

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

13th May 2024



WATERSHED NEWS INC - COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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- Publishing is Fortnightly on Mondays.
- 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.
- Watershed News is printed in black and white only.
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Next edition of Watershed News

Monday 27th May 2024



MOSQUITO FOGGING

The Shire of Wickepin will be commencing the fogging program from Monday the 27th of May 2024. The fogging program will commence firstly around the community oval only at this stage, this will support our local sporting teams due to the excess activity of mosquitoes on the oval. The Shire will be in contact with the sporting teams regarding their training times, so there is no interference or disruption. For any questions, contact the Shire on 9888 1005.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Do you have resources that may be available during an emergency event that the Shire could call on? Heavy Plant ie grader, loader, water cartage, animal shelter, excavator, tractors, large trucks just to name a few. If so and you may like to register with the Shire to be placed on the Resource Register, please email us at admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2024/2025

Application forms are available via www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

NOW OPEN

Applications for Shire of Wickepin's Community Grants Program are now open for non-profit groups, to assist in delivering projects that directly benefit our community.

To be eligible for funding, projects must be undertaken between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025.

Contact the CEDO to discuss potential funding applications.
Contact Us **9888 1005**

admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 24 MAY, 2024

FALLEN TREE? KNOW WHO TO CALL:

Fallen tree or branches that have damaged your home or vehicle, making it unsafe:	Fallen tree or branches over your fence or in your yard:	Fallen tree or branches across a minor street or road:	Fallen tree across a major road or highway:
SES ☎ 132 500	Private Tree Removal Company	Local Government	Main Roads WA ☎ 138 138

For more storm safety information visit: dfes.wa.gov.au/storm

DFES Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Do you know your requirements to burn within the townsite?

To keep updated please refer to Burn Smart Guide 2021

<https://publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications/burn-smart-guide-2021>



YEALERING, HARRISMITH & TINCURRIN LANDFILLS

The Yealering, Harrismith, and Tincurrin landfills are now locked on the weekdays and open 4pm Fridays for the weekend and will close at 8am on Mondays. 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.

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.



Customer Service Officer

Full Time

Package from \$65,673 to \$73,499

The Shire of Wickepin is seeking a competent and enthusiastic Customer Service Officer to join our team on a permanent basis.

The position supports the efficient functions of the Finance and Administration Services of the Shire of Wickepin through the provision of frontline customer services, Department of Transport licencing services, and other general administrative support.

The successful candidate will –

- Have sound communication and public relations skills,
- Be competent in the use of MS Word and MS Excel,
- Hold a current C class driver's licence, and
- Be experienced in a similar role (desirable) or can demonstrate transferable skills.

To be considered for this role you must submit –

- A cover letter outlining your desire for the role and why you feel you would be a successful candidate, and
- A copy of your current resume, inclusive of at least two (2) referees.

An application package is available on the Shire's website (www.wickepin.wa.gov.au) or by contacting Mrs Kellie Bartley on 08 9888 1005.

Applications, clearly marked "Private and Confidential – Application for Customer Service Officer Position" can be delivered by –

- Mail to Shire of Wickepin, PO Box 19, Wickepin WA 6370,
- Hand to Shire of Wickepin, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370, or
- Email to eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Applications must be received by 4:00pm Friday 17 May 2024.

The Shire of Wickepin is an equal opportunity employer.

Kellie Bartley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wickepin

National 20-26 MAY 2024
Volunteer
Something for Everyone **Week**

Thank you

Wickepin Sub Centre Volunteers 2024
(Harrismith & Yealering Sub Branches)

*Justyna Ashton, Peta Astbury, Wesley Astbury, Leanne Bransby,
Renae Bransby-Riley, Kurtis Butler, Wendy Butler, Craig Doney,
Maree Dougall, Quinlan Dungey, Ben Evans, Clint Hemley, Cejay Hill,
Christine Hill, Dean Hill, Craig Jespersen, Graeme Manton, Kenneth Martin,
John McDougall, Susie McDougall, Corey Ratcliffe, Dani Sims,
Veronica Stacey, Kelly Steere and David White.*

**To our current and past serving regional St John WA Volunteers,
as well as their friends, families and employers who support them,
we just wanted to say.....**

Thank you for the strength you give to the communities across WA.

Thank you for your resilient, courageous actions.

Thank you for always helping those in need.

Thank you for the vital role you play in building a stronger WA.



St John

Wheatbelt Regional Office Team

St John volunteers are living legends
are we're looking for more. Join Us.

 **St John Volunteer**



Plants for Free....

Plants for Free by Cutting or Division can be done at any time of the year, depending on the plant you are working with.

In a Nutshell, It's not that hard to do.

1. Water your "Mother" plant the day before if possible

For Cuttings:

2. Select strong, disease free stems and each cutting should be long enough to have one "Node" above the ground and at least one, preferably more, "Nodes" below the ground when potted. (A "Node" is the growing point from where leaves and shoots originate)
3. Trim the top of the cutting to "just above a node" and trim the base to "just below a node".
4. Gently strip the cutting of leaves from lower half, and if the top leaves are large, then cut them in half to prevent moisture loss and force energy to the bottom to form roots.
5. Dunk cuttings in a very weak solution of vinegar or bleach for 10-20 minutes before planting to kill fungal spores and reduce infections.
6. Dip base in honey or hormone powder to encourage faster root development.
7. Plant in pot with potting mix, using a stick to make a hole, thus preventing wounds (and infections) to the cutting by just "pushing" it in.
8. Water in and cover with plastic bag, or a plastic water bottle with the neck cut off. This prevents drying out whilst the roots develop.
9. Watering should not be needed as long as mix stays "just moist". New growth should appear from 4-8 weeks (some take longer), when you can open the bag to reduce humidity and "harden off" your new plant, ready for Potting On into a bigger pot, or into your garden.

