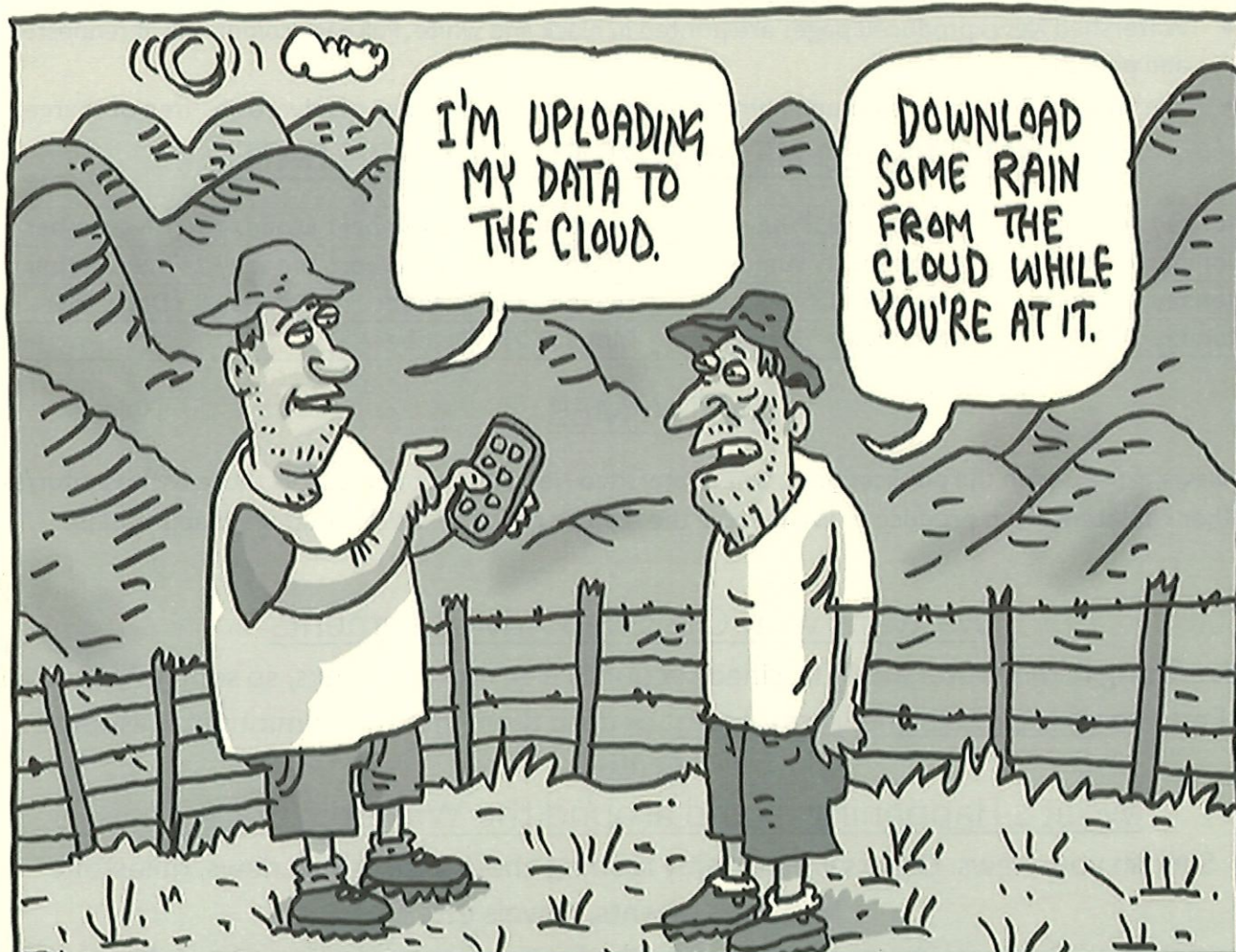


WATERSHED NEWS

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

12th May 2025



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WATERSHED NEWS INC- COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

ABN 96 234 351 594

Contact Information

The Watershed News is produced at the Wickepin Community Resource Centre on dates shown below.

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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

May Birthday Wishes to:

- 15th Cody Harris, Allan Hemley
- 18th Archer Miller
- 19th Caleb Murray, Leonard Bushby
- 21st Stacey Halstead, Gemma Pauley
- 22nd Jared Wing, Tatum Anderson
- 24th Lara Marchei, Sarah Butler, Rob Mullan



Happy 90th Birthday

Roy McLeod celebrated he's 90th birthday with a family and friends at the Corrigin Hotel. They celebrated Roy's extraordinary 90 years. Playing a steady innings, with a century insight.

