15 - 27 March

NAPLAN testing has been going well and most students will undertake their final test, Mathematics, today. Year Three and Five students whom have been absent in Week Seven will undertake make-up tests this week. Please do reach out should your child be experiencing any concerns about NAPLAN.

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

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Hello students, families and community.

It has been great checking in with everyone after our summer break. As it's a new year I would like to introduce myself. My name is Marie Meehan, I moved out to the Wheatbelt last year with my husband and three teenage children. Originally from a small country town in Ireland, we moved to Australia thirteen years ago; living in Mandurah we enjoyed the beach life but it never felt like home. We love being a part of a small community again, Kulin is our home now. I love swimming so most weekends we are at the Kulin pool and slide. We play tennis in Dudinin and netball and footy for Kulin.

I also work as the Education Assistant in Room 4 on Monday and Tuesday and every second Thursday. I work as Chaplain every Wednesday and every second Thursday.

What is a chaplain? A chaplain was traditionally a religious role, however that is no longer the case. A chaplain provides care and support to students, staff and families. The role revolves around the wellbeing of the school community:

This term, I am starting a new program to help girls grow their friendship skills. It promotes healthy friendships, builds self-confidence, and strengthens resilience. I will also be setting up a post box so that students can reach out to me if they need to chat but feel too shy to approach me in person. This will enable me to touch base with those kids that need it.

I look forward to getting to know you all. You will find me at the front gate each morning and afternoon, so please come up and have a chat. Please also reach out should you wish to discuss or have any questions about the chaplaincy program.

- Mrs Marie Meehan

Dates to Remember

March

20 School Council Meeting
28 Last Day of Term 1

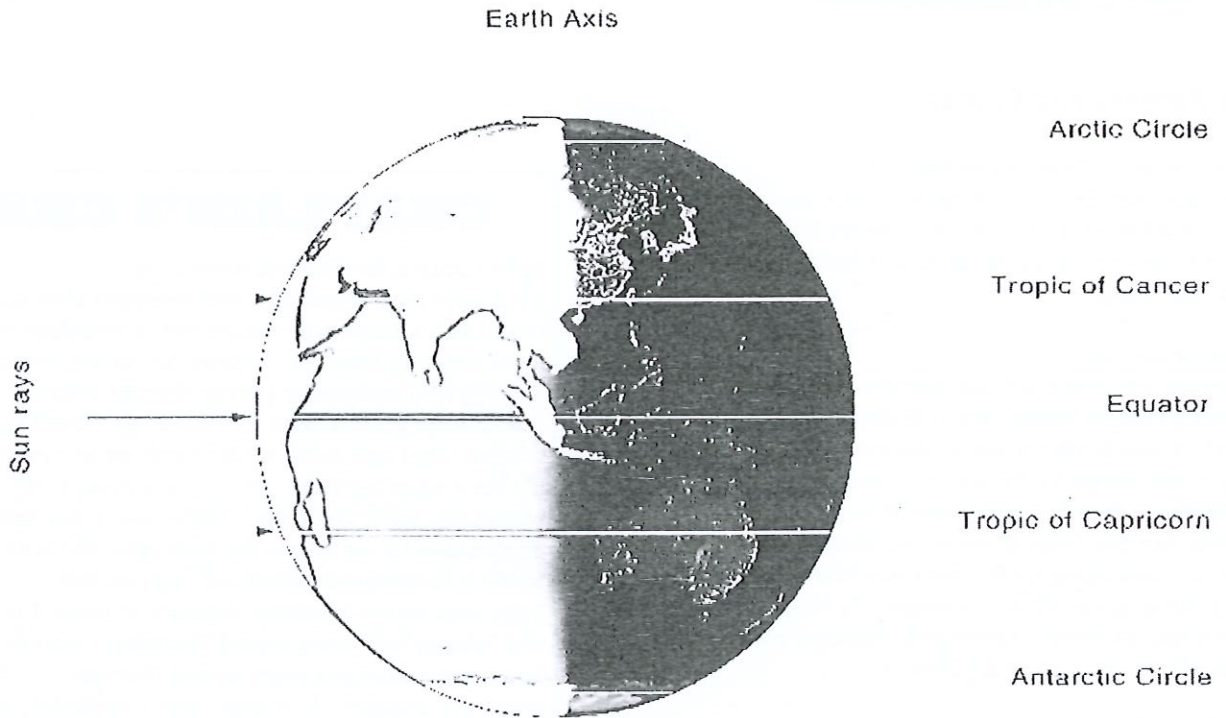
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15 Term 2 Commences
15 - 19 Year 5/6 Camp
24 ANZAC Day Assembly
25 ANZAC Day - Students Do Not Attend

