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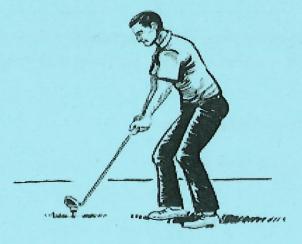
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- Submissions need to be in by 11am on day of publishing.
- All submissions would be preferred in Word.
- All advertisements, classifieds must be submitted with clear contact details, including a postal address, phone number and email.
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Next edition of Watershed News

Monday 15th April 2024



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We recently farewelled our Acting CEO Tim Clynch. Tim leaves behind a legacy of dedication, hard work,

professionalism and strong leadership in the Shire of Wickepin. Tim played a crucial role in guiding Council and Staff through transitions but has now set off on new adventures elsewhere.

We are now excited to welcome Kellie Bartley as our incoming CEO. With Kellie's arrival comes a fresh perspective and renewed energy, and we look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead under her leadership.



MARCH COUNCIL MEETING DECISIONS

- 2023/2024 Mid Year Budget Review Council adopted the Mid Year Budget Review.
- **Compliance Audit Return 2023** Council adopted the 2023 Compliance Audit Return.
- Strategic Community Plan 2023 2033 Council adopted the Shire of Wickepin Strategic Community Plan 2023 - 2033. This Plan takes in to account feedback from the 2023 community consultation sessions plus follow up engagement at the Wickepin Festival. The 2023 - 2033 Strategic Community Plan replaces the 2018 - 2028 Strategic Community Plan. A copy of the Plan is available via www.wickepin.wa.gov.au.
- **Provision of Daycare Services at Wickepin Playgroup Premises** Council endorsed the agreements for the provision of two separate daycare services operating at the Wickepin Playgroup premises.
- Club Nights Light Program Grant Application Wickepin Tennis Club Council approved the submission of the Club Night Lights Program grant application by the Wickepin Tennis Club for the upgrade of lighting at the tennis courts.
- Final Adoption Scheme Amendment No. 3 Lot 7 (No. 56) Fisher Street, Wickepin Council authorised the CEO and President to endorse the amendment documentation for final approval. The endorsed scheme amendment documentation will now be forwarded to the WA Planning Commission for its determination.

YEALERING, HARRISMITH & TINCURRIN LANDFILLS

As of Monday 29 April 2024, the Yealering, Harrismith and Tincurrin landfills will be locked. The landfills will be re-opened on Friday 3 May 2024 at 4pm and will close Monday mornings. This set up will then be ongoing. The Shire of Wickepin will then transition to fully staffed landfills, including Wickepin landfill, later in 2024.

Further details including set times will be provided closer to the time of the permanent transition.







KERB SIDE COLLECTION

Important guidelines for kerb side rubbish collection:

- Ensure your general waste and recycling bins **ONLY** contain acceptable waste items.
- Bin lids must be closed and not overflowing to prevent unwanted pests.
- Place your bin 1m from the road ensuring the lid opens to the road.
- Your bins should be placed 0.5m apart.
- All recyclables should be loose and not in plastic bags.
- Store your general waste bin in a shaded area and clean regularly with soapy water.

TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS AT WICKEPIN WASTE SITE

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.

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.

Opening Hours:

Saturdays:

7.00 AM - 11.00 AM; 12.00 PM -4.00 PM

Sundays:

7.00 AM - 11.00 AM; 12.00 PM -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.

PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS

In accordance with section 3.12(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is hereby given that the Shire of Wickepin proposes to make the following local laws:

The purpose of this local law is to prescribe a sufficient fence and the standard for the construction of fences throughout the district. The effect of this local law is to establish the minimum requirements for fencing within the district.

Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2024

The purpose of this local law is to regulate the parking or standing of vehicles in all or specified thoroughfares and reserves under the care, control and management of the local government and to provide for the management and operation of parking facilities. The effect of this local law is to control parking throughout the district to ensure the safe, fair and equitable use of parking facilities under the care and control of the local government.

Copies of the proposed Local Laws may be inspected or obtained from the Shire's Administration office located at 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370 or can be viewed on the Shire's website www.wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Written submissions are invited on the above proposal and will be received up to 4:00pm on Friday 3 May 2024. Submissions may be lodged by

Hand Post 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370 PO Box 19, Wickepin WA 6370 admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

Kellie Bartley Chief Executive Officer

Embracing Community Growth

Congratulations

Winner

in the Community category of our 2023 Excellent Care of the Older Person Award.

