WATERSHED NEWS

A free fortnightly paper for the areas of

Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Wickepin and Yealering

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Monday 28 th April	Monday 7 th July	Monday 15 th September	Monday 24 th November
Monday 12 th May	Monday 21st July	Tuesday 30 th September	Monday 8 th December
Monday 26th May	Monday 4 th August	Monday 13 th October	
Monday 9 th June	Monday 18 th August	Monday 27 th October	
Monday 23rd June	Monday 1st September	Monday 10 th November	

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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



ANZAC DAY

Lest we forget

Wickepin War Memorial Campbell St, Wickepin Commencing at 9.30am

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea - to be held in the Wickepin Town Hall following the service.



Friday 25 April 2025



NEW PARKING & PARKING FACILITIES LOCAL LAW 2024

The Shire of Wickepin has resolved to adopt the *Shire of Wickepin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2024*.

The purpose of this local law is to regulate the parking or standing of vehicles in all or specified thoroughfares and reserves under the care, control and management of the local government and to provide for the management and operation of parking facilities.

The effect of this local law is to control parking throughout the district to ensure the safe, fair and equitable use of parking facilities under the care and control of the local government.

A copy of the local law is available at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au. Alternatively, a printed copy can be obtained from the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office, 77 Wogolin Rd, Wickepin during opening hours.





EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS FOR AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Shire of Wickepin invites expressions of interest for experienced professionals to join its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as Independent Members, in the position of Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member. This committee supports the Shire in fulfilling its responsibilities for oversight in areas such as internal and external audits, financial reporting and risk management in compliance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations.

Successful candidates will need to have demonstrated understanding and experience in Financial Management and need to have strong leadership skills to guide committee discussions.

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meets at least three (3) times per year. The role includes remuneration aligned by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for band 4 Local Governments and determined as per the Shire's annual budget. Reimbursement is available of expenses for travel and training if applicable.

For any other information regarding the position please contact Mr. Peter Clarke on 9888 1005.

Applications, including a current resume and a statement of interest, should be sent to Mr. Peter Clarke, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Wickepin, PO Box 19, Wickepin WA 6370 or by email admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au marked "Private and Confidential – Independent Members for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee" by 4.00pm, Thursday 8th May 2025.

Peter Clarke Acting Chief Executive Officer



CEMETERY KNOW HOW

The Shire of Wickepin is responsible for the administration of the Wickepin, Yealering and Harrismith cemeteries. Cemetery plots can be reserved at any cemetery and additionally niche wall compartments are available at the Wickepin, Yealering and Harrismith Cemeteries.

HOW TO MAKE A CEMETERY RESERVATION

- **Step 1**. Complete the reservation form for the relevant cemetery or niche wall.
- Step 2. Purchase a Grant of Right of Burial
- **Step 3**. Pay the applicable reservation fee



WHAT IS A GRANT OF RIGHT OF BURIAL

The Grant of Right of Burial is the agreement over a burial plot or niche wall compartment. This agreement allows the Grantee, holder of the Grant of Right of Burial, the right to inter ashes, conduct a burial and erect a monument within the plot. The Grantee is the person the Shire liaises with on all matters relating to the plot or compartment it refers to and as such is considered a legal document.

A Grant of Right of Burial has a tenure of 25 years, which can be extended further upon expiry.

MONUMENTAL WORKS - ERECTING A HEADSTONE OR PLAQUE ON A GRAVE SITE

A monument is any form of grave stone or covering. Anyone supplying or erecting a monument or memorial must first apply for and be granted a permit. There are restrictions in relation to dimensions and materials as well as requirements relating to the weight, footings and construction.

Only the holder of the Grant of Right of Burial can arrange to place a monument.

Ownership of the monument belongs to the holder of the Grant of Right of Burial or their heirs and successors. As such these people are responsible for maintaining the monument.

Anyone considering to place a memorial or plaque on an unmarked grave to commemorate an ancestor, you must contact the Shire Administration Office first to obtain the necessary approvals.



NICHE WALLS

Wickepin, Yealering and Harrismith cemeteries have niche walls for the placement of ashes or as a memorial. All niche wall compartments require a reservation and purchase of grant of right of burial prior to interment of ashes or placement of a plaque. Ashes cannot be interred without a plaque. Plaques must be ordered through the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office and paid in full before an order can be placed.

Please contact the Shire Administration Office or refer to the Shire website for further information regarding cemetery requirements or to obtain the necessary forms to complete.

