

WATERSHED NEWS

A free fortnightly paper for the areas of
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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

December Birthday Wishes to:

9th Tammy Rance
 10th Chad Russell
 Coleen Thompson,
 Leanne Holmes-Martin
 11th Maus Preedy,
 Samantha Dawes
 12th Joshua O'Brien
 17th Lauren Martin
 19th Marg Bennier
 22nd Keisha Pawsey
 23rd John Menegola
 26th Cadence Edwards
 24th Harmony Flood
 31st Lynda Gaull

January Birthday Wishes to:

2nd Jayden Podmore Smith
 Graham Bushby
 Neale McLean
 3rd Eliza Murray
 4th Cameron Lang

5th Abbey Steere
 7th Waylon Hallett
 Lily Hallet
 Alexander Wilson
 8th Rhys Thorley
 11th Lexi Mutton
 13th Mitchell Lang
 14th Campbell Heaney
 15th Michael Heffernan,
 Emma Dunn
 Noah Plowman
 16th Belinda Leeson,
 Judy Bransby
 19th Bruce Dixon
 20th Jayden Ballard
 Amanda Heaney
 Alice Marsh
 22nd Alistair Murray
 25th Morgan Spark
 27th Lucas Snow

30th Marley Steere
 Jordee Pike
 Toby Russel
 31st Makenzie Rance

February Birthday Wishes to:

1st Eva Mead
 Francis Martin
 Samantha McDougall
 Kurtis Butler
 2nd Nicola Fleay
 3rd Carl Wilson
 Alice Tropiano



Joan, Dave, Graeme and Denise would like to thank everyone that attended the celebration of the Life of Allan Wyllie.

Thank you all for your condolences, sympathy and messages of support at such a difficult time. Thank you to the P & C for the great catering and Greg and Trif for manning the bar.

A special thank you to the bowlers from all around for the guard of honour. Allan would have been humbled. He was very fond of his bowling community.

Also, to Irene Moore for her personal support and guidance and delivering the service with special words for Allan.

Wickepin was Allan's home and he was proud to be part of such an exceptional community.



The Watershed News volunteers had their Christmas lunch at the Cornwall Hotel on the 28th of November.

We had an enjoyable lunch to end another successful year. On behalf of the Wickepin Shire community we would like to greatly thank and acknowledge our two retiring volunteers, Claire Bayley and Denise Corke.

Best wishes to Claire on her move to Busselton.

Pictured L-R Ruth Bailey, Elaine Bushby, Margaret McLean Daphne McKenzie and Pam Carden.



On behalf of the Watershed Team we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to your continued support in 2025.

EVERLEIGH JUNE BUTTIGIEG 🐼 03/01/2022-26/11/2024

Everleigh passed peacefully in her daddy's arms on Tuesday, 26th of February. Surrounded by comfort & so much love. We listened to music, made memories, cuddled her crocky teddies 🧸 & put her in a fabulous new Christmas dress, as she would never have anything less than a fabulous outfit on 🐼❤️ In true Everleigh style, she fought & gave us sass until the very end, even giving us some much needed laughs, to remember the joy & happiness she always provided us, no matter the circumstances.

She can now dance in the clouds, without any pain or discomfort.

For someone who blessed our lives for such a short period of time, she's left a lasting impression nearly everyone she's met & most definitely made Angelo & myself better people. We are forever proud of the fight she continued to give every single day ❤️

Our WWOX Warrior x

We will be holding a public Celebration of Life for Everleigh 🐼

Monday 16th Dec @ 2.30PM

Fremantle Cemetery - Carrington St & Leach Hwy, Palmyra. West Chapel.

Please do not wear black, as we are wanting to celebrate the love & joy that Everleigh offered to us all.

Crocodile clothing & accessories are encouraged.

Please join us after the service for light refreshments and to share stories about our beautiful bundle of joy 🐼🧸

Children are welcome.

A live viewing of the service will also be available online at the following link.

<https://streaming.mcb.wa.gov.au/Index?ID=1766098490871657950>

In lieu of flowers & gifts, we ask you to kindly donate to Jeans for Genes on behalf of Everleigh - our promise to Everleigh & our biggest wish, is that no other families will have to endure this heartache due to childhood genetic conditions 🐼

<https://fundraise.jeansforgenes.org.au/.../my-own-idea...>

From Stacy (Williamson) & Angelo Buttigieg



*Our Deepest Sympathy to Stacy, Angelo and family
on the passing of your precious little Everleigh.
From the Wickepin Community*



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS 2024/25 SERVICES



Sunday 15th December—final service for 2024 @ 8am

CHRISTMAS EVE—Service at Mourambne—7.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY—Service at Church of the Resurrection, Narrogin @ 9am

First Wickepin service for 2025 on 19th January @ 8am



Congratulations Sarah Butler, formerly of Wickepin on representing WA and becoming a semi-finalist in the 70kg Division Women's Boxing National Championship 2024 held at the Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra in November.

Sarah won Nationals Title Queen of the Ring again as back to back Champion 2 years in succession in an all Womens Tournament in Perth in October and again qualified for Nationals at the State Finals.

Sarah currently lives in Geraldton and is coached by Mick Brydon from Point Blank Fitness. Mick introduced Sarah to boxing following an introductory Fitbox class 4 years ago. She became a State Competitor within 12 months and a National Champion in 2 years. Sarah loves the sport and is a massive advocate in supporting Womens Boxing grow and flourish.



BreastScreen WA

coming soon to

Wickepin

Women aged 40 years and over, make your appointment now for a **FREE** screening mammogram.

17/12/2024 - 03/01/2025

(Dates may be subject to change)

Bookings open now!
phone 13 20 50



BreastScreen WA's mobile will be located at:

**Wickepin Sports Club,
Wogolin Road**

BreastScreen
WA
WA's only accredited screening service

Book your free screening mammogram online
www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au
or phone 13 20 50

An end of era for Wickepin's long serving school bus drivers.

A message from Helen and Tom Sands

The time has come after 27 ½ years of running the Wickepin Malyalling & the Wickepin West Dorakin Bus runs. June 1997, we purchased the bus contract from Daphne & Paul Nicolas.



Who would have thought we would still be doing it all this time later.

It has been a good business for us, and we have seen many changes, and have carted around 150 different students to the Wickepin Primary School in that time. With Helen driving all that time, and Tom doing about 7 years of driving. We have been very lucky to have had full-time drivers and relief drivers, I think 12 all up, and we wish to thank them all.

