# WATERSHED NEWS

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

17th February 2025



WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL Regular hours are 1pm – 6pm Wednesday to Monday Closed every Tuesday

# For everyone:

- Learn to swim
- Always swim with a buddy
- Children and non-swimmers should always be supervised around water
- Wear a lifejacket whenever you are in a boat
- Alcohol and water don't mix: don't drink and swim, don't drink and drive your boat

# WATERSHED NEWS INC- COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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- All submissions would be preferred in Word.
- All advertisements and classifieds must be submitted with clear contact details including a postal address, phone number and email.
- Watershed News produced pages are printed in black and white. Full page colour only if requested and paid for.
- The Shire of Wickepin community groups are entitled to a half page of advertising free of charge.

# WATERSHED NEWS 2025 PUBLICATION DATES

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Monday 17th March	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday 1st September	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Monday 31st March	Monday 23rd June	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 14th April	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	
Monday 28th April	Monday 21st July	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	

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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 <u>wickepinwatershed@gmail.com</u>, 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**

### February Birthday Wishes to:

17<sup>th</sup> Sophie Jespersen

19th Cara Borthwick

26<sup>th</sup> Stella Mullan, Stefie Green, Liam McDouga

27<sup>th</sup> Logan Pike, Catherine Pauley

28<sup>th</sup> Bradley Bunter

March Birthday Wishes to:

1st Jayce Fulford

3<sup>rd</sup> Stacey Ewen, Rodney McColl





The Watershed News are pleased to welcome Lee-Ann Mullan to the team. We are all looking forward to work with Lee-Ann.

Neale and Margaret McLean welcomed a beautiful granddaughter Lilah Clare Harrod on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. A daughter for Loren and Matt and sister to Lucas and Ellyse. Lilah has had treatment at PCH since birth, we are all relieved and thrilled that she is progressing well and will go to her home in Merredin soon.



Please Remember: WATERSHED NEWS

has a new email address:

wickepinwatershed@gmail.com

# CONFE STATE Wicky Netball Club

JOIN US FOR PRE-SEASON EXERCISE SESSIONS

6:30-7:15PM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 19TH FEB ONWARDS

WICKEPIN REC



ALL FITNESS LEVELS CATERED FOR

**CONTACT: RHI MOURITZ - 0400 790 541** 

## Sudoku

Sudoku is a puzzle of logic. This Sudoku uses letters of the word EDUCATION instead of numbers.



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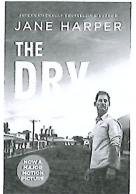
To complete the Sudoku grids, every letter in the word 'education' must appear in:

- · Each of the nine vertical columns
- · Each of the nine horizontal columns
- Each of the nine 3x3 blocks

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# **RECOMMENDATION**

**The Dry** by Jane Harper

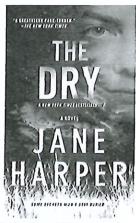


Winner of the 2017 BookBrowse Debut Author Award The Dry, Harper's first novel, is a thriller set in a fictional town five hours west of Melbourne. A Federal agent, Aaron Falk, returns to his old hometown to attend the funeral of his childhood best friend, Luke. Falk teams up with a local detective and tries to uncover the truth behind Luke's sudden mysterious death, only to find more questions than answers.

"The Dry," the film adaptation of Jane Harper's 2016

international bestseller of the same name, opens with aerial shots of the parched

land in Kiewarra, a farming community somewhere outside Melbourne. Starring Eric Bana, Genevieve O'Reilly, Keir O'Donnell, John Polson.



# Wickepin Hotel Community Group Update

The Wickepin Hotel Community Group would like to thank everyone for their interest and patience as we continue working on our beautiful historic building in the heart of town. If you've had a chance to peek through the windows, you'll have noticed a steady transformation.

The main bar has seen the most significant changes so far. Recent work includes custom skirting boards that match the original design, interior painting completion, and stunning woodwork restoration. The floorboards required the careful removal of old adhesive, and they are now ready for nail punching and sanding. The yard has been tidied up, and the grounds are looking fantastic. Special thanks to lan, Rob, Jenny, Bill, Ashley, Graeme, and others who have poured their heart and soul into the renovation.

The committee is working on the business structure and will have more news soon. Individuals and businesses can still pledge their support for this important community-building project. For more information, contact Brett at wickpubcg@gmail.com.

# Next Busy Bee!

Saturday, March 8, 2025, starting at 8:00 AM.

Join us for the next busy bee to contribute to the next stage of renovations. As you can see from the last busy bee, it's always fun and rewarding! Please wear covered shoes and work clothes and bring cleaning equipment or a nail punch. The big tasks for the day include sanding the floor in the main bar, removing carpets, and cleaning the cool room. If you have any questions, contact Tina at 0415 804 628.











# Wickepin Playgroup News February 2025

Welcome to a new playgroup year we meet weekly during school term on a Friday 9am-11am. We look forward to a fun filled year ahead for the group with some new faces to hopefully join in.

All mums, dads, grandparents, carers, babies, kids ages 0-5 plus expectant mothers are most welcome! Thank you to Ewen Rural Supplies who donate the fruit for the kids to enjoy during the session.

# WICKEPIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE 2024

Another successful event with Santa arriving in style on the fire truck but having to make his own way back to sleigh on foot due to an early departure of the truck. The kids and families enjoyed a great social evening with numerous temporary tattoos applied.

