

WATERSHED NEWS

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

17th March 2025



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Monday 31 st March	Monday 9 th June	Monday 18 th August	Monday 27 th October
Monday 14 th April	Monday 23 rd June	Monday 1 st September	Monday 10 th November
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Monday 12 th May	Monday 21 st July	Tuesday 30 th September	Monday 8 th December
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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

March Birthday Wishes to:

18th Shirley Elson
20th Callan Sims
27th Damien Riley, Jordan McColl
31st Brigette Bayley, Dravid Graf



Watershed production day Tuesday 4th March 2025, the team had to pick up a delivery of 20 boxes of photocopy paper from the Post Office when Lionel happened to be there at the same time. He stepped in without being asked to help carry the boxes from the Post Office to the Watershed room in the Wickepin CRC. Thank you, it was a great help and very much appreciated.

The Watershed News team would like to congratulate Lionel McColl for his achievements and acceptance into Army Training at Kapooka Training Camp and wish him well in his chosen career. Congratulations Selena, you must be very proud of your son.



There is public question time at the Shire meeting next week, 19th of March at 5.30pm, this is your chance to have your say on the issues that matter most to you.

Whether it's about improving local infrastructure, supporting community programs, or discussing projects that could make our town even better, your voice counts. We may be a small town, but we're big on community, and it's *your* input that helps make this place even more fortunate.

You don't need to be an expert or have all the answers — just bring your ideas, concerns, and hopes for our shared future. Every voice matters and when we come together, we can make *A Fortunate Place* even better for everyone who calls it home.

So, I urge you to attend, speak up, and be part of the conversation. Our town's future is in our hands, and together, we can make it even brighter. I am happy to put forward your questions if you can't attend. Just let me know either here or PM me

See you there! From Heather Tobin



AMAZING CHICKEN FACTS!

- They can distinguish between 100 faces
- They see more colors than humans
- They make friends and will grieve
- They can taste salt but not sweet
- They have dreams when asleep
- The world's oldest chicken lived to 16
- There are more chickens on earth than humans
- They are the closest living relatives of the T-Rex
- In the wild they navigate using the sun
- They cannot sweat
- They can run at 9mph

WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE FORCE
WICKEPIN POLICE STATION
69 WOGOLIN ROAD , WICKEPIN
Ph: 98932800 (hold & leave message if diverted)



Hello again Wickepin Community,

Firstly, thanks for the great feedback we have had in relation to our 1st longer “intro & news” piece, we will endeavor to keep you updated with follow up pieces throughout the year, and we appreciate Watershed allowing us to communicate this way.

We appreciate the community talking to each other and even initially attending suspicious occurrences around our district, but also seek the community not putting themselves at risk or matters getting out of hand. Monitor, take photos of cars or people, and wait for police to assist or follow up.

If you notice things, always call the station phones at the time and notify Albany if we don't answer – we could be on patrol, or will get recalled if available to assist, or nearby stations will attend if we are not in town. Wickepin Police have charged a person recently with multiple counts of trespass and attempted stealings, and some of those charges resulted from intel and feedback, with inquiries linking a fresh matter with older incidents we were aware of.

Community safety is paramount and sometimes seemingly insignificant snippets of info, can become pieces of a bigger jigsaw, but don't put yourselves at risk and seek our assistance as things can often escalate and get out of hand... - Assist us and yourselves as timely information and attendance is better than dealing with it days or weeks after.

Remember, don't risk your safety and others when getting behind the wheel after a drink or 2, it's not only Wickepin Police that patrol our District and stop cars for RBT's, and can be someone else's mistake that causes a crash from speed, inattention or alcohol.... ANYTIME, ANYWHERE – STAY SAFE! NO-ONE PLANS A CRASH!!!!

- Thanks Again, Phil MILNE and Andy SPENCER , YOUR WICKEPIN POLICE 🚓👮🚓

*As mentioned, the **station phone (98932800)** is diverted to Albany while we're not in the office, leave a message and they will contact us to return your call (or we may drop in if on patrol 😊) – but of course, use **000** if it's a **life-threatening emergency** for urgent attention, we will be recalled if not working if necessary, and Narrogin or others may assist us if required.*



RATES PAYMENTS REMINDER

Are your rates instalments up to date? The fourth instalment is due 3rd 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.

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.

WATER LEAKS & MAIN BURSTS

All water mains located outside of property boundaries are owned and maintained by Water Corporation. If any issues arise, Water Corporation is responsible for repairs. Should anyone in the community notice a leak in a main water pipe, please contact the Water Corporation emergency line at 13 13 75 or 13 13 85.

FALLEN TREES

Should anyone notice a fallen tree on the road within the Wickepin Shire, it is advised to contact the Shire as soon as possible to get the tree removed due to safety concerns. For a quicker response, it's recommended to use the Snap Send Solve service to report the issue. It sends a photo as well as an exact location of the fallen tree.



**FAREWELL TO CEO KELLIE BARTLEY & WELCOME TO ACTING CEO PETER CLARKE**

We recently farewelled our Chief Executive Officer, Kellie Bartley. Kellie leaves behind a strong legacy of dedication, hard work, professionalism, and leadership within the Shire of Wickepin. She played a crucial role in guiding both the Council and staff through important changes, and we wish her the best as she moves on to new opportunities.

We are excited to introduce Peter Clarke as our Acting CEO, who will be leading the team until June. Peter brings a wealth of experience and we look forward to working with him during this transitional period.

CITIZENSHIP WRAP UP AND PICS

Council and staff had the privilege of witnessing Amy Turner and Stefie Green take the pledge to become Australian Citizens on Wednesday 19 February 2025.

Welcome Amy Turner and Stefie Green on becoming our newest Australian Citizens.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

In accordance with section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the Shire of Wickepin invites electors to attend the Annual General Meeting of Electors.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the Shire of Wickepin 2023-2024 Annual Report, and any other general business.