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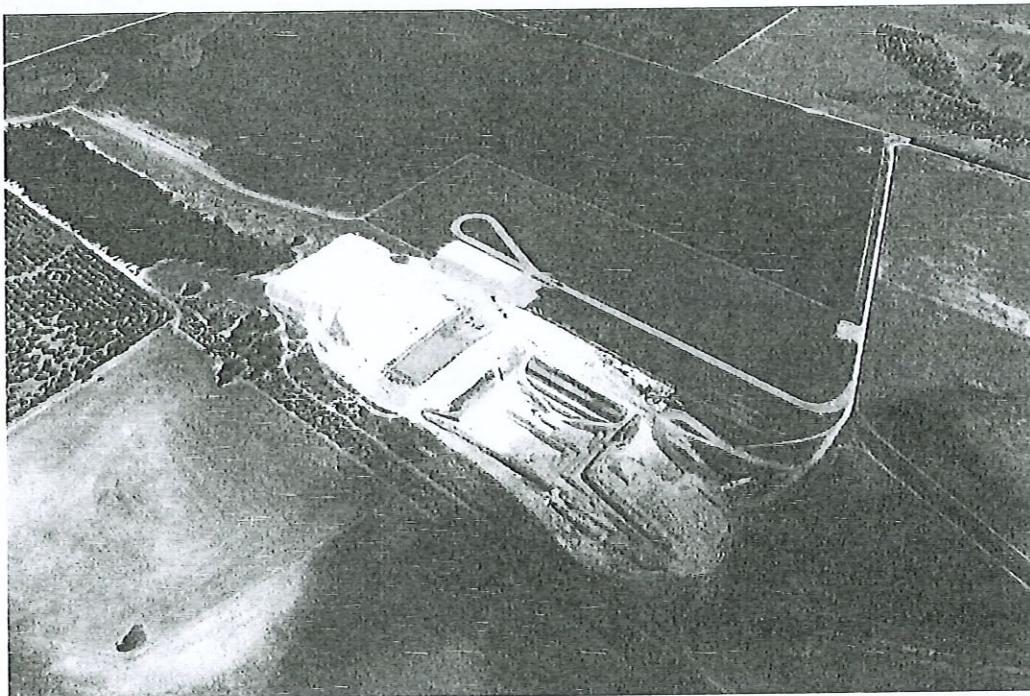
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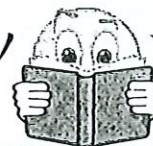
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GOOD FRIDAY—29th MARCH

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EASTER DAY— SUNDAY 31st MARCH