Also, to all the young school children who have washed the buses over the years, to turn up every Friday to wash whether it is rain, hail or shine. THANK YOU

Our last day will be Thursday 12th December 2024. The new Contractor will start February 2025, using two local drivers. Thank You to all the families and the school for the support over the years.

It will be different not having to watch the clock every day, and not having to work around school holidays to go away.

From the Wickepin Indoor "Bowling for fun folk", played on Wednesday's from 1pm to 3pm.



On 27th November we had eight players, Ruth and John, Pauline and Brian, Eileen, Keith, Colin and Jen.

We had a lot of encouragement and good humoured banter – which goes a long way to the success of why we play.

First, second and third winners on the day are rewarded with a small chocolate!

This is a no fee activity. Our last game for the year will be on 18th December 2024 and will recommence in the new year.

Our special thanks to the Wickepin Shire for the use of the Recreation facilities.

God bless and we wish the community a safe and very Happy Christmas.



A big congratulations to the Wickepin Shire for holding another successful Seniors Lunch on Friday 6th December 2024.

Well done to the Wickepin Primary School for their entertaining songs and the year 6 class for helping serve the meal and handing out lucky number prizes. Thanks also to Frank Heffernan who once again entertained us with his original poetry – most enjoyable. Special mention to all the volunteers who made the day a great outing.

The Wickepin community would like to offer sincere condolences to Cheryl Adams and her family on the passing of their husband and father, Ray on 13th November 2024.





The Wicky Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final week of the school year! With four days left to go I would like to thank our families and community for the outstanding support we have received in 2024. Our school is a terrific place and this is no doubt due to the fabulous Wickepin community, our awesome students and wonderful staff. To everyone who has assisted at events, volunteered their time and offered support, you have my sincere thanks!

Please be advised that school concludes 3pm Thursday 12 December 2024. The new school year commences for students 8:40am Wednesday 5 February 2025. Our administration office closes 12 noon Friday 13 December 2024 and will reopen 8am Wednesday 29 February 2025, for enquires and new enrolments.

Presentation & Graduation Night

Thank you to all that attended our presentation and graduation night, last week. Congratulations to all award winners and to our students for entertaining us with their dances and carols. Thanks to Hon Steve Martin MLC, Shire of Wickepin representatives and all other special guests and donors for your support of the evening.

Athletics Carnival Plaques

The 2024 Small Schools Athletics Carnival plaques will be sent home with relevant students today. Thanks for your patience with this.

Christmas Card Competition

Wickepin PS student, Mason Edwards won the Hon Steve Martin MLC Christmas Card Competition for the Years 2-4 category. Congratulations Mason!

His winning entry scored both he and our school a book voucher. Do keep a look out in the post for this most excellent Christmas card, featuring Lake Yealering.



COVID-19—Back in our Community

COVID-19 is 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. Unfortunately, we do not have a stock of RAT tests at school.

Early Arrivals

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 and Admin team. 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.

I hope that you all have a wonderful break, Merry Christmas and happy prosperous New Year. I look forward to welcoming you back to Wickepin Primary School, in 2025.

Kind regards,
Benjamin Parkin

Dates to Remember

December

- 11 Year 6 'Fun Day'
- 12 Students last day of Term 4

2025

February

- 5 Students return for Term 1

Life Now.

Are you or someone you care about affected by cancer?

The Cancer Council WA **Life Now Program** invites cancer patients and their primary carer to take part in our free supportive cancer care courses, delivered online and face-to-face throughout WA.



Exercise - 12 weeks



Mindfulness - 8 weeks



Meditation - 6 weeks



Mindful Art - 6 weeks



Tai Chi - 6 weeks



Yoga - 6 weeks

Our evidence based programs can help to: improve strength and physical function; reduce stress, anxiety & depression; reduce the effects of fatigue and pain; improve quality of life; improve sleep and mood; increase flexibility and balance.

Registrations are essential.

To apply to participate in a course scan the QR code or visit **cancerwa.asn.au** and view the Event Calendar, or call our cancer nurses on **13 11 20** for more information.

Information is correct at time of printing.





**SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Invitation for Public Comments on Agroforestry/Tree Planting Proposal

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Wickepin has received a development application on a proposal submitted by Wheatbelt Connect for an Agroforestry/Tree Planning for an environmental planting project at Wyoming Downs (along Malyalling Road, Wickepin North, Woodward Road, Kirk Road and Daton Road). The initiative aims to extend native vegetation on the property while contributing to carbon abatement, biodiversity, and sustainable agricultural practices.

Proposal Overview

Wheatbelt Connect proposes to:

1. Establish a native vegetation carbon project covering approximately 450 hectares (7.6% of the 6,000-hectare property, including firebreaks).
2. Register the project under the Federal Government's Emissions Reduction Fund, delivering carbon abatement through Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) over a minimum 25-year period.
3. Maintain the plantings to ensure at least 20% canopy cover and 2 meters in height at maturity throughout the permanence period of the project.
4. Support local and regional biodiversity objectives.
5. Protect and sustain agricultural production on the remaining land by generating supplemental income through carbon farming.
6. Mitigate further soil salinization in the area.
7. Allow livestock grazing on the planted areas after seedlings reach sufficient maturity (approximately 3-4 years).

Have Your Say

The Shire invites feedback from the community, adjacent property owners, and relevant stakeholders on this proposal.

A copy of the proposal can be downloaded from the Shire's website at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au.

How to Submit Comments

Submissions can be made via email, post, or in person at the Shire offices during business hours. Please include your name, contact details, and any comments or concerns related to the proposal.

Submission Deadline

Comments must be received by Friday 31 January 2025.

For further information or to review detailed documents regarding this proposal, please contact the Shire of Wickepin at 9888 1005.

Kellie Bartley
Chief Executive Officer

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REPORTING A FIRE

To report **ANY** fire whether in a paddock, bush, townsite, house, roadside, etc you **MUST RING 000 FIRST**. You will need to provide the location of the fire to the Operator who will then contact our Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who will alert the Fire Control Officers.

HARVEST BAN EXEMPTION REQUEST

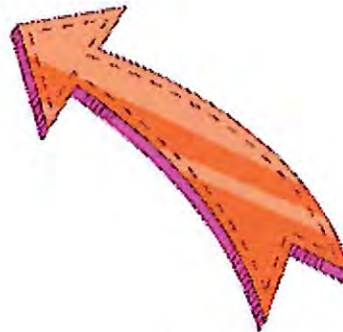
If you require an exemption from a harvest ban, please notify the relevant authorities by completing the **TFB and Exemption Online Notification Form** on the DFES website at dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans. Notification must be provided at least 30 minutes before the roadwork begins and no more than 24 hours prior to the work commencing during a Total Fire Ban. Be sure to submit your notification within the required timeframe to ensure compliance.

MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES

The Shire of Wickepin is excited to welcome **Grant Cross** as the new Manager of Works & Services, who started on **28th November 2024**. Be sure to say hello and make Grant feel welcome if you see him around!

ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL 2025 DATES

- Wednesday February 19, 2025
- Wednesday March 19, 2025
- Wednesday April 16, 2025
- Wednesday May 21, 2025
- Wednesday June 18, 2025
- Wednesday July 16, 2025
- Wednesday August 20, 2025
- Wednesday September 17, 2025
- Wednesday October 15, 2025
- Wednesday November 19, 2025
- Wednesday December 17, 2025



2024 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Entries for the Shire of Wickepin 2024 Christmas Lights Competition close on the 12th December 2024. Entry forms are available through the Wickepin Shire Website or at the admin office over the front counter. Don't miss out on a chance to light up the streets and win good prizes!





WICKEPIN SKATE PARK OPENING WRAP UP

Friday the 29th November 2024, Wickepin came alive with the opening of the new skate park, a remarkable addition to the community that quickly became a hub of excitement and energy. The event celebrated not only the fantastic skate facilities but also the incredible talent and creativity within the community.

The day began with a dazzling demonstration by the skilled team at Skate Sculpture, who showcased an impressive array of tricks, flips, and slides. Using the park's rails, ramps, and drop-offs, the professionals wowed the crowd with their expertise. Local students from Wickepin Primary School were among the lucky spectators, eagerly soaking in the atmosphere before joining in the action themselves after school. One fortunate student, Noah, even won a signed skateboard, presented by the Skate Sculpture team—a cherished memento of this unforgettable day.

Adding a creative flair to the occasion, local artist Gillett painted a stunning, multilayered landscape mural on the park's steps. His work, depicting the native trees that line the area, created a beautiful natural escape that perfectly complements the park's vibrant energy. The mural serves as a reminder of Wickepin's deep connection to its environment and blends seamlessly with the skate park's modern design. It also inspired a colour palette now used by the Shire in all its communications.

Special guest and celebrated artist Jerome Davenport also attended the event, mingling with councillors and residents. Jerome's connection to Wickepin is well-known, having contributed his artistic expertise to other local projects. His presence added an extra layer of prestige to the occasion, underscoring the community's commitment to merging creativity with development.

The opening day was more than just about skating—it was about bringing the community together. From students cheering on the skaters to parents admiring the artwork, the event was a true celebration of what makes Wickepin unique. The skate park is set to become a central gathering spot for young people and families, fostering connection and activity for years to come.

With world-class facilities, creative artistry, and the support of a tight-knit community, Wickepin's skate park is poised to become an iconic destination for locals and visitors alike. Friday's festivities were a fitting tribute to this exciting new chapter, marking a day that will be remembered as a milestone in the town's history.







Shire Administration Office

Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

Tue 24 Dec 2024	CLOSED
Wed 25 Dec 2024	CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thu 26 Dec 2024	CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Fri 27 Dec 2024	CLOSED
Mon 30 Dec 2024	CLOSED
Tue 31 Dec 2024	CLOSED
Wed 1 Jan 2024	CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thu 2 Jan 2024	CLOSED
Fri 3 Jan 2024	CLOSED
Mon 6 Jan 2024	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

For urgent Shire matters, contact
0429 207 855 or 0429 882 871

*Staff and Councillors wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a
safe and happy festive season.*

Easy Bacon, Pesto and Haloumi Bites

Ingredients (5)

- 8 thin rashers streaky bacon, halved crossways
- 2 tbsp basil pesto
- 16 large fresh basil leaves, plus small sprigs to serve
- 225g haloumi, cut into 16 pieces
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil



Method

Preheat oven to 220C/200C fan-forced. Line a baking tray with sides with baking paper.

Place 1 piece of bacon on a board. Spread with a little pesto. Top 1 end of bacon with 1 basil leaf and 1 piece of haloumi. Roll up bacon to enclose cheese, securing with a toothpick. Place on prepared tray. Repeat with remaining bacon, pesto, basil and haloumi. Drizzle with oil.

Bake, brushing bacon with pan juices halfway through cooking, for 20 minutes or until bacon is golden and cheese is tender. Stand for 5 minutes. Serve with extra basil.



White Christ-mess

Ingredients (5)

- 900ml thickened cream
- 250g fresh raspberries
- 200g packet glacé cherries, coarsely chopped
- 100g packet meringue nests
- 230g packet Ferrero Raffaello truffles, unwrapped



Use electric beaters to beat the cream in a bowl until soft peaks form. Place half the raspberries in a small bowl and crush with a fork. Use a spatula to fold the raspberries and one-quarter of the glacé cherries into the cream until just combined. Crumble 4 meringues and 6 Raffaellos over the cream mixture. Use a spatula to fold the meringue and Raffaellos into the cream mixture until just combined.

Spoon one-third of the cream mixture into a 2L (8 cup) serving bowl. Scatter over one-third of the remaining raspberries and glacé cherries. Crumble over 2 meringues. Scatter over 6 Raffaellos. Add half of the remaining cream mixture then top with half the remaining raspberries and glacé cherries. Crumble over 2 meringues and scatter over 6 Raffaellos.

Cut remaining meringues and Raffaellos in half. Top Christ-mess with the remaining cream mixture, raspberries, glacé cherries, meringues and Raffaellos.