Date Wednesday 19 March 2025
Time 5.30pm
Place Shire of Wickepin Administration Office
 77 Wogolin Rd, Wickepin

A copy of the Shire of Wickepin 2023-2024 Annual Report is available on the Shire's website (www.wickepin.wa.gov.au).

Peter Clarke
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Embracing Community Growth

WICKEPIN FESTIVAL

Save the Date
21-02-2026

Community Drop in Session

Monday, 31st March
Drop in anytime between 5-6pm
Wickepin Community Centre,
Campbell Street

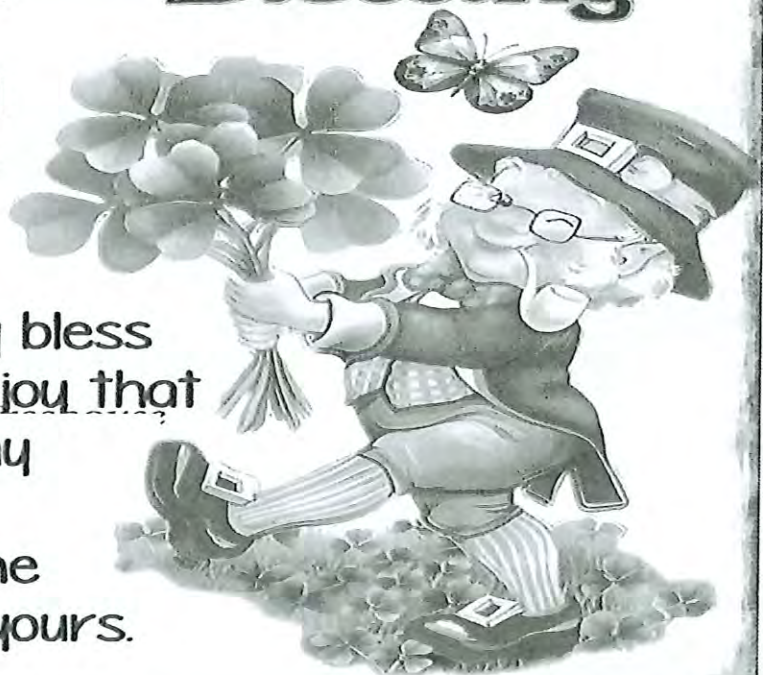
Have your say...

We're planning the 2026 Festival, and we'd love
to hear your feedback and ideas!
Drop in for a quick, commitment-free chat – just
10 minutes to share your thoughts on what
you'd like to see at the festival.

**IGNITE
WICKY**

May love and laughter
light your days and
warm your heart
and home, may
good and faithful
friends be yours
wherever you
may roam, May
peace and plenty bless
your world with joy that
long endures, May
all life's passing
seasons bring the
best to you and yours.

An Irish Blessing



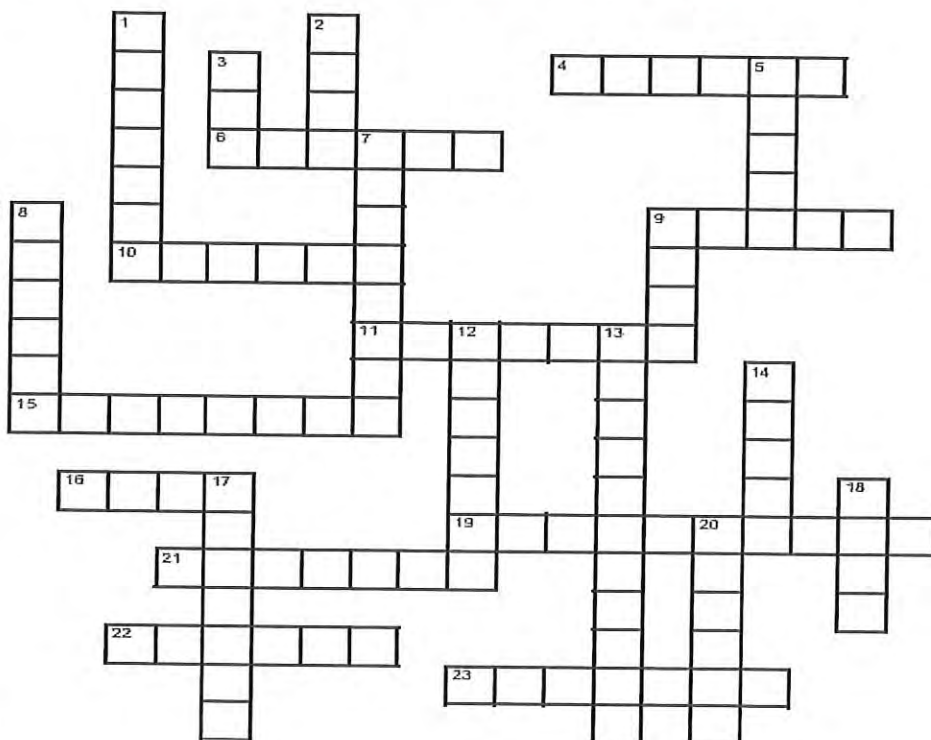
Saint Patrick's Day

ACROSS

4. Historically important vegetable in Ireland.
6. Native language of Ireland.
9. What color are the hills of Ireland?
10. The Irish flag is green, white and . . .
11. St. Patrick is the patron saint of which country?
15. Used by St. Patrick to represent the Christian Holy Trinity.
16. Number of leaves on a lucky piece of clover.
19. A trickster with a pot of gold.
21. If you don't wear green on March 17th, you might get . . .
22. Capital city of Ireland.
23. Saint Patrick's birthplace.

DOWN

1. This city dyes its river green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
2. Color originally associated with St. Patrick's Day.
3. Name for the leprechaun's dance.
5. Number of leaves on a shamrock.
7. A funny poem with five lines.
8. According to legend, St. Patrick chased these out of Ireland.
9. It is the pot at the end of a rainbow.
12. Ireland nickname: The ____ Isle.
13. Saint Patrick's Cathedral location.
14. Month in which we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.
17. Arch of colors in the sky.
18. Good fortune.
20. Ancient culture of Ireland.