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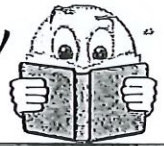
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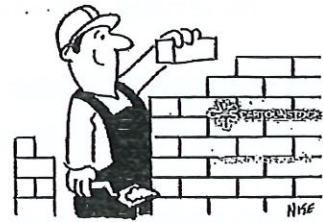
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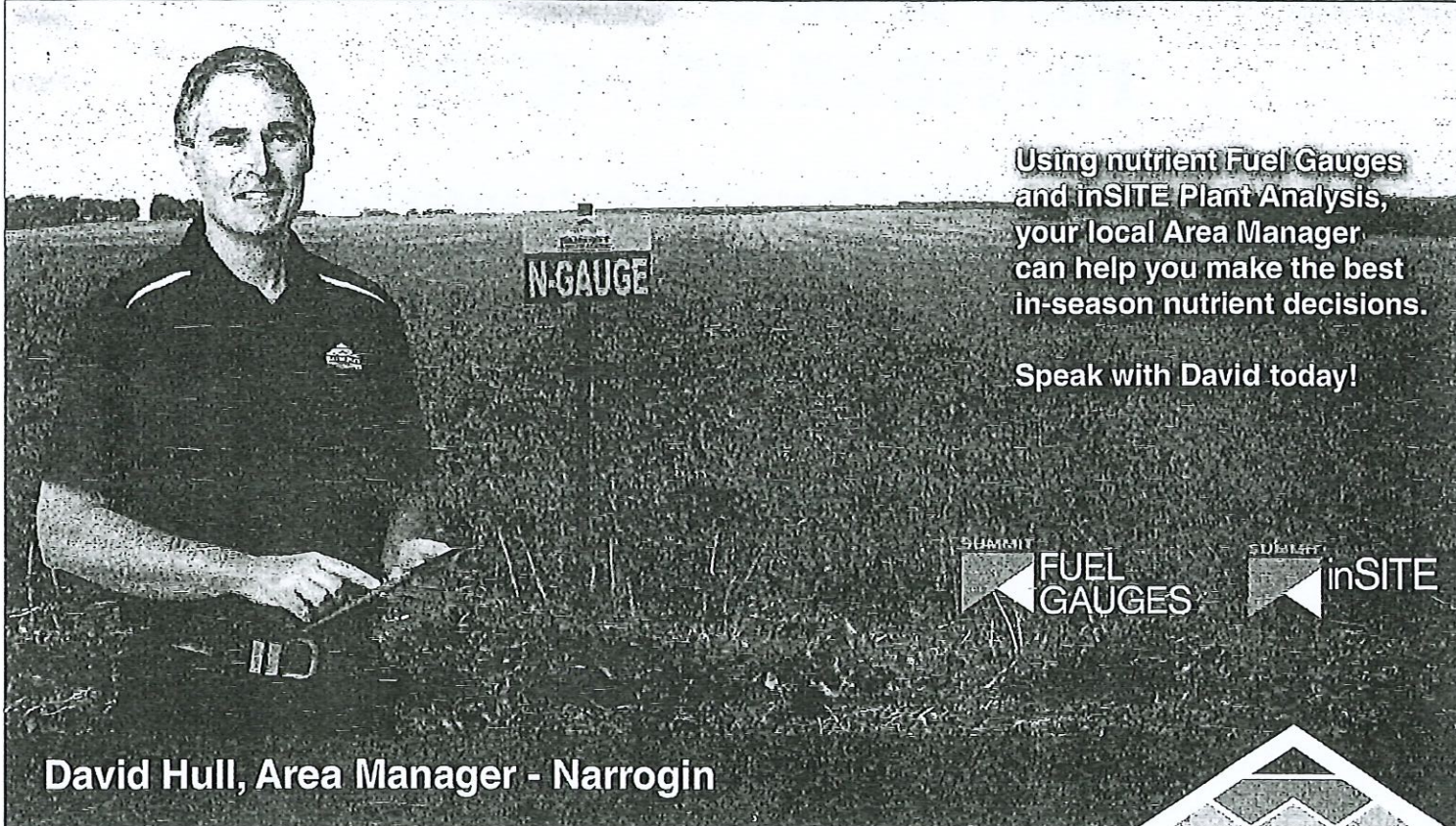
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Friday 29th March	Good Friday	Closed
Saturday 30th March		Closed
Sunday 31st March	Easter Sunday	Closed
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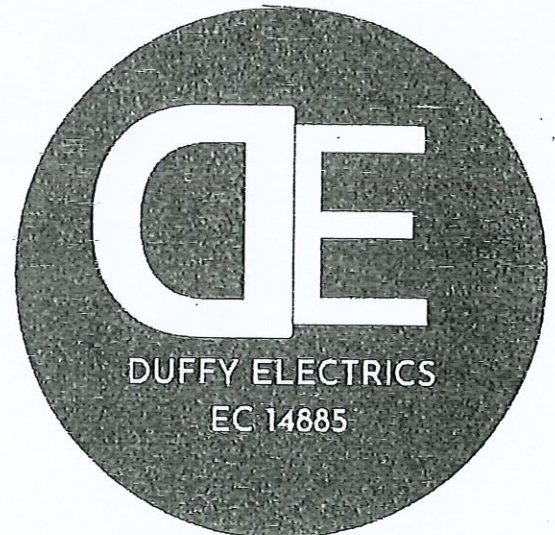
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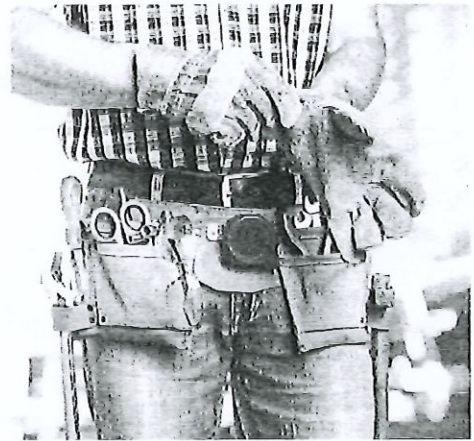