Christmas Word Search

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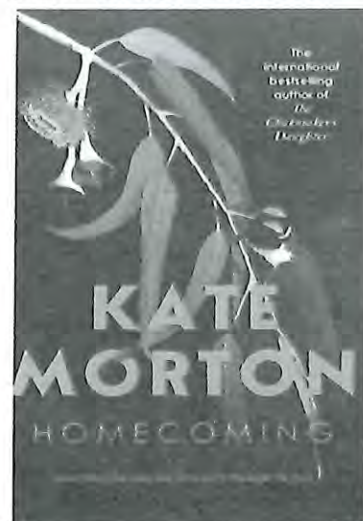
Difficult Level



RECOMMENDATIONS

Adelaide Hills, Christmas Eve, 1959: At the end of a scorching hot day, beside a creek in the grounds of the grand and mysterious mansion, a local delivery man makes a terrible discovery. A police investigation is called and a small town becomes embroiled in one of the most shocking and perplexing murder cases in the history of South Australia. Sixty years later, Jess, living and working in London, is a journalist in search of a story. A phone call out of nowhere summons her back to Sydney, where her beloved grandmother, Nora, has suffered a fall and been raced to the hospital. When Jess visits her in the hospital she finds her grandmother frail and confused; she's alarmed to hear that Nora had been distracted in the weeks before her accident, and that she fell on the steps to the attic - the one place Jess was forbidden from playing when she was small. Later in Nora's bedroom, she discovers a true crime book, chronicling the police investigation into a long-buried tragedy: the Turner Family Tragedy of Christmas Eve, 1959. It is only when Jess skims through the book that she finds a shocking connection between her own family and this once-infamous crime - a crime that has never been resolved satisfactorily. And for a journalist without a story, a cold case might be the best distraction she can find... An epic novel that spans generations, *Homecoming* asks what we would do for those we love, and how we protect the lies we tell. It explores the power of motherhood, the corrosive effects of tightly held secrets, and the healing nature of truth. Above all, it is a beguiling and immensely satisfying novel from one of the finest writers working today.

Thanks to Claire Bayley for this Recommendation.



FREE ONLINE WEBINAR

End of Year Highlights: Drought Resilience in Action

Join us to take a closer look at the year's SW Drought Hub and Future Drought Fund Projects and their progress!

Episode 3: Innovative Applications for Improving Crop Health

Facey Group, Node of the South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub, founded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, are excited to host our End-of-Year Highlights webinar series.

In our final episode of the series, we welcome two esteemed guests who are making significant strides in agricultural innovation.

First, Samantha Viljoen, a Ph.D. student with the Bioplastic Innovation Hub and SoilsWest at Murdoch University, will provide valuable insights and updates on the innovative SMART SPRAYS biodegradable polymer spray designed to enhance crop water retention and improve soil health.

Next, Tona Sanchez-Palacios, Lecturer and Research Fellow at the School of Agricultural Sciences at the Food Futures Institute of Murdoch University, will present on agronomic biofortification of wheat with zinc, focusing on foliar fertilisers' effectiveness in enhancing grain quality for food and animal feed..

Tune in where ever you are ... harvester, chaser, grain bin line up or at home with a cuppa. Have questions you want answered? Email them through to agrec@faceygroup.org.au for our hosts to consider prior to the webinar!

FACEY GROUP



Shaping the Future



Samantha Viljoen
Ph.D. Student, Bioplastic
Innovation Hub

MU Murdoch University



Tona Sanchez-Palacios
Lecturer & Research
Fellow Scientist

MU Murdoch University



Thursday, 12 December

3pm



REGISTER NOW



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry



Future
Drought
Fund



**GROWER
GROUP
ALLIANCE**
Together we grow



South-West WA
Drought Resilience Adoption
and Innovation Hub



Kids Drone Workshop

Calling all Facey Group kids

Join us for a **1 Hour Drone Coding Adventure** thanks to Squadrone!

Where you will learn:

- Drone safety and CASA rules
- Learn the Basics of Drone Coding
- Hands-On Experience Flying a Real Drone
- Finish with a Spectacular Mini-Drone Light Show



Perfect for Beginners |  BYO iPad, tablet or laptop |  8+ | Fun & Educational

Don't miss out on this unique STEM experience

Younger participants can join in with an adult as support.

Limited spaces available - Register ASAP!

FACEY GROUP



Shaping the Future



**Wednesday,
18th December
5:00pm - 6:00pm**

*Workshop will be held
during the AGM*



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
Summit Fertilizers.

Once the sun sets, you will be
treated to an exciting drone light
show, thanks to Squadrone.



Wednesday 18th Dec - 5pm

Wickepin Community Centre

RSVP by
9th Dec

Scan to Register





FACEY GROUP



Shaping the Future

All the Staff & Committee at Facey Group would like
to wish everyone a very

Merry Christmas

& a Safe & Prosperous New Year!

Please note, our office will be CLOSED from
21 DECEMBER 2024 & reopen on
6 JANUARY 2025





Wickein
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection



Christmas/New Year Trading Hours 2024/25:

The Wickein CRC & Library will close at

12:30pm Friday 20th December

We will reopen at

10:00am Monday 6th January

with reduced trading hours:

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th January 10am - 3pm

Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th January 10am - 3pm

Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd January 10am - 3pm

Tuesday 28th - Wednesday 29th January 10am - 3pm

Normal trading hours will resume on Monday 3rd February.



Merry Christmas

from the Wickein CRC Staff and Committee.

As the year draws to a close, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you a safe and joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

We can't wait to see you all in 2025.

New books! WICKEPIN LIBRARY



FICTION LARGE PRINT: Breaking Free— Renae Black

Georgia Williams knows firsthand how love can turn violent. Running from her past, stalked by daily phone calls she refuses to answer, she arrives in the small country town of Gleneagle looking for a place to hide. And even though the local men - admittedly one rather attractive guy in particular - try to catch her attention, the last thing she needs is another man making her life a living hell.

Country boy Trent Turner works his family's cattle stud. After a childhood marked by tragedy, he's working hard to earn his father's approval. He dreams of one day running the farm and being a husband and a father himself. But, unlucky in love, he's losing hope of finding someone to share that dream with. When Trent meets Georgia, he can't help but bank his happily ever after on their sizzling attraction. With Georgia dodging his attention and his father having secret meetings with a city accountant, is it all for nothing?

Georgia can't avoid Trent entirely in their small town, and amid blossoming trust and deepening desire, she lowers her walls enough to let him in. As they grow closer, Trent notices the calls Georgia refuses to answer. Who's so desperate to speak with her? And what trouble will answering them lead to?



FICTION LARGE PRINT : Confessions of the dead— James Patterson and J.D. Barker

Hollows Bend is a picture-perfect New England town. The crime rate - zero - is a point of pride for Sheriff Ellie Pritchett. The day the stranger shows up is when the trouble starts.

The sheriff and her deputy investigate the mysterious teenage girl. None of the locals can place her. She can't - or won't - answer any questions. She won't even tell them her name.

While the girl is in protective custody, the officers are called to multiple crime scenes leading them closer and closer to a lake outside of town that doesn't appear on any map . . .



FICTION CD BOOK: Margo's got money troubles— Rufi Thorpe

Margo Millet's got money troubles. As the child of a Hooter's waitress and an ex-Pro-Wrestler, she's always known she'd have to make it on her own. When she finds herself pregnant by her college professor - who is very keen not to be involved - she realizes she will need cash fast.

