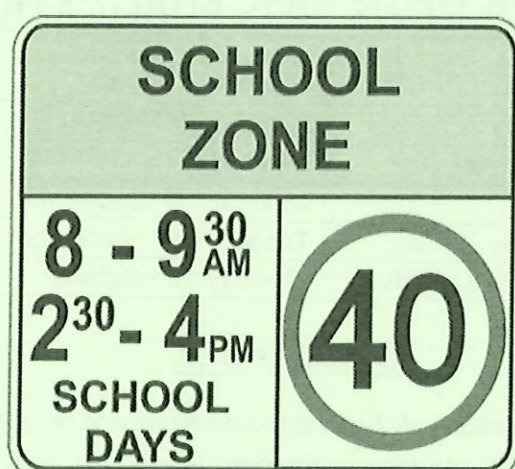


WATERSHED NEWS

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

3rd FEBRUARY 2025

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2025

WATERSHED NEWS INC- COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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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 wickepinwatershed@gmail.com , 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

Birthday wishes to: 3rd Carl Wilson, Alyce Tropiano, 4th Aleiah Bushby,
5th Asha Manton, Darryl Gaul, Lucas Pawsey, 6th Jordan Flavel, 7th Cassius Parnell,
11th Katie Martin, 13th Chelsea Wing, Pam Carden, 14th Lincoln Astbury,
Mark Wilson, 15th Rochelle Mead



Please Note:
WATERSHED NEWS
has a new email address:
wickeinwatershed@gmail.com

Thank you, to all of you that work hard, to put together The Watershed News.

Also thank you to all my new friends and customers in Wickepin Shire

I would like to inform you and the Wickepin Community that I am retiring at the end of this financial year.

I will cease to operate my upholstery business as from June 30th.

Not only that, I am going on holiday at the end of January for 1 month to the Sunshine Coast, Qld.

Please, no phone calls during February.



I have one more big job booked in on my return.

Then I will be winding down and have a clearing sale of my vinyl & fabric stock

Also, Dacron, foam, zip, slides, tonneau loops, press-studs and much more.

You are welcome to buy these off me at a reduced cost.

Open days will be during May-June. Please ring in advance to find out if I have any items you want to buy.

Regards Glynis Robinson

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On behalf of myself and my Nana, deepest regards to everyone involved in the efforts to contain and extinguish the fire on Friday 24th January. I'd just like to wish everyone a great and much appreciated thank you and am truly thankful to everybody who helped that day. Words cannot explain on how grateful we are and thankful on how fast and effective everyone worked even with such bad winds and room to maneuver the fire units and hoses around the yard.

Bradley Pauley



A number of friends gathered at the Lake Yealering Hotel on Tuesday 21st January 2025 to help Barry Watkins (Wedge) celebrate his 84th Birthday. Plenty of talking, laughter and food made the event enjoyable.

The Watershed News Team are very sorry to hear that Elaine Bushby is retiring from the team. Elaine has been an important volunteer for many years, her knowledge, friendly presence and food will be greatly missed. So glad Elaine is still available when the Team gets into a pickle and can be called on.

Australia Day Sunday 26th January 2025 celebrations at the Lake Yealering Hall, with barbeque cooked by the Wickepin Shire Councilors was appreciated by all who attended the event. The weather, after a shocking hot week with another hot week to come, was perfect. Gentle breeze coming off the lake made for a very pleasant friendly environment. Citizen Awards were announced by Shire President Julie Russell and awarded as follows:-

2024 Citizenship Award to Graeme Manton

2024 Senior Citizen Award to Irene Moore

2024 Club Award to Ignite Wicky Town Team

Facey Group's 2024 Progressive Award to Daniel & Danelle Bird



The Watershed News Team missed Margaret McLean today as Margaret is involved with looking after grand children. Hope all goes well.



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RAINFALL

2024	mm	Days	Total	2025	mm	Days	Total
January	13.2	3	13.2	January	7	2	7
February	3.4	3	16.6	February			
March	32	7	48.6	March			
April	0	0	48.6	April			
May	40.8	7	86.6	May			
June	34.4	13	121	June			
July	72	21	193	July			
August	84	15	280.2	August			
September	29	6	309.2	September			
October	14.8	4	324	October			
November	22	6	346	November			
December	0	0	346	December			

Registered at the Wickepin Post Office as of 3rd February 2025



Through Stay Active Chair Aerobics.

Wednesday morning 9:30am-10:30am

From 5th Feb Wickepin Health Centre, 28 Johnston St Wickepin

As we age, maintaining balance and strength becomes increasingly crucial to our overall health and well-being. Some of you may be surprised to learn that it's not the most senior, frail people in our communities that are the only people having falls. Falls can happen at any age and are often preventable, with over half of all falls occurring within the home environment, often leading to serious injuries and a loss of independence.

One effective way to mitigate this risk is through participation in physical activity groups specifically designed for falls prevention. These groups not only provide a structured environment for exercise but also foster a sense of community and support.

The Wickepin Stay Active Chair Aerobics group is run by trained volunteers and provides a weekly exercise class for anyone over the age of 50 at all activity levels. The class is designed by Physiotherapists to help reduce falls with the added benefits of improving cardiovascular health, decreasing blood pressure, improving mental health, decreasing pain, and assisting with weight management.