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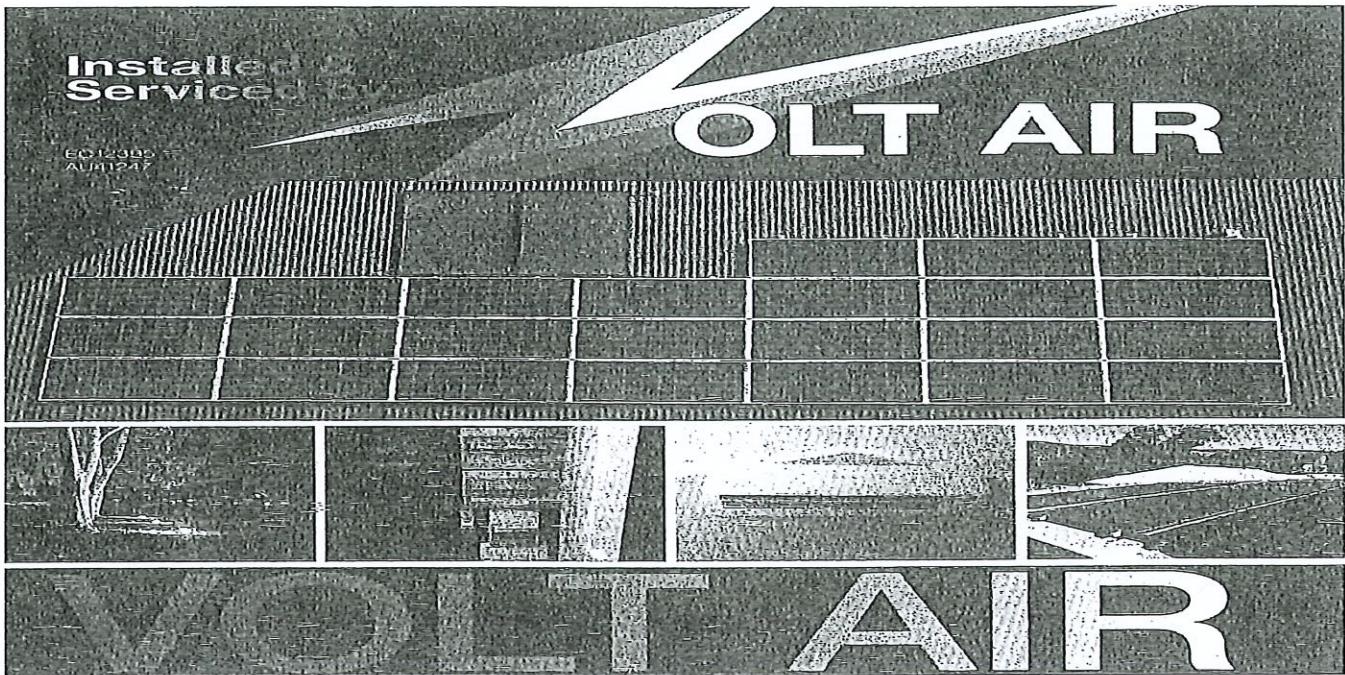
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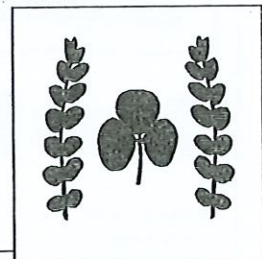


