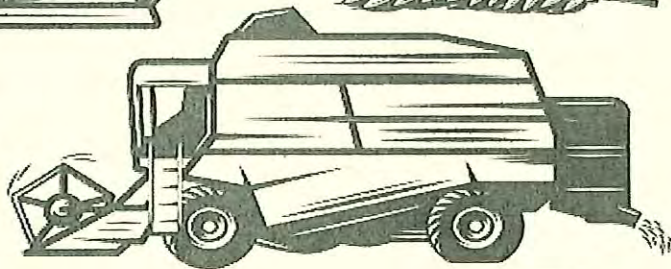
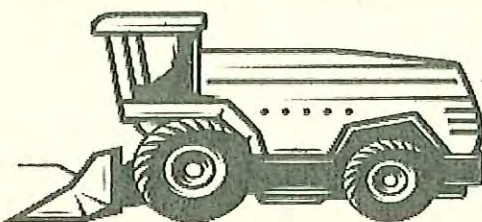
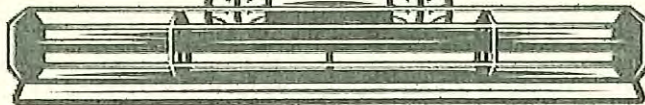
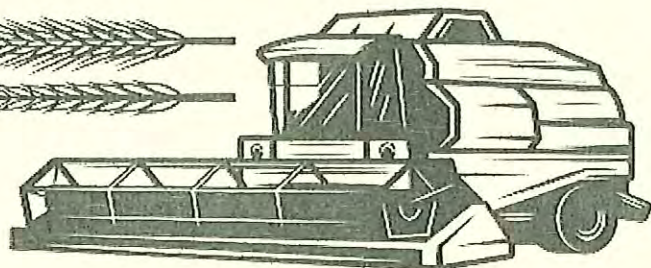
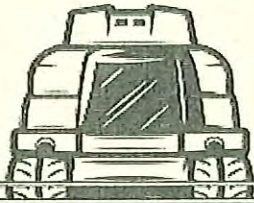
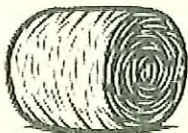
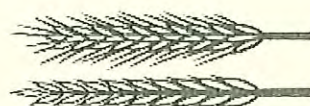
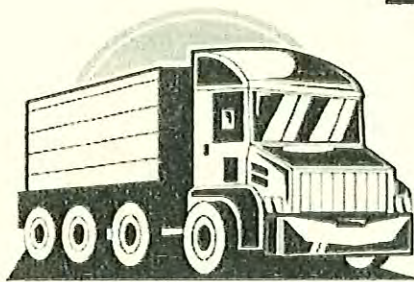


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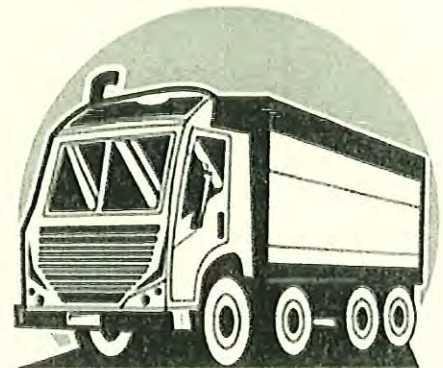
A free fortnightly paper for the areas of
Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Wickepin and Yealering

28th October 2024

Have a safe Harvest



**On the roads
and at work
be patient & alert.
Take the safest option.**



WATERSHED NEWS INC- COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

ABN 96 234 351 594

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Monday 11 th November	Monday 17 th February
Monday 25 th November	Monday 3 rd March
Monday 9 th December	Monday 17 th March
Monday 3 rd February	Monday 31 st March

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We want your Classified Advertisements

Advertising in the Watershed Classified section is free for two weeks, so send in your ads.

Email to watershed@wn.com.au, or drop them into the Community Resource Centre.

What's Happening in and around the Wickepin Shire?

Send in your news. Others would enjoy reading about your family news, milestone birthdays, events, travels etc.

Eulogies of our local residents and the ones who have moved away, are gratefully received.

The community cherishes the chance to read their life stories

COMMUNITY NOTES



End of October and November birthday wishes to:

- 29th Tom Bennier, Brody Bransby-Dunsford,
- 2nd Courtney Rose
- 3rd Rowan Bird, Darcy McDougall
- 4th Micheal Simpson
- 6th Stuart White, Beau Flood
- 8th Lucas Thompson, Jazmine Ellis, Jessica White, Hazel Wilson, Jody Matthews
- 10th Lee-Ann Mullan

The Fulford family would like to thank everyone that attended the Celebration of Life of Esther Fulford.

Thank you to the P&C for the great catering.

Thank you to all for your condolences and sympathy, it really means a lot to us.

Esther (Mum) loved this town and the community that she was involved in over the years.

So, Esther (Mum) is home now, this is where she wanted to be the most.

The place she called home, Wickepin.



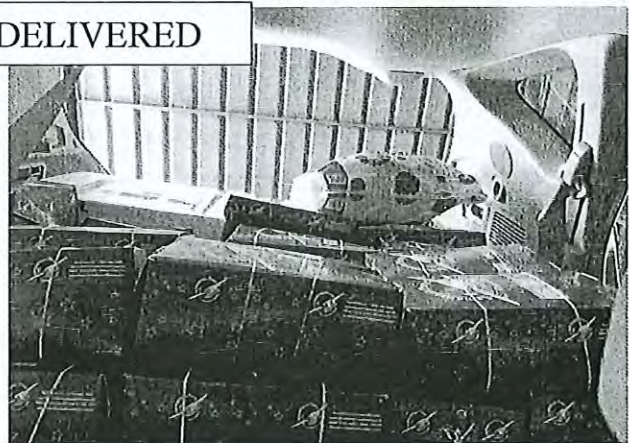
Our Deep Condolences

Our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy

Our sympathies to Joan and the Wyllie family on the passing of Allan. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time



PACKED AND DELIVERED



Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this wonderful cause.

We delivered 26 boxes from Wickepin and the money donations, covered to the dollar, all the postage and handling needed to get the boxes to their destinations.

Above is the Perth Processing Centre located at 8 Mumford Pl, Balcatta and open for processing between 9am - 3pm, Monday - Saturday. If you would like to experience a day of volunteering phone 1300884468 to book in.

I will let you know where our boxes end up.

Thank you and God Bless... Irene Moore

COMMUNITY NOTES

Elaine Bushby celebrated her 80th birthday at the Cuballing Tavern on Friday 18th October, with 14 family members and friends. A wonderful surprise awaited her arrival at the Tavern to see her son and his partner who had travelled from Perth. Daughter Jody made a beautiful 3-tiered birthday cake, filled with jam on one tier and custard on the other which was mouth watering.