Wendy Butler

Commonwealth Home Support Program Co-ordinator Wickepin Health Service - Wheatbelt



Wendy is an amazing advocate to the elderly people in our community and their carers and families. She demonstrates extensive knowledge about aged care and consistently supports families when navigating the changing needs of their loved ones and aged care planning. Wendy approaches every client (or potential client) holistically, striving to understand the whole person and family. Every day Wendy goes above and beyond her role as Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) coordinator to ensure older people in the Shire are able to access the support they require. Wendy strives to empower the elderly by encouraging them to learn new skills which are

relevant in today's society.

Wendy is the epitome of the WACHS values, as an active member of our local community through volunteering and as a WACHS employee.

The judging panel included representatives from the WACHS Board, WACHS consumer representatives and external stakeholders from Carers WA and Advocare WA.

We were overwhelmed by the number of high-quality nominations received from across the regions. Staff in both clinical and non-clinical roles were recognised and nominated by their colleagues.

It is clear that our staff working with older people are willing to step-up and go the extra mile to allow older people to receive world class health care close to home.

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:

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

Fridays:

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



Community Notes

Happy birthday wishes to Daphne Tetlow, Kate Bennier, Isabel Avery, Cooper Bennier, Stacey Williamson, Scott Bayley, Baxter Cowcher, Zachery Rance, Darcy Martin, Zen Turner, Robert Bennier.

The Harrismith district was saddened to learn of the passing of Neville Bayley last week. Neville came to the district in 1955 and commenced his working life on the Bayley farm working for his Uncle Jack. Neville with his wife Kerry lived and raised their family in Harrismith. Neville was a loyal worker for several farmers and local businesses within the district until he and his wife Kerry retired to Busselton some years ago. A memorial service will be held for Neville on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm in Busselton.

Having not been to Busselton as a visitor for a long time, our recent visit was an eye opener. We were in Busselton to attend a wedding. We stayed at the Hilton Garden Inn with some family members while other family members stayed either at the Esplanade Hotel or the nearby caravan park. All within walking distance of one another, but free to do your own thing as far as shopping, eating, walking, sightseeing or whatever else you wanted to do. Fantastic couple of days. Busselton has certainly changed and the area near the Jetty is undeniably a great area to catch up with friends, or just do your own thing. Plenty of good eateries, close to shopping precincts and of course, the beach. Breakfast just 50 meters from the beach with a slight breeze blowing was very pleasant.

The wedding we attended was for our daughter Jo who was attended by her two daughters Savannah and Charlize, set in front of the Surf Life Saving building right at the water's edge on the sand. Beautiful, tad windy, but very happy and full of love. (Submitted by Daphne McKenzie)



Jo and Doug Southern



Savannah, Jo, Charlize

Bernie and Claire Bayley very much enjoyed the Aussies defeating the Kiwi's in New Zealand earlier in March. They enjoyed attending the 1st test in Wellington and the 2nd in Christchurch. The weather was kind in NZ and Cam Green and Mitch Marsh did us proud. With Bernie heading back to farm duties, Claire along with her sister Jan from Geelong and Judy Gray from Harrismith enjoyed two weeks touring a very green and lush Vietnam. They were fortunate to travel by car from Hanoi to Hoi An taking in the countryside of rice paddies and mountains. The last days were spent enjoying the sights of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh city)

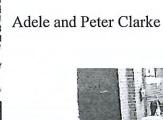
Community Notes (Cont'd)

The Happy Aussie Campers thoroughly enjoyed their Easter weekend stay at the Lake Yealering Caravan Park. 10 vans nearly filled the caravan park, members decorated the Yealering Hall for Peter Clarke's 80th birthday celebrations on Saturday evening. Members of the Caravan Club enjoyed their visit to The Yealering Pantry, very impressed with the service and friendliness of Matt and Bronwyn. The Caravan Club travel all year to different venues, may even see them back

in Yealering in the future.











Classifieds

FOR SALE:

2 x 10ft x 10ft Oz Trail Canvas Tents with Awning (old Style), good condition.

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Phone Allan 0417 984 226 All offers considered.