COMMUNITY NOTES

April Birthday Wishes to:

19th Jake Turner, William Thompson

21st Ashleigh Hughes

22nd Damien Orchard

23rd Jack Mead

24th Denise Corke

25th Phillipa Gardener

26th Sam Jespersen

27th Bre-anna Pike, Suzie McDougall

28th Will Lansdell, Greg Snow







Last Thursday a group of intrepid travelers visited the Albert Facey Homestead and Toolseum from Narembeen Autumn Club. They enjoyed a cuppa at the Wickepin Newsagents first and then stepped into 1920's with a wander through the Homestead, ably assisted by our volunteers. The Toolseum was the next stop to explore the treasures that are within the shed, again with our experts on hand to answer questions.

Back on the bus and around town for a full Wickepin townsite tour with a bit more history thrown in for good measure and of course our 7 beautiful murals. The end point was Gnome Village where 'Albert' was presented to Judy as a new addition to her collection.

Thanks to Irene, Shelley, Ringo, Chris and Dave for assisting with this tour group visit.

Holiday Travels

Cath and Ross McDougall visited Queensland where they spent two weeks with daughters Alyce and Kirra and family in Mapleton on the Sunshine Coast.

They especially enjoyed the company of their Granddaughter Elsie (3) and Thyri (8 months) and caught up with lots of hugs.

Although it was extremely wet with only 3 days out of 14 sunny, they managed to catch up on family and friends and enjoy a day at the Ginger Factory (a fantasy world) and some sightseeing.

Vale Jean Russell



Condolences are extended to the family of Jean Russell, formerly Bushby, mother of Graham,

Debbie and Tim, who passed away in Busselton hospital on Sunday 6th April after a long illness.

Jean's funeral will be held in Busselton on Thursday 24th April.

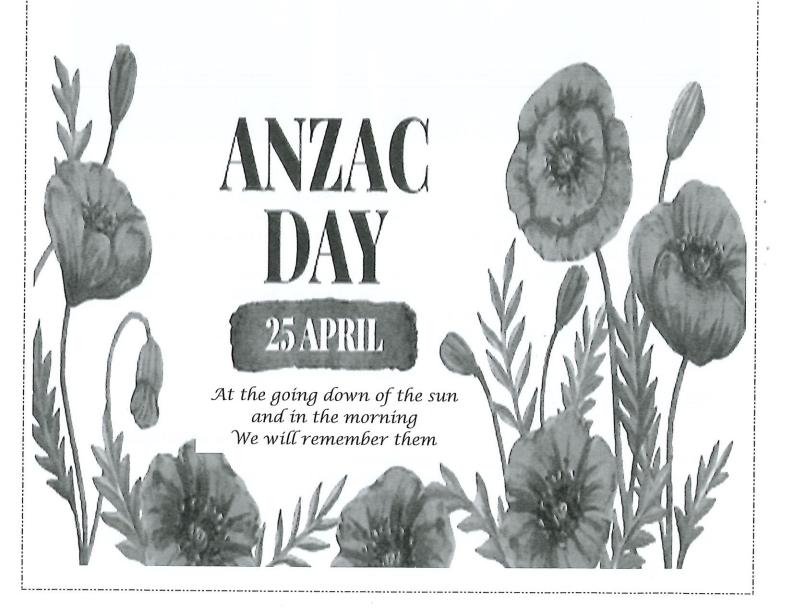
Get Well Soon

Sending our best wishes to John McKenzie who is in Fiona Stanley Hospital.

Hope to see John and Daphne back home in Yealering very soon.

The Watershed team are missing Daphne and Pam. Wishing Pam well.







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LARGE PRINT THRILLER: The Bad Weather Friend- Dean Koontz

Benny Catspaw's perpetually sunny disposition is tested when he loses his job, his reputa-tion, his fiance, and his favorite chair. He's not paranoid. Someone is out to get him. He just doesn't know who or why. Then Benny receives an inheritance from an uncle he's never heard of: a giant crate and a video message. All will be well in time.

How strange though it's a blessing, his uncle promises. Stranger yet is what's inside the crate. He's a seven-foot-tall self-described "bad weather friend" named Spike whose mission is to help people who are just too good for this world. Spike will take care of it. He'll find Benny's enemies. He'll deal with them. This might be satisfying if Spike wasn't such a menacing presence with terrifying techniques of intimidation.

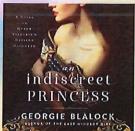
In the company of Spike and a fascinated young waitress-cum-Pl-in-training named Harper, Benny plunges into a perilous high-speed adventure, the likes of which never would have crossed the mind

of a decent guy like him.