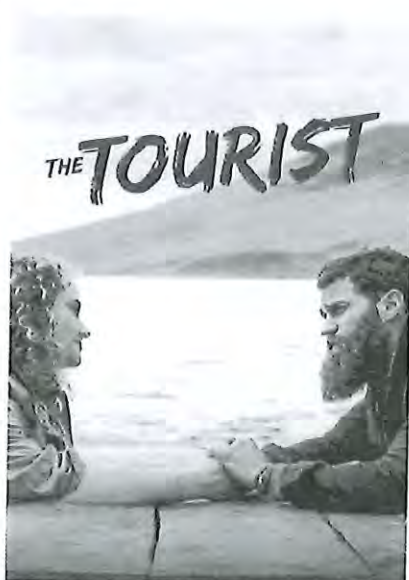


RECOMMENDATIONS

The Tourist

The Tourist is a drama, mystery thriller with some black comedy plus a romantic sub-plot. An Irishman wakes up with amnesia in an Australian hospital. Seeking answers, he encounters a local woman who remembers him and volunteers to help him rediscover his identity. What few clues he can find hint that he has a dark past from which he must escape before it catches up with him.

Season 1 is filmed in South Australia, at Adelaide, towns of Port Augusta, Peterborough and the Flinders Ranges. Season 2 is filmed in Ireland, with filming taking place in a number of locations including the capital city of Dublin, and various locations in Wicklow, including the seaside town Bray, the rural village of Kilpedder and the stunning Wicklow Mountains. Jamie Dornan and Danielle McDonald lead a talented cast of interesting characters.



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



20th March

9.00am - 1.30pm

Lunch & Refreshments
Provided

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.

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

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

Register Here:





Wandering the Wheatbelt

A Journey of Learning, Connection & Indulgence

20th
& 21st
February
2025

The Wander the Wheatbelt Ladies Bus Tour was an inspiring experience, offering an exclusive look at WA's innovative agricultural operations while fostering meaningful connections among women in agriculture.

Exploring Sustainable Farming

The tour began at Rapanui Farm, where Sandra shared insights into deferred grazing systems and strategic pasture management. Sandra highlighted key strategies for long-term sheep production, including preg scanning, lamb marking, and a structured feeding regime.

Paddock-to-Plate Experience & Soil Nutrition

A visit to Coogee Common showcased farm-fresh dining and sustainable gardening, followed by an in-depth look at soil nutrition at Summit Fertilizers in Kwinana. Summit's innovations, including their in-site portal and partnership with CropX, are advancing fertiliser efficiency.

Luxury, Learning & Leadership

After an evening of luxury at Crown Perth and a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar, the group gained industry insights from Alison Lacey (Grower Group Alliance) on dry season resilience, and Danielle McNamee (ProcessWorx) on WHS compliance under WA's Work Health and Safety Act 2020.

Behind the Scenes of WA's Grain Industry

Exclusive visits to:

- **Metro Grain Centre** – WA's largest grain export hub with 204,000 tonnes of storage.
- **Australian Grain Centre** – Showcasing quality testing for export standards, including falling number testing and chemical residue compliance.

Strength in Community & Connection

The tour reinforced the power of collaboration and knowledge-sharing, addressing industry challenges and solutions while strengthening relationships among women in agriculture.

A Journey to Remember

With exceptional food, insightful discussions, and unforgettable experiences, this tour celebrated the resilience and innovation of the Wheatbelt.

Thank you to all the inspiring women who joined us!

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Together we grow

20th
& 21st
February
2025



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

JOIN OUR THRIVING AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Shaping the Future

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



4 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.

Community Support

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!!

Upcoming 2025 Events ...

**20
MAR**

GRDC Seeder Set Up Workshop & Boekemans Farm Autonomy Intro

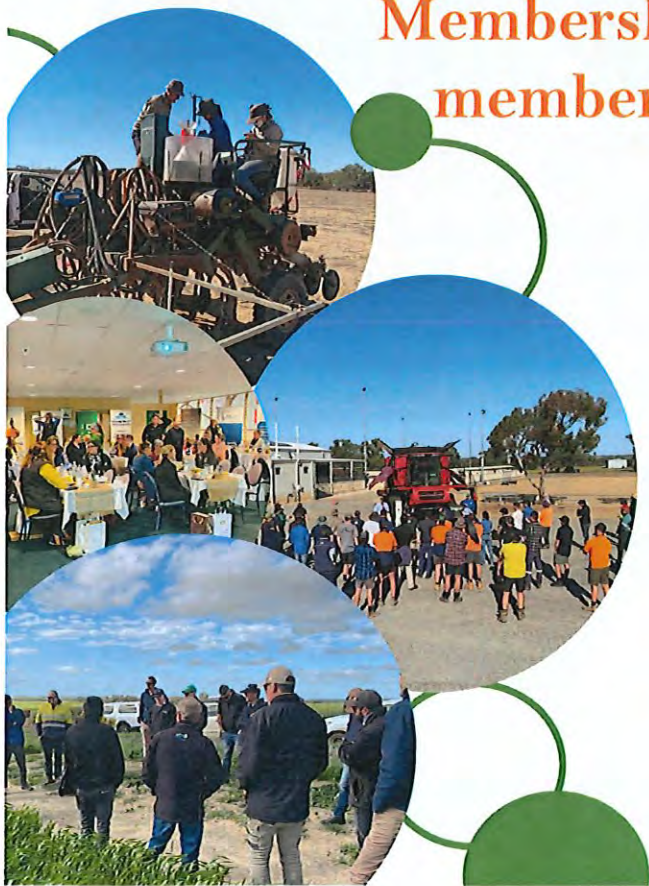
**26
MAR**

SW NRM Drought Proof Workshop

**31
JUL**

Annual Women In Ag Event

Many more to come - Watch this space!