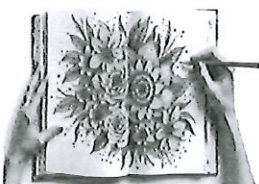
Falls should not be considered a normal part of ageing" says Lee Conlan, Senior Physiotherapist at Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service.

"Falls can be preventable. A great way to reduce your risk of falling is to actively improve your balance and leg strength through exercise," says Lee.

You can join in the group fun every Wednesday morning 9:30am-10:30am at the Wickepin Health Centre, 28 Johnston St Wickepin. Classes are followed by a social cuppa and morning tea to increase social connection.

For more information and enrolment,
please contact the Wickepin Health Centre 9888 2222

RECOMMENDATION



I can definitely recommend, what started as a quiet hobby has grown into a worldwide creative movement. Adult colouring books now offer both a creative outlet and a calming escape for people looking to unwind and express themselves artistically. From casual pastime to cultural phenomenon happened gradually, driven by several key developments that changed how we think about colouring.

The game-changer came when artists began creating complex designs specifically for adults. As adult colouring gained popularity, researchers began documenting its powerful stress-relieving effects. The simple act of focusing on intricate patterns helps calm racing thoughts and creates an almost meditative state. This discovery helped establish colouring as more than just a hobby - it became recognized as a genuine tool for mental wellbeing. Colouring isn't just for kids anymore – it's a legitimate tool for mental wellness that backed by science



VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE BRIGADES

Thank you to our volunteer fire fighters for their prompt and professional actions in fighting and containing various fires in the Shire throughout December and January. We are very grateful for the dedication and willingness of our volunteers in managing these incidents and keeping our community safe.



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 SMS MESSAGES

If you would like to register your number to receive fire and vehicle movement ban messages or have your number removed from the system, please contact the office on 9888 1005 or email your details to admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION 2024

Well done to all entrants for their time and effort that was put in to their lights for the 2024 Christmas Lights Competition. The judge had a difficult task choosing just 3 winners. It was great to see so many houses and businesses getting in to the Christmas spirit this season!

Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st – Hazel Green
- 2nd – Ewen Family
- 3rd – The Tukes



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 19 February 2025, Council Chambers, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin.

Council welcome community participation during public question time at 3.30pm. Members of the public are able to ask questions relating to the business of the Council.

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

The Wickepin Swimming Pool will be closed on Friday 14th February 2025, it is also closed every Tuesday.

Regular open hours are 1pm – 6pm. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

RATES PAYMENTS REMINDER

Are your rates instalments up to date? The third instalment is due today, 3rd February 2025. The next instalment is due at the end of February. Please make payment by the due dates to avoid any late fees. If you have any questions or would like to pay your rates over the phone, please contact the Shire Office on 9888 1005.

LANDFILL OPENING

HOURS & DAYS

Wickepin – Local Residents only

Days: Saturday & Sunday

Time: 7am – 11am

Time: 12pm – 4pm

Yealering & Tincurrin

Opens: Friday – 4pm

Closes: Monday – 8am

Harrismith

Opens: Tuesday Afternoon

Closes: Friday Morning



AUSTRALIA DAY WRAP UP

The 2025 Australia Day Breakfast had a fantastic turnout, with many community members coming together to **reflect, respect, and celebrate** this special occasion. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the 26th January 2025 at the Yealering Town Hall for the breakfast and the **2024 Citizen Awards** ceremony.

Congratulations to all the worthy recipients of the 2024 Community Award Winners.

- ❖ 2024 Citizen of the Year – Graeme Manton
- ❖ 2024 Senior Citizen of the Year – Irene Moore
- ❖ 2024 Senior Citizen of the Year – Ignite Wicky Town Team

Congratulations also goes to Daniel & Danelle Bird who are the winners of the Facey Group's 2024 Progressive Ag Award. A very well deserved award.



Australia Day Pool Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Wickepin Pool for an unforgettable afternoon of fun! With exciting games, a sizzling BBQ, and an energetic disco by DJ Redmond, it was wonderful to see the community come together to enjoy the day.





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20th March
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FARMING AUTONOMY INTRODUCTION

20 March 2025 | Yealering 6372 WA



You are invited to attend a *Farming Autonomy Introduction Afternoon*, after the GRDC Seeder Setup Workshop (in the morning) with Boekeman Machinery.

Come along and learn about how to prepare for autonomy in farming for the immediate future.

This event is free of charge and will be led by Boekeman Machinery's Precision Farming Specialists, who will provide insights into current & future developments related to autonomy.

The event aims to engage local growers with emerging autonomous technologies to enhance farming practices and provide a roadmap for successful adoption of autonomous technologies and tasks.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **Step-by-step guide for implementation of autonomous tasks leading to autonomy**
- **An interactive readiness assessment through discussions**
- **Demonstrations showcase cutting-edge tools such as VRT, telematics, and Starlink technologies**
- **Growers to share challenges and ideas, contributing to valuable insights**

EVENT DETAILS

Morlup Farm, 6372

Thursday 20th March 2025

Hosts: Boekeman Machinery

Time: 1.30pm – 4.00pm, Afternoon Tea Provided

Directions: Yealering-Pingelly Rd

Google Maps QR:

32°35'08.5"S 117°26'58.1"E



FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information or to RSVP, contact Conor Mc Guckian 0438 905 875 or events@boekemans.com.au

Grain Automate is a Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) initiative on behalf of Australian grain growers aimed at accelerating the adoption of machine automation, autonomy and digital technologies in the Australian grains industry. R&D investment in this workshop does not indicate commercial endorsement by GRDC.