A big thank you to our event supporters being the Shire of Wickepin, Wickepin Newsagency, Wickepin CRC and the Wickepin Fire Brigade plus also the all the volunteers who made the event a success.

AGM - We will hold our AGM in March to elect a new committee with all roles vacant





# New Members FREE PASS

New members are encouraged to attend for three FREE sessions to see what our group is all about.

Come and join us for a chat and a play!

Where: Playgroup Building on Campbell St

President - Marce Dougall

Secretary - Jo Priest

Treasurer - Ashleigh Williams

wickepinplaygroup@gmail.com



#### **SNAP! SEND! SOLVE**

### Reporting A Local Issue Is As Simple As A Snap

You can help the Shire stay safe by alerting the Shire of any issues arising in the community as they happen! Snap Send Solve is a free app that allows you to quickly and easily report issues and provide feedback to local council and Shire. In just 30 seconds and a simple tap, you can report everything from fallen trees to urgent requests, complete



with the exact location and a photo. This helps the Shire respond faster and more efficiently, especially in emergencies. Your quick action and detailed information allow us to be better prepared and keep the community safe.

#### WANDERING DOGS

If you encounter a wandering dog within the Wickepin Shire, please take a photo of the dog and note the location where it was seen. Then, email both the photo and details to the Shire at <a href="mailto:admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au">admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au</a>. By providing this information, we can forward it to the Rangers and assist in identifying the dog's owner.

#### 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.

#### **RATES PAYMENTS REMINDER**

Are your rates instalments up to date? The fourth instalment is due 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025. 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.

#### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

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

#### **Public Notice**

Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Lease of Portion of Land for cropping purposes.



Pursuant to section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 30 (2)(b)(i) Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, the Shire of Wickepin is seeking expressions of interest from community groups to lease Portion of land Lot 9001, Curlew Way, Wickepin – known as "English Land Estate", for the purpose of sowing and harvesting a cereal crop for a term of 3 years with a potential of further 2-year option thereafter.

Written expressions of interest are required to be submitted outlining the proposal. Submissions are due 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025. All EOI are to be addressed to the CEO at admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au



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.







## KERB SIDE COLLECTION

Important guidelines for kerb side rubbish collection:

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

#### 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

HAVE YOU GOT A GREAT IDEA FOR YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP PROJECT OR EVENT BUT REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Applications for the 2025/26 Community Funding round are opening soon.

Contact Council's Community Economic

Development Officer to discuss whether you
may be eligible to receive funding prior to
commencing your application.



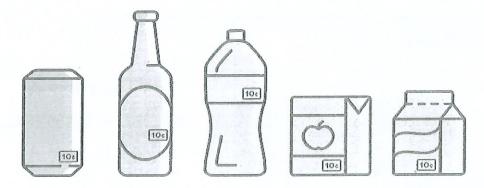
# **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

Donation drop off point at Elders on Wogolin Road.

All profits from the collection are shared between Wickepin Primary School P&C, Wickepin St. John

Ambulance and Wickepin Sports Clubs

Wickepin Sports Club.



## CHECK FOR THE 10¢ MARK

It's easy to save your 10¢ containers from general waste so they can live another life — just check for the 10¢ mark!

Most plastic and glass bottles, as well as drink cartons, cans and pouches, that are 150ml to 3L are accepted.

#### This includes:

- · Most single-serve water and fizzy drink containers up to and including 3L.
- · Most single-serve alcohol containers, like beer bottles and pre-mixed spirits.
  - · Flavoured milk containers that are 150ml to 999ml.
- · Coconut water, pure fruit, or vegetable juice containers that are 150ml to 999ml.

Make sure you take off the lids — we recycle those too, just separately.

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

# **FOR SALE**

Water storage containers 2 x 25L containers and 2 x 30L containers Brand new. \$20 each or \$60 the lot. Please contact Brian on 0475 206 372

'07 Jayco SWAN Off-road camper trailer. In good working order. Grigg hitch, Lic to 27/7/25 - \$12,000 0429 411 131

# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Johnston Street, Wickepin - Phone 0428 898 025

Services held at 8.00am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – All welcome Stay for a cuppa and chat after the service







# STORYTIME 0-4 YEARS AT WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEDNESDAY'S:

WEEK 3 - 19.2.25

WEEK 5 - 5.3.25

WEEK 9 -2.4.25





STORYTELLING SESSIONS **NURSERY RHYMES** 

SONGS



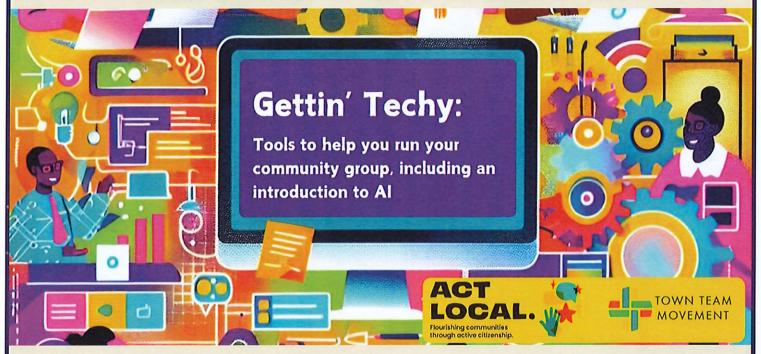
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WITH THE PRINCIPAL
8.40-9AM





# **Community Groups!**

Join us for this free seminar



Are you looking to save time, boost your professionalism, and meet community expectations—all without spending a cent?