Drought-Proofing *Roadshow*

*Smart Dams
Desal*

and other tips

Dumbleyung

March 26: 2-5pm

Kojonup

March 27: 8am-12pm

FREE EVENT

Scan to register for
Dumbleyung event



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry



Future
Drought
Fund



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Together we grow



South-West WA
Drought Resilience Adoption
and Innovation Hub



**South
West
NRM**



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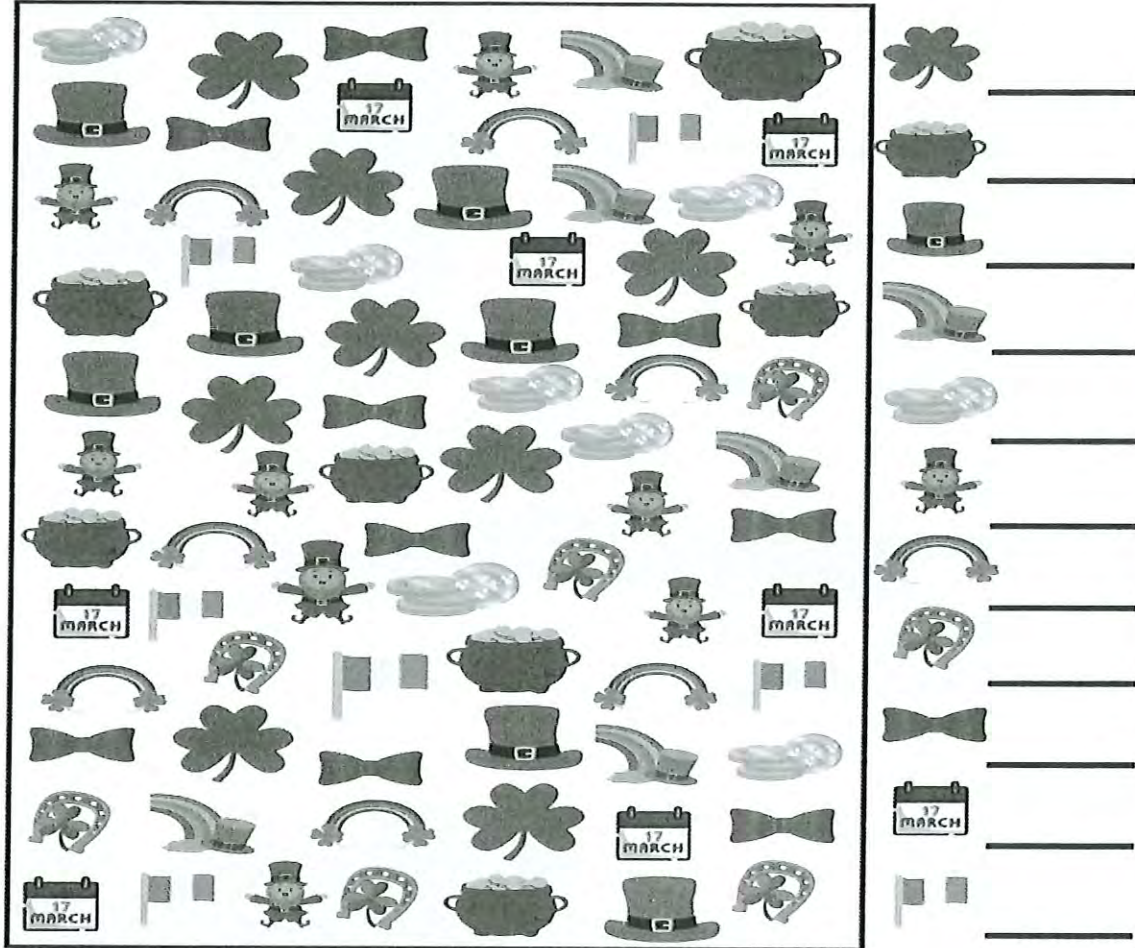
Southern Dirt

South West NRM is the Bunbury Node of the South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub and receives funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

KIDS PAGE

St. Patrick's Day I Spy

How many of each St. Patrick's Day symbol can you find? Write the number on the line.



KIDS BIRTHDAYS

Kaiser Bushby
26th March
2016

9



Matteo Bushby
26th March
2022

3



@ home St Patrick's Day

Grilled Cabbage Tips

Ingredients

- 1 medium head cabbage
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Optional: Minced fresh parsley and salad dressing of choice

Directions

Cut cabbage into 8 wedges; place on a double thickness of heavy-duty foil (about 24x12 in.). Spread cut sides of cabbage with butter. Sprinkle with onion, garlic salt and pepper. Fold foil around cabbage and seal tightly. Grill, covered, over medium heat until tender, about 20 minutes. Open foil carefully to allow steam to escape. If desired, garnish with parsley and dressing.



Beef And Guinness Pie

Ingredients

- 2 kg chuck beef steak, diced
- 3 onion sliced
- 4 garlic clove crushed
- 1 tbs oil
- 2/3 cup plain flour
- 400 ml Guinness
- 2 cups Beef Style Liquid Stock
- 2 sheets ready rolled puff pastry
- 1 egg beaten

Directions

1. Brown steak in hot oil. Set aside.
2. In a frypan, cook onions and garlic in oil until golden.
3. Sprinkle in flour and cook for 1 minute.
4. Return meat and juices to pan, add Guinness and stock.
5. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat, simmer for 2 hours until tender and sauce has thickened.
6. Preheat oven to 200C. Spoon beef mixture into eight 250 mL ovenproof ramekins.
7. Cut out eight circles of pastry to cover. Press firmly onto dishes and seal.
8. Brush with egg, place on a tray and bake for 25 minutes until golden



NOTES

Alternatively, meat mix can be cooked in the slow cooker.