Register Here:



Facey Group Employment Opportunity

SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER

(Part-Time)



Facey Group is a member-based organisation that *leads, inspires, supports and challenges the local farming district of Wickepin, WA*. The Senior Finance Officer reports to the Chief Executive Officer and will oversee the finance management tasks for the Group. The Senior Finance Officer will play a key role in the smooth operation of the Facey Group office with both on the job and offsite training provided to the successful candidate. The Senior Finance Officer role is an exciting opportunity to join a team-orientated office in a varied role based in Wickepin. The Senior Finance Officer will work closely with the Chief Executive Officer to oversee the key finance tasks of the organisation.

Key responsibilities

- Monitor & authorise payroll, creditors, debtors, BAS, & month end reconciliations.
- Compile and maintain budgets and complete actual vs budget reporting monthly.
- Preparation of annual audit requirements, FBT, and end of financial year processes.
- Maintain strong financial oversight of the organisation and individual projects.
- Compile committee agenda, papers and distribute.
- Maintain sponsorship agreements.
- Maintain cloud-based project management systems for projects and activities.
- Assist CEO to scope out other projects and business opportunities as required.
- Assist with event management as required.
- Assist CEO to monitor all Facey Group policies and procedures and ensure organisation is complying with required standards and legislation.

Selection Criteria

Skills and Experiences - Essential

- Qualifications in Finance, Bookkeeping or similar equivalent training or experience.
- Ability to work as part of a team and independently with a high level of attention to detail.
- Evidence of excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Effective time management with the ability to meet deadlines.
- Competent with Microsoft Office software packages.
- Experience with bookkeeping or cash management software.
- Current Drivers Licence.

Skills and Experiences – Desirable

- Knowledge agricultural systems.
- Experience with Agrimaster.

As a flexible employer wanting to obtain the right person for our team, we are offering to adapt this role and are willing to vary your work days & hours to fit around family commitments. We will also allow some of the hours to be worked remotely to give extra flexibility. The role will involve an average of approximately 20-24 hours per week.

To apply for the position, please submit a cover letter, a current CV including two references, and a brief statement addressing the selection criteria.

Applications close 5pm – Monday 10th February 2025

To be addressed to:

Ms Tina Astbury
Chief Executive Officer
Facey Group
Email: eo@faceygroup.org.au

Women Wander the Wheatbelt

20th
& 21st
February
2025

Facey Group invite our members to 'Wander the Wheatbelt' with us on a Members Exclusive FREE overnight bus tour across the wheatbelt, to the city & back.

DAY ONE

- Visit Sandra Fowler's Deferred Grazing System in Williams
- Explore Coogee Common 'Garden-to-Plate' experience for an enjoyable long lunch
- Tour of Summit Fertilizers Perth facility
- Check in to our accommodation, then enjoy dinner & entertainment

DAY TWO

- Tour Australian Grain Centre & Metro Grain Centre facilities
- Indulge in a Paddock-to-Plate food experience in the Swan Valley
- Return to Wickepin



Places are limited so scan the QR code to register ASAP or email admin@faceygroup.org.au with any queries.

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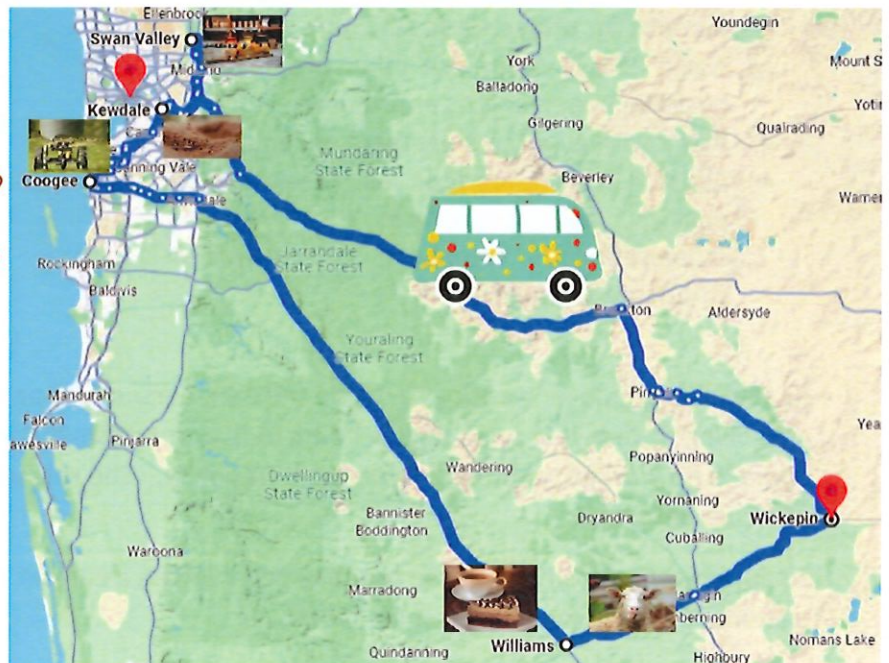
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Creamy Vegan Primavera Pasta

This vegan, veggie-packed pasta dish doesn't contain any cream or cheese.