Vale Barry Charles Watkins

Barry passed away with family by his side on 20th April. He will be sadly missed by his family and community. Barry's funeral was on Thursday 5th May. Deepest sympathy to his family and friends.



Wickepin Art & Craft

Joyner Street, Wickepin, WA, 6370

Contacts: Kathy 0416 007 164: Elaine 0428 898 025

Charlotte 0437 418 289: Irene 0437 801 026

A sincere thanks to the wonderful band of happy helpers at the Mother's Day Stall on Saturday 10th May.

As is the norm, we had a happy time but foot sore by the end of the market.

Thank you also to Steve who ably helped with tables and chairs. You made the chore so much easier.

The raffle was a great success. Vicki and Tammi, on behalf of their mother, the late Esther Fulford, offered a patchwork quilt, a quilt kit and two patchwork wall hanging kits.

First prize of the quilt went to Robyn McGrath

Second prize of the quilt kit to Kathy Altham,

Third prize of one wall hanging kit to Kirra from Wagin

Fourth prize of another wall hanging kit won by Kathy Altham.

All three kits had instructions and fabric, ready to sew.

Thank you also to Lauren who helped out and a big thank you to the public who enjoyed our Devonshire teas

**A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS
COME TAKE A LOOK**



WICKEPIN HOTEL OPEN EVENING

Where: Wickepin Hotel

When: Thursday 29th May 5.00 pm Onwards



**ENJOY BURGERS
AND BEERS**



MEET THE
COMMUNITY
BEHIND THE
TRANSFORMATION



CHAT ABOUT
FUTURE PLANS
AND
OPPORTUNITIES

**COME AND SEE THE INCREDIBLE
PROGRESS AT THE HISTORIC
WICKEPIN HOTEL**

**WE'RE OPENING THE DOORS FOR
POTENTIAL INVESTORS AND
CURIOUS LOCALS TO EXPLORE THE
REVITALISED SPACE**

Everyone welcome – bring your mates, your
appetite, and your ideas!

A project by the community, for the community.



SHIRE OF WICKPIN
CALLS FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR
BACKUP/RELIEF SWIMMING POOL MANAGER

The Shire of Wickpin is seeking Expressions of Interest from residents interested in the position of Backup/Relief Swimming Pool Manager during periods when the current Swimming Pool Manager is unable to act in this position due to sickness or leave of absence from their duties.

Interested applicants will need to have the following basic requirements:-



- Bronze Medallion
- Lifeguard Course
- Senior First Aid Certificate
- Working with Children Check

It will also be necessary for the selected applicant to undertake a 5-day Pool Operators Course externally (Perth) and to achieve a required number of work experience hours and ongoing assignments prior to gaining accreditation and membership with the Leisure Institute of WA/Royal Life Saving Society.

Council is prepared to assist the selected applicant with costs associated with attendance at the above courses.


Expressions of Interest must be submitted in writing to the undersigned either via post to PO Box 19, Wickpin 6370 or ceo@wickpin.wa.gov.au, by 4.00pm on Friday, 23 May 2025 and detailing the applicant's level of interest in the position.

Peter Clarke
Acting Chief Executive Officer



2025 DATES
15 JULY
21 OCTOBER


Collection Point: Wickpin Rubbish Tip
Contact the Shire of Wickpin Administration Office on 9888 1005 to make a booking, advising number of drums.



**Rinse them out
Round them up
Run them in**

Remember, every container counts

Find your nearest drumMUSTER location



COMMUNITY GRANTS 2025/2026

Application package is available via www.wickpin.wa.gov.au

Applications for Shire of Wickpin's Community Grants Program are now open for non-profit groups to assist in delivering projects that directly benefit our community.

To be eligible for funding, projects must be undertaken between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026.

NOW OPEN

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 23 MAY, 2025

Contact us
9888 1005
admin@wickpin.wa.gov.au

77 Wogolin Road, PO Box 19 WICKPIN 6370

Phone: 9888 1005 Fax: 9888 1074

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING POLICY NO. 10.3.7 - WIND FARM AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Wickpin invites comments on draft *Local Planning Policy 10.3.7 - Wind Farm and Renewable Energy Facility*.

The draft policy can be viewed at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au or is available for inspection during office hours at the Shire of Wickpin Administration Office.

Written submissions can be made via email to admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au, posted or in person to the undersigned on or before close of business Friday 6 June 2025.