The following day Jody prepared a fantastic high tea at her home in Narrogin which was attended by just 8 people. The food and presentation was exceptional. Following the high tea we proceeded to the New Cornwall Hotel where Kathy Altham's son and partner had arranged a surprise 60th birthday celebration for Kathy. The room at the Corni was decorated with many purple 60th helium balloons and the chocolate birthday cake was beautifully decorated and tasted amazing. Then the following Wednesday, 23rd October, a pot club dinner was held at Bushby's home, for Kathy's actual birthday, attended by 9 people. A very happy and relaxing night with a variety of foods. It has been a couple of months of busyness with birthdays so hopefully things will settle down now.



WHAT ARE THE WARNINGS AGAINST USING FAKE SPIDER WEBS FOR HALLOWEEN?

It can be very harmful for wildlife, especially birds. Birds often use spider silk to build their nests and cannot tell the difference between real and fake webbing. This can result in birds and their young becoming stuck in the webbing. Bats, insects and other wildlife can also become stuck in this material. What's more, when blown around in the wind, they are often spread around public places such as parks and beaches, where wildlife are drawn to, and because they aren't biodegradable, can hang around for months or even years with the danger ongoing.



AEC

Australian Electoral Commission

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has 100,000 temporary jobs available across Australia at the next election. While a date has not been set, the election will be held no later than May 2025.

We are seeking people to work in our regional and rural local government areas as historically these are harder to staff and are asking for your help to spread the word about these jobs. All jobs are paid, no experience is required, and training is provided

Plant Swap

There will be a plant swap on the 7th November 2024 at 9.30am

Located at the Old Wickepin Railway Station.

Proposed Community Garden

On this day we will be talking about making a date for a meeting with interested gardening people.

Subjects to be discussed are:

- Establishment and location
 - Management
- Grants and donations for needed supplies

Contact Ruth 0419526067

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Television

Samsung 32" LED - \$20 ONO

Ph: 0437 418 289

Plants

Rhubarb Plants

\$5 each

Ph: 0434172002



Trees

Young native tree in small pots-\$5 each

Pitted on onto large pots \$10

Ph 0488 679 206

RAINFALL

2023	mm	Days	Total	2024	mm	Days	Total
January	3.4	2	3.4	January	13.2	3	13.2
February	0.8	1	4.2	February	3.4	3	16.6
March	37.4	3	41.6	March	32	7	48.6
April	83.2	8	124.8	April	0	0	48.6
May	5	3	129.8	May	40.8	7	86.6
June	74.8	10	204.6	June	34.4	13	121
July	32.2	13	236.8	July	72	21	193
August	38.6	5	275.4	August	84	15	280.2
September	28.4	4	303.8	September	29	6	309.2
October	0	0	303.8	October	14.8	4	324
November	5.4	4	309.2	November			
December	0	0	309.2	December			

Registered at the Wickepin Post Office as of 28TH October 2024

WA Seniors Week

**FREE
EVENT**

TIME FOR GARDENING

FREE Gardening Workshop

- Tips for getting started
- Soil preparation
- No dig & lasagne gardening
- Growing organically
- Composting & mulching
- Q & A

FREE Packet of Seeds
For Those That Attend

PRESENTED BY JOHN DRAPER
FROM Harvest ME



THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
10.30AM
AT WICKEPIN CRC

RSVP today to secure your spot
9888 1500



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Regional Development



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

**BURNING PERIODS**

Due to seasonal conditions, the Shire of Wickepin would like to advise our local community that the **"Prohibited Burning Period"** is has been brought forward to 00:01 hours on 1 November 2024 and will cease midnight 7th February 2025.

This means that no burning in the open air may occur during the above mentioned period.

This is in accordance with *section 17 (7) & (8) of the Bush Fires Act 1954* and in accordance with delegated authority under *section 17 (10) of the Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Thanks to everyone for helping keep our community safe.

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

The pool is scheduled to open on Friday, 1 November 2024, 1pm – 6pm. The pool will be closed every Tuesday commencing 5 November 2024 except during VacSwim or Education Department swimming lessons.

Season passes are available from the Shire Office -

- Family \$150
- Adult \$ 95
- Child \$ 70

2024/2025 Entry Fees -

- Adult \$3.00
- Child \$2.00
- Pensioner/spectator \$2.00

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH – SAVE THE DATE

The 2024 Senior Christmas Lunch will be held in the coming months, so please stay tuned for the date. This cherished event is something our seniors look forward to each year. This year, we are seeking new volunteers to assist with preparations and activities. If you are interested in contributing your time and support, please contact the Shire Office at 9888 1005. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY**

In light of the recent fires in Wickepin, it is crucial for our community to take proactive measures to mitigate fire risks. We urge residents to assess their properties, clear flammable materials, and create defensible spaces. Staying informed about local fire regulations and participating in fire safety workshops can greatly enhance our collective safety. Please refer to the DFES website and explore the section titled "Got 15 Minutes to Burn?" to develop a comprehensive bushfire plan, ensuring you are well-prepared for potential emergencies.

2024/2025 BUSHFIRE SEASON NOTICE

Preparing for bushfire season is everyone's responsibility. Our volunteers, Shire staff, and the Department of Fire & Emergency Services work hard to keep us safe. Property readiness is essential for effective emergency response.

Residents in rural areas should understand their bushfire risk and develop a survival plan to protect their families and livelihoods. Consider factors like weather and proximity to emergency services. Communicate your plan with family, employees, and neighbours.



HARVEST BAN ALERTS

- The SMS (text) alert service will again be in operation over the coming harvest/bushfire period.
- If you would like to register your number to receive these messages or have your number removed from the system, please contact the office or email your details to admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

DOGS/CATS REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Registration renewals for dogs and cats are due by October 30, 2024. If any details on your renewal notice was incorrect, or if you didn't receive a notice but have an animal to register, please get in touch with the Shire Administration Office. For new registrations, all animals must be microchipped, and microchip paperwork must be provided.

Please note:

- Dogs must be registered if they are 3 months of age or older.
- Cats must be registered if they are 6 months of age or older.

If your dog or cat has passed away, please inform the Shire so we can cancel the registration and ensure our records are up to date and current.

SHIRE WEBSITE

The Shire of Wickpin maintains a website that offers a variety of information for public viewing. It includes regularly updated news, details about upcoming events, and important community announcements. Additionally, the site provides convenient access to booking forms for venues, buses, and equipment, making it easier for residents and visitors to plan their activities. www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

WICKEPIN OVAL

Aeration and fertilization have been applied to the Wickpin Oval to help the grass grow healthier and stronger. Residents may notice that the grass will appear discoloured at the start of this process, but this is temporary. Photos of the tractors in action are available for viewing. We look forward to seeing everyone enjoy the improved oval!



**OFFICIAL WOODLAND COURT UNITS OPENING**

The Shire extends big thanks to everyone who attended the official opening of the Woodland Court units in Wickpin on the 16th October 2024. This long-awaited milestone marks a significant achievement for our community, and we are excited to welcome residents to their new homes.