For Divisions:

Using a small spade or hand trowel, dig into the root zone of the mother plant and extract a clump. Lift and trim the foliage to about half, the re-plant and water in well.

If you are dividing a tuber or bulb from a potted plant, then tip the whole lot out of the pot and divide accordingly, then re-pot, trim leaves to half and water well.

A great way of expanding your garden is to take "cuttings" or "divisions" from the shrubbery and bulbs you already have growing as you are pruning or tidying your garden.

Some shrubs to try propagating by cutting are (but not limited to): Escallonia, Diosma, Lavendar, Rock Rose, Geranium, Pelargonium, Duranta, Bottlebrush, Grevillea.

By "division" of clumps of roots, many garden plants can be spread around to fill empty spots. Salvia, Iris, Clivea, Bromeliads, Cacti, English daisy and others can all be "divided" and re-planted in garden beds or pots.



WICKEPIN CRC'S ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY *Markets*

What a smashing crowd we had on Saturday at our yearly Mother's Day Markets! A huge shoutout to all the awesome stall holders who joined the fun!



Save the Date

Monday 17th June

If you would like to contribute to raffle prizes or food please contact the Wickepin Community Centre.

Phone: 98881500

Email: admin@wickepincrc.com.au

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@wickepincrc.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

Wickepin Hotel To Open



The **Wickepin Hotel Community Group** is pleased to announce that enough funding has been pledged through the community to move forward with plans to reopen the Wickepin Hotel.

In the short term, this will include....

- Seeking legal advice to establish the community fund.
- Moving forward with urgent repairs.
- Working with the potential lessee.

Thanks to the community for your support. We will keep you updated. There will be opportunities for the community to assist in cleaning and repairs on the hotel soon.

There is still an opportunity for you to invest! Email wickpubcrg@gmail.com.

If you have any queries, please call Brett (0429 881 201), Tim (0428 881 246), Tim (0427 886 058), Ty (0429 881 108).



A SENIOR'S VERSION of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists. I am trying to make friends outside Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I did the night before, what I will do later and with whom, I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and me doing the gardening, taking things apart in the garage, water the lawn, standing in front on landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does everyday. I also listen to their conversations give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I "like them" and if it works for Facebook I already have four people following me. Two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

STAYING IN PLACE EXPO – PINGELLY 8/9 MAY 2024

I attended along with Wickepin CRC Representatives Lauren & Zen the 2 day EXPO held at Pingelly Rec Centre. This event was attended by a packed house of over 170 representatives made up of local, State & Interstate attendees.

The event was opened by Pingelly Council President Jackie Mc Burney after Welcome To Country by local Indigenous representative Malcolm Jetta.

We then saw Keynote Speakers Prof Loretta Baldassar, ECU -Social Ageing amongst many "hats" she wears, address the large gathering then field many questions.

Over the next 2 days, there were breakout sessions covering the various facets of aged care from the perspective of that looking like, staying at home to receive rather than leaving home, loved ones etc & moving to Aged facilities.

The Pingelly CRC through in particular Helen Morton & Lee Steel have moved from almost 3 years ago establishing the Staying in Place program and Virtual Village with a "one off" funding to the present Mable. Mable is a play on words...I'm Able, becoming Mable. Mable to stay home. Mable seeks to provide a network of local resident/contractors to provide services enabling those within the community with special needs such as chopping wood, cleaning gutters, Getting to medical appointments, preparing meals etc to receive that without ever worrying about leaving their homes.

Wickepin CRC is now running the Staying in Place program in partnership with InCasa and Mable. It is early stages. Friday 10th May saw General Manager InCasa, Misty Morton, attend the Wickepin CRC in a follow up to the 2 day EXPO. I was thrilled to see 12 interested locals attend. Of these for several reasons, only one had or presently needed intervention. (I feel the next meeting may need to be held elsewhere as CRC venue is now being outgrown!)

Misty, amongst much sharing of information pointed out that although the first step to obtaining a "Aged care package" in rough terms identifying Levels of help from 1-4, taking several weeks, the wait time for funding these packages, mostly through bureaucracy has blown from 5 to 18 months. Her message is clear...if you feel you do or have expectations of needing help to Stay in Place then come see Lauren at our local CRC. Get the process under way.

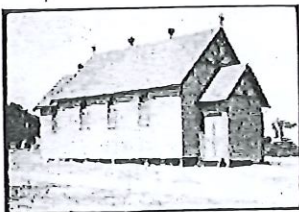
In conclusion, Walpole has been in Mable for just 12 months. In that time, they have 23 Clients & 38 local Providers. First year alone, the services brought in almost \$500,000 money into the town, most of which previously would have gone to pay external contractors. Consider the return to Pingelly with over 70 using the services of locals. Another, Jurian Bay, also newly established already has 22 on program with 27 on waiting list.

I hope we in our area will embrace this opportunity and see those who have put so much into their community stay in their community.

John Mearns
Wickepin.