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Phone Jan - 0474 957 327

WANTED:

Curtain / upholstery steam cleaning machine to hire.

Louie 0429 411 131

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

Easter "He Shall Rise... with Healing in His Wings"

The ancient Apostles were bold in their testimonies of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection (see Acts 4:33). Millions of people believe in Jesus Christ and try to follow Him because of their words recorded in the Bible. Yet some people might wonder: If Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the whole world, then why were His eyewitnesses limited to a handful of people in one small region?

The Book of Mormon stands as an additional, convincing witness that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world, "manifesting himself unto all nations" (title page of the Book of Mormon) and offering salvation to all who come unto Him. In addition, this second witness also makes it clear what salvation means. This is why Nephi, Jacob, Mormon, and all the prophets laboured so "diligently to engraven these words upon plates"—to declare to future generations that they too "knew of Christ, and ... had a hope of his glory" (Jacob 4:3–4). This Easter season, reflect on the testimonies in the Book of Mormon that the Saviour's power is both universal and personal—redeeming the whole world and redeeming you.

Anciently the records of the Holy Scriptures were referred to as 'rods' or 'sticks' which in Hebrew means scriptural scrolls / wooden tablets.

EZEKIEL 37:15 ¶ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one *stick, and *write* upon it,

For *Judah*, and for the children of Israel his companions: (the Bible we have is the record of the House of Judah)...

then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions (The record of the House of Joseph, - Ephraim being one of his sons, we have today is the Book of Mormon. Jospeh's branches ran 'over the wall' as prophesied by his Father into the Americas- a land that resembles birds wings, of vast mountain chains and divided with rivers as the prophet Isaiah Chapter 29 foresaw, along with a record that would have a familiar spirit to the record of Judah, speaking from the dust.)

17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become <u>*one</u> in thine hand.

18 ¶ And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of <u>Joseph</u>, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

The proceedings of the APRIL 6th & 7th 2024 194th Annual General Conference of

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Are available for all who desire uplifting messages, comfort and direction at the following links.

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/?lang=eng

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ABOUT GENERAL CONFERENCE

General conferences are the semi-annual worldwide gatherings of The Church of **Jesus Christ** of Latter-day Saints. Church members gather to receive guidance and encouragement from Church leadersabout gospel living based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

First Presidency Easter Message

This Easter season, we invite you to ponder the Saviour's atoning sacrifice and glorious Resurrection, which bless all of us.

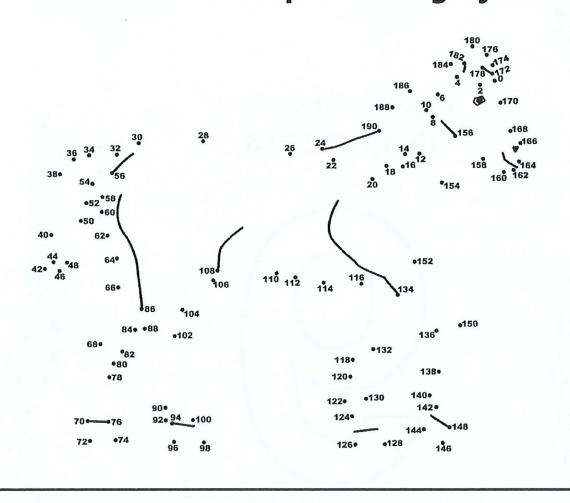
Through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, we receive this message of hope: "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). The Saviour promises that as we keep His commandments and ordinances, we will have "peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come" (Doctrine and Covenants 59:23).

We testify that Jesus Christ lives! "He is risen" (Matthew 28:6).

Because of Him, we can be guided and strengthened as we bear the burdens we face in mortality. Through our faith in the Saviour's atoning sacrifice, the bonds of sin cannot hold us and the trials that we experience in life will have no lasting power over us. "The sting of death is swallowed up in Christ" (Mosiah 16:8).