Candle Craft Workshop



Join us for a fun and creative candle decorating workshop! Take home a beautiful pillar candle you have decoupaged in your own personal style.

When: Thursday March 20th @ 10am

Where: Wicky CRC. 24 Wogolin Rd

Cost: \$10pp

RSVP: Friday March 14th

Morning tea provided

For further information or to secure your place, call the CRC on 9888 1500 or email us at admin@wickepinrc.com.au

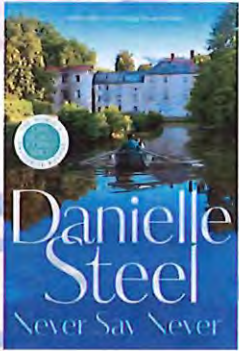


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New books at the Wickepin Public Library



DRAMA ROMANCE: Never say Never– Danielle Steel

Oona Kelly Webster is an editor at a New York publishing house. Married with two children, her twenty-five-year relationship falls apart when she books a silver wedding anniversary getaway at a luxurious chateau in France and her husband Charles suddenly refuses to attend. What he tells her next will shatter her carefully built world into smithereens.

As her two children, Meghan and Will, rally around her in New York, one disaster heralds another: Oona can't back out of her French holiday booking and must travel to a new country with a heavy heart.

It is February 2020 when she arrives and when France locks down due to the pandemic, Oona must stay put in rural, wooded Milly-la-Forêt just outside Paris.

And when a chance encounter with a famous Hollywood actor, who is renting a neighbouring chateau, blossoms into something deeper than friendship, Oona learns that

life can change in an instant . . .



LARGE PRINT FICTION: For Everything a Time– Mark McAvaney

After thirteen years it's time for Mac to return home to face a past he's been running from. A past his best friend Dave has been unable to escape.

It was 1990, their final year of school and with an INXS soundtrack, life was moving on. Bus stops, homework and football were giving way to pay slips and beer, to first cars and first loves.

Until one night changed it all.

As the story of that evening unravels, so too do the binds that cross generations of family. The pride of fathers. The love of mothers and a sister. The love of a mate; the prejudices that run deep. Testing them, and the strong social ties that small towns have, Mac searches for honesty and for the precious words never said, while Dave fights for his story to be heard.

Before it's too late, can these once-close friends and their town still divided by tragedy find a time for peace?



PHOTO BOOK: Muster Dogs Mischief and Mateship– Melissa Spencer, Monica O'Brien, Michael Boughen

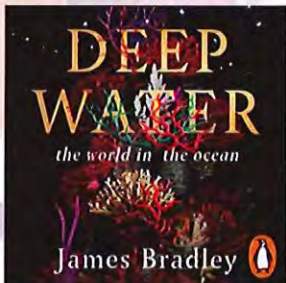
Dogs, puppies and more dogs!

Since Muster Dogs first hit our screens in 2022, it has captured the hearts of people worldwide. The gorgeous hard-working puppies and their dedicated breeders, educators and trainers it showcased have not only charmed us, they have taught us about the drive and capacity needed to work this land and feed our population.

But what really resonated with fans is the loyalty, connection and mutual dependence between dog and handler. The intuition and drive of the muster dog, whether kelpie or collie, is truly something to behold.

In this book, captured in vivid colour are the characters - both canine and human - and moments of drama that have made the show, as well as the tough but glorious locations around Australia that they call home.

With more than 300 photos of these wonderful dogs at work and play, creating mischief and demonstrating mateship, this is a tribute to the uncomplaining, reliable and often unsung heroes of our land.



AUDIO BOOK NON-FICTION: Deep Water-James Bradley

'The ocean, like the world, is alive with meaning; to listen to it is to be made aware of the immensity, complexity and impossible beauty of the world.'

The ocean has shaped and sustained life on Earth for billions of years. Its waters contain our past, from the deep history of evolutionary time to exploration and colonialism; our present, as a place of solace and pleasure, and as the highway that underpins the global economy; and - as waters heat and sea levels rise ever higher - our future.

Deep Water is both a hymn to the beauty, mystery and wonder of the ocean, and a reckoning with our complex relationship to the natural world. It is a book shaped by tidal movements and deep currents, and lit by the presence of other minds and other ways of being. Weaving together science, history and personal reflection it explores the way the ocean connects every living being on Earth, the origins of the environmental catastrophe that is overtaking us and the question of what lies ahead.

Immense in scope but also human and intimate, Deep Water offers new ways of understanding not just our relationship with the planet, but the past - and perhaps most importantly, the future.

Calling for
Expressions of Interest!

CANVA WORKSHOP

Unleash your inner designer!

We're planning a hands-on Canva workshop tailored to your needs, but we need your input!

We need to know:

- What specific Canva skills or projects would you like to see included?
- What will you be using Canva for... Documents? Posters? Invitations? Social media posts or reels?
- Your date/time preferences

Let us know your interests!
Contact the CRC on 9888 1500, or
email us at admin@wickepinrc.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



EASTER BASKET CRAFT

Tuesday 15th April

10am-12pm

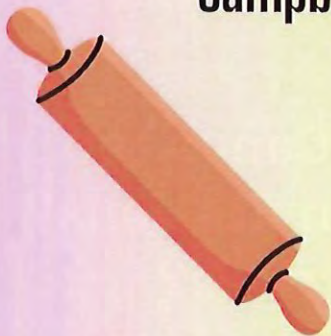
At Wickepin Community Resource Centre

ANZAC BISCUT BAKE OFF

Tuesday 22nd April

10am-12pm

**At Wickepin Community Centre Oval
Campbell street**



**Join us for plenty of laughs and bucket
loads fun fun fun**

RSVP By 14th April on 98881500

Spots limited

Cost \$5.00 per child



St John

Upcoming first aid course

HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid

Course type: Accredited | **Duration:** 1 day In class + Online learning

Price: \$170.00

When: Monday 28 April - 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Where: Wickepin Community Centre, 49 Campbell Street, Wickepin WA 6370



Understand first aid

Learn about first aid theory and action plans



CPR and defibrillation

Practise CPR skills and how to apply a defibrillator.