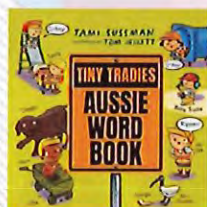
At twenty, alone with a baby, what Margo lacks in options she makes up for in ingenuity, and soon she has a plan: she'll start an OnlyFans as an experiment, producing content and writing storylines unlike anything else out there. Help arrives in the form of her live-action role-playing flatmate Suzie, and her father, Jinx - a recovering addict and veteran of the wrestling world, who has experience of making an audience fall in love.

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JUNIOR FICTION DVD: Directby Rachel House

Sam, a fearless young girl raised outside of her Māori culture, is determined to fulfil her mission of connecting with her mountain in the hope they can heal her from the cancer she battles. Along the way she meets some misfits and new kids in town - Mallory, hoping to find friends, any kind of friends - and Bronco who claims to be a runaway from his dad who is too busy to notice him. As they make their way through the difficult "off the beaten track" route, they learn the true spirit of adventure and the magic of friendship.



JUNIOR PICTURE BOOK : Tiny Tradies Aussie Word Book-Tami Sussman

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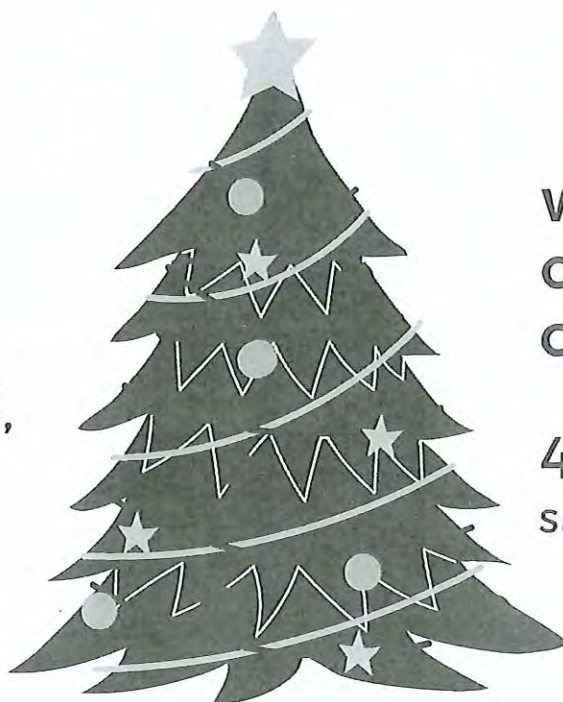
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WICKEPIN PLAYGROUP Christmas Tree!

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**DECEMBER,
2024**



**WICKEPIN
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

4:30pm

Santa Arriving at 4:45pm

**BYO Drinks & Nibbles
Sausage Sizzle available for purchase**

**Registration list of children plus colouring in competition sheets
at the Wickepin Newsagency.
\$4 per child**

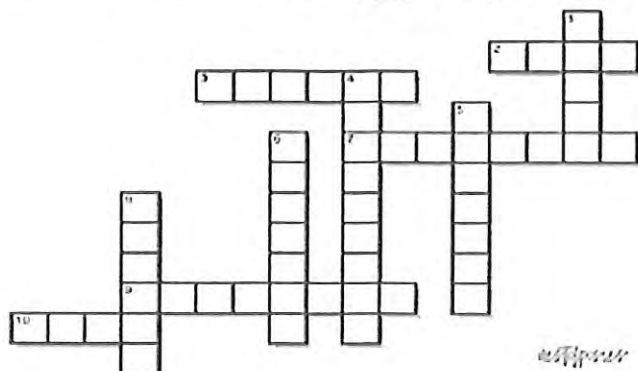
**Gift - less than \$20 wrapped and labelled with name and age to
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0448103747**



CHRISTMAS

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ACROSS

- 2 WHAT'S ON TOP OF THE TREE
- 3 WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS
- 7 ANOTHER NAME FOR SANTA
- 9 HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE
- 10 BETTER NOT

DOWN

- 1 WHO'S COMING TO TOWN
- 4 WHAT HAS RED AND WHITE STRIPES
- 5 WHAT DOES SANTA COME DOWN
- 6 REINDEER WITH A RED NOSE
- 8 SNOWMAN'S NAME

KIDS PAGE

CHRISTMAS

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KIDS BIRTHDAYS

Katie McColl
13th December 2013

12



Oliver Bushby
22nd December 2018

7



Elsie Dougall
2nd January 2018

7



Lucy Lansdell
4th January 2013

12



Emma Rance
4th January 2017

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Maddie Moxham
16th January 2016

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Clayton McLean
24th January 2022

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Jazmin McLean
26th February 2024

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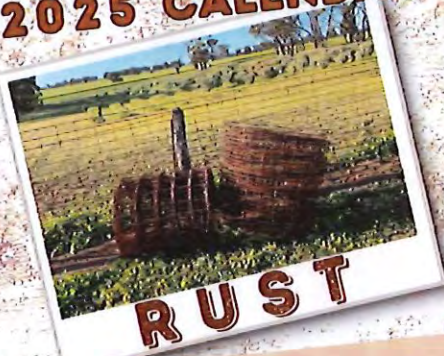
Letters to Santa

Ho! Ho! Ho! from the North Pole!
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Write me a letter and drop it into the
mailbox before December 13th. Don't
forget to include your full name and
address so I can write you back!



WICKEPIN & SURROUNDS 2025 CALENDAR



Wickepin
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A delightful collection of photographs, captured and chosen by the community, showcasing our rustic local scenery. Additionally, the calendar features important dates for local events.



**2025 Wickepin &
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Counsellor

Permanent Part-Time Position Available

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For further details, please contact Chairperson, Janeane Mason, on 0417 095 804.

Applications in writing with personal details, resume and names of 2 x professional referees by Friday, 13th December 2024 to **Janeane Mason, Chairperson, Central Agcare Inc, PO Box 6, CORRIGIN WA 6375** or email ceagcare@bigpond.com



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Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Wickepin Health Centre

Christmas Opening Hours

Please note the opening hours for Christmas and New Year Period

Day	Date	Opening hours
Monday	23 rd December	8:30am – 2:30pm
Tuesday	24 th December	<u>PathWest</u> 8:30am, no nurse
Wednesday	25 th December	CLOSED Christmas Day
Thursday	26 th December	CLOSED Boxing Day
Friday	27 th December	8:30am – 2:30pm

Day	Date	Opening hours
Monday	30 th December	8:30am – 2:30pm
Tuesday	31 st December	<u>PathWest</u> 8:30am, no nurse
Wednesday	1 st January	CLOSED New Years Day
Thursday	2 nd January	CLOSED
Friday	3 rd January	8:30am – 2:30pm

Day	Date	Opening hours
Monday	6 th January	8:30am – 2:30pm
Tuesday	7 th January	<u>PathWest</u> 8:30am, no nurse
Wednesday	8 th January	8:30am – 2:30pm
Thursday	9 th January	Closed
Friday	10 th January	8:30am – 2:30pm

As a community health service the nurse is not always onsite during opening hours.