Then this seminar is for you!

In "Getting Techy," we'll show you how to use free or low-cost tech tools to:

- Save Time: Automate those boring tasks and focus on what really matters.
- Look Professional: Use tools that make your group shine.
- Meet Expectations: Keep your online presence strong and engaging.

We'll cover easy-to-use AI and tech tools for content creation, social media, data management, and more. Perfect for anyone with average IT skills!

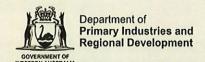
Don't miss out—join us and discover how to make a bigger impact with your community group, and maybe save some free time for you too. See you there!

Thursday Feb 20th 2.00pm - 3.30pm Wickepin CRC Afternoon tea provided

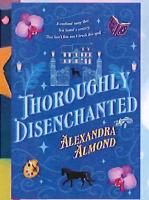
RSVP: Wednesday 19th February
Call Wicky CRC on 9888 1500 to secure your place today!

Not a community group? No worries! Everyone is welcome!





# Wickepin Public Library

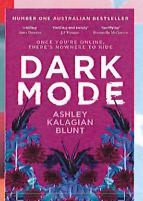


## ADULT FANTASY ROMANCE: Thoroughly Disenchanted - Alexandra Amond

A hundred years ago, Genevieve and Oliver spent an amazing weekend together in Riverswood manor. They wished they could stay there forever ... and then their wish come true.

Blessed with immortality but trapped for eternity, the two former lovers are now thoroughly tired of one another's company. Then, one dark and stormy night, a stranger called Ella arrives with a cheery disposition and a secret that could be the key to their salvation. With the help of Ella and the return of their best friend, Fionn, Genevieve and Oliver learn more about Riverswood's tangled history.

If they can come to terms with their own feelings, and the truth that has kept them locked away, they might stand a chance at breaking this curse. True love certainly hasn't worked.



## ADULT FICTION CRIME THRILLER Large Print: Dark Mode - Ashley Kalagian Blunt

Is it paranoia – or is someone watching?

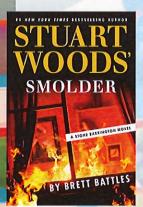
For years, Reagan Carsen has kept her life offline. No socials. No internet presence. No photos. Safe. Until the day she stumbles on a shocking murder in a Sydney laneway. The victim looks just like her.

Coincidence?

As more murders shake the city and she's increasingly drawn out from hiding, Reagan is forced to confront her greatest fear.

She's been found.

A riveting psychological thriller drawn from true events, *Dark Mode* delves into the terrifying reality of the dark web, and the price we pay for surrendering our privacy one click at a time.



#### ADULT FICTION MYSTERY Audio Book: Stuart Woods Smolder - Brett Battles

In this latest adrenaline-fueled adventure in the #1 New York Times bestselling series, Stone Barrington faces his most vindictive threat yet.

Finally enjoying some downtime in Santa Fe, Stone Barrington agrees to attend an art exhibit with a dear friend. There, he encounters an intriguing woman who is on the trail of a ring of art thieves. Always one to please, Stone offers his help.

From Santa Fe to Los Angeles, it quickly becomes clear that her investigation has links to Stone—particularly to rare Matilda Stone art, his mother's paintings. And when old grudges come to light, Stone is forced to reckon with a familiar enemy. Stone must act fast before whoever is out to get him finally closes in on him . . . for good.



Dr. Philippa Kaye

#### ADULT NON-FICTION: The Science of Menopause - Dr Philippa Kaye

As we understand more each day about what hormone changes mean for women's long-term health, there is an urgent need for an evidence-based book that helps women understand what is happening to them so that they can make informed decisions. Should you take HRT? How common is early menopause? What causes brain fog? Can herbal supplements help?

Menopause is not just about hot flashes, and it isn't something to "sail through" or pretend it isn't happening. Featuring the latest research and backed up by informative infographics and Illustrations, The Science of Menopause tells you everything you need to know about menopause is, the symptoms to watch out for, and the treatments that may be able to help.

# **KIDS PAGE**

Colour In

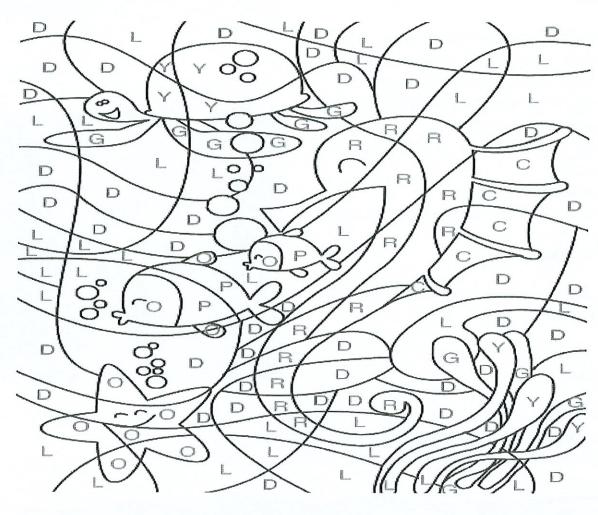
## Colour by Letters

Use the colour code to reveal our aquatic friends. What can you see?