A special thank you goes to the Lifestyle Retirement Committee members for their dedication and efforts in the organisation of these units. We would also like to express our appreciation to Councillor Fran Allan, Hon. Steve Martin, and Freeman Mr. Murray Lang for joining Shire President Julie Russell in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Additionally, the Shire is grateful for the state and federal funding awarded, which made the construction of these units possible. The Shire would also like to extend our thanks to the Wickpin Primary School Parents & Citizens for organising the delicious catering provided at the morning tea following the ceremony.

Your presence and support made this event truly memorable. Please see the attached photos for a glimpse into the memorable moments created during this wonderful occasion. As well as the speech done at this event by the Shire President, Julie Russell.

Thank you once again for being a part of this important moment in our community's journey.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1 November – Wickpin Public Pool Opens
- 20 November – Ordinary Meeting of Council

**AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST**

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Australia Day celebrations! The Australia Day Breakfast event will take place in Yealering, where the Citizen of the Year award will be presented. The afternoon will be spent at the Wickpin Public Pool.

Know someone great?

SHIRE OF WICKPIN 2025 COMMUNITY AWARDS

Nominate an individual or a group
for a 2025 Community Award

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (up to 25yrs)
COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR

Awards will be presented at the Australia Day Event - More information to come regarding Dates and Venue!

Nomination forms are available at www.wickpin.wa.gov.au

Nominations close Friday 8th November 2024



**For further information please contact the shire office on 9888 1005 or
eso@wickpin.wa.gov.au**



Central Agcare COUNSELLING

Free, confidential counselling services are available to all. We offer counselling to all age groups from 5 years of age.

Face to face counselling or by phone servicing the Corrigin, Bruce Rock, Naremben, Kulin, Kondinin, Hyden, Quairading, Brookton, Pingelly, Cuballing & Wickepin areas.

Sand play and Art Therapy is available for children at the Corrigin office.

We are qualified Family Counsellors who can help individuals, couples and families negotiate their way through distressing experiences and bring understanding to them such as:

Anxiety

Depression

Life changes (physical & mental)

Abuse (past and present)

Loss and grief and

Relationship issues (home & work)

We are here to help.

Contact our Counsellors:

Joyce Contos: 0428 891 244

Anne Hague: 0427 133 711

Email: ceagcare@bigpond.com



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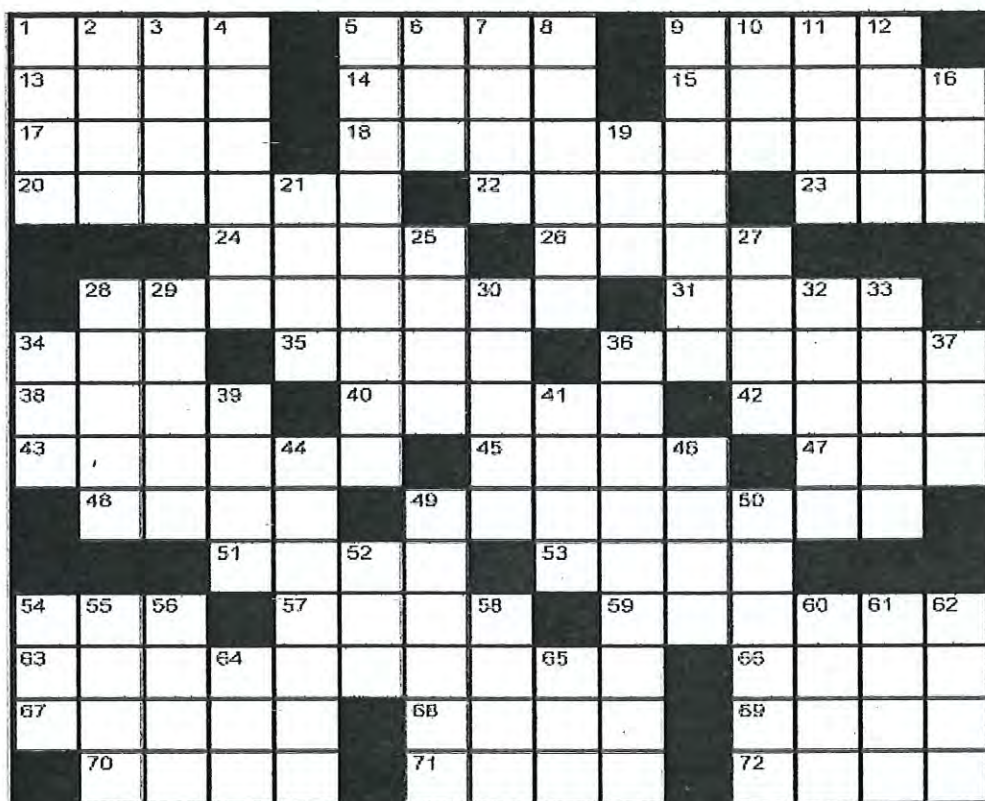
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58 Cream puff
60 Manicurist's tool
61 Military group
62 Pastoral expanses
64 Elephant grp.
65 Military address



RECOMMENDATIONS

The Old Man

Dan Chase is a former CIA operative and Vietnam veteran living off-the-grid in Vermont for thirty years. After killing an intruder who breaks into his home, Chase goes into hiding. He rents a room from Zoe McDonald, who becomes his forced partner while on the run.

FBI Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Harold Harper is called to apprehend Chase because of their complicated past during the Soviet-Afghan War. Working alongside Harper are his protégé, FBI agent Angela Adams, CIA officer Raymond Waters, and Julian Carson, a hit-man hired by Harper to kill Chase.



Recommendation provided by John and Sue Mearns Watch on Disney+

Join us for Wicky's monthly

Communi-TEA

Come along for an afternoon dedicated to celebrating four essential elements of life: good Cake, good Coffee, good Conversation, and most importantly, amazing Community.



When: Friday 1st of November at 1:30pm
Where: Wicky CRC Meeting Room
Cost: Nothing!