*Please phone ahead for nursing and pathology appointments on
(08) 9888 2222*

Get in touch

Wickepin Health Service

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Pathology: Tuesdays 8:30-9:30 am.
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Communi-TEA

CHANGE OF DATE FOR DECEMBER!

Due to the Seniors' Christmas Lunch on December 6th, our last Communi-TEA for 2024 will instead be held on the second Friday of December...the 13th...at the CRC.

Please bring a small plate to share!

Mark your calendar with Communi-TEA dates for 2025:

February 7th	July 4th
March 7th	August 1st
April 4th	September 5th
May 2nd	October 3rd
June 6th	November 7th
December 12th	



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4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

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	22	6	346
December	0	0	309.2	December	0	0	346



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Thursday 26 th Dec Boxing Day	CLOSED
Saturday 28 th Dec	8am to 12 noon
Sunday 29 th Dec	CLOSED

Those wanting papers over the Christmas weekend please talk to management so as arrangements can be made.

Monday 30 th Dec	8am to 5pm
Tuesday 31 st Dec	8am to 5pm
Wednesday 1 st January	CLOSED
Thursday 2 nd January	9 am to 4pm

Opening hours from 2nd to 24th Jan will be

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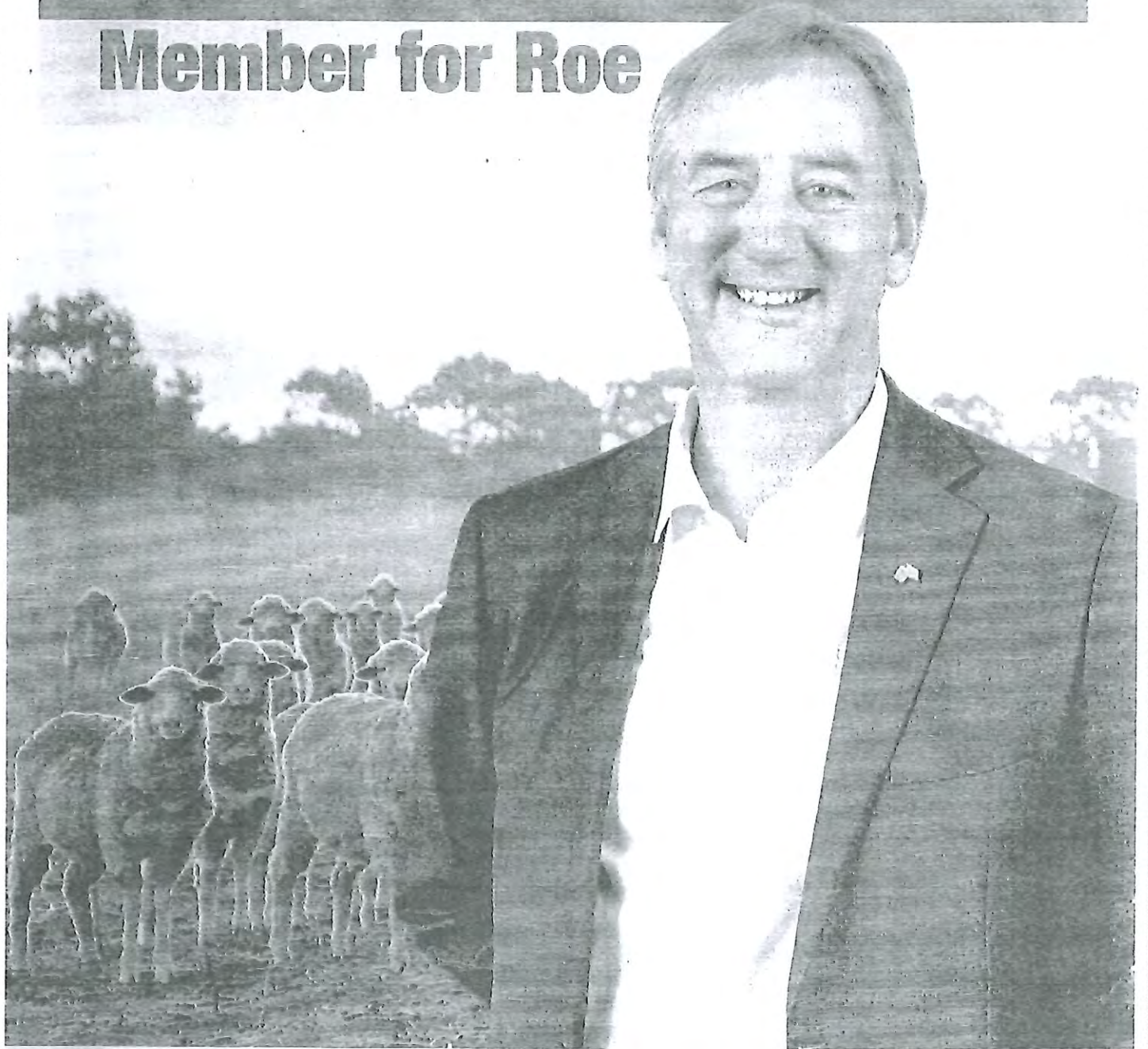
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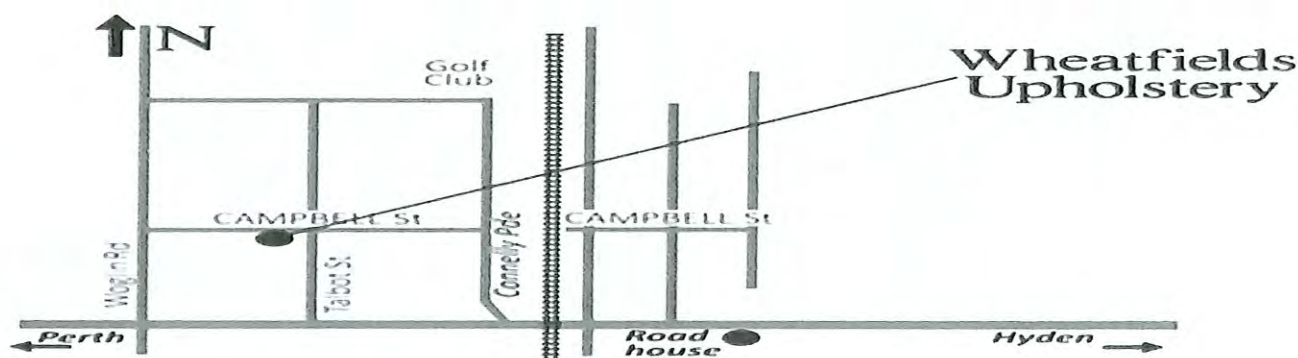
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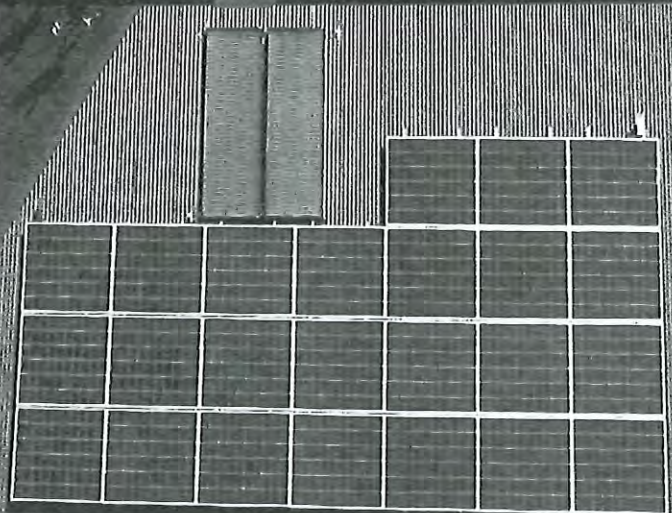
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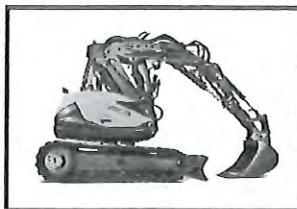
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SPORTS NEWS