D = dark blue G = = light blue

C = coralorange



# **KIDS BIRTHDAYS**

Lara Bayley 22 February 2013



Bunny Marsh 24 February 2016



Lily Marsh 24 February 2016





# Salmon and Dill Quinoa Salad

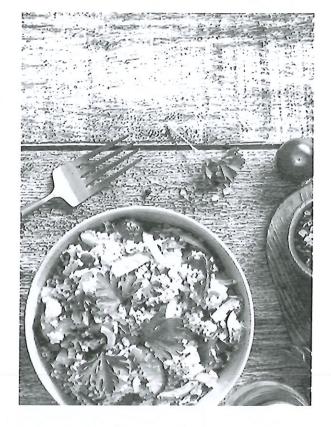
# Ingredients

#### Salad

1 cup mixed salad leaves, torn
1 spring onion, finely chopped
½ Lebanese cucumber, chopped
150g cherry tomatoes, halved
1 cup quinoa, cooked
180g cooked salmon (or chicken, chopped)
½ avocado, chopped
2 Tbsp dill, finely chopped (or coriander)

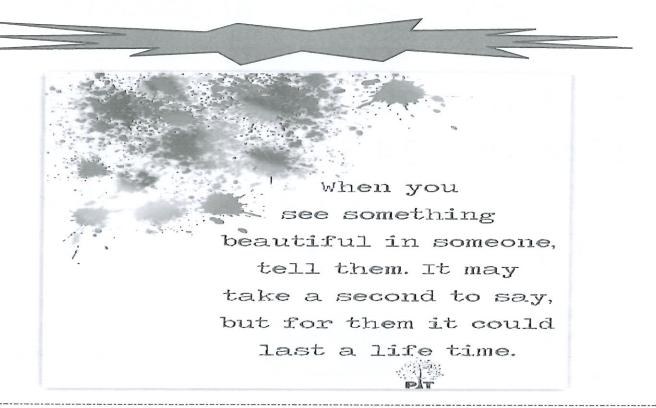
# **Dressing**

¼ cup reduced fat Greek yoghurt 1Tbsp lemon juice



#### Method

- 1. In a small bowl or jar, add lemon juice and Greek yoghurt. Mix or shake well.
- 2. In a large bowl add all ingredients (except dressing) and toss gently.
- 3. Drizzle over dressing and mix well to coat all the salad ingredients.



# Shaping the Future

# 2025 Trials Review & Pre-Seeding Catch-Up



3:30pm Registration | Afternoon Tea

4:00pm Welcome

Sam Horley | Facey Group President

4:10pm Grain Production and Carbon Implications

Jonathon Tuckfield | National Grower Engagement Manager |

GrainGrowers

4:20pm Australian Wheat's Price Competitiveness and What That Means for

the Bottom Line

Theo Saroukos | Director, Agribusiness Risk Treasury Management |

Rabobank

4:40pm Facey Group 2024 Trials and Their Relevance Across the State

Tina Astbury, Ravi Parmar, Franco Renteria | Facey Group AgREC

Daniel Kidd | Project Manager | Grower Group Alliance

**5:15pm** Nitrogen Use Efficiency and Soil Health in Action

Nick Eyres | Agronomist | Greenough Specialty Ag

5:45 pm Confinement Feeding Panel Discussion

Local Growers | Meat & Livestock Australia Representative

6:10 pm Argos Fire Safety Demonstration

Mike Wainwright | Operations Manager | Agros Fire Safety System

6:30 pm Sundowner

# 6th March 2025

**Wickepin Community Centre** 

Scan the QR Code to Register!

Member | FREE Non Member | \$60







Facey Group Major Sponsors:







# 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.









# Seeder Setup Workshops



MAXIMISING SEEDING SUCCESS IN-PADDOCK WORKSHOP

**MARCH 2025** 





# **WICKEPIN**

VENUE: Yealering-Pingelly Rd 32°35'08.5"S 117°26'58.1"E

tical for a successful

Effective crop establishment is critical for a successful season.

Join local agronomist Clint Mullan and machinery expert (Brett Asphar) in conversations to sharpen your skills and make the most of your seeding tools and decisions. This GRDC interactive workshop is hosted by Facey Group.

This workshop is designed for grain growers and industry professionals seeking to improve their seeding practices. Participants will gain practical knowledge from both industry specialists and local experts, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience tailored to your needs.

Join Us: Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your seeding strategies and **set your season up for success**.

Workshop Topics:

Optimal Seed and Fertiliser Placement for your local soils.

9.00am - 1.30pm

Lunch & Refreshments

Provided

Hands-On insight for your Aircart Calibration and Distribution Testing.

Seeder Bar Set-Up Fundamentals, Maintenance and Trouble Shooting Tips.

Register Here:









# FACEY GROUP JOIN OUR THRIVING AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Shaping the Juture

Join the passionate member driven Facey Group community by becoming a member in February & receive



# 5 Months Membership FREE!

Scan or call 9888 1223

# Relevant and Innovative Local Research

Facey Group collaborates
with researchers throughout
Australia to conduct trials
that provide local information
on innovative agricultural
research.

## Knowledge Exchange

Connect with experienced local farmers to share insights, techniques, and best practices for successful farming in the Wickepin region.

# Be part of a close-knit

community that understands the unique challenges and triumphs of mixed broadacre farming in this region. Facey Group is here to support you every step of the way.

# FANTASTIC VALUE

Membership applies to ALL family members & employees of your business!!