Ingredients (9)

- 225g (1 1/2 cups) raw cashews
- 250ml (1 cup) warm water
- 300g penne pasta (see note)
- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed, cut into thirds
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 leek, trimmed, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 **zucchini**, cut into noodles using a spiraliser
- Fresh basil leaves, to serve



Method

Place the cashews in a heatproof bowl. Pour over enough boiling water to cover. Set aside for 1 hour to soak.

Drain the cashews and transfer to a food processor. Add 125ml (1/2 cup) warm water and process until smooth, adding the remaining 125ml (1/2 cup) warm water in 2 more batches to make a sauce consistency.

Cook the pasta in a large saucepan of boiling water following the packet directions or until al dente, adding the asparagus for the last 3 minutes of cooking. Drain, reserving 125ml (1/2 cup) cooking liquid. Return the pasta and asparagus to the pan.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add the leek and garlic. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until softened. Add the zucchini and cook, stirring often, for 3 minutes or until softened.



Best-ever potato chips

- 1.25kg large sebago **potatoes**, peeled
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper, cracked

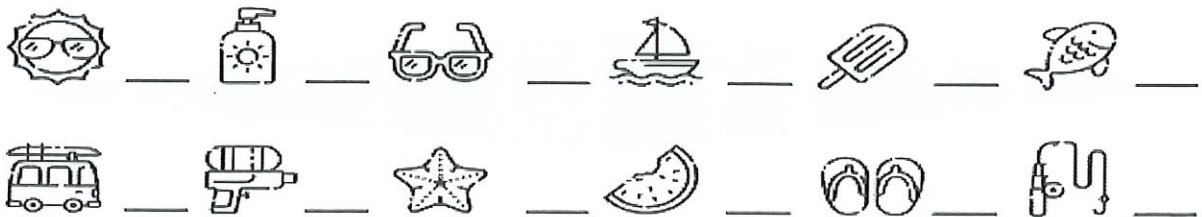


Preheat oven to 230C/210C fan-forced. Line 2 large baking trays with baking paper. Cut potatoes into 1cm-thick slices. Cut each slice into 1cm-thick chips.

Cook chips, in 2 batches, in a large saucepan of boiling water, for 4 minutes. Drain well. Pat dry with paper towel to remove any excess moisture. Transfer chips to prepared trays. Drizzle with oil. Season with sea salt and cracked pepper. Toss to coat. Spread out chips to form a single layer.

.Roast for 50 minutes, turning during cooking, or until golden and crisp.

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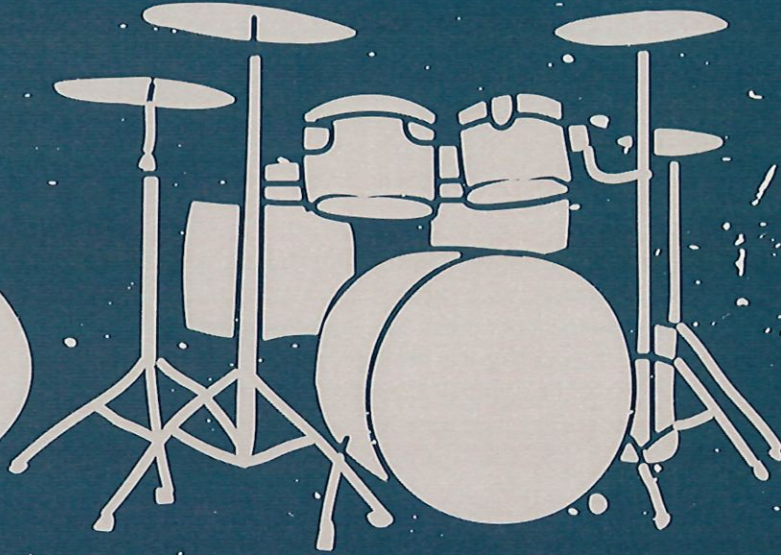
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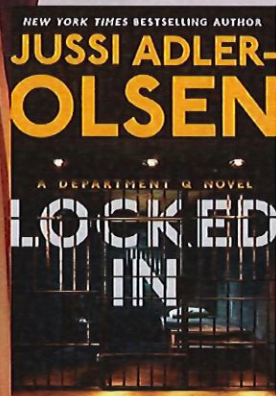
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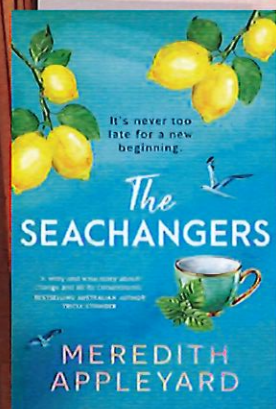
New books at the Wickepin Public Library



ADULT FICTION THRILLER: *Locked In* - Jussi Adler-Olsen

On the day after Christmas, head of Department Q, Detective Mørck, finds himself handcuffed in a police car headed for Copenhagen's Vestre prison. After fifteen years, a violent case from his past has caught up with him. Charges of drug trafficking and murder threaten to destroy his life and career. But he is being framed. Someone has a million-dollar bounty on his head to make sure he doesn't talk, putting him in danger among the prison's incarcerated criminals and corrupt officers. The question that remains is, Why?