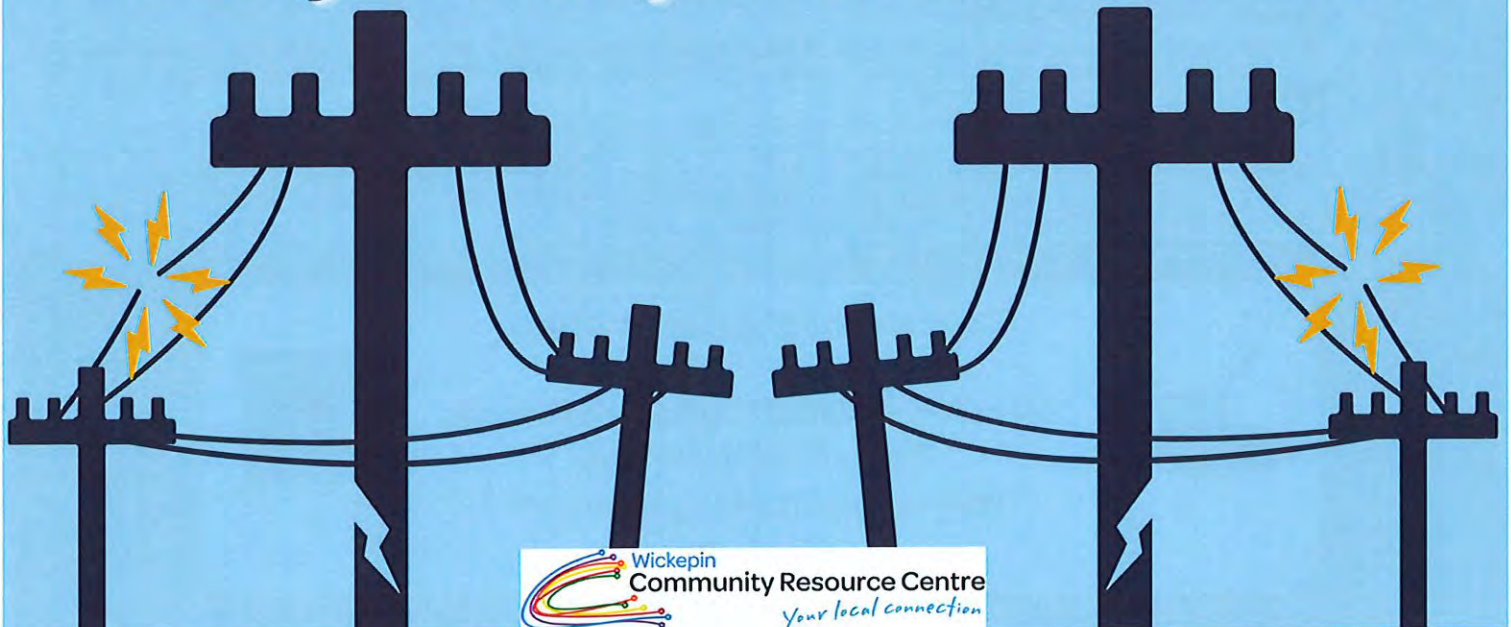
(A small plate to share would be appreciated)



Call the CRC on 9888 1500 for more information!

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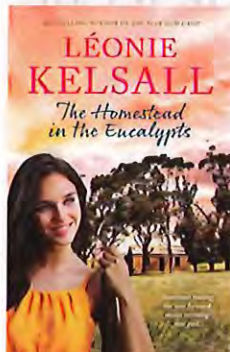
Due to a scheduled Western Power outage, Wicky CRC will be closed on Tuesday the 5th November. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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New books! WICKEPIN LIBRARY

LARGE PRINT FICTION: The Homestead in the Eucalypts—Leonie Kelsall



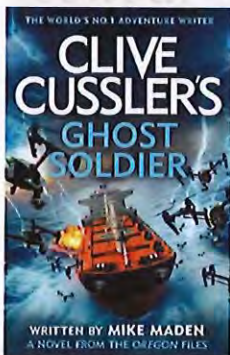
Focused on pursuing her dream of becoming a doctor in Sydney, Taylor doesn't have time for love - yet it seems life has other plans when she catches the eye of charismatic Zac. However, betrayal and the financial implications of her parents' divorce could destroy both her plans and her passion. Escorting her distraught mother to the far side of the country, she is forced to embrace a new life in the stark South Australian countryside. Stressed and disheartened, Taylor starts to experience disturbing dreams.

In 1877, Anna rises before the sun to milk the cow, fetch water from the almost-dry creek, and stoke the oven. If her parents had remained in Europe, instead of settling in the drought-ridden wilderness of South Australia, her life would be different-civilised, perhaps, as Mother loves to say. In Europe, she would have avoided the raging bushfire that leaves her reputation as blackened as the burnt-out scrub. But then, she would not have met handsome fellow settler, Luke Hartmann.

In her dreams, Taylor shadows Anna, finding joy in the simplicity of the other girl's life. But as she escapes her stress by venturing deeper into Anna's world, the borders between reality and dreams become increasingly blurred. When tragedy tears Anna's family apart, Taylor must discover whether her dreams are pure fantasy-or if they recount a story more familiar than she could ever imagine.

Either way, it seems she'll end up with a broken mind or a broken heart.

FICTION ADVENTURE: Clive Cussler's Ghost Soldier—Mike Maden



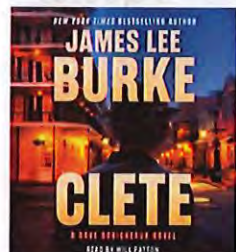
A deadly war game. An adversary as hard to find as he is to kill. Weapons so sophisticated, none have seen the like before. Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon have finally met their match in this pulse-pounding new adventure in the #1 New York Times bestselling series.

When African jihadis attack a Nigerian regiment using American weapons, Cabrillo and the Oregon crew are on the case, investigating from Afghanistan to Kuala Lumpur to track a mysterious arms dealer—a genius, or perhaps a devil—known only as the Vendor.

Cabrillo goes undercover to find the Vendor's base, but his adversary isn't just an arms smuggler. He's an arms maker and Cabrillo just walked into a lethal military game alongside the most dangerous mercenaries in the world, designed to test the Vendor's cutting-edge AI arsenal.

And yet, surviving an arena full of flame-throwing robots isn't even his biggest problem. The Vendor has an army of high-speed drones headed for a pivotal military site, and if the Oregon crew can't stop them from releasing a deadly neurotoxin, the entire globe will erupt in conflict.

AUDIOBOOK: Clete—James Lee Burke



Clete Purcell—private investigator, ex-member of the New Orleans Police Department, and war veteran with a hard shell and just a few soft spots—is Dave Robicheaux's longtime friend and partner in detective work. But he has a troubled past. When Clete leaves his car at the local car wash, only to return to find it ransacked by a group of thugs tied to the drug trade from Mexican cartels to Louisiana, it feels personal—his grandniece died of a fentanyl overdose, and his fists curl when he thinks of the dealers who sold it.

Just as Clete starts to trail the culprits, Clara Bow, a woman with a dark past, hires Clete as a detective to investigate her scheming, slippery ex-husband, and a string of brutal deaths all link back to a heavily tattooed man who seems to lurk around every corner. Clete is experiencing shockingly lifelike hallucinations and questioning Clara's ulterior motives when he and Dave start to hear rumors of a dangerous substance with potentially catastrophic effects. The thugs who destroyed his car might have been pawns in a scheme far darker than they could've imagined.

CHILDRENS FICTION: The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Extinct Animals— Sami Bayly



Discover the incredible features and characteristics of some of the natural world's most fascinating extinct and critically endangered animals in the latest gorgeously illustrated hardcover encyclopaedia from award-winning author and illustrator Sami Bayly.