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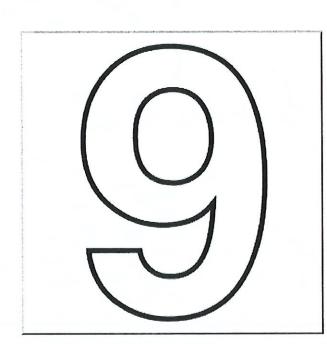


Happy April School Holidays









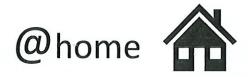












Crispy Orange Chicken

Ingredients

16 ounces frozen popcorn chicken (about 4 cups)

1 tablespoon canola oil

2 medium carrots, thinly sliced

1 garlic clove, minced

1-1/2 teaspoons grated orange zest

1 cup orange juice

1/3 cup hoisin sauce

3 tablespoons sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Dash cayenne pepper

Hot cooked rice



Directions

- 1. Bake popcorn chicken according to package directions.
- 2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add carrots; cook and stir until tender, 3-5 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in orange zest, juice, hoisin sauce, sugar and seasonings; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until thickened, 4-6 minutes, stirring constantly.
- 3. Add chicken to skillet; toss to coat. Serve with rice

(Supplied by Taste of Home)







Nutrition Facts 1 cup (calculated without rice): 450 calories, 20g fat (3g saturated fat), 35mg cholesterol, 1294mg sodium, 56g carbohydrate (25g sugars, 3g fibre), 14g protein.



MEDIA RELEASE

19 March 2024

THE NATIONALS WA SUPPORT LAW-ABIDING FIREARM OWNERS

The Nationals WA have opposed the new Firearms Act 2024 proposed by the Cook Labor Government.

Lachlan Hunter, The Nationals WA candidate for Central Wheatbelt, said The Nationals WA had taken a common sense approach to assessing the legislation and would not support it in the current form. "The changes lack proper justification or evidence, and ignores recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission, which conducted an in-depth review of the existing legislation," said Mr Hunter.

"Despite the assertions made by the Police Minister, these laws will not effectively reduce gun crime. Instead, Labor's persistent attacks and fearmongering have made law-abiding firearm owners feel like criminals."

While The Nationals WA supported certain aspects of the Bill, they have expressed significant concerns about several provisions affecting regional stakeholders, as well as sporting and recreational shooters.

"Arbitrary limits on firearm ownership, minimum standards of trade for dealerships that may impact small businesses, license categories that only permit owners to perform only one activity per firearm and unintended consequences from the introduction of mandatory health checks are issues we are seeking clarification on in the legislation," Mr Hunter said.

Hon Mia Davies, Member for Central Wheatbelt, said the Government was once again taking an arrogant approach to legislation.

"Last week Labor voted against our motion to send the legislation to a committee for review," Ms Davies said.

"This Government believes they've got the Bill perfect, yet over the last four years they've had to patch up 21 pieces of their own legislation after they've introduced them to Parliament.

"The Legislation Committee has looked at just one Bill in the last three years, and on that occasion, they found the Government had introduced the legislation into the wrong House!"

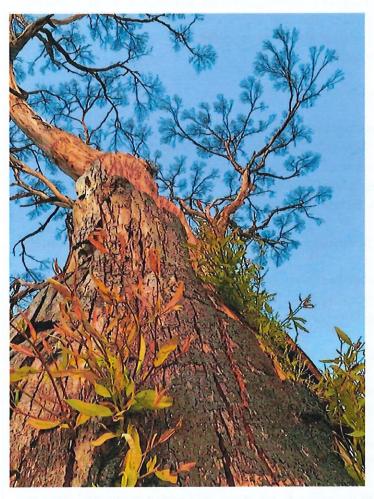
Ms Davies said The Nationals WA would oppose the legislation saying law-abiding firearm owners should not be penalised because the Labor Government has lost control of law and order in the State.

"This is a significant reform for the State and the Government should be using every avenue to get the legislation right," she said.

MEDIA CONTACT: 0457 721 949

Final Round of Funding for Bushfire Restoration

Round 3 of the Restore Recovering Wheatbelt Landscapes After Fire grants is open now.



Two years on from the fires through devastating the Corrigin and Wickepin regions, it is now clear as the degree that to remnant vegetation has been able to recover. If remnants need infill your or total replanting, or you off fence to want bushland from recovering stock, now is the time to secure funding to assist with regeneration.

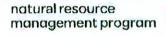
Bushfire Application Form and Recovery Guidelines can be found at: https://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/funding/

Contact Aimee Ray - ARay@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or 0420 363 052

Applications close by the 30th April.















Agricultural Research & Extension Coordinator

Due to continued demand for quality farmer-driven agricultural research & demonstrations & to improve their service & commitment to current partners & funders, Facey Group requires the services of an **Agricultural Research & Extension Coordinator**.