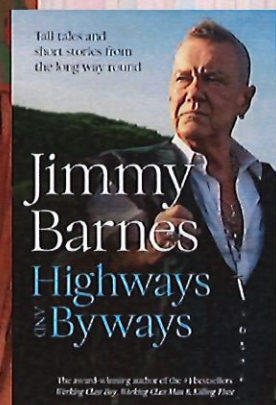
Carl's colleagues at the Copenhagen Police Department instantly turn their backs on him, leaving the ever-loyal Department Q team as his only hope. In search of answers, Rose, Assad, and Gordon must disobey direct orders from way up the chain to try to unravel case. With only one another to trust and Carl's battle against the unknown mastermind's henchmen worsening by the day, they must work faster than ever before if they are to clear his name—and save his life.



ADULT FICTION LARGE PRINT: *The Seachangers* - Meredith Appleyard

At 57, Ruth made a sea change: she relocated from the city to the country and opened Rosie's Cafe in the seaside town of Cutlers Bay. Business boomed, but five years on the shine has worn off. Where has that other Ruth gone, the independent, feisty woman who'd had the courage to sell up in the city and move to the country? Even the bathroom mirror is reflecting back someone she doesn't quite recognise: greying hair, wrinkles, the sparkle all but gone from her blue eyes. Ruth is convinced she has to make a change - if only she could decide what.

After a lifetime of hard work out bush, Hamish has retired to the city for a life of comfort and ease. It's what he always dreamed of, so why doesn't he feel satisfied? When his 89-year-old father dies, Hamish comes to Cutlers Bay to settle his affairs. At first, packing up the house and renovating it to sell is both a filial duty and a welcome project to fill his days. As the work energises him, Hamish wonders: was retiring a mistake? The longer he's in town, the more Cutlers Bay starts to feel like home. And a certain cafe owner makes the idea of staying there all the more appealing...

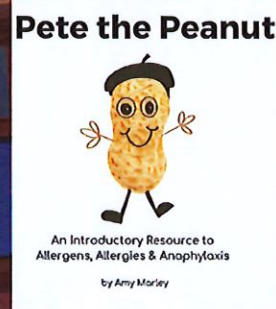


BIOGRAPHY: *Highways and Byways* - Jimmy Barnes

From larger-than-life adventures to vivid and poignant tales of the imagination, *Highways and Byways* is a collection of stories taking readers on an enthralling tour (complete with the odd detour) through the raucous, well-lived life of one of this country's most successful and beloved artists.

Told with Jimmy's signature verve and flair, and richly coloured by his distinctive voice and wit, *Highways and Byways* sees him sharing a 1970s Texas stage with a dream line-up of US musicians; flirting with disaster in a Hawaiian high-rise; discovering a life-changing cassette tape; unearthing shattering family secrets in Glasgow; encountering charismatic and not-so-endearing superstars, ghosts of the recent and distant past, superfan traffic cops and shady salesmen; and confronting his own mortality - while pondering the more amusing effects of hospital medication.

Charming, personal and poignant, *Highways and Byways* is a collection that celebrates Jimmy's Scottish heritage, family, friends, music and the adventure of a grand life.



CHILDREN'S HEALTH RESOURCE: *Pete the Peanut* - Amy Marley

An introductory resource for kids of all ages to read with their parents, families, teachers, carers or specialists, information is presented with photographic illustrations to ensure there is no room for "make-believe". A clear reminder that allergies are **REAL**. Reactions are **REAL**.

Each of us is at different stages and plays various roles along the allergy journey, a journey nobody processes in precisely the same way. With that in mind, Pete the Peanut is a resource that is designed to dip in and out of as opportunities along their unique relationship living with allergies are presented.

We can't allergy proof the world but we can use our voices and share information as a powerful way to expand the awareness of allergies. In doing so, we empower children living with allergies to self-advocate in a world filled with distractions.



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When: 9am–4:30pm, Thursday 13 & Friday 14
February 2025

Your Trainer: Mark Davies

Where: Wickepin Community Resource Centre,
24 Wogolin Road, Wickepin

Cost: Free, incl. morning tea & a light lunch

Register: Call 9888 1500 or email
admin@wickepincrc.com.au

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What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of a mental health problem, or a mental health crisis.

What you'll learn

Topics will cover a range of common challenges and situations, including:

- anxiety
- depression
- psychosis
- substance use
- suicidal thoughts and behaviours

You'll receive a Standard Mental Health First Aider's manual.

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Complete a short online assessment after the course to become an Accredited Mental Health First Aider for 3 years.