Pore over beautifully detailed illustrations of some of the most fascinating extinct and critically endangered animals in the natural world. Discover how these species fit into the history of the animal kingdom and why they have become extinct or are under threat.

Featuring facts and astonishing illustrations about sixty amazing animals, including the Western black rhino, thylacine, dodo, South Island giant moa and Tapanuli orangutan, as well as megafauna such as the giant wombat-like diprotodon and the crocodile-like Quinkana. Plus creatures with mysterious origins like Delcourt's giant gecko. Children and adults alike will wonder at the contribution these animals have made to the natural world while being reminded of the importance of wildlife conservation.

Come and try our tablets!



We have a Samsung Galaxy Tablet and an iPad for free* public use.

Why not pop in and try them out?



*conditions apply



YOU ARE INVITED TO
**CELEBRATE
100 YEARS OF
THE ALBERT FACEY
HOMESTEAD
1924-2024**

**Saturday 23th of
NOVEMBER 2024**

*Wickepin residents are
welcome to attend this
celebration.*

WOGOLIN ROAD WICKEPIN



**11am
Welcome
cup of tea**

**11.45am
Plaque
unveiling**

**12.30pm
light lunch**

**1pm
Photographic
displays and
Toolseum open**

**RSVP TO LINLEY ROSE
ON 0408 099791
BY MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER
FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

**THIS EVENT IS
SPONSORED BY THE
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Garden Snippets...



...Happy Hippy's

The name Hippeastrum derives from hippos (a horse) and astrum (a star)-describing the shapes of the developing flower bud which resembles a horse's head, and the eventual flower which is star shaped. Many people, however, prefer the old name Amaryllis, named after the Roman shepherdess of legendary beauty.

Hippys take very little care. You can simply plant them into the ground or in pots - they are not fussy about the soil they are in as long as it is well drained, nor are they fussy about which way they face. They love the warm weather, but not direct sunshine (so dappled shade is best), throw a bit of water over them and as soon as the weather warms up the bulbs will kick into action. Some varieties will produce the flower spike first before the leaves, others will produce strappy leaves followed by the flower spike. Brilliant colours range from deep reds to the palest of pinks, solid colours or stripes and shadings, and there can be single or double flowering varieties – and if grown in pots they can be brought indoors for a splash of gorgeous colour when they are in bloom.

So, How to grow Hippeastrums:

Plant with neck and shoulder of the bulb above the soil level of either the pot or the ground, so only cover about 2/3rds of the bulb with soil (planting too deep can affect the flowering). Although they are not fussy about the type of soil, it must be well drained, so put some bark chips or coal or large stones in the base of the pots to assist drainage.



Put bulbs about 20cm apart in the ground, and in pots allow about 3cm between the bulb and the edge of the pot. Water thoroughly after planting, and keep moist but not wet during growth and flowering. Flowering commences early October, and first flowers can appear before the leaves with a second flowering later in some varieties. Fertiliser of a slow release type can be applied at the beginning of the flowering season.

After flowering, remove spent or damaged foliage or flower heads after they have died down. Bulbs can be left in the ground or pots for a number of years, repot when they become too crowded.

Troubleshooting:

Snails, slugs, thrips, grubs and slaters all love Hippeastrums, and can decimate the flowering spike, so it is advisable to keep a supply of snail pellets handy that will get rid of all of these pests.

Why Won't They Flower?:

Hippy's love to be "crowded", they love a bit of a "winter nap", and when they are active, they love a bit of sunshine (albeit "dappled") – So, if they are not flowering, then check the pot they are in (you may have to repot into something smaller), turn it onto it's side through winter to stop winter rain on them and enable eight weeks of "dry sleep", then place them in a sunnier spot when they are actively growing. If they are in the garden bed, then the best you can do is to give them perfect drainage and sternly refuse to water them from late autumn until spring. They will often settle, and start flowering once they multiply enough to get a little crowded.



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ANNOUNCING THE 2025 CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS!

The votes are in and we are proud to present the 12 stunning photographs chosen to feature in the calendar.

Let's give a round of applause to Jillian Tilbrook, Sharon Williams, Darryl Gaull, Louie Gamble, Shane Cook, Brett, Tamara Ward, Selina Ruffles, and Dixie Dougall.

Special congratulations to Jillian Tilbrook, whose rusty wire fence received the most votes and will be featured on the front cover.

Thankyou to all our photographers who entered this year's contest. We received so many outstanding entries! Thankyou also to everyone who voted, and congratulations to the lucky winners of our prize draw, Helen Sands and Wendy Meddings.



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COLOUR RUN

We had a fantastic turnout and amazing weather for our Children's Week Colour Run on Friday the 18th of October. Everyone had a fabulously messy time, including the grown-ups! Once the colour powder ran out, we moved on to the water pistols for even more fun! Luckily the parents brought towels for the drive home, or the cars would have been an awful mess. We ate fruit and pizza, which were so yummy that there were no leftovers! Thanks so much to all the sponsors, and to Lauren, Zen and the Wicky CRC for organising such a fun afternoon.

When can we do it again?

PS...sorry to our parents who had to wash all the colour out of our clothes!

Save The Date...



Annual General Meeting & 2024 Christmas Party

Join us at the 2024 Facey Group
Annual General Meeting &
Christmas Party!

The AGM will commence at 5pm
after which, family-friendly
christmas celebrations will kick off
including dinner & drinks thanks to
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Once the sun sets, you will be
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Wednesday 18th Dec - 5pm

Wickepin Community Centre



Wander the Wheatbelt

A Member Exclusive Women's Overnight Bus Trip



Facey Group invite our lady members to 'Wander the Wheatbelt' – an overnight tour across the wheatbelt to the city and back.

This is an exciting opportunity to network with fellow women in agriculture while visiting pivotal processing facilities in Perth and enjoying 'paddock-to-plate' experiences to see first hand where our produce ends up.

Places are limited so **SAVE THE DATE** and scan the QR code to register ASAP. Full details released closer to the event.

Contact our office on 9888 1223 or email admin@faceygroup.org.au with any queries.

20th & 21st February 2025

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'Caesar' Spaghetti

Ingredients

165g sourdough bread, roughly chopped
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
375g spaghetti
4 eggs
1/3 cup roughly chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
1 tbsp lemon zest
Dried chilli flakes, to serve (Optional)



METHOD

Place bread in a food processor. Process until coarse crumbs form. Heat 1/4 cup oil in a large, deep frying pan over medium-high heat. Add breadcrumbs. Cook, tossing occasionally, for 5 minutes or until golden and crisp. Add garlic. Cook for a further 2 minutes or until fragrant. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to paper towel to drain. Wipe pan clean.

Cook pasta following packet directions. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup cooking liquid.