DRAMA: The Call Of The Wrens-Jenni L. Walsh

An orphan who spent her youth without a true home, Marion Hoxton found in the Great War something other than destruction. She discovered a chance to belong. As a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service—the Wrens—Marion gained sisters. She found purpose in her women's Royal Naval Service—the Wrens—Marion gained sisters. She found purpose in her work as a motorcycle dispatch rider assigned to train and deliver carrier pigeons to the front line. And despite the constant threat of danger, she and her childhood friend Eddie began to dream of a future together. Until the battle that changed everything. Now twenty years later, another war has broken out across Europe, calling Marion to return to the fight. Meanwhile others, like twenty-year-old society girl Evelyn Fairchild, hear the call for the first time. For Evelyn, serving in the war is a way to prove herself after a childhood fraught with surgeries and limitations from a disability. The re-formation of the Wrens as World War II rages is the perfect opportunity to make a difference in the world at seventy miles per hour.



AUDIOBOOK DRAMA: An Indiscreet Princess-Georgie Blalock

As the fourth daughter of the perpetually in-mourning Queen Victoria, Princess As the fourth daughter of the perpetually in-mourning Queen Victoria, Princess Louise's life is more a gilded prison than a fairy tale. Expected to sit quietly next to her mother with down-cast eyes, Louise vows to escape the stultifying royal court. Blessed with beauty, artistic talent, and a common touch, she creates a life outside the walled-in existence of the palace grounds by attending the National Art Training School—where she shockingly learns to sculpt nude models while falling passionately in love with famed sculptor Joseph Edgar Boehm. But even as Louise cultivates a life outside the palace, she is constantly reminded that even royal rebels must heed the call of duty—and for a princess that means marriage. Refusing to leave England, she agrees to a match with the Duke of Argyll, and although teeters on the brink of scandal. But when a near fatal accident forces Louise back under her mother's iron rule, she realizes she must choose: give in to the grief of lost love or find the strength to fight for her unconventional life.

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CHILDERENS BOOK: Hugs Still Feel The Same-Kiralee Strong and Jenni Barrand

In Hugs Still Feel the Same, life is thrown into turmoil for a little girl and her family when their home is flooded. The water builds and builds until the whole town must be evacuated in the night. In the darkness, with only flashlights to light the way and their home left behind, it feels like all they have left is each other. But maybe that's the most important thing. This gentle and empowering story was inspired by the author's real-life experience of the severe flooding that engulfed parts of Australia in 2022.

During six months as a volunteer for the flood recovery efforts, she witnessed the distress and trauma caused to many familiary that have was little. the beautiful amongst the chaos was incredibly important, and there was little

more comforting than a hug from a loved one. Hugs Still Feel the Same is a story of resilience and hope in the face of life's difficulties. It explores the impact of big changes and trauma, providing a tool for parents and carers to help children through distressing times. It is a big-hearted reminder that even when life feels scary and unknown, it's possible to find comfort if we know where to look.

@ home Easter 🏤

Garlic Prawns

Ingredients

- 500g / 1lb prawns (shrimp), peeled and deveined, tail on (unpeeled weight 1kg/2lb)
- 1/2 tsp cooking salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- · 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil (separated)
- 3 tsp finely minced garlic cloves (~ 4 cloves) (use knife, not crusher/mincer)
 Garlic butter sauce
- 40g / 3 tbsp unsalted butter, cut into 1.5cm / 1/2" cubes (Note 2)
- 1/4 cup chardonnay or other dry white wine (Note 3)
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp parsley, finely chopped (garnish)

Serving

- Lemon wedges
- · Bread for mopping!

Instructions

Marinade: Place the prawns, 1 tablespoon olive oil and pepper in bowl. Gently toss then set aside for 20 minutes (no longer else the prawns will sweat from the salt).

Cooking

- Sear in batches: Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large non-stick frying pan over high heat. Place half the prawns in the pan then sear each side for just 45 seconds, using tongs to turn.
- 2. Remove & repeat: Remove prawns onto a plate, heat the last 1 tablespoon of oil and cook each side for 45 seconds.
- 3. Return first batch of prawns back into pan.
- 4. Garlic Add garlic then stir for 30 seconds.
- 5. Add wine it will sizzle and be steamy! Stir, scraping the bottom of the pan, until wine mostly evaporates around 30 seconds.
- Butter & lemon: Scatter butter across pan, add lemon juice. Swirl butter around the pan until it melts, then toss through the parsley.
- 7. Serve: Transfer the prawns and all the butter sauce onto a serving plate. Serve with extra lemon wedges. Bread for mopping is essential

Notes

- 1. Prawns if using frozen, thaw and drain well to remove excess moisture otherwise the prawns won't go golden, they will just stew and get watery in the pan. Use paper towels to pat dry.
- 2. If using fresh/whole prawns, use 1kg(peeled weight is about half).
- 3. Less butter you can halve the butter to reduce calories if you want. This amount creates plenty of tasty sauce and makes this extra indulgent, but it's super delicious even without.
- 4. Wine A dry white wine is best. Wine adds an edge to the flavour that takes this up a notch, so don't skip it!
- 5. If you can't consume alcohol, use low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth.