20-21 FEB Women Wander the Wheatbelt Tour

6 MAR 2024 Trials Review & Pre-Seeding Catch Up

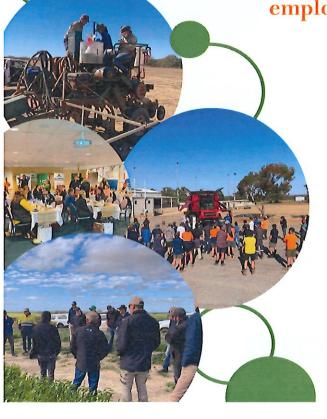
20 MAR GRDC Seeder Set Up Workshop & Boekemans Farm Autonomy Intro

26 MAR SW NRM Drough Proof Workshop

31 JUL

Annual Women In Ag Event

Many more to come - Watch this space!



# Wickepin CRC Newsletter

February 2025

# **Late Opening**

Wednesday 26th February 11:30

We are currently developing a Strategic Plan, and have a meeting scheduled for this morning. Apologies for any inconvenience!

# **CRC Committee Meetings 2025**

Wednesday 9th April Wednesday 11 June Wednesday 13 August Wednesday 8 October (AGM) Wednesday 10 December

All community members are welcome to attend! Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

# **Courses & Activities**

# Is there something you'd like to learn? We can help!

We are in the process of planning our activities calendar for the year, and would love your input. If there's something you're interesting in learning, we may be able to help!

Would you like to...

Learn to use Canva?

Get your Forklift ticket?

Make your own candles?

Get your First Aid Certificate?

If you have an idea for a course, a social activity, or an upskilling opportunity, let us know. We'll do our best to make it happen!

P: 9888 1500

E: admin@wickepincrc.com.au





# WICKEPIN THANK A VOLUNTEER EVENT

SATURDAY 8TH FEBURARY 2025

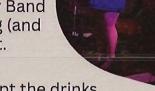


What a fantastic night, it was wonderful to see so many coming together enjoying the music and celebrating the amazing volunteers we have in our community.





We were entertained first by the Tinny Band, who were fronted by anyone in the crowd who felt like singing. The impromptu live karaoke session was a huge hit! They were followed later in the evening by Ma Baker, who are always a crowd favourite. But you can't keep a good band down, and the Tinny Band came back and kept us dancing (and singing!) late into the night.



A big thank you to the Wickepin/Harrismith Cricket Club who kept the drinks flowing for us, which was very much appreciated by everyone. Thanks guys!



The barbeque was masterfully manned by Shane - have you ever seen this many sliced onions on a hotplate? Impressive! The sausage sizzle went down a treat - we served around 100 sausages in buns. That's a very hungry crowd. Well done Shane!



And of course a shout-out to Zen,
who organised and coordinated this event almost singled handedly.
And a big thank you to our sponsors for this event - Department of Communties, Wickepin Motors, Wickepin Post Office, Lewisdale Stud, the Shire of Wickepin and DPIRD
You all helped us make this a night to remember!

But most importantly, a **HUGE** thankyou to everyone that volunteers within our community. It's great to live in a place where so many step up and make things happen.



Proudly supported by





Government of Western Australia Department of Communities





10 February 2025

# Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 2025! I am delighted to welcome all students, families and the community back to a wonderful year of learning and growing here at Wickepin Primary School. I have the honour and privilege to be in the role of Principal, and would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome that I have received from the community.

The children have all returned with big smiles, enthusiasm and a curiosity for learning. We welcomed 8 little learners into Kindy this week and they are already settling and making friends. We welcomed several new families into school, and we look forward to getting you and your children in the coming weeks.

We have two new members of staff joining us this year. Miss Heather Williams and Mrs Andrea Morgan. Miss Williams will teach Art and Science on a Thursday and Friday for all students in Room 8. Mrs Morgan is working with Y4-6 students in Room 9 in an Education Assistant role. Please join me in welcoming Miss Williams and Mrs Morgan to Wickepin Primary School.

We have many wonderful activities this term so please refer to the Term Planner to keep up to date. Information about Y5/6 camp will be issued shortly . Mrs Hull is working with Mrs Norwell in the background and we look forward to an awesome camp in Term 2.

Dates: Wednesday 30 April to Friday 2 May 2025.

Venue: Woodman Point, Fremantle Transport: Bus (Shire of Wickepin)

#### **Early Arrivals**

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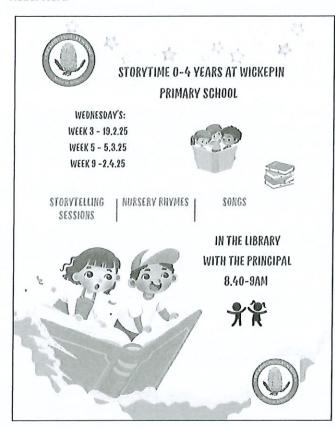
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#### Absentee Information

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, Hazel Herd



#### Dates to Remember

#### February

- 11 Parent Information Session, 3:10pm
- 17 Swimming Carnival Time Trials, 12-3pm
- 19 Storytime 0-4 yrs
- 21 Swimming Carnival Time Trials, 12-3pm
- 27 Schools Tennis Classic, Years 3 6

#### March

- 3 Labour Day Public Holiday
- 5 Storytime 0-4 yrs
- 7 Swimming Carnival
- 12 Assembly- Y4/5/6 (afternoon)

#### April

- 2 Storytime 0-4 yrs
- 9 Leadership Conference, Year 6's in Williams
- 11 ANZAC Ceremony





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6 February 2025

# With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri Beware of this sneaky tactic when booking your next holiday

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To prevent being stung extra through sneaky drip pricing, remind yourself about the deal you saw on the flashy ad that drew you in.