Peter Clarke
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wickpin
PO Box 19
Wickepin WA 6370

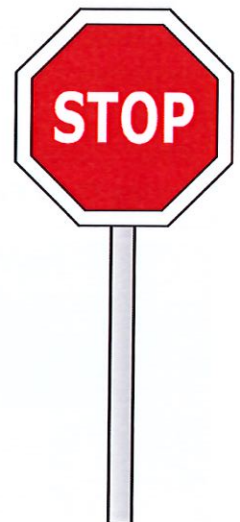
Embracing Community Growth

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS

At recent meetings of the Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group and Central Country Zone of the Western Australian Local Government Association, it has been reported that motorists are not adhering to speed limit signs where road works are occurring. This was also confirmed by the Shire of Wickpin Road Works Crew when they recently undertook the Fence Road construction project.

For the safety of all concerned, where road works are being carried out motorists are urged to SLOW DOWN and adhere to the SPEED LIMIT SIGNS that are clearly displayed.

Motorists' cooperation in this regard would be greatly appreciated.





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Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea

Join us to help us raise funds for
Cancer Council

**\$2
a plate**

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**Raffles
and
prizes**

Tuesday 27th May
10.30am

Wickein Community Centre
Campbell Street

If you would like to contribute to raffle prizes
or food please contact Wickein CRC

Phone: 98881500

Email: admin@wickeinrc.com.au

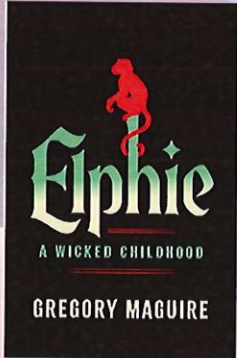


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New books at the Wickepin Public Library



ADULT FICTION: Elphie— Gregory Maguire

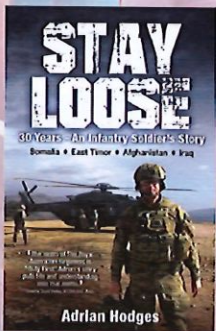
Once upon a time in the land of Oz, a green little girl was born... ELPHIE; A WICKED CHILDHOOD is the captivating coming-of-age story of the most iconic witch ever to grace our screens and bookshelves.

Young Elphaba is destined to be a witch, she bears the markings from childhood. But what happened before her powers took hold?

Elphie is a girl like any other and no other. Nothing like her parents - one beautiful, the other pious - nor her saintly sister, Nessarose. Her skin is green, her mind is cunning. One day she will command this strange and wonderful world. For now, her journey is just beginning.

The road ahead is full of lessons and heartbreak, the first bruising attempts at friendship - and tantalising whispers of magic.

It will lead Elphie to the doors of Shiz University, and to the girl who will change her life forever...



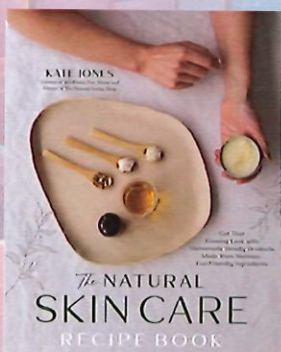
NON-FICTION MEMOIR: Stay Loose— Adrian Hodges

In Stay Loose, Adrian Hodges delivers a candid reflection on three decades of service in the Australian Army, from navigating the dangers of war to the challenges beyond the battlefield.

Adrian chronicles both the highs and lows. From his battalion's deployment to Somalia's famine-stricken chaos Australia's first major overseas operation since the Vietnam War to participating in the nation's first lethal firefight in decades, he offers harrowing frontline insights. His memoir covers a military exchange in Malaysia, as well as service in Afghanistan and Iraq, providing an intimate view of the physical and psychological tolls faced by soldiers.

But this memoir isn't just about combat. Adrian reflects on his struggles after leaving the Army, battling uncertainty and searching for direction. His post-military career led him to work as a court recorder on several high-profile legal cases, including the investigation into the Black Hawk helicopter crash that claimed 18 military lives. He also recounts backpacking through North Africa and the Middle East, contrasting his military service with personal discovery.

Eventually re-enlisting, Adrian's return to operations and military exchanges weaves themes of brotherhood, resilience, and the strength found in family. Now a private military contractor in the UAE, he explores how his past shaped his future.



RECIPE BOOK: The Natural Skincare Recipe Book— Kate Jones

In this earth-friendly guide to happy skin, natural living expert Kate Jones guides you through making luxurious remedies for everyday skin troubles. Kate's recipes are easy to make and fun to use: You'll craft a full skin care regimen tailored to your needs in no time, thanks to detailed explanations of each product's healing properties. And most importantly, the ingredients used in each recipe are all-natural, non-toxic and eco-friendly, so you know you are using only the best products on your skin.