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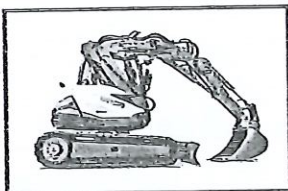
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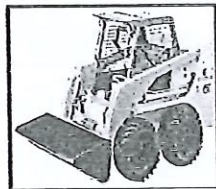
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Round	Date	Versus	Location
1	Sunday, April 28 th	Katanning	Katanning
2	Sunday, May 5 th	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Wickepin
3	Sunday, May 12 th	Williams	Williams
4	Saturday, May 18 th	Brookton/Pingelly	Brookton
5	Saturday, May 25 th	Narrogin	Wickepin
6	Saturday, June 8 th	Boddington	Boddington
BYE - COLTS CARNIVAL 15/16 June @ Kulin			
7	Sunday, June 23 rd	Wagin	Wickepin
8	Sunday, June 30 th	Katanning	Wickepin
9	Saturday, July 6 th	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Dumbleyung
BYE – NUTRIEN AG CARNIVAL 12-14 July			
10	Sunday, July 21 st	Williams	Wickepin
11	Saturday, July 27 th	Brookton/Pingelly	Wickepin
12	Saturday, August 3 rd	Narrogin	Narrogin
13	Saturday, August 10 th	Boddington	Wickepin
14	Sunday, August 18 th	Wagin	Wagin
2 nd Semi Final	Saturday, August 24 th	Brookton/Pingelly	
1 st Semi Final	Sunday, August 25 th	Williams	
Prelim Final	Sunday, September 1 st	Boddington	
Grand Final	Sunday, September 8 th	Wickepin	



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Yealering Tennis Club

For much of this season our very social tennis Sundays have been determined by the weather.

After Christmas for several Sundays, it was too hot (43c -45c) then, too cold and too wet.

By using Facebook, we could adjust the time to suit our members and continue our long table barbecues. We had considered renaming it to the Yealering BBQ club with a bit/hit of tennis.

The AGM was held earlier this year on the 11th March followed by a barbecue. Thanks to chef Cejay and dishwasher Pome for another year of great service.

Office Bearers for 2024/2025

President- Sarah Corke

Vice president/ Captain Natalie Manton

Secretary/ Treasurer Rachael Hill

Caterers Maus Preedy & Cejay Hill

Lawn Maintenance Pome Davidson

The outgoing President Dean and long-time committee member Karen were thanked for their contributions and commitment to the club.



Our barbecue was well attended but tinged with sadness as we farewelled Dean and Karen Hill who are moving to Yallingup. Shane and Kerry Hill also joined us, so it was a great opportunity to wish them well as they move to Falcon. Both families have made enormous contributions to our community, and they will be greatly missed. We wish them well in their retirement.

The weather is perfect for tennis now so check Facebook to see if anyone is keen for a hit in the next few weeks.

Wishing everyone well for their winter sport and hope to see you back on the courts in October. New members are always welcome at our small social club.

Watershed News 2024 Publication Dates

Tuesday 2 nd April	Monday 5 th August
Monday 15 th April	Monday 19 th August
Monday 29 th April	Monday 2 nd September
Monday 13 th May	Monday 16 th September
Monday 27 th May	Monday 30 th September
Monday 10 th June	Monday 14 th October
Monday 24 th June	Monday 28 th October
Monday 8 th July	Monday 11 th November
Monday 22 nd July	Monday 25 th November
	Monday 9 th December

WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

09.03.24 – **Saturday Pennants**. Round 17 resulted in Wickepin having a 5-1 win against Williams-White at Wickepin. A great game team effort!

10.03.24 – **Men's Club Championship Singles**. Congratulations to Peter Bransby, our Men's Singles Champion, and Runner-up Chris Moore. Thank you to everyone who participated and thanks also Beryl Elphick and Leanne Smith who were our markers for the day.

15.03.24 – **Ladies Upper Great Southern Bowling League Championship Singles at Pingelly**. The winner of the Championship Singles was Jenny Wiles from Pingelly, and Runner-up Robyn Mullan from Wickepin. Charmaine Duff (Williams) was the consolation winner and Val Cliff (Brookton) runner-up. Congrats to all winners on your good bowls and well done to everyone who competed.

16.03.24 – **Saturday Pennants**. A very close game in Round 19 against Brookton Gold when Wickepin won 2 rinks, lost on 1 rink and unfortunately lost the aggregate by one shot.

17.03.24 – 22.03.24 **Ladies Country Week** is always an event to look forward to! Good luck to Robyn Mullan, Marj White, Judy Lang, Maureen Jones, and Bev Davidson for a competitive week of bowls.