Wickepin/ Harrismith Cricket Club

30th December v Wandering

Captain Inzi was confident of a good showing with 12 keen cricketers and when Dane's magic coin saluted with a toss win, he was even happier. A windy 37C day and a harvest ban saw us with our strongest side for the year against last years r/ups.

Ty and WG Grace look-a-like Kim Bayley opened the batting together for the 1st time and after 10 overs we were cruising along with 44 runs. WG Grace blasting drives down the ground for 4 and Ty trying to do the same but not making the distance with WG saying "no more 3's", later followed by "no more 2's". After WG (21 runs) holed out we then lost 10 wickets for just 29 runs to be bowled out for just 73. Ty (24) and Caen (11) the only contributors. 5 ducks (Josh, Dane, Rohan) including 2 of the golden variety (Ravi and Booza). Playing for Towns last game didn't help Josh as he shouldered arms and let it trap him straight in front. Such was the mad panic to pad up amidst the fall of wickets that when Ravi came back into the changerooms whilst Booza was getting ready, Booza asked "did you forget your gloves"? "Nope... I'm already out," was the reply. Booza strode to the wicket sitting on 2 ducks from the last 2 innings dating back to the GF earlier this year. And after he received his 1st delivery, and his stumps were laying on the ground, he said "mmmm that's going to be expensive". In an interesting stat, Marty was 7th top score, and he was 12th man. A lot of the blame for the monumental collapse was attributed to the 1st change bowler Brennan who was swinging them a mile with a strong westerly and also attributed to Ty who told everyone that they were "swinging a bit" but apparently what he should have said was "that they were swinging a lot". We'll put that miscommunication down to a new team and getting to know each other. All out for 73 in the 24 the over.

The highlight of the day was the magnificent spread for arvo tea. Chasing 73 Wandering were in a hurry as there was a fire near their hometown and they only needed 9 overs to get them. Rohan the only wicket taker but he nearly had to replace one of the globes in the light tower as he got belted for 6 that was probably worth 8. In a good news story, we only dropped one very hard catch in our fielding effort and 1 very easy misfield from Dangles Angwin.

Thanks to Dane for putting on the Warranella lamb rolls for tea. Good to see a few supporters come to watch us, but Mutty also needs to watch those posts in the bar area as they don't move much when you walk into them. Also good to see a few juniors brave the hot weather to join in on the Junior Cricket Blast training prior to home games. Anyone is welcome to join in ages 3- 14, with senior players helping out as well which is great. Another game against Wandering next week but this time a road trip.

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

There has been no formal bowls for the past fortnight, only social bowls on Sundays.

Sunday 1st December 2024

Twelve players and spectators were seen at the Club in fantantic bowling weather conditions.

Sunday 8th December 2024

Quite a few players had a fun afternoon vying with one another. It helped that the CBH Bin was shut, because it meant the members involved in farming were able to participate.

Friday 13th December 2024

A team of ladies are participating in the Brookton Ladies Gala Day. Enjoy.

Saturday 14th December 2024

Next Pennant Game against Brookton in Brookton. Teams will be advised later in the week.

Sunday 15th December 2024

League Championship Pairs and Triples.

Pairs representing Lake Yealering are Lois Shipley and Darrel Sims

Triples Respresenting Lake Yealering are Brian Shipley, Carl McCombe and Jim Williams

Sunday 22nd December 2024 Sausage Sizzle at the Bowling club following Santa's arrival at the Lake Foreshore at 5.30pm.



COME AND GIVE LAWN BOWLS A GO.

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

LADIES GALA DAY TRIPLES

\$90.00 Per Team

9am Morning Tea

9.30am Start

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2025



3 games of 12 ends

Entries close: 20th February 2025

RSVP: Lois Shipley 0400 542 704



Jasmin and Georgia Ellis went to race at the Kwinana Speedway Motorplex's Fast Fridays on the 29th of November. The F125s first time racing there on the big track and 23 cars to compete for their division.

Georgias always keen for a skid, though a little daunted after very recently stepping from juniors to seniors. Georgia came in 1st place overall for the night, having a great close final race just pipping the current Senior WA1 driver Sam.

Jas had a good night in her heats, managing some great overtaking and always finishing in with the front runners but just missing a podium finish ending the night in fourth place overall.

Thank you to the local sponsors **T. C Williamson** and **Ewen Rural Supplies** and the Community support for the girls.