HOW TO TELL A PRAWN IS COOKED: Prawn hangs straight = raw, curled in "C" shape = perfectly cooked, curled tightly in an "O" shape = overcooked

Healthy Easter Chocolate Bark

Ingredients

½ cup cocoa or cacao powder

½ cup coconut oil

¼ cup pure maple syrup

1 tablespoon peanut or almond butter

Pinch of fine sea salt

14 cup hazelnuts

¼ cup almonds

¼ cup coconut flakes



Method

- 1. Mix first 5 ingredients in a bowl.
- Roast the nuts for 8 minutes at 180 deg. Add the coconut flakes for another 2 minutes. Chop with a knife. Add half to the mixture and stir.
 - Line a baking tray with baking paper. Pour in mixture and spread. Sprinkle the remaining nuts and coconut over the top. Freeze for 15 minutes. Cut into chunky slices.



Garden Snippets.....

Garden Bed Rejuvenation... \

Do you have a garden bed that looks a bit shabby? Has it been neglected over Summer, or have the plants in it always failed to perform in it? Well...It's Time for a MakeOver....

<u>Remove Competition:</u> Competition for water, light and nutrients can cause a garden bed to underperform. Removing weeds is the first task — You would be amazed at just "what" they will be stealing from your plants (water, light and nutrients), Plus they will be harbouring those "little pests and diseases" that jump onto your plants and cause misdemeanours.

Your garden bed will look a million times better with all of the weeds gone.

Next – dig a spade depth around the edge of the garden bed to sever any feeder roots coming from nearby trees and shrubs. After that – assess whether these plants are also blocking light to your bed, and do a good prune of them if necessary.

If your lawn is invading your bed, install edging that sinks deep into your shovel dug trench – you can use concrete, rocks, posts etc., anything that is solid and has depth and weight that will assist in stopping lawn runners that creep in from deep underground, especially from lawns such as couch or kikuyu.

Revamp your Design: Now, Take a critical look at the bed to decide if maybe it is time for a complete re-design of plants. Often when plants are just thrown in without much thought the result is a mish-mash, So look at the combination of colours, shapes and form in the bed and remove anything that you don't like or doesn't belong.

Lastly – Look at the remaining plants to see if any have turned into "thugs" and are taking over. These you can prune, or divide as needed.

<u>Water Issues:</u> Garden beds commonly become "hydrophobic" (water repellent) so the plants don't receive proper watering regardless of how much water gets thrown at them. To test for this problem, first water the bed as normal and allow the water to drain away. Then lightly dig around the bed with a small shovel, rake or stick. If you find dry pockets then you will need to apply a wetting agent, and/or dig the soil over and incorporate some organic matter and aeration to correct the hydrophobic soil.

If the bed has the other problem of "Poor Drainage", then apply gypsum (if it's a clay soil) and build up the bed height by adding organic material and some sand. Consider laying drainage pipe under the soil around the bed to shuttle water away faster, or change your plantings to incorporate plants that love "wet feet".

Feeding plants and Soil: Improve soil structure and plant health by adding bulky organic material (manures and composts). Spread a good thick layer over the bed and lightly "turn it in". For really hungry plants, add some pelletised organic fertiliser and weekly applications of some liquid products to really get things charging along. All will provide valuable nutrients to your plants, and boost soil microbial activity, which, in turn, releases more nutrients to your plants, and adds to strong and healthy growth.

<u>Test your Soil pH:</u> Good soil is crucial to healthy plants, and most plants are happiest with pH around 6.5-7. Too far from this and the key nutrients become harder for the plants to absorb. If your soil pH is too acidic (or less than 6.5) then apply dolomite. If it is too alkaline (more than 7) then apply powdered sulphur. Test the soil again after one month, and repeat if necessary.

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KIDS BIRTHDAYS

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Eternal Life Fat Tuesday Golgotha Good Friday Ham Heaven Hippity Hollow Jellybeans John Judas Iscariot Last Supper

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Happy Easter!

May your day be filled with sunshine, sweet treats, and the joy of Autumn.

Wishing you a joyful Easter filled with peace, renewal and a few chocolate eggs along the way.

Besides eggs, I hope you find yourself enjoying the holiday and everything it brings.

SCAM AWARENESS WORKSHOP



Join us for this CommBank information session to learn some of the ways you can protect yourself online. Rhonda will discuss the key things to know about online security and provide practical tips to help protect yourself.