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

Happy Birthday

Evan Podmore

17/5/2021

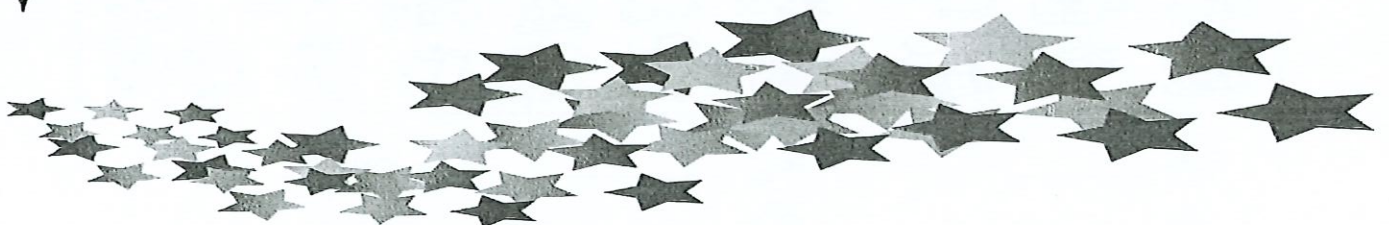
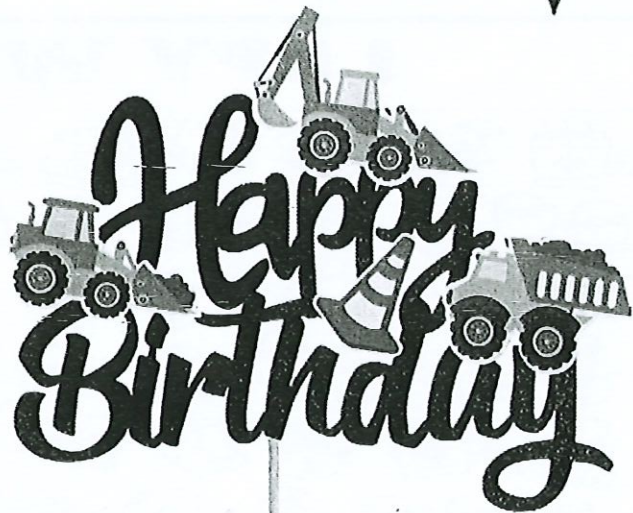
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Mason Bushby

17/5/2019

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Hearty vegetable soup

Ingredients (12)

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 brown onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 shortcut rindless bacon rashers, chopped
- 1 zucchini, chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled, chopped
- 3 celery stalks, trimmed, chopped
- 1/2 (600g) cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 400g can diced tomatoes
- 1 litre beef liquid stock
- 1 cup dried mini penne pasta
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves



Method

Step 1 Heat olive oil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Add brown onion, 2 garlic cloves, and 4 shortcut rindless bacon rashers. Cook, stirring, for 3 to 5 minutes or until bacon is golden. Add zucchini, carrot, celery stalks and cauliflower. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until vegetables start to brown.

Step 2

Add can diced tomatoes, beef style liquid stock and 2 cups cold water. Cover. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer for 20 to 25 minutes or until vegetables are just tender. Add 1 cup dried mini penne pasta. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. Stir in 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves. Serve.



Garlic bread is a warm and aromatic side dish that adds a delicious flavour boost to vegetable soup. Toast slices of bread with butter and minced garlic, and serve alongside your soup for a scrumptious pairing.

Community Notes

Happy birthday wishes to Cody Jarvis, Allan Hemley, Archer Miller, Caleb Murray, Leonard Bushby, Stacey Halstead, Gemma Pauley, Jared Wing, Tatum Anderson, Lara Marchei, Sarah Butler.



Save the Date

Wickepin Winter Weekend Friday 21st-Sun 23rd June

An fun weekend of Old time Dancing, music and good company.

Donations are made to community groups such as the St John Ambulance sub centre.

THANK YOU

Paul and Mary of Wickepin Street would like to sincerely thank the Fire Brigade members and all other people who assisted with The extinguishing of the fire that burnt their car and shed on Sat 27th April. Your quick and efficient response ensured the safety of the houses.
PS. Thanks for all help since fire

Wickepin Art & Craft

Joyner Street, Wickepin, WA, 6370

Contacts: Kathy 0416 007 164: Elaine 0428 898 025: Charlotte 0437 418 289: Irene 0437 801 026

Thank you to the group of willing workers of the Devonshire Teas and the Craft stall at the Mother's Day markets on Saturday (11th May). The time was enjoyed by all our members.

The shoe box items are growing at a rapid rate, mostly contributed by Doreen Lewis. Among the finished items are skirts, shorts, large bags, marble bags, toilet bags, numerous pencil cases, beanies and a large amount of wonderful home made soft toys. We sincerely thank many who have donated fabrics to allow us to make these items. Wheatbelt Upholstery of Corrigin has also supplied a myriad of fabrics for our group. Donations of pencils, rulers, exercise books, toothbrushes, soap, face washers and marbles can be left at the CRC for collection.



Classifieds

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, drop them at the Community Resource Centre or fax to 9888 1588

Guess who these 10 boys are.

Submitted by Ray Lewis



Watershed News 2024 Publication Dates

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



The Wicky Weekly

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6 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Four - Term Two, 2024. As always, there is much learning and several important activities taking place over the coming weeks, highlights as follow.

Youth Health & Wellbeing Festival - Wednesday 8 May 2024
Year Six students will be attending the Youth Health and Wellbeing Festival at Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre, this Wednesday. This event aims to provide a fun and educational experience to young people, that promotes positive physical and mental health, along with healthy lifestyle choices.

Mother's Day Morning Tea - Kindy/PP - Thursday 9 May 2024
Early years students will be hosting an open morning and morning tea for mums this Thursday. We are looking forward to welcoming these very important people to school, from 8.40am - 10.00am on the day.

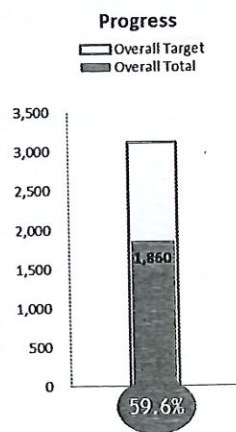
National Walk Safely To School Day - Friday 10 May 2024
This Friday, we will be recognising National Walk Safely to School day by undertaking a walk around Wickepin. We invite family members to join us. We will be departing school just after 9.00am and returning to school by 9.45am, weather permitting

A Belated Thankyou
It was remiss of me to not thank the P&C in our last newsletter, for their \$1300 donation/contribution to the Year 5/6 Rottneest Island camp. Excursions and camps would not happen and we would not have so many engaging, up-to-date resources without the support of this amazing team of supporters. We are very fortunate to have such an active P&C and we appreciate them for all they do for our school!