ROLLING INTO ITS 44TH year

10TH & 11TH DECEMBER 2024 - 9.30AM

THE MEN'S 'MERINO FOURS' EVENT

IS SHAPING UP TO BE ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR OUR CLUB

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, A HANDFUL OF DEDICATED MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE ONCE AGAIN FOCUSED THEIR ATTENTION IN BRINGING BOWLERS TOGETHER FOR THIS LONG-ESTABLISHED, ANNUAL EVENT

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SUNDAY 22.12.24 - 3 BOWL TRIPLES

BRING-A-MATE AND ENJOY SOME FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS

GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

Pennant RESULTS

TUESDAY				SATURDAY			
26.11.24	WICKEPIN - 0.5 (33)	PINGELLY	3.5 (34)	30.11.24	WILLIAMS- B - 5 (59)	WICKEPIN	- 1 (54)
03.12.24	WILLIAMS - 0 (25)	WICKEPIN	4 (48)	07.12.24	PINGELLY - 5 (64)	WICKEPIN	- 1 (50)

Pennant FIXTURES / League EVENTS

TUESDAY				SATURDAY			
14.01.25	League CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES @ WILLIAMS			10 TH & 11.12.24	MERINO FOURS WICKEPIN		
21.01.25	WICKEPIN V BROOKTON @ WILLIAMS			14.12.24	WICKEPIN V WILLIAMS- W		
28.01.25	PINGELLY V WICKEPIN @ PINGELLY			11.01.25 / 12.01.25	ILRR FOURS ESPERANCE		
11.02.25	WICKEPIN V WILLIAMS @ WICKEPIN			18.01.25	NARROGIN V WICKEPIN		
18.02.25	League CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS @ BROOKTON			25.01.25	PINGELLY CARNIVAL		

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 15.12.24	League MEN'S CHAMP PAIRS & TRIPLES SOCIAL	1PM START
SUNDAY 22.12.24	CHRISTMAS BRING A FRIEND - OPEN DAY	1PM START
SUNDAY 05.01.25	NORM WHITE TRIPLES	1PM START
SUNDAY 19.01.25	PRESIDENTS POWER-PLAY SINGLES	1PM START
SUNDAY 26.01.25	SUNDAY 2X4X2 PAIRS	1PM START
SUNDAY 02.02.25	LADIES CHAMP PAIRS / MEN'S CHAMP FOURS	9AM START

GALA DAYS - GOOD BOWLING, GOOD FUN & GOOD LUCK TO OUR PARTICIPATING LADIES

13.12.24 - BROOKTON	23 / 24.01.25 - KOJONUP	21.02.25 - WICKEPIN
28.02.25 - YEALERING	21.03.25 - WILLIAMS	

May your Christmas be merry and bright
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ORANGE Stage: Age 8 - 9 | 4:15 - 5:00 PM

GREEN Stage: Age 10+ | 5:00 - 5:45 PM

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WHAT'S 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.

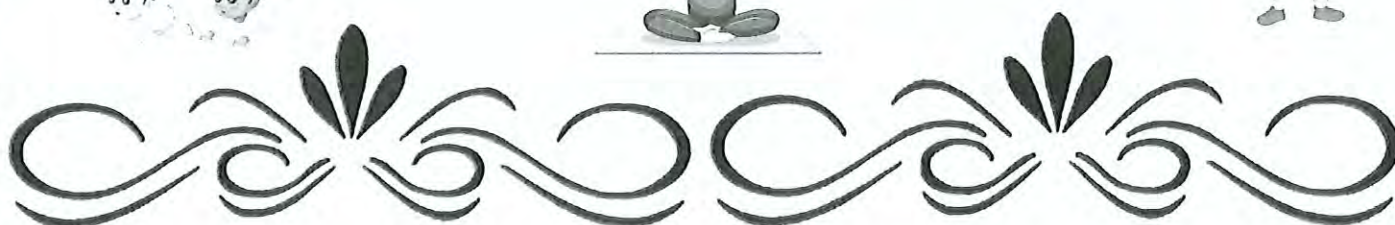
Saturdays

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 2024/2025

DECEMBER

Thur	12 th	Facey Group Webinar @ 3pm, Episode 3
Thur	12 th	Term 4 Ends
Thur	12 th	Christmas Lights Competition Close
Fri	13 th	Letters to Santa at special mail box closes
Fri	13 th	Communi-Tea
Mon	16-22	Vac Swim classes
Wed	18 th	Facey Group AGM and 2024 Christmas Party @ Wickepin Community Centre @ 5pm including Kids Drone Workshop
Fri	20 th	Save the Date, Wickepin Hotel Community Group
Fri	20 th	Wickepin CRC & Library close @ 12.30pm
Sat	21 st	Facey Group Office closes
Sun	22 nd	Wickepin Community Christmas Tree @ Wickepin Community Centre @ 4.30pm
Sun	22 nd	Yealering Progress Association Christmas Tree at Yealering Lake foreshore @ 5.30pm followed by sausage sizzle at the Lake Yealering Bowling Club
Mon	23 rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	24 th	Wickepin Shire Office Closed until 6 th January 2025
Wed	25 th	Christmas Day
Thur	26 th	Boxing Day

JANUARY

Wed	1 st	New Years Day
Thu	2 nd -6 th	Wickepin Shire Office Closed
Mon	6 th	Wickepin CRC & Library will open @ 10am with reduced trading hours
Mon	6 th	Facey Group Office opens
Fri	7 th	Communi-Tea
Mon	13 th	Watershed AGM @ 10am
Sun	26 th	Australia Day, Breakfast @ Yealering
Sun	26 th	Afternoon at Wickepin swimming pool, opens 1pm

FEBRUARY

Mon	3 rd	WatershedNews First issue for 2025
Mon	3 rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	5 th	School Term One begins
Fri	7 th	Prohibited Burning Season Ceases
Fri	7 th	Communi-Tea
Sat	8 th	Wickepin CRC Thank a Volunteer Live Music 5pm, Campbell Street Oval
Wed	12 th	CRC Meeting @5.30pm
Th-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
Wed	19 th	Ordinary Council Meeting
Th-Fri	20-21 st	Facey Group- Wander the Wheatbelt
Wed	26 th	Families and Communities Program 2024-225 Volunteer Grants open

MARCH

Mon	3 rd	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon	3 rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	4 th	Watershed News
Fri	7 th	Communi-Tea
Wed	12 th	Families and Communities Program 2024-225 Volunteer Grants closes 5pm
Mon	17 th	Watershed News
Mon	17 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	17 th	St Patrick Day