When: Tuesday 29th April

Where: Wickepin CRC

Time: 1:30pm

RSVP: Thursday 24th April



Afternoon tea provided.
Please RSVP on 9888 15800 or admin@wickepincrc.com.au for catering purposes

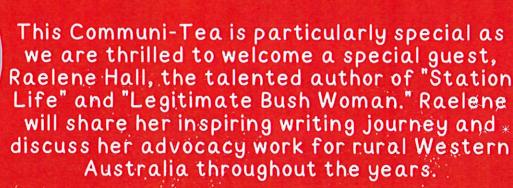




Communi-TEA

AUTHOR VISIT - FRIDAY MAY 2ND

Join us at the CRC on Friday, May 2nd, at 1:30 PM for a delightful afternoon filled with coffee (or tea!), cake, and conversation.





Mark your calendar with upcoming Communi-TEA dates for 2025:

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



Community Resource Centre

Wickepin

Community Resource Centre

SORRYIWE'RE Your local connection

Wickepin CRC will be closed during the following times to allow staff to attend Strategic Planning meetings:

Thur May 8: Close 3pm

Thur May 15: Close 3pm

Thur May 22: Close 3pm

Fri May 23: Closed All Day

Wed June 11: Close 3.30pm

Apologies for any inconvenience.

FACEY GROUP



Calling All Grain Growers – help shape the future of risk management in farming!

Facey Group is inviting local growers to be part of a grower panel for the GRDC-funded RiskWi\$e initiative. As a proud partner in this national project, Facey Group is working to better understand how farmers make decisions under risk and uncertainty — and how to support them in doing it even better.

What's in it for you?

- Unpack your decision-making style
- Access practical training and support tools
- Reflect on how you assess risk and uncertainty
 - Contribute to cutting-edge research
- Connect with industry experts and fellow growers

This is your chance to make a real impact while building your own skills and confidence. **Want to get involved?** Reach out to the Facey Group team today on 9888 1223.



As a panel member, your commitment is minimal, but your impact will be significant:

- Be available for two interviews (approx. I hour each) in 2025 and another towards the end of the project in 2027.
- Optionally attend training/workshops on decision-making tools and processes to strengthen your skills (attendance is encouraged but not compulsory).

Register your interest today!

To express interest in joining the panel, contact Tammie Harold via: tamara.haroldeuwa.edu.au

For further information, contact UWA Project Leader, Fay Rola-Rubzen, via: fay.rola-rubzeneuwa.edu.au

- Understand Your Decision-Making Style Receive feedback on the type of decision-maker you are and see how your approach compares to other growers.
- ☑ Capacity Building & Training Gain access to a tailored program designed to strengthen your decision-making skills. Learn to use decision support tools for nitrogen management, investment choices, and more, while also identifying common decision-making traps.
- ✓ Time to Reflect Use the panel interview as a space to reflect on when you rely on fast, intuitive decisions versus slow, analytical thinking and how you assess risk and uncertainty.
- ☑ Contribute to Groundbreaking Research Your insights will directly impact the RiskWi\$e project, helping researchers measure changes in thinking and test ideas.
- ☑ Build Relationships & Gain Early Access to Research Connect with leading researchers, industry experts, and fellow growers while gaining early access to valuable project findings.







Facey Group, in partnership with GRDC, invite you to the Official Opening of the new GRDC Shed.





SHED OPENING



Join us for an informal tour of the new shed followed by an evening of networking, food, and drinks as we celebrate this exciting milestone.

This new facility will support research, collaboration, and new opportunities for our grower community.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Location: 42 Wogolin Road, Wickepin

Register Here





FACEY GROUP UPDATE

New Shed, New Chapter for Local Grains Research 🚜 🖄

In 2022, Facey Group applied for and successfully secured grant funding to build a purpose-built shed next to our Wickepin headquarters—and it's set to be a game-changer for our team, our members, and the broader grains research community.

Thanks to this crucial investment, our new shed is officially ready to open. Purpose-designed to house our trial equipment and featuring a fully equipped onsite laboratory, this facility will significantly boost our capacity to deliver timely, relevant, and high-quality grains research for our members and the wider community.

What's in the shed?

Everything we need to hit the ground running: a trial seeder, soil sampling trailer, other sampling equipment, and a dedicated space to process samples right onsite. No more time wasted retrieving gear from various farm sheds. No more delays in processing. Just efficient, farmer-driven research—right here in Wickepin.

Why it matters

This shed is more than just a building—it's a springboard for smarter, more streamlined grains research across the region. With equipment and lab facilities under one roof, our team can cover more ground, respond faster, and ensure data quality remains top-notch.

Designed for the future

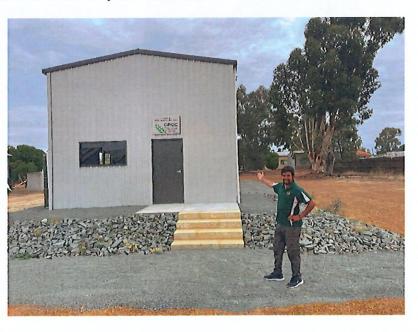
Strategically located next to our admin office, the shed is set to become the hub for our growing program of trial work across the Wheatbelt. It's built to last and designed with expansion in mind—keeping Facey at the forefront of grower-led innovation for years to come.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) for their support, our local contractors for bringing the vision to life, and our members for backing this bold step forward.