School Voluntary Contributions Explanation

A friendly reminder that your School Voluntary Contributions can now be paid. Last year, our voluntary contributions and charges received were lower than expected and lower than in past years. Your payment is an important contribution to the school and covers such items as; text books and work books; photocopy materials; cooking ingredients; computer and digital items, to name a few. This year, we would greatly appreciate your payment to assist our school. School bank details are:

BSB 066-040, Account 19901308.



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.

WA Student Assistance Payment

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers with the cost of living pressures associated with sending their children to school. The program is now open, with payments available through the ServiceWA app.

All Western Australian school students in Kindergarten to Year 12, with a valid WA student number, are eligible for this cost of living payment. You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or Kindergarten. To claim the payments, parents and carers are encouraged to set up a ServiceWA account. More information is available at wa.gov.au/servicewaapp. All claims must be received by Friday 28 June 2024.



COVID-19

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

Absentee Information

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

Kind regards,
Benjamin Parkin

Dates to Remember

- | May | Event |
|--------|--|
| 8 | Youth & Wellbeing Festival - Year 6's |
| 9 | Hockey Incursion |
| 9 - 13 | Server Replacement - No Network |
| 10 | National Walk Safely to School Day |
| 21 | School Nurse - Kindy Screening |
| 22 | National Simultaneous Storytime |
| 27 | National Reconciliation Week |
| 29 | Public School Review |
| 31 | Staff Development Day - Students Do Not Attend |

SOCK WEEK

SAVE OUR COUNTRY KIDS

24-30 JUNE 2024

A week of action to drive home road safety awareness!
Let's stay safe and alert on our regional roads!



SOCK WEEK LAUNCH MORNING TEA

10AM - 12PM

Join us for complementary morning tea at the CRC to kick off the Campaign



WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Stop in at the CRC to collect your free Barista Coffee



FLURO FRIDAY



Wear Fluro to work to help raise awareness! Pick up a free vest from the CRC

KIDS FLURO DISCO

5-7pm

Wickepin Town Hall



Look out for road safety messages and information on our social media and on noticeboards

GET INVOLVED AND WIN

Attend any of our SOCK Week events or share any of our SOCK week messages on social media to enter our free prize draw to win a \$50 voucher



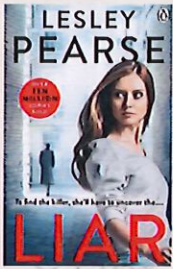
#SaveOurCountryKids #SOCKWeek2024

New books!

WICKEPIN LIBRARY

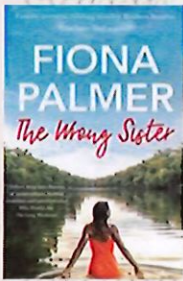
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ADULT FICTION : Liar – Lesley Pearse



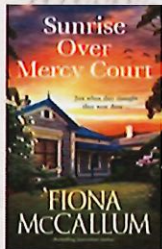
In a Shepherd's Bush bedsit, Amelia White dreams of being a reporter. The closest she's come is selling advertising in the local paper. Until the fateful day she stumbles on a truly shocking scoop. Round the corner from her home, she discovers the body of a murder victim, dumped among the rubbish. When the police and reporters descend, Amelia is horrified at the assumptions made and lies soon to be spread about this poor young woman. Determined to protect the victim from these smears and help her grieving family, she convinces her paper's editor to allow her to take up her pen and tell the true story. But when another body is found and the police investigation stalls, Amelia - uncovering new witnesses and suspects in her search for clues - discovers that she may be the only one with any chance of learning the truth and stopping more killings. If only she can work out who the liar is . . .

ADULT FICTION : The Wrong Sister - Fiona Palmer



As she approaches thirty, dedicated nurse Ellen Sutton's life is how she wants it - well, almost. Her younger sister, Carrie, seems to have it all sorted though: a successful hair business, a devoted new boyfriend and a rosy future together. Even Ellen's brother, Bodhi, is settled with his petite, super-chill chef girlfriend, Ingrid. So why does Ellen suddenly give up her career and family for the red dust and toil of an outback cattle station? She's never run from anything before - it's new territory in more ways than one. But Ellen can't run forever. And a family camping trip to Western Australia's beautiful Karijini country brings the three women together once again. This trip won't be the dream camping holiday for any of them. But one way or another, it will show them the truth. The Wrong Sister is a heartfelt story about dreams, the importance of family and finding your true self.

ADULT FICTION: Sunrise Over Mercy Court - Fiona McCallum



Howard and Elsie Manning were born on the same day, met at kindergarten, and have been married for 59 years. They have lived sensible, productive lives, and raised two self-sufficient daughters. Now, at 78, they are bored with the predictability of life, fed up with contemporary society, have aching joints and dwindling finances, and - funeral by funeral - their circle of friends is shrinking. Worst of all, they are grieving for their beloved, recently deceased dog Maisie. Together Howard and Elsie consider bringing their lives to a peaceful end, but it turns out leaving this world is not easy, especially if they want to avoid pain or mess. Even the apparently simple methods have much room for error, as they discover.

Then a knock at the door changes everything ..

JUNIOR FICTION : The Land of Stories Worlds Collide - Chris Colfer



In the highly anticipated finale, Conner and Alex must brave the impossible. All of the Land of Stories fairy tale characters - heroes and villains - are no longer confined within their world! With mayhem brewing in the Big Apple, Conner and Alex will have to win their biggest battle yet. Can the twins restore order between the human and fairy-tale world? Breathtaking action mixed with laugh-out-loud moments and lots of heart will make this a gripping conclusion for fans old and new.

Did you know... You can now borrow books electronically, using your Wickepin Library Membership? Just download *Libby* or *Borrowbox* onto your smartphone or tablet, and you'll have a world of books at your fingertips. And best of all...it's **FREE!**

Need help? Pop in to the CRC, and we can show you how!