Meanwhile, break eggs into frying pan. Cook for 2 minutes or until white is set but yolk is still runny.

Reduce heat to low. Add pasta, breadcrumb mixture, cooking liquid and half the parsley leaves to egg. Gently toss for 1 minute or until just combined and eggs break. Sprinkle pasta with lemon zest, dried chilli and remaining parsley leaves. Drizzle with remaining oil. Serve.

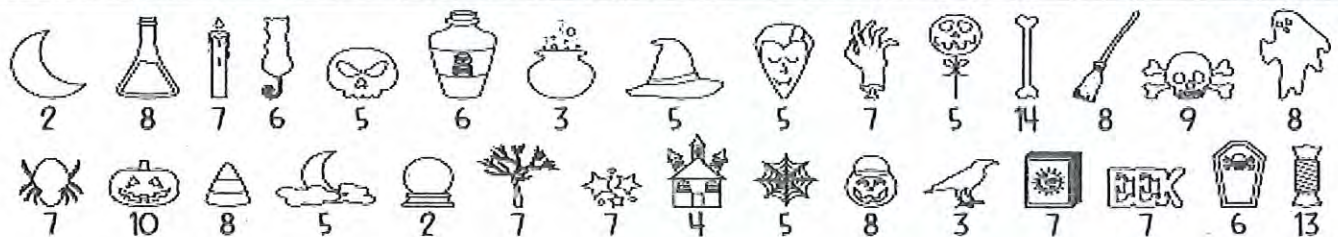
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KIDS ACTIVITY

Plant seeds in egg shells and then plant the whole thing in the ground, the shell becomes fertilizer.





The Wicky Weekly

Volume XC Number

28 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Four—Term Four.

World Teacher's Day

Last week we celebrated World Teacher's Day. Thanks to our amazing School Council for providing a delicious morning tea for our wonderful teachers. I am sure you join me in thanking the entire teaching team for the sensational job they do, educating the young minds of Wickepin PS.

Halloween Disco—Thursday 31 October

This Thursday, our awesome P & C are hosting a Halloween Disco, onsite in the Undercover area, from 5:30-7:30pm. Entry will be via the small door opposite our sports shed. We hope to see everyone there!



COVID-19—Back in our Community

COVID-19 is still doing the rounds in Wickepin. 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. Unfortunately, we do not have a stock of RAT tests at school at the present time.

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.

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

October

31 Halloween Disco

November

1 Diwali
7 Outdoor Classroom Day
8 School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day
11 Remembrance Day
National Recycling Week
13 World Kindness Day
14 World Diabetes Day
18 Wicky Wrigglers TBC
20 World Children's Day
22 School Council Meeting
25 16 Days in WA
Inflatables Day
26 Wicky Wrigglers TBC
27 Science Circus
29 Fun Day/ Skate Park Opening TBC

December

2 Wicky Wrigglers TBC
3 International Day of People with a Disability
4 Presentation/ Graduation Evening
5 Seniors Community Lunch/ Performance-Yrs 3-6
10 International Human Rights Day
11 Year 6 'Fun Day'
12 Students last day of Term 4

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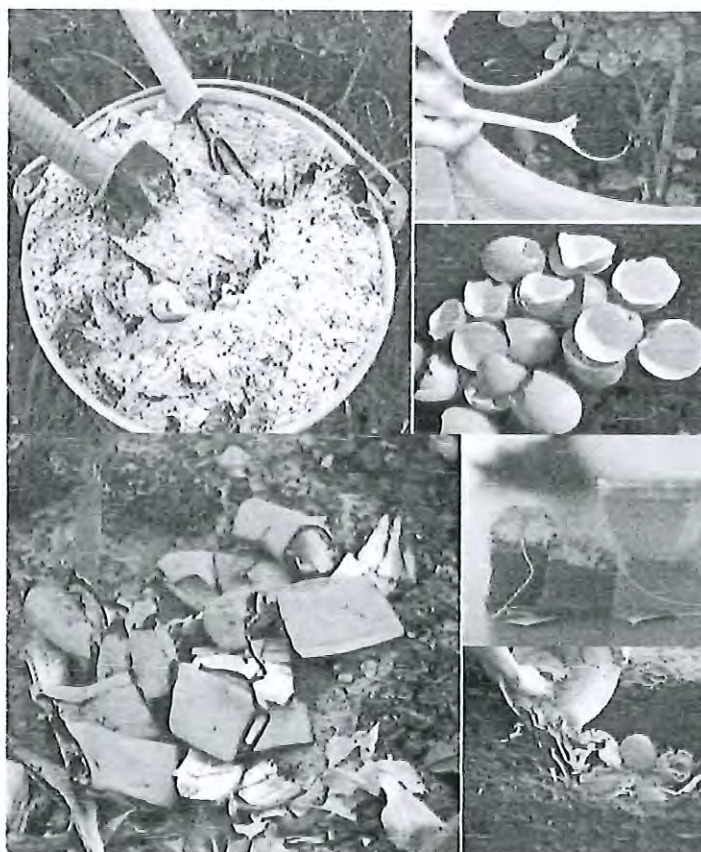
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 6. Aquarium Water: Full of beneficial nutrients.
 7. Wood Ash: Sprinkle for potassium and calcium.
 8. Gelatin: Dissolve for leafy growth.
 9. Milk: Mix for calcium and protein.
 10. Seaweed: Rinse and chop for minerals and growth hormones.
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 12. Weed Tea: Steep for nutrient-rich fertilizer.
- Experiment and nourish your plants for robust growth!



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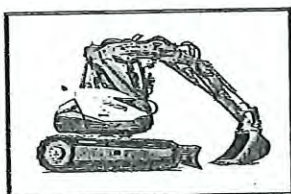
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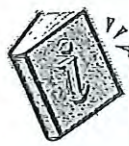
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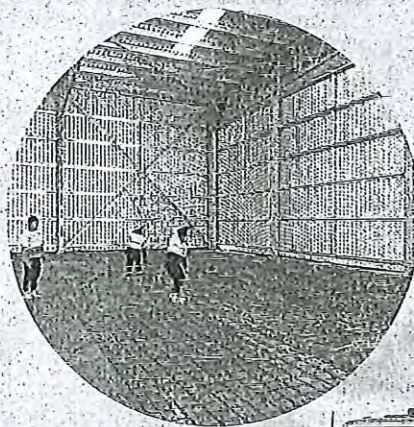
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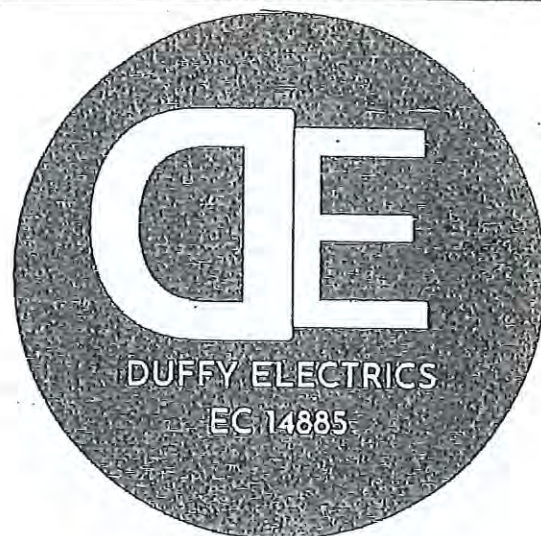
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We are requesting a minimum donation of one tonne of grain (preferably BFED1 but any grain appreciated) through Loadnet.