Join us to celebrate this milestone!

We will officially open the new shed on Monday, June 16th, at 5:30 p.m.! Be sure to join us to celebrate this exciting milestone.



New Year ... New Faces!!

We're kicking off the year with some exciting new additions to the Facey Group team! Please join us in welcoming **Erin Murray** and **Sidharth Kurumangal Sasikumar (Sid)**, who bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and energy to their roles as **Agricultural Research & Extension Coordinators**.

Erin Murray

Agricultural Research & Extension Coordinator

Erin brings a deep passion for livestock and a wealth of practical experience to the team. Originally from Canada, she has called Western Australia home for the past nine years, living and working in regions including Williams, Bunbury, Busselton and Narrogin. Since 2022, she has been based in the Narrogin/Wickepin area.

With a strong background in sheep health, management and sales, as well as beef cattle sales, Erin has worked across a variety of enterprises—dairy, cropping and sheep. Her practical, hands-on approach and strong rapport with local farmers make her a fantastic addition to the team.



Outside of work, Erin is an avid animal lover with two horses, two dogs and a couple of pet sheep. She enjoys competing in rodeos, working cattle from horseback, camping, and gardening. Erin is passionate about supporting the local farming community and is always keen to roll up her sleeves and get involved.



Sidharth Kurumangal Sasikumar (Sid) Agricultural Research & Extension Coordinator

Sid joins the team with a Master's in Crop and Livestock Farming Systems from the University of Western Australia and extensive experience across research, consultancy and government. His strengths lie in crop management, soil testing, field research, pest control and farmer education.

With a strong commitment to sustainability, Sid is focused on bridging the gap between scientific research and practical, on-farm applications. He is dedicated to helping farmers increase productivity while protecting the environment and managing natural resources wisely.

Sid's background also includes agricultural policy implementation, quality assurance and extension work,

making him well-placed to support growers across our region. Outside of work, he enjoys off-road driving, travelling and spending time with his beloved dogs.

We're delighted to have Erin and Sid on board. Keep an eye out for them at upcoming events and out in the paddock—don't hesitate to say hello!



2025 Influenza Vaccines

Free influenza vaccines will be available at the Wickepin Health Service

Upcoming clinic dates

Wednesday 23rd April: 9am – 12pm

Adult Influenza Vaccination Clinic- Over 65 years only

Monday 28th April: 9am – 3pm

Adult & Child Influenza Vaccination Clinic

(eligible clients only)

Appointments are encouraged to guarantee adequate supply.

Please phone the Wickepin Health Service on 9888 2222 to make an appointment or discuss your eligibility.

Get in touch

Wickepin Health Service

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Wickepin WA 6370

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Marie Meehan

We warmly welcome Marie Meehan to the Central Agcare Family Counselling team.

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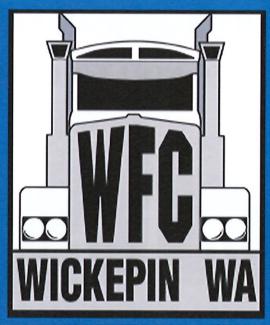
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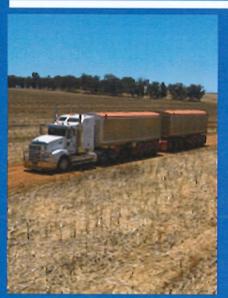
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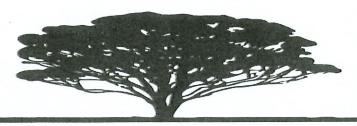




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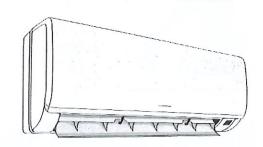
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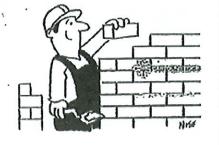
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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri Gas safety for campers

The Easter break and school holidays are a wonderful opportunity to spend time with family and friends, so what could be better than a camping trip in our great State?

The range of creature comforts you can take on the road with you – like portable gas cookers, heaters, fridges and barbecues – means there's no need to rough it. It's just important to take a few simple steps to ensure everyone stays safe.

Portable gas appliances are safe to use, as long as they are in good condition and operated correctly.

The number one tip from WA's gas safety regulator, Building and Energy, is to never use these appliances inside tents, caravans or other enclosed spaces, even if the doors or windows are open.

Portable gas appliances need a lot of air to burn cleanly and efficiently. If the appliances are not used outdoors in the open air, carbon monoxide can build up and, worryingly, because this potentially lethal gas is colourless and odourless, you may not even be aware you've been exposed until it's too late. It's sometimes called the "invisible killer".