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NEEDS BODY WORK \$ 11,000
ONO

ALLIS CHALMERS D21 TRACTOR \$ 6500 ONO

INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR (CUMMINS MOTOR) \$ 3500 ONO

LANZ BULLDOG TRACTOR POA

CHEVY 6.5 LITRE V8 ENGINE – NAT. ASPIRATED MOTOR
(ALMOST NEW INJECTOR PUMP) \$ 6,700
ONO

3 FARMALL TRACTORS (A'S) \$ 1700 ONO

4 WHEEL POLARIS MOTOR BIKE (SUITABLE FOR PARTS OR MAYBE REPAIR) \$ 2,000
ONO

MANUAL GEAR BOX – ADAPTOR PLATE, TRANSFER CASE AND CLUTCH TO SUIT) \$ 5,300
ONO

PLEASE PHONE KIM PACKER 0428 887026 FOR ALL ENQUIRIES

SITUATIONS VACANT

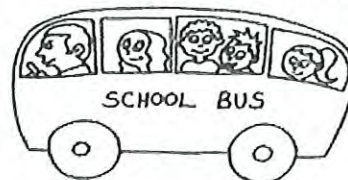
Position: School Bus Driver

Expressions of Interest to Pendragon Bus Service:

Graeme Jarred

0439 999 030

or alison@pendragonbus.com



For a suitable person with the following qualifications to drive a Toyota Coaster Bus:

- Drivers Licence (Class LR)
- PTD authorisation (Passenger Transport Drivers)
- Working with Children Card
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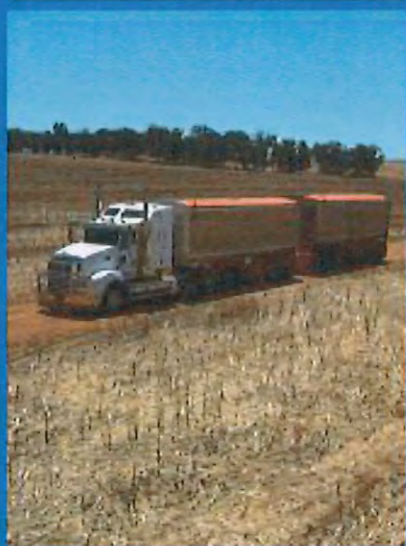
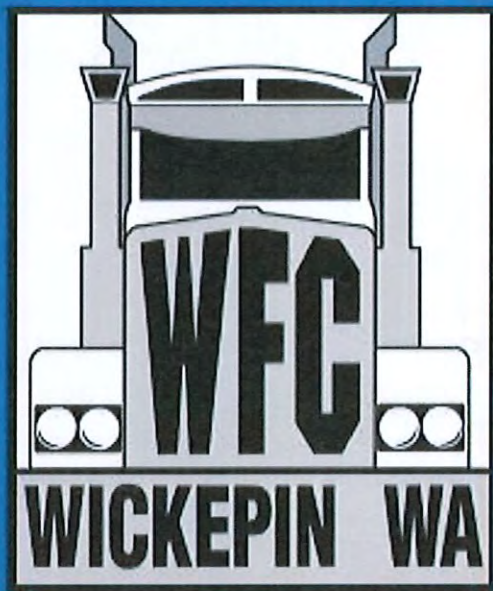
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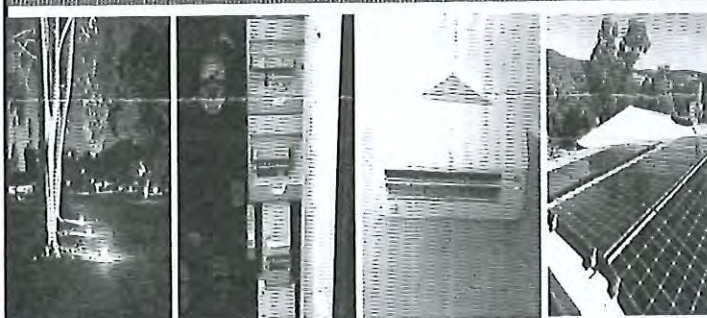
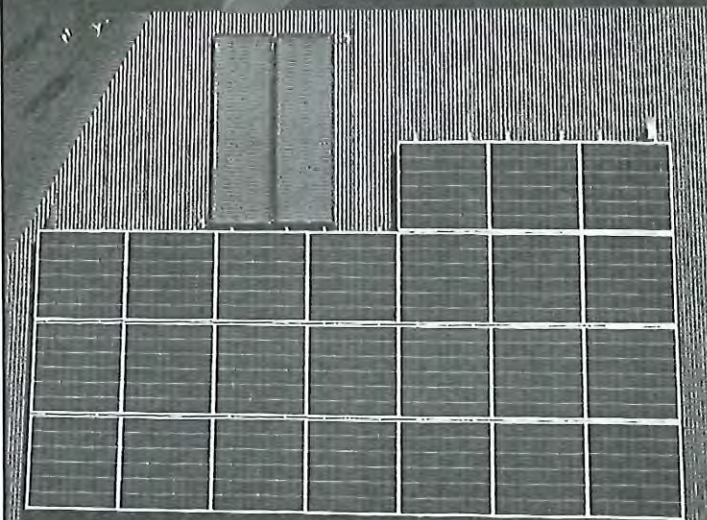
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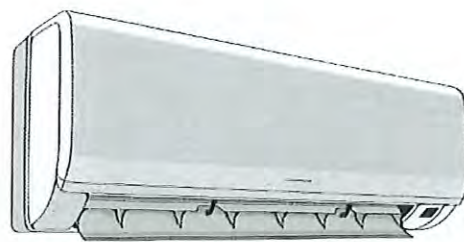


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SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN/HARRISMITH CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Notes V Williams 1st March

The last game of the home and away season seen us take on 2nd placed Williams at home. With it mathematically impossible to make the finals our fearless skipper Inzi scoured together his final team for the season before handing over the reins once again to his deputy sleepy Hobley for match day whilst he enjoyed the long weekend down south. In doing so we managed to Debut our 31st, 32nd and 33rd caps for the year (Bryce Pauley, Baxter & Hunter Cowcher)

Thanks to seasoned veterans Scott Bayley, Jamie Miller and Ricky Dougall who were keeping the side at a respectable average age of 24.