2024 Influenza Vaccines

Free influenza vaccines for community members
will be available at the **Wickepin Health Service**
from Monday 6th May

Immunisation clinics will be held at the
Wickepin Health Service on Mondays
during
May and June

9am – 1pm Adult Influenza Vaccine
1pm – 3:30pm Child Influenza Vaccine

Appointments are encouraged to guarantee adequate supply.

*Please phone the **Wickepin Health Service on 9888 2222** to
make an appointment or discuss your eligibility.*

Get in touch

Wickepin Health Service

28 Johnston St

Wickepin WA 6370

www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au

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wachscomms@health.wa.gov.au. Alternative format
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What's On In Wickepin Shire

Mondays:

Watershed News every second Monday:

Fit Pursuit 5.45am-6.30am @ 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

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Indoor Bowls 1pm @ Wickepin Community Centre

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Thursdays:

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Fridays:

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Ages 0-5

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Saturdays:

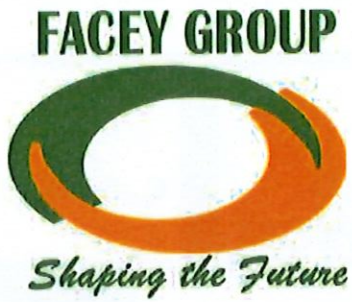
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Sundays:

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FACEY GROUP UPDATE

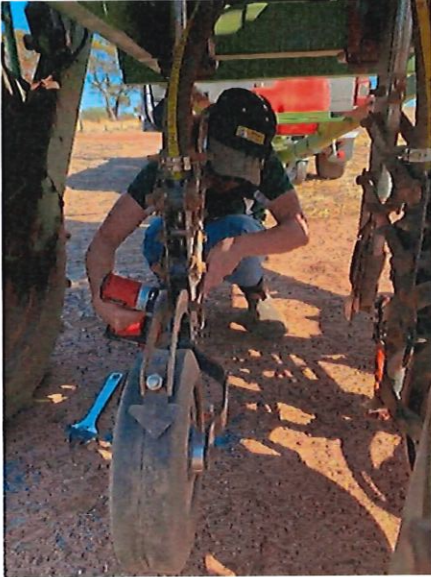


Image: Facey Group AgREC, Claire Willcocks on the tools, getting the plot seeder ready.

The Facey Group AgREC team have been busy making the most of having a small plot seeder in-house and have started seeding our trials! As the team get familiar with their new piece of machinery, we would like to thank everyone who has given us guidance and wisdom on how to get the most out of it. The first trial sown this year with the small plot seeder, was the Time of Sowing Project, part of the RiskWi\$e project funded by GRDC. The Time of Sowing project aims to compare the upside reward of early sowing with the downside risk of frost and examine the impact that sowing time also has on exposure to late-season heat stress.

The team have also been out soil sampling and burning in preparation for the sowing season. Facey Group successfully secured the tender for a GRDC-funded Deep Sown Oats Project. This project is situated on two sites, one in Merredin and one in Wickepin, recently sown with thanks by Living Farm. Collaborating with fellow grower group, Merredin & Districts Farm Improvement Group (MADFIG), the trial aims to better understand the potential of deep sowing oats early into stored moisture opportunities. This project is also supported by InterGrain, providing both conventional and emerging seed varieties.



Image: Living Farm on the job seeding the Deep Sown Oats project site in Wickepin.

We look forward to sharing our observations and results with our members on all our trials as they progress this growing season. Facey Group wish all our members and local growers a safe and drama-free seeding for 2024 followed by plenty of glorious rain ☁️



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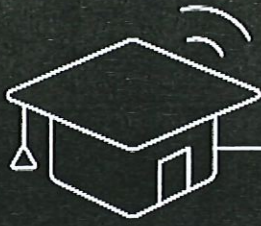