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea and confusion. If you experience these, try to move to a well-ventilated area and seek medical attention immediately.

Remember, portable gas appliances are great outdoors, but potentially lethal indoors.

If you are purchasing a new appliance, make sure it carries a compliance badge that shows it has been approved for sale in Australia. When you install or set it up, always follow the manufacturer's instructions and take note of any safety warnings.

It's important to know that two types of LPG cylinder and appliance connections are now available. The older Type 21 (POL) is being phased out in favour of a safer design called LCC27.

Older Type 21 (POL) gas appliance connectors can be used with either cylinder type, but new gas appliances purchased since April 2022 must only be connected to an LCC27 gas cylinder. If you try to connect an LCC27 appliance to a Type 21 (POL) cylinder, it can cause gas to leak.

People have suffered serious burns after using incompatible cylinders and connectors with their barbecue. Adapters have also been banned for safety reasons.

Building and Energy also recommend having gas appliances serviced regularly by a licensed gas fitter and checking the equipment before use. Your LPG cylinder should be in good condition and its most A soapy water test can detect gas leaks. Apply soapy water to the cylinder, hose and appliance connections. Open the cylinder valve, but don't turn on the appliance. Bubbles or gas smells can indicate a leak. Turn the cylinder valve off immediately and don't use it until the leak is fixed.

During travel, transport cylinders in an upright position, secured firmly and outside the passenger area. Don't carry cylinders in the car boot or any unventilated space for extended periods.

More information, including a handy brochure on <u>Camping Safely with LP Gas</u> is available at the Building and Energy website (wa.gov.au/organisation/building-and-energy)

Happy Easter and safe travels recent test date should be within the past 10 years. If not, the cylinder should be replaced.

SPORTS NOTES

Wickepin/Harrismith Cricket Club

After a successful 1st season, we had our 1st cricket dinner on the 20th March. Originally booked at the Harrismith golf club, it was moved to the Wickepin Community Centre after a hose clamp came off and 20,000L of water was pumped over the floor. The award winners were as follows-

Batting

Aggregate

1= A. Quartermaine - 303

2= J. Hobley - 193

3= T. Miller - 165

Average

1= A. Quartermaine - 43.29

2= C. Jesperson - 39.5

3= C. Taylor - 24.25

Bowling

Aggregate

1= B. Pockran - 9

2= S. Hobley - 7

3= M. McLean- 6

Average (3* or more wickets)

1= S. Hobley - 6.14

(7wickets 20overs 43runs)

2= C. Taylor 21.25

(4 wickets, 28.2 overs, 85runs)

3= A. Quartermaine - 25.5

(4 wickets, 29overs, 102runs

Fielding

1= R. Dougall

(7 catches 1 stumping)

2= J. Miller

(5 catches 1 stumping)

3= j. Hobley

(5 catches)



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Sunday 4th May 9.30am
Saturday 10th May 9.30am
Thursday 15th May 5.00pm
Thursday 22nd May 5.00pm
Thursday 5th June 5.00pm
Sunday 22nd June 9.30am
Saturday 28th June 9.30am

Saturday 5th July 9.30am
Sunday 20th July 9.30am
Sunday 27th July 9.30am
Sunday 3rd August 9.30am
Thursday 7th August 5.00pm
Thursday 14th August 5.00pm

We don't receive any registration funds so our group is supported by the Wickepin Football Club. Please consider volunteering your time on the oval or in the kitchen to help our club throughout the season!



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LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Our 2024/2025 wind-up and presentation dinner was held on Friday 11th April at the club house.

President Brian Shipley thanked all who attended and congratulated everyone who played to make this a successful season for the club even making it to the grand final.

THE WINNERS WERE -

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS: Sponsored by Ric & Shirley Elson

WINNERS: Todd Hill & Lois Shipley

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RUNNER-UPS: Lois Shipley, Brian Shipley, Sue Richards

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WINNERS: Darrel Sims, Brian Shipley, Carl McCombe, Kevin Coxon

RUNNER-UPS: Jim Williams, Lois Shipley, John Sutton, Sue Richards

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES: Sponsored by Trevor & Judy Elsegood

WINNER: Jim Williams

RUNNER-UP: Darrel Sims

Brian congratulated all the winners and thanked all the sponsors for their ongoing support. He also thanked everyone who had supported and helped out at the club in any way during the season. The evening was a great success with all members being very positive about next season. With more improvements on the cards for the club and a positive indication of new members.

Finally, the club would like to wish John McKenzie a speedy recover.

COME AND GIVE LAWN BOWLS A GO.