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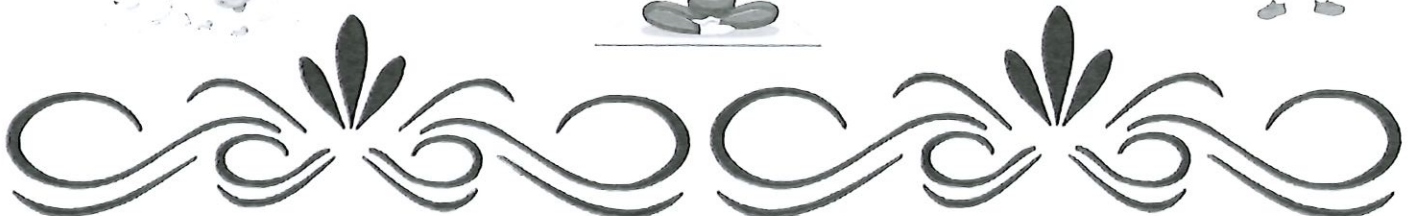
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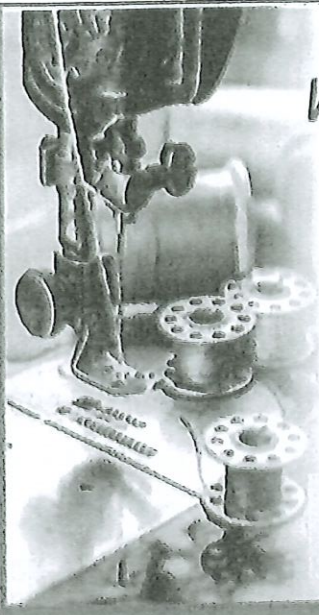
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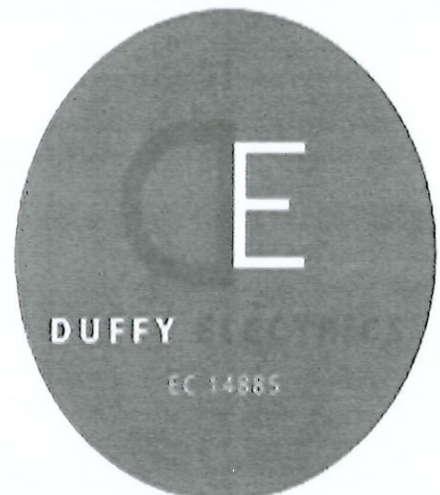
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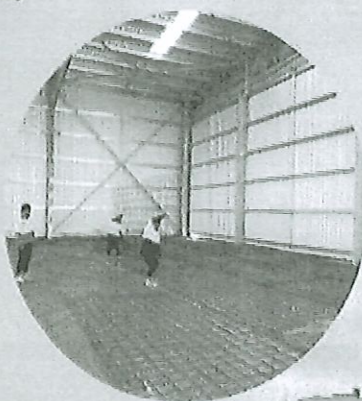
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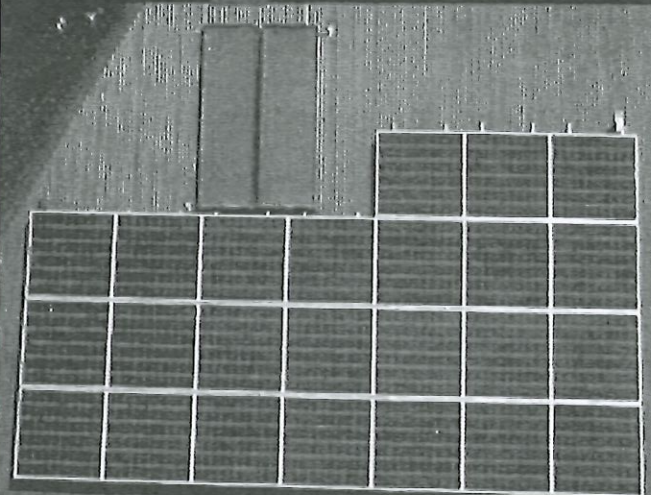
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SPORTS NEWS

WICKEPIN/ HARRISMITH CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Notes 14th Dec 2024

Bus trip out to Lake Grace for Rd 2 of the bottom of the table clash, with the Dugites hoping for the same result as last time. With a quick stop at the Lake Grace roadhouse to fuel up with some pre-game fried food, Inzi grabbed some fried wing dings and then said, "I'm going to ton it up today". Inzi used Dane's lucky coin for the toss, but it failed, and we went into the field. Inzi opened the bowling and got us off to good start by bowling Kal Joyce in the 2nd over for a duck.

We took 4 early wickets before they put on a few good partnerships. We bowled Lake Grace out for 156 in 43.4 overs. Rowan Bilney 3/56 and Dizzy Pockran 3/43 the main wicket takers. Inzi 1/12 off 6 and Caen 1/24 off 10 overs kept the run rate under control, whilst Grayden Bayley bowled a very handy couple of overs. Booza brought a couple of young fill ins who were home from boarding school, so we had 13 players which enabled Booza to watch most of the game from the shade.

Chasing 157 for the win and in an Alpha-Male move skipper Inzi said "I'm opening the bowling and the batting. Ty and Inzi put on 110 for the opening stand setting us up for a comfortable victory. Inzi was about 1 fried wing ding short of his ton, scoring 85 from 65 balls, including 10 boundaries and 4 maximums. Ty 36 runs in the support role at the other end. Josh only managed 3, Caen 17* and Dangles Angwin 9* seeing us home with 7 wickets and 14 overs to spare.