This role will see you contribute to research & extension in farming systems, livestock & natural resource management with a farmer-driven & managed group. You will enjoy a varied role in a supportive & welcoming team environment. The role requires strong attention to detail, high organisational skills & someone who has an enthusiastic & innovative personality.

The Agricultural Research & Extension Coordinator will be involved in;

- Assisting in the development & implementation of projects.
- Assisting in the coordination of our Research, Development & Extension Committee.
- Monitoring, recording & communication of data gathered from experiments & trials.
- Organise & conduct fieldwork for our annual trial program.
- Assist with project administration including budgets & reports with the support of the Business Manager.
- Interacting with farmers regularly to ensure Facey Group remains robust, relevant & useful to our members & wider industry.
- Organise an array of field walks in coordination with the Events Coordinator.
- Be part of a dynamic team of Agriculture & Natural Resource Management professionals who support farmers in ensuring sustainability & resilience of their business.

This position will provide a highly rewarding career & further develop networks across many sectors.

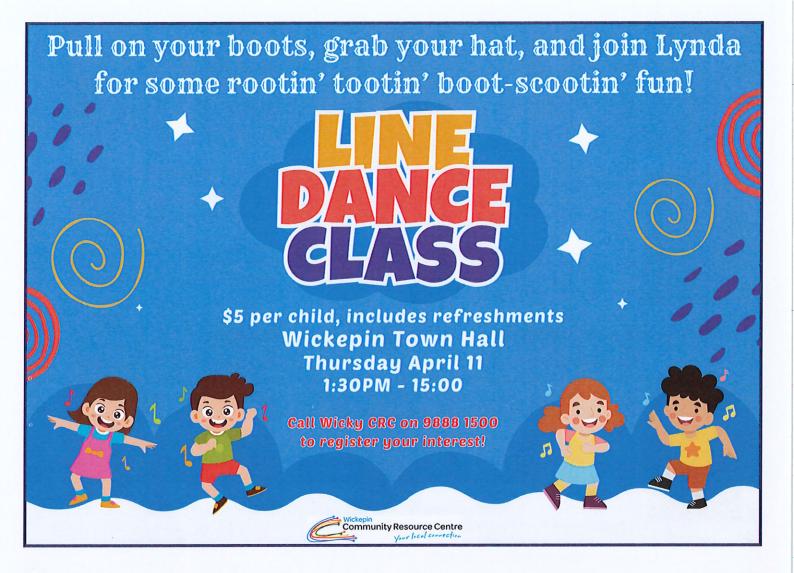
Essential prerequisites for the role include a current Australian 'C' class drivers licence, high level of proficiency in computing skills & highly developed written & verbal communication skills.

Essential requirements for the role include tertiary qualifications in Agriculture or Science or similar equivalent or demonstrated relevant experience & be willing to live locally.

The successful applicant will enjoy working both in the office & out in the field with a communal company vehicle & personal mobile phone for work purposes, as part of an attractive base salary plus superannuation. To obtain the right person for our team & as a flexible employer, we are offering this position as either a part-time or full-time role. Please indicate your preference when applying.

Please forward applications to Ms Tina Astbury via email eo@faceygroup.org.au by **4pm Monday**, **15**th **April 2024 (WA time)**. Applications must include a cover letter, updated CV including two professional referees & details of work experience, qualifications & background along with a statement, of no more than 3 pages, addressing the selection criteria.

For more information: including further role clarification, information on the group & the application process please contact Ms Tina Astbury on 08 9888 1223, 0428 882 828 or eo@faceygroup.org.au





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ADULT FICTION: A Feather So Black—Lyra Selene

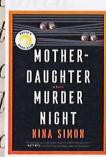


In a kingdom where magic has been lost, Fia is a rare changeling, left behind by the wicked Fair Folk when they stole the High Queen's daughter Eala and locked the gates to the Otherworld.

When a hidden gate to the Otherworld is discovered, Fia is tasked by the High Queen to retrieve Eala and break her curse. But she doesn't go alone: with her is Prince Rogan, Eala's betrothed and Fia's childhood best friend.

As the two journey into a world where magic winds through the roots of the trees and beauty can be a deadly illusion, Fia's mission is complicated by her feelings for the Prince. . . and her unexpected attraction to the dark-hearted fae lord holding Eala captive. Irian might be more monster than man, but he seems to understand Fia in a way no one ever has.