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As you move through each screen during the booking process, keep your eyes peeled for any pre-selections. Deselect anything you don't want and double check again before you hit that final pay button.

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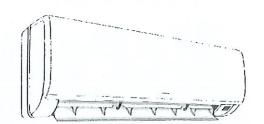
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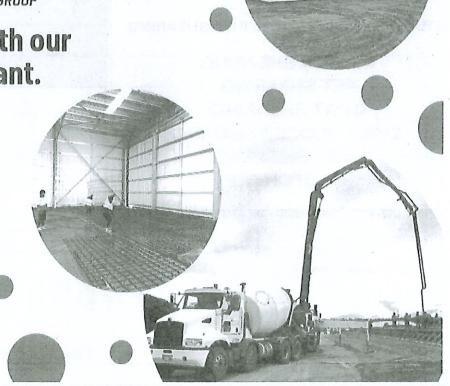
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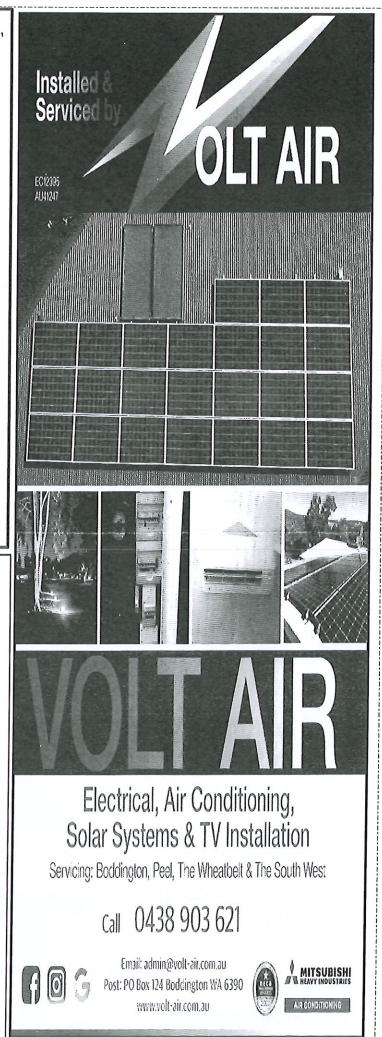


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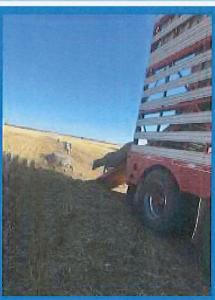
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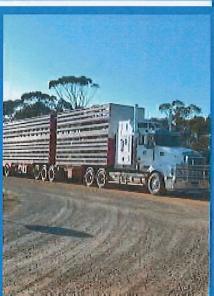
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# SPORTS NOTES WICKEPIN/HARRISMITH CRICKET CLUB

# Cricket notes 1st Feb v Towns

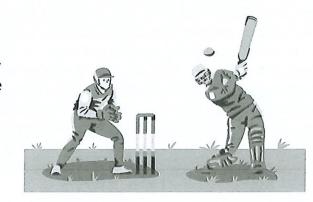
At 35C we decided to give junior training a miss and will hopefully add in another session later in the month. With our Skipper Inzi away on holidays along with most of our bowling attack it was going to be a tough day. After stand in skipper Sleepy Hobley lost the toss, he gave us an inspirational pregame speech that will stay with us for years to come and when we had them 2/55 at drinks it looked like it was working. Unfortunately, we got spanked for the next 25 overs as Towns made 7/240. Stewie Hobley 3/26 bowled exceptionally well, Brock serviceable at 1/32, with everyone else getting slapped around a bit. Dane was getting the ball to curve along way but once they got used to it, he too went for a lot runs. Dane's only answer was to start bowling beam balls at the batsman, which stopped them scoring off the bat but just more on the sundries instead. Our catching was deplorable. You may have heard Ty say he hasn't dropped a catch for 20 years, well you won't hear that again as he grassed 2 he normally would've taken. But at least he got a hand to his as Stewie did a Mike Hussey and ran around in circles until he yelled "sun!", as the ball hit turf. Another skier off debutant Ryan Konzag hit the ground untouched as Marty, Ricky, and Ryan himself, all ran in and then all decided to leave it for each other. Crazy grassed one at slip and Marty kept his average up by dropping his usual 1. Many a ball was sent to the boundary from all the bowlers in the last 10 overs as many went past Marty's croc like fielding on the boundary. Shaggy Green played his 1st game for the new club bowling his 3 overs with figures of 1/17 and then headed back into the shade as we had 12 players. 241 the target.