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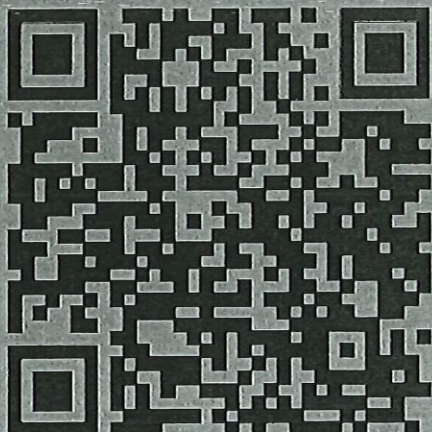
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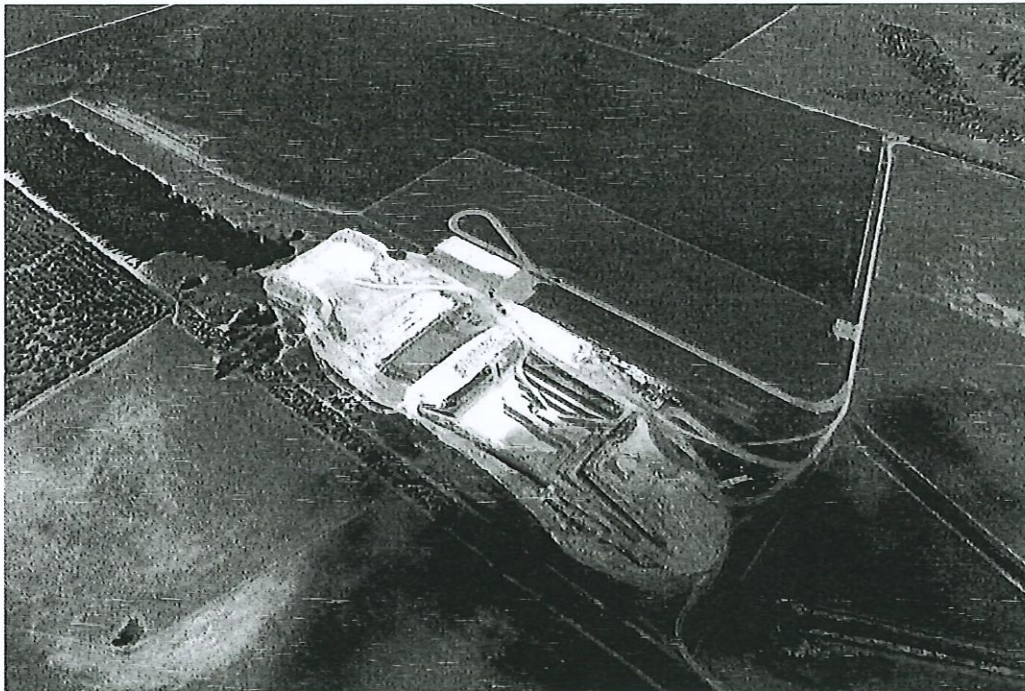
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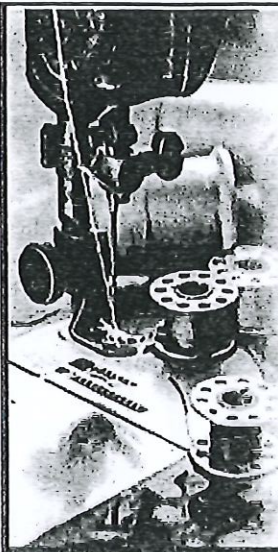
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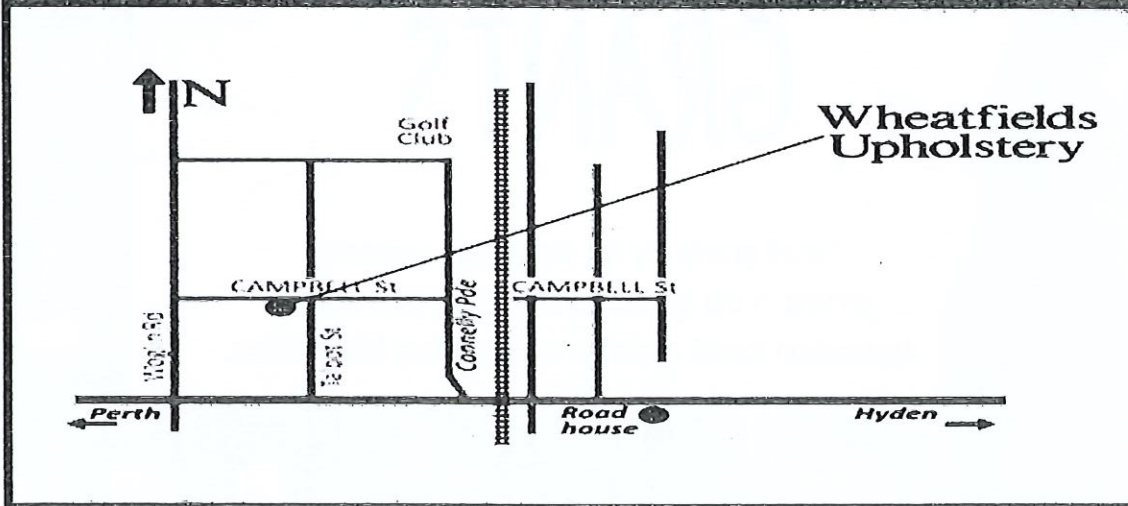
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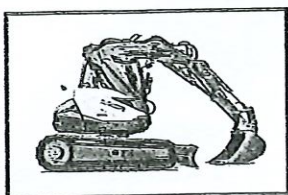
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January	3.4	2	3.4	January	13.2	3	13.2
February	0.8	1	4.2	February	3.4	3	16.6
March	37.4	3	41.6	March	32.0	7	48.6
April	83.2	8	124.8	April	0.0	0	48.6
May	5.0	3	129.8	May	29.0	4	77.6
June	74.8	10	204.6	June			
July	32.2	13	236.8	July			
August	38.6	5	275.4	August			
September	28.4	4	303.8	September			
October	0.0	0	303.8	October			
November	5.4	4	309.2	November			
December	0.0	0	309.2	December			

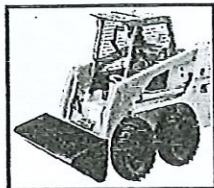
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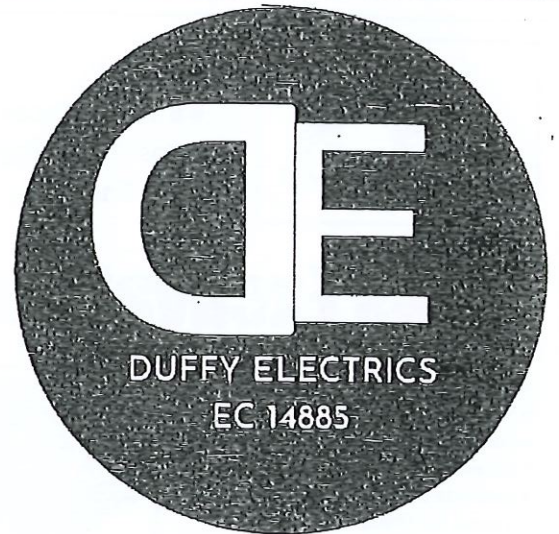