BANKSIA BOWMAN ARCHERY

Our trusty team of Paul, Ed, Scott and Alison journeyed to York to test their prowess on the Outdoor Shoot event.

No Trophies to bring home, but all had a lot of fun shooting through branches of trees and other obstacles, at cardboard rabbits etc.

Quite an experience as no sights were used, all bare bows.



Wickepin Football Club - 2025 Season Fixtures

Round	Date	Versus	Location			
1	Saturday, April 26 th	Narrogin	Narrogin			
2	Sunday, May 4 th	Wagin	Wickepin			
3	Saturday, May 10 th	Brookton/Pingelly	Wickepin			
4	Sunday, May 18th	Williams	Williams			
5	Saturday, May 24 th	Boddington	Boddington			
6	Sunday, June 8th	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Kukerin			
	BYE - COLTS CARNIVAL 14/15 June					
7	Sunday, June 22 nd	Katanning	Wickepin			
8	Saturday, June 28th	Wagin	Wagin			
9	Saturday, July 5 th	Narrogin	Wickepin			
	BYE – NUTRIEN AG CARNIVAL 11-13 July					
10	Sunday, July 20th	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Wickepin			
11	Sunday, July 27 th	Williams	Wickepin			
12	Sunday, August 3rd	Boddington	Wickepin			
13	Sunday, August 10th	Brookton/Pingelly	Pingelly			
14	Sunday, August 17 th	Katanning	Katanning			
2 nd Semi Final	Saturday, August 23 rd Narrogin					
1 st Semi Final	Sunday, August 24 th	Wagin				
Prelim Final	Sunday, August 31st	Dumbleyung				
Grand Sunday, September 7 th		Katanning				

Lake Yealering Golf Club

Opening round 12/04/1925 with 12 golfers all keen to go on a very warm and sunny day, (one withdrawal due to heat stress).

With some very impressive scores to start the season, the winner on a count back was M Lee with 41 stableford points and runner up was A Mcintyre on 41.

Novelties were as follows:

18 NTP S. Baker

16 best 3rd C. Johnson

2 longest put M. Marshal.

With the day concluding with a wonderful meal of steak, potato bake and salad enjoyed by the golfers and family members.

Community Groups

The Watershed News team would like assistance to feature different groups/clubs on the front cover plus an article in the edition.

Please email a picture or logo and an article if you want your community group/club featured. Also, please send information to add to the What's on in Wickepin Weekly Page and Community Calendar, wickepinwatershed@gmail.com

Federal Election 2025

Early Voting at the Harrismith Hall

24th April from 8.30am – 11.30am.

There will be NO polling booth at the Harrismith Hall on Saturday the 3rd May, this federal election.

Indoor Carpet Bowls

Looking for new Over 60s members.

The Shire of Wickepin has kindly waived the fee on the hire of the Community Centre, thus making it free of charge.

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WEEKLY IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

<u>Mondays</u>

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.

<u>Sundays</u>

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

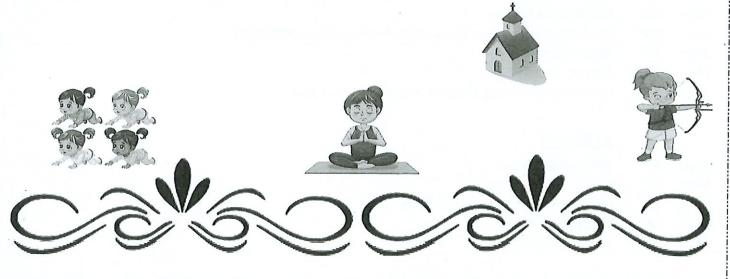
Commencing Sunday 16th March to Sunday 4th May Inclusive. Equipment is available for come and try.

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









COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2025

APRIL

Tue	15 th	Drum Muster, Contact Shire of Wickepin to book 98881005
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. War Memorial Campbell Street @ 9.30am
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
Tues	29 th	Scam Awareness Workshop @ 1.30pm CRC
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
Tue	27 th	Biggest Morning Tea CRC

JUNE

Mon	2 nd	Public Holiday WA Day
Wed	4 th	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Fri	6 th	Communi - Tea
Mon	9 th	Watershed News
Mon	9 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	16^{th}	Facey Group Shed Opening 5.30pm
Mon	23 rd	Watershed News
Mon	23^{rd}	Recycle and Bin Day

JULY

Mon	7th	Watershed News
Mon	7th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	15 th	DrumMuster, Contact Shire of Wickepin to book 98881005
Mon	21 st	Watershed News
Mon	21 st	Recycle and Bin Day
Thur	31 st	Facey Group Annual Women In Agricultural Event

AUGUST

Mon	4 th	Watershed News
Mon	4 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	13 th	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Mon	18 th	Watershed News
Mon	18 th	Recycle and Bin Day