ADULT FICTION LARGE PRINT: Mother - Daughter Murder Night—Nina Simon



High-powered businesswoman Lana Rubicon has a lot to be proud of: her keen intelligence, impeccable taste, and the L.A. real estate empire she's built. But when she finds herself trapped 300 miles north of the city, convalescing in a sleepy coastal town with her daughter Beth and teenager granddaughter Jack, Lana is stuck counting otters instead of square footage, and hoping that boredom won't kill her before the cancer does.

Then Jack happens upon a dead body while kayaking. She quickly becomes a suspect in the homicide investigation, and the Rubicon women are thrown into chaos. Beth thinks Lana should focus on recovery, but Lana has a better idea. She'll pull on her wig, find the true murderer, protect her family, and prove she still has power.

With Jack and Beth's help, Lana uncovers a web of lies, vendettas, and land disputes lurking beneath the surface of a community of folksy conservationists and wealthy ranchers. But as their snooping advances into ever-more dangerous territory, the headstrong Rubicon women must learn to do the one thing they've always resisted: depend on each other.

AUDIO BOOK: The Bad Weather Friend—Dean Koontz



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Benny Catspaw's perpetually sunny disposition is tested when he loses his job, his reputation, his fiancé, and his favorite chair. He's not paranoid. Someone is definitely out to get him. He just doesn't know who or why. Then Benny receives an inheritance from an uncle he's never heard of: a giant crate and a video message. All will be well in time.

How strange. But stranger yet is what's inside the crate. He's a seven-foot-tall self-described "bad weather friend" named Spike whose mission is to help people who are just too good for this world. Spike will take care of it. He'll find Benny's enemies. He'll deal with them. This might have been satisfying if Spike wasn't such a menacing presence with terrifying techniques of intimidation.

In the company of Spike, and young waitress-cum-P.I.-in-training Harper, Benny plunges into a perilous high-speed adventure, the likes of which never would have crossed the mind of a decent guy like him.

JUNIOUR NON FICTION: Computer Technology For Curious Kids—Chris Oxlade

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Upgrade your tech knowledge with this beautifully illustrated, inspirational, and accessible guide to the fascinating field of computing. From the simplest software to electronic brains, from smartphone apps to social media and video games, there are gigabytes of data for you to unravel. Discover the skills you'll need to become a top-class coder or a cyber sensation, and how microprocessors monitor our factories, fitness, traffic, and even guide robots across other worlds.

From the abacus to apps, games to graphics, and GPS to smart speakers, Computer Technology for Curious Kids provides all the data you need to transform yourself into a computer-tech wizard.

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Consumer Watch Column

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Ride a quad bike, not an ambulance

Quad bikes are the leading cause of death and serious injury on Australian farms. School holidays and good weather often mean farm visits and quad bike adventures. Consumer Protection urges families to prioritise safety when it comes to quad biking.

Sixty per cent of quad bike fatalities occur during a roll over. Even at slower speeds, these bikescan topple over and crush the rider with hundreds of kilos of machine.

Despite being marketed as "all-terrain vehicles", quad bikes cannot safely go anywhere and everywhere. Steep slopes or rough terrain increases the risk of a roll over.

Since October 2021, general-use quad bikes must have an Operator Protection Device (OPD) fitted or integrated into its design so if the bike rolls over, it's held off the ground, and the rider can avoid injury or death as a result of being crushed or pinned by the weight. If you own an older quad bike, consider retrofitting an OPD.

Since 2020, 10 West Aussies have been killed in quad bike accidents. Of the three deaths last year, one was a girl aged under 10.

But quad bikes are not children's toys. The safest option is for children not to ride quads, even as passengers, as they lack the size, and physical strength or skill to safely operate quad bikes built for adults. Even the smaller youth quads have been involved in fatal incidents in Australia.

Consumer Protection urges quad bike riders and passengers to "Prepare Safe, Wear Safe, Ride Safe."

Prepare Safe by ensuring you are trained to ride a quad bike, check the quad has been maintained and is in safe condition. It's also a good idea to tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return. When you purchase a new quad bike, use the mandatory hang tag to compare the stability of different models.