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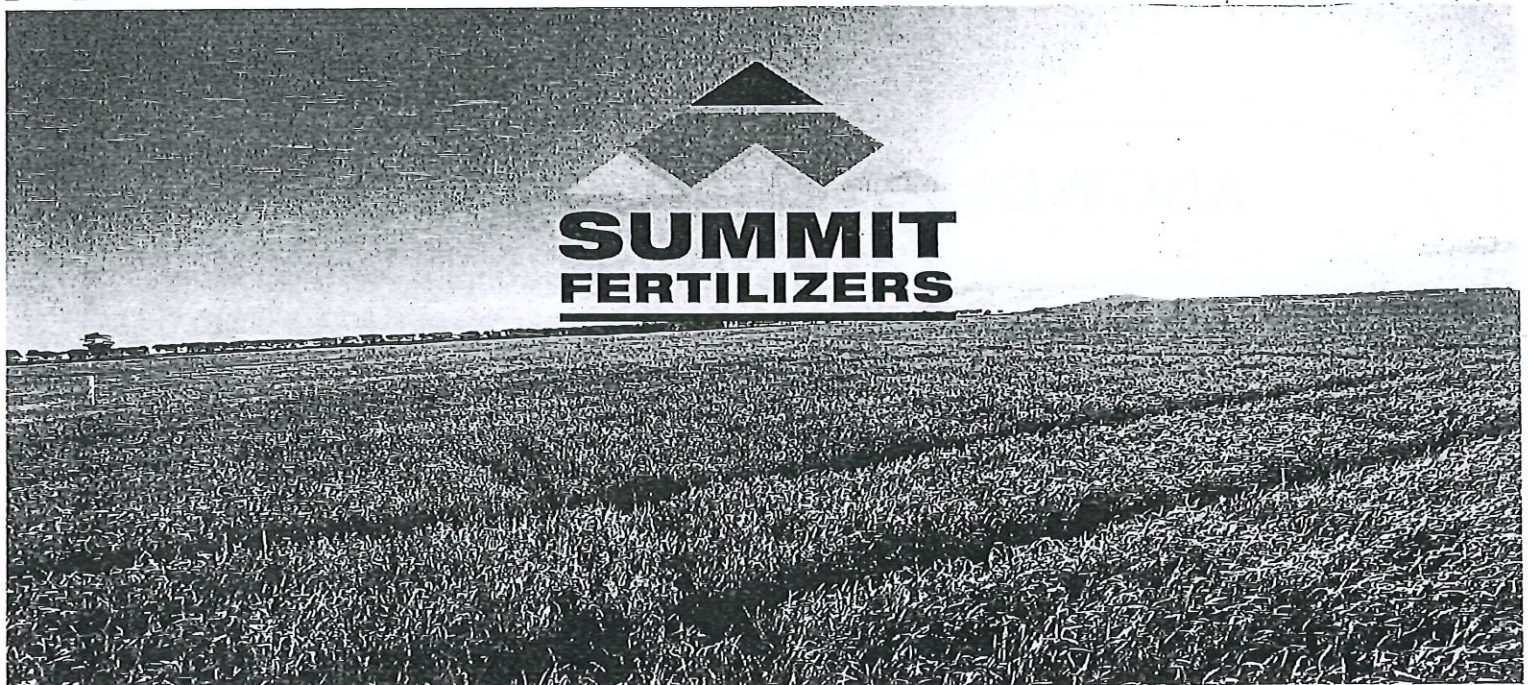
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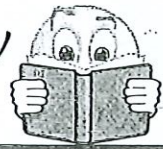


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Wickepin Football Club – 2024 Season Fixtures



Round	Date	Versus	Location
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	

Harrismith Golf Notes

Last Saturday members played a stroke round being the 1st qualifying round.

Some very good scores were returned.

Ladies 18 hole winner - Amanda Davidson 88-22-66 net,

R/U - Peta Astbury with 89-22-71 net.

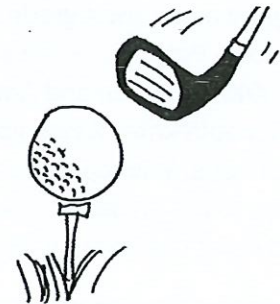
Ladies 9 hole competition winner - Danelle Bird 71-22-49

Men's net winner - Peter Thompson 89-18-71 net

R/U - Rodney Shemeld 69-+3-72 net

Some great scores, the course looking fantastic with a nice tinge of green on the fairways. Hoping for more rain ahead, as is the whole community.

Next Saturday's golf is sponsored by Price Fabrication and is a Stableford competition and the 2nd round of the Glen Orin, with tea to follow play.



WICKEPIN HOCKEY CLUB NOTES

Welcome to the 2024 hockey season. This year we have pulled together an A grade side and a B grade side and we also have the juniors (J11s)

In the seniors our club consists of Amy Duff, Nicki Evans, Kiesha Thompson, Carly Flavel, Jo Priest, Brooke Lange, Renae Bransby, Kaitlyn Anderson, Kiesha Bransby, Sammy Armstrong, Trish Armstrong, Stacey Halstead, Jody Matthews, Kiara Richards, Holly Eales, Peta Bushby, Dee Blight, Katie Blight, Sally-Mae Downing, Gillian Spargo, Stacey Richards, Tiffany Flood, Kiralee Harris, Aleiah Bushby and Kaylan Halstead.

Training is Wednesday nights at 6pm on Wickepin oval and every second Monday on Ngn turf at 6pm. Captains that were selected congratulations, A grade Renae Bransby and for B grade Stacey Halstead.

27th April 2024 saw Wickepin take on Warriors in both A and B grade on Narrogin turf. At 6.30 pm Wickepin had their first game, all playing together and getting used to the way everyone played etc, unfortunately Warriors took out a win 5-0.

At 8pm B grade played, with Kaitlyn our goalie (for both A and B grade), Holly, Dee, Peta, Trish and Stretch (Stacey R) in our defense line up. Our attacking line up Renae, Sally, Kiesha B (K), Halstead, Gillian, Sammy, Katie, Tiffany and Kaylan. Some of us already playing within A grade were already warm and tuckered out but weren't showing any mercy. Half time score was 0-0. Third quarter we come back on playing as a team, good runs, good tackles, some great passes, Wickepin have in our attacking D and Tiffany shoots and scores for Wickepin. Warriors having some very fit and skilled girls were not making it easy, but Wickepin with possession of the ball in the attacking zone score a short. Sammy scores a goal. Not long after, with a lot of teamwork Sammy scores again making the final score Wickepin 3- Warriors 0.