23.03.24 – **Saturday Pennants at Wickepin Round 20** - Good bowling to Wickepin against Pingelly Gold.

- o The teams are Greg White, Graeme Wyllie, Peter Mullan, and Bob Read.
 - o Peter Bransby, Chris Moore, Aaron Bransby, and Gary Thompson.
 - o Dave Triffitt, Bevan Crouch, Lloyd Arundel, and Allan Wyllie.
- Kitchen Roster – Robyn Mullan

24.03.24 – **Social Bowls** will be a Club sponsored day. Come along and enjoy an opportunity to play socially before the 2023-24 season ends.

26.03.24 – Tuesday Pennants

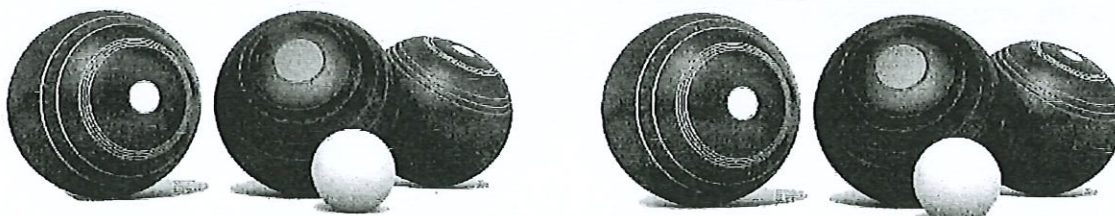
Wickepin ladies have done well to remain on top of the ladder and hopefully we can continue to get a great result in the Pennant Grand Final at Williams on Tuesday 26th. The Final Pennant Ladder is Wickepin, Williams, Brookton, Pingelly. Good bowls and good luck to our Pennant Grand Final teams:

- o Marj White, Judy Lang, Maureen Jones, Beryle Holm
- o Bev Davidson, Robyn Mullan, Beryl Elphick, Leanne Smith

21.04.23 – **AGM** at 4pm followed by the Windup and Presentation dinner. For catering, please advise (as soon as possible) of your attendance.

Keep the bowls rolling!

23.03.24	MENS PENNANT	WICKEPIN
24.03.24	CLUB SPONSORED SOCIAL BOWLS	WICKEPIN
26.03.24	LADIES PENNANT GRAND-FINAL	WILLIAMS
06.04.24	MEN'S SEMI FINALS	PINGELLY
07.04.24	MEN'S PRELIMINARY FINAL	BROOKTON
13.04.24	MEN'S PENNANT GRAND FINAL	WICKEPIN
20.04.24	MEN'S LEAGUE CHAMP 4'S & SINGLES	WILLIAMS
21.04.24	AGM & DINNER / PRESENTATIONS	WICKEPIN



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2024

- Tues 19th Swimming Pool closed
- Wed 20th Facey Group—Agrimaster Webinar 10am
- Wed 20th Ordinary meeting of Wickepin Shire council
- Thur 21st Yealering 86 Gate Fire Brigade AGM 5.30pm @ Yealering Hotel
- Thur 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**
- Tues 2nd School Holiday Activity –shoot hoops, play games, learn skills. 10-11.30am @ New basketball playground, Wogolin Road
- Wed 10th Wickepin CRC Committee Meeting @5.30pm. All Guests Welcome
- Thur 11th Line Dance Class 1.30-3pm Wickepin Town Hall
- Mon 15th School Term 2 Starts
- Mon 15th Watershed News**
- Mon 15th Recycle and Bin Day
- Tues 16th DrumMUSTER
- Thur 25th ANZAC Day
- Mon 29th Watershed News**
- Mon 29th Recycle and Bin Day

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MAY 2024

- Sat 11th Mothers Day Markets 10-2pm @ Wickepin Town Hall
- Sun 12th Mothers Day
- Mon 13th Watershed News**
- Mon 13th Recycle and Bin Day
- Mon 27th Watershed News**
- Mon 27th Recycle and Bin Day

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JUNE 2024

- Mon 3rd WA Day Public Holiday
- Mon 10th Watershed News**
- Mon 10th Recycle and Bin Day
- Mon 24th Watershed News**
- Mon 24th Recycle and Bin Day