After a below average afternoon tea, as Ricky rightly called it, we headed out in search of 241 and victory. We made a good show of it getting to 195 with the loss of 6 wickets, which was a good effort chasing on a hot day. Ty 32, Crazy 63, Dangles Angwin 33 the main scorers with Booza 9\* and Ricky 14\* not out at the end. Ricky came up with a new tactic so the batsman on strike could be given not out and that was to just walk down the middle of the pitch at the non-strikers end so the umpire couldn't see. Luckily no decision needed to be made. Booza was in no mood to take any lip when he was umpiring as on several occasions the angry little man told the Towns players "I'm the umpire and my decision is final". And his decision was very final when gave Kim out LBW after he got a healthy edge onto his pads. Crazy was feeling the rewards of a good harvest of sitting on his backside for 2 months and had to retire hurt as he cramped up. After Crazy's repeated calls for pickle juice and the repeated answer of "we don't have any", Crazy decided to retire hurt as he was holding up the game too much. Partly because he was turning 3's into 1's but also because he had to take off his helmet and glasses ever 2mins to wipe the sweat off them so he could see.

After a good game we enjoyed a few beers and some steak sandwiches, although we should remember not to leave the sunscreen bottle next to the tomato sauce bottle as Kim is easily confused. Now after the game we realised that most of Towns' runs were scored by their 3 fill in players who were supposed to retire once they had made 25, which didn't happen. They were also only supposed to bowl 4 overs, which didn't happen. So instead of making an official complaint we decided to take the high road and not make a formal complaint but just whinge about in the press

and claim a moral victory. Straight out of the England Cricket teams playbook. So, a loss on paper but another moral victory to the dugites.

Next game is at home versus Williams on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> with a band, bar and BBQ available. See you at the cricket. And also, thanks to our supporters who came down to watch us play, its much appreciated.



# Cricket Notes 9th Feb V Williams

With 40C forecast and probably not our best team about to take the park we all turned the tables on stand-in skipper Sleepy Hobley and gave him an inspirational pre coin toss speech. If you've ever needed to win a coin toss and bat 1st, then this was it. Thankfully it was one of the only things that went right for us that day. We batted 1st and had to face up to Williams country 11 paid import who was bowling reasonably quick. If you were facing the bowling machine in the nets you would tell the bloke to settle down and drop it down 10-15 kms, which Kim tried, but it didn't work. Instead, Kim tried to keep off strike by refusing to run singles when on offer. The top 4 struggled to get going with only Dizzy Pockran really troubling the scorers with 41 and batting very well to help us scratch our way to 94. The only other notable scorers were Ryan Redback 10, Wet Rag Bennier 10 and sundries 14. Jamie Miller the only duck. 94 the total.

Afternoon tea was a big improvement on last week duly noted by food critic Dougall. With only 94 to defend, we took 3 early wickets with the big Redback Konzag (3/27) the pick of the bowlers and looking better for the run last week. Dizzy 2/28, Phil Inn 0/33 off just 2 overs, Dylan Miller bowling a good over before they knocked off the runs in 16.2 overs to finish the day at only 4pm.

We ran the bar for the event/band after the game which was very well attended. The early finish and the warm evening made for a great night. We now have 2 away games starting with Narrogin on the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, followed by Cuballing 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb and then a final home game against Williams 1<sup>st</sup> March. We probably need to win 4 of our last 3 games to make the finals. See you at the cricket.

# Cricket v Narrogin 15th Feb

We set off to Narrogin with hopes of our 3<sup>rd</sup> victory. In what can only be regarded as a stitch up, the Harrismith bus was dropped in Wicky by Booza and only 4 Wicky based players boarded. Ricky noticed the dial heading upwards halfway to town but at least we made it past the CBH bins this time around. 10kms from Clayton Road we parked the bus up and live in hope that someone steals it. Inzi and Cassius the Harrismith based players seemed to know something we didn't as they had decided to drive in themselves. We got there a bit late, but we had won the toss and were having a bat 1<sup>st</sup>. The new opening partnership of Dizzy Pockran and Ryan Konazag didn't last long as Dizzy decided to shoulder arms to what HE described as the 'ball of the century' and got bowled for a Royal Duck. Crazy was umpiring and when asked what the ball did that bowled Dizzy he replied, "it was pretty straight". Ty 54, Ryan 40, Josh 21 made the bulk of the runs and got us into an acceptable position at 3-134 but we then lost 7-34 to be all out for 168. A competitive total but potentially could've been better. The cracks on the pitch weren't as bad as the ones earlier in the day when Marty was trying to look under the bus to diagnose our overheating problem.

Food critic Dougall gave a big thumbs up to the Towns spread at arvo tea much to the relief of the players. Narrogin got away to a flyer going at over 6 runs per over until Inzi made the 1<sup>st</sup> break thru. Perrin trapped in front which normally gets turned down at Narrogin, but the umpire was prepared to take the abuse that he knew would follow after the game and raised his finger. Inzi's runup seems to get shorter and shorter each game and after getting smacked for 2 consecutive sixes he dragged himself. Cooper grabbed a wicket shortly after and bowled well without luck. Marty replaced Inzi and did something he has never done before...... he spun one. Bowled around his legs. Normally they bounce 2 meters over the stumps, but this may have been Marty's 'ball of the century'. At 3-105 we were a small chance but as they got nearer to the total Inzi gave everyone a bowl. Marty and Ricky kept up their averages by dropping 2 catches and 1 catch respectively, with Marty's tough high one including a couple of pirouettes. We were hampered in the field a bit with the old fossil Crazy straining a string, Ryan suffering from cramp and the rest of us suffering from him telling us how much better it is in South Australia. Inzi said it was a good effort in the field considering we only had 10 players, but we actually had 11 all along. Thanks to Brandon Kemp for filling in. We now must win 4 of our last 2 games to make the finals. Cuballing away next weekend on the 22<sup>nd of</sup> Feb.