The bus trip home took us past the Lake Grace pub for tea and Josh even managed to get on the right bus this time, although he still fell asleep on the way home. Next game is at Wicky on the 1st of Feb with junior cricket training open for anyone prior to the game at 11.15am.

Come along to watch the game or enjoy a drink and BBQ afterwards.

A woman, frustrated because her husband was late coming home from bowls yet again, decided to leave a note that read, "I've had enough. I'm leaving you. Don't try to find me."

She then hid under the bed to watch his reaction.

Soon after, her husband came home. She could hear him in the kitchen before he made his way into the bedroom.

She watched as he walked over to the dresser, picked up the note, and read it.

After a moment, he scribbled something on the note, then picked up the phone and called someone. "She's finally gone. Yeah, it's about time. I'm on my way. Wear that sexy French nightie. I love you. Can't wait to see you. We'll do all the naughty things you like." He hung up, grabbed his keys, and left. As she heard the car drive away, she crawled out from under the bed, furious and heartbroken. With trembling hands, she picked up the note to see what he had written. "I can see your feet. We're out of bread; be back in five minutes." Hope this joke brings a smile to your face! Have a great day!



LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 1st February 2025

After the break since Christmas and holidays in January, Bowls Pennant Games got under way for the Upper Great Southern Bowling League with Lake Yealering playing against Pingelly in Yealering. Weather only bearable from the very hot week endured by everyone. Lake Yealering were thrilled to have won this Game.

Next Pennant Playing dates are

8th February in Narrogin.

8th March in Yealering.

15th March in Pingelly.

Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th February 2025

Club Championship Singles and Fours will be held. The League Championships will be held in Pingelly Sunday 30th March 2025

Friday 28th February 2025 Lake Yealering Open Ladies Gala Day

Wednesday 19th March 2025 Lake Yealering Any Combination Triples Summit Day

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Month of February 2025

FIRST NIGHT

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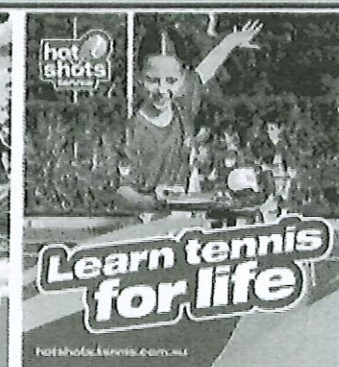
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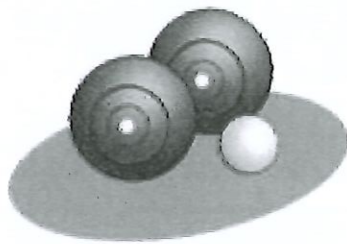
LADIES GALA DAY TRIPLES

\$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

Many thanks to the SPONSORS

WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

MERINO FOURS

This event held on December 10th and 11th was a success, despite hot conditions!

Thanks to Greg White & Dave Triffitt, the greens were sanded and well prepared, making a significant difference to gameplay.

We're grateful to our bowlers, sponsors and volunteers for their support – there would be no event without them.

The winning Circle:

DAY 1 - WANNEROO

S. O'Neil, G. King, N. Jamieson,
G. Nicholl

DAY 2 - GNOWANGERUP

A. Crabb, K. Heberley, M. Johnson,
V. Wellstead

Over-all winners:

FIRST - BROOKTON

D. Cliff, J. Vulitich, R. Jackson, B. Fancoat

SECOND – SAFETY BAY

R. Hall, C. Owen, B. Petchell, H. Wilson

THIRD – WICKEPIN / NARROGIN

D. Triffitt, G. White, C. Pethybridge, S. Schultz

FOURTH – EMU POINT

W. Holt, K. MacGregor, J. Meyers, C. Hitchcock

NORM WHITE MEMORIAL

Unfortunately, this event was postponed... stay tuned for a new date.

ROGER COOK / WFI VETERAN PAIRS

Sixteen teams enjoyed a great day of bowls on 15.01.25 – congratulations to the following place getters:

FIRST -D. Triffitt, J. Melvin

SECOND – P. Lee, A. White

THIRD – M. Sewell, A. Hodges

FOURTH - M. Bourdon, D. Ford

19.01.25 – PRESIDENTS POWER PLAY SINGLES

Winners of the day with their score closest to a pre-selected number were:

1st Judy Lang, 2nd Claire Bayley, 3rd Peter Mullan, and the points winners were Robyn Mullan -41, Dave Triffitt- 40, Judy Lang – 33.

PENNANT RESULTS

TUESDAY

21.01.25: Wickepin 42 (3) – Brookton 38 (1)

28.01.25: Wickepin 42 (4) - Pingelly 38 (0)

Thank you, Greg.

PENNANT RESULTS

SATURDAY

18.01.25 Wickepin 56 (0) – Narrogin 83 (6)

Well done to the composite team of Greg White, Peter Bransby, Aaron Bransby and Neville Jamieson on their impressive 2nd place finish at the Pingelly Carnival on January 25th & 26th. Congratulations also to Warren Thompson, Bevan Crouch, Beryle Holm and Claire Bayley on finishing 3rd at the Pingelly Australia Day Mixed Fours

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Congratulations to all four teams who braved the heat to compete on Sunday 02.02.25! A highlight was seeing Karen Jamieson and newcomer, Chris Pethybridge on the green. Taking top honours were Marj White and Judy Lang, with Robyn Mullan and Leanne Smith in second place. Well done, everyone!