The start of the game couldn't have got off to a better start with sleepy Hobley winning the toss and electing to bat. That great start was only undone by a 3rd ball duck to Dizzy Pockran in what should have been a double Keg (4th duck in a row) if wasn't for Marty forgetting to wear his hearing aids the week before and letting Brock off the hook costing the side a Keg in the process. This wicket bought out 31st capped player Bryce Pauley who toiled away for a respectable 13 before nicking off to the keeper bringing in Dangas Angwin. Williams started to apply some pressure bowling 5 maidens from the next 7 overs with sleepy Hobley facing 4 maidens as he struggled to get away his opposing skipper Rodney Ford. After surviving through the opening change the two looked like they were getting more comfortable with the conditions and looking to cash in building a solid partnership of 43 before Trigger finger Ryan Konzag who had his finger up before the appeal started sent Dangles packing Caught behind down leg side off his arse cheek, leaving him no choice but to walk for 17 (Dane is calling it LBW). Next Batter in was 32nd Capped player Baxter Cowcher whose old man was in the stands telling the rest of the players to start padding up not filling the team with much confidence, only for Baxter with his first ball opening up the front foot and nearly clearing the boundary for 4. Baxter managed another quick boundary before being bowled for 8. skipper sleepy Hobley followed suit shortly after being caught out in the deep leaving him stranded on 49. The fall of these wickets bought in Vice-captain Cooper Bennier and experienced veteran Jimmy Miller to the crease, with cooper making a quick fire 12 before missing a straight one and leaving jimmy to try build some partnerships with the tail. Trigger (Konzag) fell for 3 Grayden Bayley 6. The people in the stands were starting to question if J. Miller was in fact T. Miller with a beard in disguise as his strike rate dropped to 38 but in true jimmy fashion he started to play his shots and find the boundary with ease multiple times before getting ahead of himself and thinking he was Sam Konstas and trying to reverse ramp a ball that ended up cannoning into the middle stump leaving him no choice but to take the long walk back to the sheds for 32. The final two bats for dugites were 33rd capped player Hunter Cowcher and veteran Ricky Dougall who both toiled away for a few balls before Hunter was eventually bowled 3 balls before the innings break leaving us 10/156

Afternoon tea critic Ricky Pete Evans was left very impressed with the days grub calling it the best of the season. Was good to see a bit of variety and more home-made dishes rather than the usual packet foods.

Williams openers managed to get off to a steady start and was aided by an early drop catch through the usually ever reliable safe hands of jimmy leaving redback Konzag calling for another slipper. Williams openers managed to put on 30 runs before Dizzy Pockran made the breakthrough. This bought to the crease State country cricket star Rodney Ford who quickly managed to clear the ropes on a couple occasions one resulting in the ball needing to be changed after the seam had busted open. Fortunately, the new ball change came with the breakthrough with Ford nicking one off for 19. Williams now 2/55 unfortunately we were not able to secure quick succession wickets with the oppo batsman all being able to get starts Williams chased down the target finishing 5/157 off 37 overs. With the pick of the bowlers dizzy Pockran finishing with 2 wickets for 32 runs off his 7 overs and Grayden Bayley also finishing with 2 wickets for 34 runs of 6 overs and Jimmy finishing with 1 wicket.

Special mention to Bryce who managed to throw the stumps down on 3 separate run out attempt occasions, also to Baxter who if we knew bowled wheels at the start of the day would have been given the rock to open with. Also worth mentioning Graydens second wicket being caught by his old man boozier at mid-on. It would have been a long car ride home if he had dropped that. The only blemishes of the day came from Jimmy and Rick who both dropped catches keeping the game day average alive and well with at least 2 a game.

Wickepin Golf Club
Busy Bee
Tuesday 2nd April 8.30am
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LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Wednesday 5th March 2025 Night Bowls was held for the last evening this season, with everyone enjoying pleasant weather, friendly games and finishing with a hot chicken roll. Everyone looking forward to February 2026 for night bowls to be held again. Thankyou to everyone who made the evenings such a friendly environment.

Saturday 8th March 2025 Pennant game held in Lake Yealering against Brookton ended with a Brookton win.

Saturday 15th March 2025 Pennant game held in Pingelly ended with a Lake Yealering loss. Final Pennant game for Lake Yealering for the 24/25 Season.

Wednesday 19th March 2025 SUMMIT OPEN DAY ANY COMBINATION TRIPLES

Saturday 22nd March 2025 Preliminary Pennant Final for 2nd Division Upper Great Southern Bowling League in Williams. Lake Yealering will play Pingelly.

Sunday 23rd March 2025 Grand Final for 2nd Division Upper Great Southern Bowling League in Brookton.

Sunday 30th March 2025 League Championship Fours & Singles at Pingelly

COME AND GIVE LAWN BOWLS A GO.



WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

PENNANT RESULTS

TUESDAY-FINALS

04.03.25	Wickepin defeated Williams
04.03.25	Brookton defeated Wickepin – grand final
CONGRATULATIONS BROOKTON – PENNANT WINNERS	

PENNANT RESULTS

SATURDAY

08.03.25	Wickepin 49 (1) – Williams-W 84 (5)
15.03.25	Wickepin 66 (5.5) – Narrogin 59 (0.5)

Scheduled Events

18.03.25	Ladies Championship Fours
19.03.25	Any Combo Triples - Yealering
21.03.25	Williams Gala Day - cancelled
22.03.25	Men's Prelim Final at Williams
23.03.25	Men's Grand Final at Brookton
25.03.25	Ladies League Champ Fours & Wind-up - Pingelly
30.03.25	Men's League Champ Fours & Singles - Pingelly
01 - 05.04.25	Ladies Country Week
26.04.25	Brownies Day - Williams
04.05.25	AGM / Presentations / Lunch Norm White Day

Want to keep playing bowls?