We value every donation regardless of the amount.

All donors and their families will be invited to a BBQ with refreshments in the new year as our way of thanking those involved. Please advise if you wish to remain anonymous.

For more information, refer to the Wickepin Football Club Facebook page or call Darren on 0427 811 737.

SPORTS NEWS

WICKEPIN/HARRISMITH CRICKET CLUB

Cricket notes 26th October 2024

Our 1st game as a new club and our 1st win. Wickepin/Harrismith played the opening round at the snake pit in Harrismith. Inzi Quartermaine was elected Capt. and promptly lost the toss and into the field we went. Zimbabwean recruit Roy Eatwell took a wicket with the 1st ball of the game, a slow long hop that had everyone stunned in silence. We had them 5-94 but then a man mountain took our spinners in Taylor & Mclean downtown for a quick 45 run knock. A few dropped catches didn't help the cause when we had them on the ropes with Josh diving for one that didn't really warrant diving for, Caen got under a high one, but he ended up on the ground and so did the ball, Ricky got it hit on the boot but luckily the batsman only went on to make another 60 runs before we got him out. Now technically Cooper dropped one but not sure if it counts as a drop if you turn your back on the ball and get hit in the butt. Most players were unsure if his screams were heard before or after he got hit, non-the-less.....embarrassing. Dane Kamikaze Angwin certainly threw himself around in the field to save a few runs but save it for the grass in Wicky mate. Dane managed to get a run out when he dropped the incoming throw and it spilt onto the top of the bails, to go with his 2/28. Pick of the bowlers Cooper 2/8 off 5, Roy 2/20. Captain Inzi called for some extra effort and brought himself on with his big solar panel powering down 4 overs for just 8 runs. Josh 1/19 had a mixed spell, but we'd just wish he'd stop apologizing every time he bowled a bouncer, even if it was accidental.

Lake Grace bowled out for 200.

Dizzy and Ty opened the batting just like old times and just like old times they were back in the sheds for 2 and 1. Josh looked very uncomfortable early on, and for good reason, as every time he went for a run his box ended up half-way down his leg. Now I'm sure its impressive Josh but surely your manhood protector doesn't need to be placed next to your knee. We've all seen batsman call for some fresh gloves but the call for a new pair of jocks had 13th man Kim saying, "no thanks, that's not in the job description". Senior player Jimmy Miller stepped up and found a fresh pair in his bag and made sure Josh was nicely tucked in ready to go. Josh went on to make 25, Inzi a great knock of 81 and supported well by Caen 44. We thought we were edging towards a maiden victory but then Inzi and Caen both fell, and the pressure was on our new batsman with 7 per over required. Dane rose to the occasion with a quick fire 11 off 9. Marty didn't rise to the occasion with a duck off 6 balls. Luckily old fossil Jimmy Miller was the level head out there partnered with Cooper Bennier 1* off 5 balls. Cooper's job was to run when Jimmy told him to, and Cooper made sure he was up to the task by getting as much rest as possible by leaning on his bat as the bowler bowled each delivery. Jimmy 22 off just 12 balls to get us home with 3 balls and 3 wickets to spare.

Thanks to Inzi who bought some pizzas and those that helped cook them, all the boys who set up the ground and especially Dane who got the generator set up, so we had power.

Next game is another home game but this time its at Wicky on Saturday the 2nd of November. There's a great feeling around the new club so please come along and watch the game and enjoy a beer as we would appreciate your support.



SPORTS NEWS

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 19th October 2024

Lake Yealering played Narrogin in Narrogin and surprised everyone with a Win.
68 to 56 Points. Pingelly and Brookton had Byes.

2nd Division Pennants 2024/2025 Season Upper Great Southern League.

This season there are only 4 Teams in this Division. Lake Yealering, Brookton, Pingelly and Narrogin. Williams are fielding two teams in 1st Division and Wickepin are fielding one team in 1st Division and neither Williams or Wickepin are fielding any teams in 2nd Division, which will result in all teams involved having regular byes with no play.

Sunday 20th October 2024

Social Bowls. A few rolled up, nursing muscle soreness, but happy with results and looking forward to the next competition.

Sunday 27th October 2024

Club Championship Pairs and Triples were held.

Club Championship Pairs in the morning, SPONSORED by Ric & Shirley Elson.

Won by T. Hill & L. Shipley. Runner-up D. Sims & C. McCombe

Sausage sizzle for lunch followed by

Club Championship Triples in the afternoon, SPONSORED by Hillco Clint & Rachael Hill.

Won by D. Sims, T. Hill & C. McCombe. Runner-up L. Shipley, B. Shipley & S. Richards

A Ladies team will travel to Quairading on Friday 1st November 2024 to participate in their Ladies Gala Day.

Next Big Day - Sunday 3rd November 2024 Yealering Open Day Triples. Time for Teams to enter for a fun event, with great food, friendly atmosphere and competitive spirit.
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Next Pennant Game Saturday 9th November 2024 Lake Yealering v Brookton (Home Game)

COME AND GIVE LAWN BOWLS A GO.



SPORTS NEWS

WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

Vera Watson Meat-Pack

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP:

- o Bevan Crouch & Judy Lang
- o Peter Bransby & Bhel Hallam

A heartfelt thankyou to the family of Vera for their continued sponsorship.

Perfect that Jean & Bhel from Kulin enjoyed the day with us!

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HUGE THANKS TO THE BAYLEY FAMILY

Sponsors of a fun afternoon of triples

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP

- o Bevan Crouch, Peter Mullan & Marj White
- o Dave Triffitt, Peter Bransby & Beryl Elphick

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NEW BOWLER ALERT

ROB CZEMPINSKI, WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

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Initiation complete Rob! Chris's special brand of tough love is his way of saying "you're one of us".