4th May 2024 Wickepin vs All Blacks on Wickepin oval

Starting at 1.30pm was B grade we have full 16 players. Defense consisting of Kaitlyn (g), Holly, Jody, Trish, Halstead and Peta, midfield with Kiesha(K), Sammy, Kiki, Dee and Stretch and our wings Sally, Tiffany, Kaylan and Katie. First game on the grass was rather bouncy, few lumps and bumps received from sticks and balls, pot holes in grass trying to dodge the half time score 0-0. Wickepin defense sticking it out tight and not letting All Blacks score, well done to all of you. Wickepin midfields taking it down the field with some great passing, Sammy takes it for a run to the attacking end for Wickepin, she flies into the D and gives the ball a big hit and the ball slips past the goalie. Score 1-0. All Blacks put the pressure on now and have most of the play and they have it down their attacking zone and score a goal. Fourth quarter a lot of ping pong and All Blacks compose most of the play, but Wickepin defense don't let them score. Final score 1-1.

Warming up a bit now A grade take on All Blacks at 3pm. Defense players were Kaitlyn(goalie), Kiesha T, Brooke, Jody, Peta, Aleiah and Halstead, whilst attack line up with Carly, Jo, Nicki, Kiesha B (K), Renae, Sammy, Kiki and Katie and Amy Duff coaching. All Blacks are not making it easy at all and scoring very early, Wickepin knew it was going to be a hard game. Everyone is working hard dodging pot holes, losing a couple of balls, Wickepin get it down to their attacking zone and Carly shoots in, ball slips past goalie as she slides to the grass. 1-1. Everyone doing what they could All Blacks win the game 6 – 2. Arvo tea followed up at the Bowling Club.

Thank you to Aaron Bransby for umpiring both games.

Mother's day markets in Wickepin at town hall on the 11th May 2024

Wickepin Hockey Club did a cake/ food stall and held a few raffle prizes. A huge shout out to all the juniors that went around the town of Wickepin Friday night selling tickets for the wood raffle. A massive thanks to everyone who baked goods, donated money and donated time as we were sold out by midday. This is always a lovely fundraiser for the club and specials thanks to Stacey Halstead for organizing, superb job as always, and to the ladies that manned the stall throughout the day. Congratulations to the raffle winners.

WICKEPIN HOCKEY CLUB NOTES (continued)

Wood prize- Aaron Bransby Hamper- Brodie Bransby Cake- Peta Robinson

Guess how many snakes – Beau Flood with 65 snakes in jar!

A reminder of our super 66 fundraiser, will start when all numbers are sold, if you would like to get your numbers please be in touch with Stacey Halstead or Renae Bransby

Friday 17th A grade on turf at 8pm

Saturday 18th May B grade @ Wickepin at 1.30pm

25th May @ Wickepin B grade at 1.30pm

A grade on Ngn turf at 5pm

Wickepin Pot Club Bowls Season

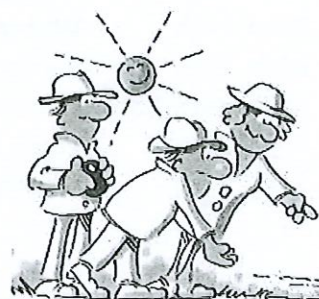
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LAKE YEALERING GOLF CLUB

Saturday 4th May 2024 May the Force be with you.

Well the rain came and the farmers left so a small field of six contested a Stableford Round on a warm but overcast day with late winds. Best on the day was A. McIntyre 37 followed by S. Dicks 31

Novelties went to:-

S. Dicks	Longest Putt No 2	(Market Ag)
A. McIntyre	Best Third No 16	(Yealering Shop)
A. McIntyre	Nearest to Pin No 18	(Gangells)

Saturday 11th May 2024

Once again overcast but very warm conditions saw a field of 8 Golfers contest a Stableford Round. A warm welcome to Heather Williams playing at the Club for the first time. I'm sure Tanya enjoyed some female company for a change. With a score of 38 S. Dicks was the best on the day followed by S. Davidson and C. Nelson both on 35.

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S. Dicks	Longest Putt No 2	(Market Ag)
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Scott Dicks cleaned up all the novelty prizes. Well done Dixie.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 2024

Sat 25th Wickepin Football Home Game vs Narrogin
Mon 27th Watershed News
Mon 27th Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 27th Mosquito Fogging commences

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 17th Biggest Morning Tea @ Wickepin community Centre
Fri 21st-23rd Wickepin Winter Weekend
Sun 23rd Wickepin Football Home Game vs Wagin
Mon 24th Watershed News
Mon 24th Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 24th-30th SOCK Week Road Safety Awareness
Fri 28th Term 2 Ends
Sun 30th Wickepin Football Home Game vs Katanning

JULY 2024

Mon 8th Watershed News
Mon 8th Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 15th School Term 3 Starts
Sun 21st Wickepin Football Home Game vs Williams
Mon 22nd Watershed News
Mon 22nd Recycle and Bin Day
Thurs 25th Women in Agriculture –Wickepin
Sat 27th Wickepin Football Home Game vs Brookton/Pingelly

AUGUST 2024

Mon 5th Watershed News
Mon 5th Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 14th Wickepin CRC Committee Meeting @ 5.30pm. All Guests Welcome
Mon 19th Watershed News
Mon 19th Recycle and Bin Day
Sat 27th Wickepin Football Home Game vs Boddington

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun 1st Father's Day
Mon 2nd **Watershed News**
Mon 2nd Recycle and Bin Day
Thurs 5-6th Auschem Course
Sun 8th UGS Football League Grand final @ Wickepin
Thurs 12th R U OK? Day
Mon 16th Watershed News
Mon 16th Recycle and Bin Day
Fri 20th Term 3 Ends