Scheduled Events

08.02.25 - Sat	Men - Brookton v Wickepin
11.02.25 - Tues	Ladies – Wickepin v Williams
14.02.25- 16.02.25	Ladies ILRR Fours Esperance
15.02.25 - Sat	Men – Wickepin v Williams B
18.02.25 -Tues	Ladies League Champ pairs - Brookton
20.02.25 -Thursday	Busy Bee - Club
21.02.25 - Fri	Wickepin Gala Day
22.02.25 - Sat	Men – Wickepin v Pingelly
23.02.25 – Sun	Ladies - Champ Singles
25.02.25 – Tues	Ladies – Brookton V Wickepin

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31 January 2025

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annett Bellingeri

Sounding the alarm on the dangers of lithium-ion batteries

Lithium-ion batteries have become the fastest growing home fire risk in Western Australia according to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

In 2024, there was a fire caused by one of these batteries almost every second day, making it the worst year on record. These 166 fires caused injuries, destroyed homes and possessions, damaged rubbish trucks and ignited large bushfires.

This figure is extremely concerning to Consumer Protection's Product Safety team, who are urging people to only buy products containing lithium-ion batteries from reputable suppliers and to be cautious when purchasing these items from overseas or on second-hand marketplaces.

Consumers should look for a regulatory compliance mark, such as a tick inside a triangle, or go to ees.gov.au to check whether the charger is approved for use in Australia.

Reputable manufacturers have matched battery/charger combinations which includes a system to detect the state of charge and switch off when nearing full. Overcharged lithium-ion batteries have the potential to heat up and ignite so it's important to remove your device from the charger once fully charged.

Consumers should also avoid mixing and matching chargers, and only charge batteries on a hard surface in a cool, dry place and away from flammable materials like beds, lounges or carpet.

Worryingly, these batteries don't even need to be charging to catch fire if they are badly damaged, poorly manufactured or exposed to direct sunlight or excessive heat for long periods of time. A recent housefire in Perth's east was started by a remote-control toy car that wasn't on charge.

To check if an item in your house contains a lithium-ion battery, look for labels such as lithium ion, li-ion, li-po and lithium-polymer. E-rideables, power tools, laptops, toys, smartphones, electric vehicles and even electric toothbrushes and vapes are powered by these batteries. They are everywhere in your lives.

When it comes to e-rideables, charge them outside of the home and never leave them to charge overnight. Installing a smoke or heat alarm where these devices are charged could save your life.

Never put lithium-ion batteries in your household waste or recycling bin. Throwing batteries in the bin can cause rubbish and recycling trucks to catch fire and waste facilities to burn. This endangers the lives of workers and costs the ratepayers.

Instead take the batteries to the nearest battery drop-off point, which can be found at Recycle Right - recycleright.wa.gov.au.

If you see a battery ignite, call 000 immediately as these fires are extremely difficult to extinguish with water and battery contents may reignite or explode several days later. The toxic gases that are released from these batteries are also incredibly dangerous, so stay well away.

For more information on lithium-ion battery safety around the home visit productsafety.gov.au.

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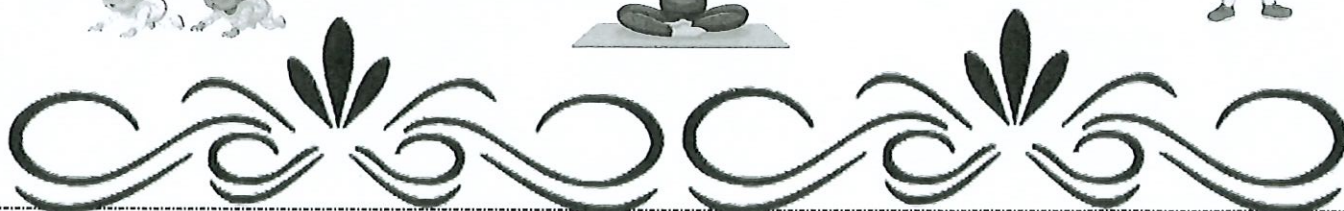
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Mon	3 rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	5 th	School Term One begins
Fri	7 th	Prohibited Burning Season Ceases
Fri	7 th	Communi-Tea
Sat	8 th	Wickepin CRC Thank a Volunteer Live Music 5pm, Campbell Street Oval
Wed	12 th	CRC Meeting @ 5.30pm
Th-Fri	13-14 th	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
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Mon	17 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	17 th	St Patrick Day
Mon	17 th	Council Ordinary Meeting
Thurs	20 th	Facey Group Seeder Setup Workshop
Mon	31 st	Watershed News
Mon	31 st	Recycle and Bin Day

APRIL

Mon	14th	Watershed News
Mon	14th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	28th	Watershed News
Mon	28th	Recycle and Bin Day

MAY

Mon 12 th	Watershed News
Mon 12 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 26 th	Watershed News
Mon 26 th	Recycle and Bin Day