Pennant Results

SATURDAY		TUESDAY
19.10.24	BROOKTON 77 - WICKEPIN 54 (5-1)	22.10.24 WICKEPIN 44 - PINDELLY 27 (3-1)
26.10.24	WICKEPIN 62 - WILLIAMS-W 61 (4-2)	

Pennant Fixtures

TUESDAY		SATURDAY
29.10.24	WILLIAMS V WICKEPIN @ WILLIAMS	02.11.24 WICKEPIN V PINDELLY
05.11.24	CORAL WEIR PAIRS @ BROOKTON	09.11.24 WILLIAMS-W V WICKEPIN
12.11.24	WICKEPIN V BROOKTON @ PINDELLY	16.11.24 WICKEPIN V NARROGIN
19.11.24	League Champ Triples @ WILLIAMS	23.11.24 WICKEPIN V BROOKTON

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 03.11.24	SOCIAL	1 PM START
SUNDAY 10.11.24	MEN'S & LADIES CHAMP TRIPLES	9.30 AM START
SUNDAY 17.11.24	50-UP SINGLES	1 PM START
SUNDAY 24.11.24	ROTATING TRIPLES	1 PM START

Gala Days

01.11.24 - QUADRANGLE	07.11.24 & 08.11.24 - SNOWANGERSUP	08.11.24 - NARAMBEEN
14.11.24 & 15.11.24 - KATANNING	22.11.24 - PINDELLY	06.12.24 - CORRIGIN

It is with great sadness we extend our sympathy to the family of Allan Wyllie. He was an integral part of our bowling community and will be sadly missed.

21 Fascinating Australia Facts

1. Most Aussies (90%) live by the coast.
2. The Indian Pacific train has the world's longest straight track.
3. Australia has over 60 wine regions.
4. The Great Barrier Reef is huge and can be seen from space.
5. The Great Ocean Road is a war memorial.
6. The Australian Alps get more snow than the Swiss Alps.
7. Fraser Island is the biggest sand island in the world.
8. 80% of Aussie animals are found nowhere else.
9. The world's longest golf course (1,350 km) is in Australia.
10. There are 10,685 beaches—one a day for 29 years!
11. Australia has 21 of the world's 25 most venomous snakes.
12. It's the world's sixth largest country.
13. Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world.
14. Australia has no active volcanoes.
15. The Dingo Fence is 5,614 km long.
16. One-third of Australians were born overseas.
17. The Aussie dollar is waterproof and hard to fake.
18. Australia is the only country on its continent.
19. There are over 1,500 species of spiders here.
20. 91% of the land is covered in native plants.
21. The world's oldest fossil, 3.4 billion years old, was found in Australia.



WHATS ON WEEKLY IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

Mondays

Watershed News every second Monday @ CRC.

Fit Pursuit 5.45-6.30am @ Wickepin Community Centre.



Tuesdays

She Shed He Shed 9am-12pm @ Old Recycling Shed, Richter St.

Pathology Service-By Appointment Only @ Wickepin Health Centre, Ph 9888 2222

Yoga 6-7.30pm @ Harrismith Hall. All welcome. During school terms. Info. Ph. Tara: 0427 333 171

Wednesdays

Social Arts & Crafts- 9.30am @ Joyner St.

Chair Aerobics 9-10am @ Wickepin Health Centre.

Indoor Bowls-1pm @ Wickepin Community Centre.

Wickepin Sports Club -open from 5pm for Happy hour 6-7pm.



Thursdays

Fit Pursuit 5.45-6.30am @ Wickepin Community Centre.



Fridays

Wickepin Playgroup 9-11am during school term. Ages 0-5 @ Playgroup Building in Campbell St.

Wickepin Sports Club -open from 5pm for Happy hour 6-7pm.

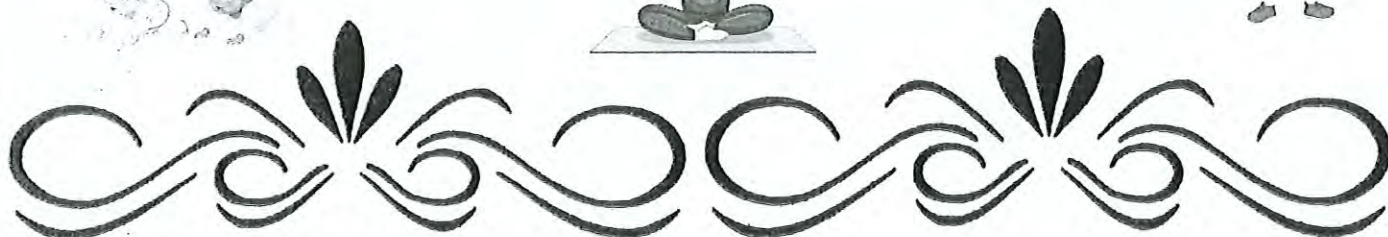
Saturdays

Banksia Bowmen Archery – Summer Shoot Time 9am @Wickepin Community Centre.

Equipment available for come and try.

Sundays

Anglican church -8am every 1st& 3rd Sunday.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2024

NOVEMBER

Fri	1 st	Communi-Tea, Wickepin CRC verandah @ 1.30pm
Fri	1 st	Wickepin Swimming Pool opens 1-6pm. Closed every Tuesday.
Fri	1 st	Prohibited Burning Period commences
Fr	1st	Facey Group-Progressive Agriculture Award Nominations close
Tue	5 th	Melbourne Cup Day
Fri	8 th	Community Awards 2025 Nominations close
Sat	9 th	"Fangs on the Farm" World Premiere Event, Perth Zoo 11.30am-2pm
Sat	9 th	"Fangs on the Farm" VIP Premiere, Perth Zoo 6 – 9pm
Mon	11 th	Watershed News
Mon	11 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	11 th	Remembrance Day
Wed	13 th	CRC meeting
Thur	14 th	Free Gardening Workshop @ Wickepin CRC @ 10.30am
Mon	25 th	Watershed News
Wed	20 th	Ordinary meeting of Council
Mon	25 th	Recycle and Bin Day

DECEMBER

Mon	9 th	Watershed News Final issue for 2024
Mon	9 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Thur	12 th	Term 4 Ends
Mon	16-22	Vac Swim classes
Wed	18 th	Facey Group AGM and 2024 Christmas Party @ Community Centre @ 5pm
Fri	20 th	Save the Date, Wickepin Hotel Community Group
Sun	22 nd	Community Christmas Tree
Mon	23 rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	25 th	Christmas Day
Thur	26 th	Boxing Day

JANUARY 2025

Wed	1 st	New Years Day
Sun	26 th	Australia Day, Breakfast @ Yealering
Sun	26 th	Afternoon at Wickepin swimming pool, opens 1pm

FEBRUARY 2025

Wed	1 st	New Years Day
Mon	3 rd	Watershed News First issue for 2025
Mon	3 rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri	7 th	Prohibited Burning Season Ceases
Thu-Fri	13-14 th	Standard Mental Health First Aid, Wickepin CRC @ 9am-4.30pm
Mon	17 th	Watershed News
Mon	17 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Th-Fri	20-21 st	Facey Group Wander the Wheatbelt

MARCH 2025

Mon	3 rd	Watershed News
Mon	3 rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	17 th	Watershed News
Mon	17 th	Recycle and Bin Day