Wear Safe with a helmet that meets Australian Safety Standards. Put on protective clothing and gear such as goggles, long sleeves and pants, boots and gloves.

Ride Safe by ensuring children are supervised near quad bike activity and never let them ride quads meant for adults... even as passengers. Never ride under the influence of drugs/alcohol and don't carry passengers on quads meant for one person. Try to ride on familiar tracks and always carry a mobile phone or two-way so you can call for help in an emergency.

If you Prepare Safe, Wear Safe, Ride Safe when using quad bikes, it will help you and your loved ones, friends and work colleagues reduce the risk of injury or death.

For more information visit the Consumer Protection product safety page – https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/quad-bikes



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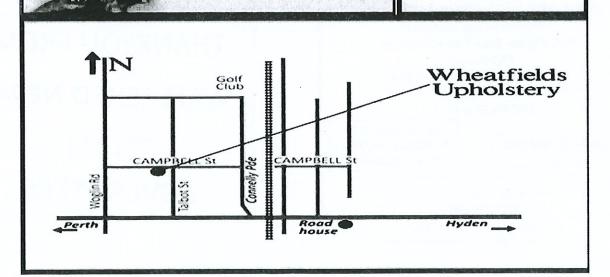
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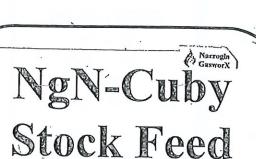
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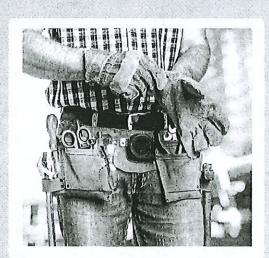


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Season Opening Day
Saturday 6th April
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BURGER NIGHT TO FOLLOW

Burger & Dessert - \$20 RSVP for catering purposes by 3rd April to Carmen



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





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March	37.4	3	41.6	March	32.0	7	48.6
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		August			18.4
September	28.4	4	303.8	September .			
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As of 31st March 2024

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.

WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 21st April 2024.
Commencing at 4.30pm
At the Wickepin Sports Club
Followed by the



23/24 Season Windup & Presentation Dinner

6pm drinks & nibbles – sit down dinner 6.30pm

Please RSVP to Robyn Mullan

0427 831 027 for catering purposes.

St John's Anglican Church

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1st and 3rd Sundays @ 8.00am All denominations welcome

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Sunday 5th May 9.30am
Thursday 9th May 5.00pm
Thursday 16th May 5.00pm
Saturday 25th May 9.30am
Thursday 6th June 5.00pm
Sunday 23rd June 9.30am
Sunday 30th June 9.30am
Thursday 4th July 5.00pm
Sunday 21st July 9.30am
Saturday 27th July 9.30am
Thursday 1st August 5.00pm
Saturday 10th August 9.30am
Thursday 25th August 5.00pm

We don't receive any of the registration funds so our group is supported by the Wickepin Football Club.

Please consider volunteering your time on the oval or in the kitchen to help our club throughout the season.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

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Wickepin Football Club – 2024 Season Fixtures



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 18th	Brookton/Pingelly	Brookton
5	Saturday, May 25th	Narrogin	Wickepin
6	Saturday, June 8th	Boddington	Boddington
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7	Sunday, June 23 rd	Wagin	Wickepin
8	Sunday, June 30 th	Katanning	Wickepin
9	Saturday, July 6 th	Dumbleyung	
	BYE — I	NUTRIEN AG CARNIVAL 12-14 July	
10	Sunday, July 21st	Williams	Wickepin
11	Saturday, July 27 th	Brookton/Pingelly	Wickepin
12	Saturday, August 3 rd	Narrogin	Narrogin
13	13 Saturday, August 10 th Boddington		Wickepin
14	Sunday, August 18 th	Wagin	Wagin
2 nd Semi Final	Saturday, August 24 th	Brookton/Pin	gelly
1 st Semi Final	Sunday, August 25 th	Williams	
Prelim Final	Sunday, September 1st	Boddingto	n
Grand Final	Sunday, September 8 th	Wickepin	



FOOTBALL REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2024

AUSKICK

Played before D grade on home games, and every Thursday 5pm before away games.

Register at:

https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/wickepin-auskick-centre/998bef2b or follow the QR code.