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To our Club's future!

04.05.25

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

Six determined competitors took to the greens, and while the small field may be a sign of the times, it didn't diminish the enthusiasm and friendship on display. Congratulations to all six participants for your effort and dedication to your club!

Special congratulations go to Peter Bransby, our well-deserved singles champion, and the runner-up, Dave Triffitt on a game well played.

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

A Big Thank You!

The Wickepin Bowling Club would like to extend its sincere gratitude to several individuals who made the recent Ladies League Singles a huge success!

To our League Captain, Robyn Mullan, thank you for your tireless efforts in organizing the event, including managing the kitchen together with Marj White, Judy Lang and Leanne Smith. Your incredible energy and dedication to our Club is so greatly appreciated!

We also thank:

Jacki Martin for attending to the bar; Peter Mullan, our treasurer, for his support; Chris Moore for preparing the greens for play, the umpire and the markers from each participating Club for their assistance. Your contributions are invaluable, and without your support our Club could not run these events.

Congratulations to:

League Championship Singles winner, Jenny Wiles from Pingelly and Champion runner-up, Val Cliff from Brookton.

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Daily Strands puzzles are released at midnight



The Wicky Weekly

11 March 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6 and what a fantastic start to the week with the awesome swimming carnival yesterday. A huge thanks to Mrs Steere, parents and community for your support of our annual event. This was my first carnival here in Wickepin and what an enjoyable day to see all our students having fun and practising their swimming skills, positive people and social skills and growth mindset.

We have an extremely busy and productive few weeks ahead with NAPLAN testing across Australia beginning this week. Our Year 3 and 5 students will be tested in writing, reading, grammar and punctuation as well as numeracy skills.

Our Pre-Primary students are participating in On-Entry testing with Mrs Ewen over the next 2 weeks. This testing provides a snapshot of how our students are tracking in their learning and identifies next steps.

The Year 6 student leaders have met with Mrs Hull twice this term already and are planning out activities and fundraising opportunities for the rest of the year. These students have been remarkably busy since day one of term with their roles, which they perform every day with a smile. A leadership conference will take place in Week 10 this term in Williams. Students from many other schools will be participating, as they develop their leadership skills, public speaking and organisational skills.

Our first Assembly of the year is in Week 7 – Wednesday 19 March, with a time change to the afternoon at 1.30pm. Room 9 will present this item, and all families are invited to join us, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Happy Days!

Early Arrivals

Please note that Wickepin PS does not assume duty of care of students until 8.30am. Please ensure your child does not arrive before this time.

COVID-19

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

Absentee Information

Please contact the school office on 9888 2300 to let us know of your child's absence. Emails regarding absences can be sent to wickepin.ps@education.wa.edu.au. This email address captures the Principal, Manager Corporate Services and School Officer.

You can also send us a text on 0438 957 163. If you have not informed the school of your child's absence, then a text message will be sent to you at 10.00am. Please remember to let us know the reason for absences, i.e., unwell, appointment, etc.

Kind regards,
Hazel Herd



Dates to Remember

March

19 Assembly – Y4/5/6 1:30pm

April

2 Storytime 0-4 yrs

8 Leadership Conference, Year 6's in Williams

11 ANZAC Ceremony

End of Term 1.

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 9.00-10.00am @ 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.

Sundays

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

Commencing Sunday 16th March to Sunday 4th May Inclusive. Equipment is available for come and try.

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2025

MARCH

Mon	17 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	17 th	St Patrick Day
Wed	19 th	Council Ordinary Meeting 5.30pm
Wed	19 th	Lake Yealering Bowling Club- Any Combination Triples
Thur	20 th	Facey Group Seeder Setup Workshop 9am - 1.30pm
Thur	20 th	Facey Group Autonomy Introduction 1.30pm – 4pm
Thur	20 th	Wickepin CRC Candle Craft Workshop 10.00am
Wed	26 th	Facey Group SW NRM Drought Proof Workshop
Mon	31 st	Watershed News
Mon	31 st	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	31 st	Wickepin Festival Community ideas, Drop in session 5-6pm Community Centre
Mon	31 st	Facey Group Women in Ag Event

APRIL

Tues	1 st	April Fools Day
Wed	2 nd	Wickepin Primary School Storytime 0-4 years 8.40am
Thur	3 rd	Shire Rates, 4 th instalment due
Fri	4 th	Communi – Tea
Wed	9 th	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Fri	11 th	Wickepin Primary School ANZAC Ceremony
Fri	11 th	School Term Ends
Mon	14 th	Watershed News
Mon	14 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	15 th	School Holiday Easter Craft 10.30am Wickepin CRC
Fri	18 th	Easter Good Friday
Mon	21 st	Easter Monday
Tues	22 nd	School Holiday Anzac Biscuit Baking 10.30am Community Centre
Fri	25 th	Anzac Day
Mon	28 th	Watershed News
Mon	28 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	28 th	St John First Aid Course 8.30am – 4.30pm \$170.00 Wickepin Community Centre
Mon	28 th	School Term 2 starts
Wed	30 th -2 nd	School Camp Woodman Point

MAY

Fri	2 nd	Communi – Tea
Sun	11 th	Mothers Day
Mon	12 th	Watershed News
Mon	12 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	26 th	Watershed News
Mon	26 th	Recycle and Bin Day

JUNE

Mon	2 nd	Public Holiday WA Day
Wed	4 th	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Fri	6 th	Communi - Tea

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