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# **Cricket Blast** At Wickepin Oval Before the Seniors Game 11:15-12:15 30th Nov, 1st Feb, 8th Feb, 1st March















# LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 8th February 2025

Pennant Game held in Narrogin resulted in a Win for Lake Yealering. Teams fought hard to achieve that result and put Lake Yealering second on the Pennant ladder for the Upper Great Southern Bowling League Second Division.

NIGHT BOWLS commenced Wednesday evening 5th February 2025. Four rinks were busy with members and new bowlers. Weather still hot. Temperature 38 after a plus 40 day. No wind to disguise wrong bias bowls. Thanks to Shearing Team for participating and increasing the numbers. Great Night.

**Wednesday 12th** February 2025 Night Bowls. Weather much kinder. After a minor power <u>glitch</u> the evening got under way with four rinks of bowlers enjoying a friendly game of bowls, followed by a sausage sizzle.

Night Bowls will continue every Wednesday evening during February. Names in by 6.30pm

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# WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

	PENNANT RESULTS	
	TUESDAY	
11.02.25:	Wickepin 33 (0) – Williams 39(4)	

	PENNANT RESULTS
	SATURDAY
08.02.25:	Wickepin 38 (0) – Brookton 69 (6)
15.02.25:	Williams Blue (5) - Wickepin (0)

Sch	eduled Events
18. <b>0</b> 2.25 -Tues	Ladies League Champ
	pairs - Brookton
20.02.25 -Thursday	Busy Bee - Club
21.02.25 - Friday	Wickepin Gala Day
22.02.25 - Sat	Men – Wickepin v Pingelly
23.02.25 – Sunday	Ladies - Champ Singles
25. <b>0</b> 2.25 – Tues	Ladies – Brookton V Wickepin
28.02.25 - Friday	Yealering Gala Day

## INTER LEAGUE ROUND ROBIN FOURS -ESPERANCE

Esperance delivered 3 days of beautiful weather, making ideal conditions for play.

The top two places were taken out by South East Coastal League – first, and Great Southern League - second.

To our Upper Great Southern League representatives, we say better luck next time!

Huge congratulations to Bev Davidson, Val Cliff, and Robyn Narducci (reserve) on their selection to represent the Southern Zone in the Inter Zone Round Robin Fours to be held in Kalgoorlie in March.

#### INTER ZONE ROUND ROBIN PAIRS – EATON

#### SOUTHERN ZONE RESULTS:

Round 1 – South Western Zone (116) defeated Southern Zone (90)

Round 2 - Eastern Zone (104) defeated Southern Zone (113)

Round 3 - Southern Zone (123) defeated Northern Zone (110)

# **WEEKLY IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE**

# **Mondays**

Watershed News every second Monday @ CRC.

Fit Pursuit 5.45-6.30am @ Wickepin Community Centre.

# <u>Tuesdays</u>

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

Yealering Night Bowls @ 6.30pm for the month of February

Social Arts & Crafts- 9.30am @ Joyner St.

Chair Aerobics 9.30-10.30am @ 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.

# <u>Fridays</u>

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 is available for come and try.

# Sundays

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









# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2025**

# **FEBRUARY**

Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Watershed News
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Ordinary Council Meeting
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Wickepin Primary School Storytime 0-4 Years 8.40am – 9am
Thur	20 <sup>th</sup>	CRC Getting Techy 2pm-3.30pm
Th-Fri	20-21st	Facey Group- Wander the Wheatbelt
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	Wickepin Bowling Club- Ladies Gala Day
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Families and Communities Program 2024-225 Volunteer Grants open
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	CRC Late Opening 11.30am
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Yealering Bowling Club- Ladies Gala Day

# **MARCH**

Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	Watershed News
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Wickepin Primary School Storytime 0-4 years 8.40am – 9am
Thur	6 <sup>th</sup>	Facey Group 2025 Trials Review @ Wickepin Community Centre
Fri	$7^{th}$	Communi-Tea
Fri	$7^{th}$	Wickepin Primary School Swimming Carnival
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Wickepin Hotel Community Group busy bee 8am
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	WA State Election
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	Families and Communities Program 2024-225 Volunteer Grants closes 5pm
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Watershed News
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick Day
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Council Ordinary Meeting
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Yealering Bowling Club- Any combination Triples
Thur	20 <sup>th</sup>	Facey Group Seeder Setup Workshop 9am - 1.30pm
Thur	20 <sup>th</sup>	Facey Group Autonomy Introduction 1.30pm – 4pm
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Facey Group SW NRM Drought Proof Workshop
Mon	31st	Watershed News
Mon	31 <sup>st</sup>	Recycle and Bin Day

# **APRIL**

Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wickepin Primary School Storytime 0-4 years 8	.40am
Thur	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shire Rates, 4 <sup>th</sup> instalment due	
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	Communi – Tea	
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm	
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wickepin Primary School ANZAC Ceremony	1
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	School Term Ends	It's
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	Watershed News	0
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	Recycle and Bin Day	alor
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Good Friday	that
Mon	21st	Easter Monday	appr
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	Watershed News	
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	Recycle and Bin Day	No.
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	School Term 2 starts	die
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup> -2	<sup>nd</sup> School Camp Woodman Point	1