Enquiries to Ty Miller: 0429 881 108

D GRADE

We are still seeking numbers for the season. No experience is required, come down and give footy a go!

Register at:

https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9c1448 or follow QR code. Enquiries to Ashley Steere: 0439 017 256

RESERVES/LEAGUE

Training usually Tuesday & Thursday from 6pm. Everyone is welcome to train or just watch. Dinner usually put on after training on Thursdays.

Register at:

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WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

12.03.24 - Tuesday Pennants. Brookton ladies out-played Wickepin 4 – 0. Great that Wickepin had enough points to retain their position on the ladder and take them straight into the Grand Final.

17.03.24 - Country Week. Robyn Mullan, Marj White, Judy Lang and Maureen Jones enjoyed 3 great wins on their first day. Robyn and Marj also competed in the pairs - well done on all your wins.

23.03.24 – Saturday Pennants. Congrats to our men's team on a fabulous 6-0 win against Pingelly-Gold. Well played!

24.03.25 – Social Bowls. Our club sponsored day winners were Greg White, Warren Thompson & Leanne Smith, and runners-up were Dave Triffitt, Beryle Holm & Bob Read. A very relaxed and fun afternoon of bowls for everyone and a great practice for finals.

26.03.24 – Tuesday Pennants. In a close Preliminary Final at Williams, the Brookton ladies defeated Williams 4–0 with an aggregate of 42 to 32. In the afternoon, Brookton continued their fine form playing in a very exciting Grand Final against Wickepin. However, Wickepin were not to be beaten and bowled well!

With an aggregate of 41 to 33, Wickepin came out Pennant winners over Brookton with the score being 3 points to 1. Congratulations, it was a fabulous team effort Wicki and so well deserved after holding that top spot all year!!!

After all the excitement and congratulations from our loyal supporters; and the refreshments, afternoon tea and League presentations were finished in Williams, our new Upper Great Southern Ladies Bowling League 'Pennant Flag' proudly made its way home to Wickepin and the celebrations continued.

Skip Mar White 3rd Judy Lang 2nd Maureen Jones Lead Beryle Holm Res Karen Jamieson



Skip Bev Davidson 3rd Robyn Mullan 2nd Beryl Elphick Lead Leanne Smith Res Karen Jamieson

27.03.24 - Saturday Pennant Practice.- Some very keen bowlers were out practicing in Wickepin on Wednesday 27th and it sure would be encouraging to see the men's team also attend semi-final practice on Wednesday 03.04.24 at 5-ish please.

The semi's are this Saturday!

It is so worth the effort to practice - just ask our ladies.

The 2023/24 season is almost complete.

	06.04.24	PINGELLY	SATURDAY SEMI FINALS
07.04.24 BROOKTON		BROOKTON	SATURDAY PRELIMINARY FINALS
	13.04.24	WICKEPIN	SATURDAY GRANDFINAL
	20.04.24	WILLIAMS	MENS LEAGUE CHAMP 4'S & SINGLES
	21.04.24	WICKEPIN	AGM 4PM & WINDUP 6PM
			Please advise Robyn for catering

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 2024

Mon 1st	Wickepin Swimming Pool closed for the season	
Tues 2nd	Community Grants Now Open –Wickepin Shire	
Tues 9th	Wheatbelt Connect 3-4pm @ Wickepin CRC	
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	
Tues 30th	Applications close Bushfire Restoration Funding	

MAY 2024

Sun	5th	Wickepin Football Home Game vs Kukerin/Dumbleyung
Sat	11th	Mothers Day Markets 10-2pm @ Wickepin Town Hall
Sun	12th	Mothers Day
Mon	13th	Watershed News
Mòn	13th	Recycle and Bin Day
Sat	25th	Wickepin Football Home Game vs Narrogin
Mon	27th	Watershed News
Mon	27th	Recycle and Bin Day

JUNE 2024

Mon	3rd	WA Day Public Holiday
Mon	10th	Watershed News
Mon	10th	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	12th	Wickepin CRC Committee Meeting @ 5.30pm. All Guests Welcome
Mon	24th	Watershed News
Mon	24th	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri	28th	Term 2 Ends

JULY 2024

Mon	8th	Watershed News
Mon	8th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	15th	School Term 3 Starts
Mon	22 nc	l Watershed News
Mon	22nc	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	31st	Women in Agriculture -Wickepir