With recipes for cleansing, healing, exfoliating and hydrating your skin, you can make recipes that perfectly match your needs. Each product has easy-to-source ingredients like cocoa butter and jojoba oil, and uses simple methods for making and preserving them, such as the double boiler method. Add homemade Gentle Foaming Cleanser and Rose Water Toner to your morning routine for a straightforward cleansing regiment, or indulge in extra self-care after a long day with an organic

Calming Oat Face Mask and rejuvenating Herbal Infused Bath Salts. With these restorative recipes, it's never been easier to take care of your skin, your health and the planet.



FAMILY/CHILDREN DVD: Magic Beach-Director Robert Connolly

After captivating children and families for 30 years, Alison Lester's beloved book Magic Beach has been brought to life by director Robert Connolly and some of Australia's leading animators.

Take a trip with the ones you love through a unique mix of live action, entwined with extraordinary animated adventures that bring you to a dreamy seaside where anything is possible. Featuring timeless characters, Magic Beach is a captivating blend of reality and fantasy that inspires people of all ages to feel the sand beneath their toes and find wonder in the world around them.

Unsung Heroes – Stories Worth Sharing

After the moving ANZAC Day service last Friday, it got us thinking about the many *unsung heroes* — both from the past and present — not just around the world, but right here in our own community of Wickepin.

Unsung heroes are often the ones who work quietly in the background. They may not receive medals or media attention, but their contributions are deeply felt.

These are the people who:

- Help us survive and thrive
- Set examples for what we can aspire to
- Contribute to society without seeking recognition
- Work from the shadows, silent but indispensable
- Keep the wheels turning in our organizations, clubs, and communities

To get us started, here's one powerful example from history:

Sir Nicholas Winton – A Quiet Hero of WWII

Sir Nicholas George Winton MBE (1909–2015) was a British stockbroker and humanitarian who rescued 669 Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia just before WWII broke out. Known later as the "British Schindler", his selfless actions were not revealed to the public until nearly 50 years later, when he was reunited with many of the people he helped save. He lived to the age of 106, and a recent film, *One Life* (starring Anthony Hopkins), tells the moving story of his life and legacy.

His story reminds us of the quiet power of compassion — and the difference one person can make.

Help Us Celebrate Our Own Local Heroes

We know there are many unsung heroes right here in Wickepin — past and present — whose stories are waiting to be told. Whether it's a neighbour, a volunteer, a coach, or someone who's always there when needed, we'd love to hear about them.

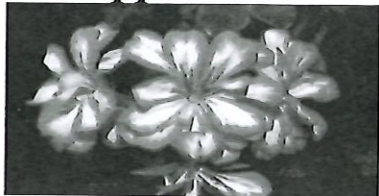
If you have someone in mind, please send in a short story or even just their name and why they're special.

All contributions are welcome.

Let's shine a light on those who've been keeping our community strong — quietly and humbly.

Send to wickepinwatershed@gmail.com

Garden Snippets...



...New Generation Geraniums

Geraniums, botanical name *Pelargonium*, have a bit of a reputation for being "old-fashioned" and looking rather scrappy. However with so many exciting hybrid varieties - including those with scented, variegated, multishaped and sized leaves, and those that stay in compact form and flower for longer - the humble "dunny bush" is fast earning new admirers. Needless to say, the geraniums do still need a bit of help to keep them looking fabulous, but it is worth the effort as they are great gap fillers and provide splashes of colour amongst other garden plants and in pots. Here's How:

At the Nursery: Choose well branched, compact plants that show new growth, healthy roots and plenty of new flower buds. Avoid tall, stretched plants with yellow foliage and brown roots – they rarely come good.

At home-Keep moist until planting, and keep in a bright spot out of direct sunlight until you can plant it. Geraniums stored any longer than two days in dark/low light will drop their new buds and turn yellow, and will take about a month to pick up again.

Planting-Geraniums love sunlight. Plant where they can get about six hours of full sun every day, but where is also protected from hot afternoon sun. Have a well drained site with some manure or compost dug in. In pots, use a good quality potting mix.

Watering-Water straight after planting. Strangely, geraniums don't wilt like other plants so they don't give any clues as to when they need to be watered. They like moist soil but also like to dry out between waterings to avoid root-rot, so the soil should become dry to touch before you water the plants again. Avoid watering the foliage.

Fertilising-Geraniums need regular feeding to produce abundant and large flowers, larger leaves and good healthy growth.

Pruning-Removing old flowers and leaves keeps the bushes healthy and promotes longer flowering. Tip-pruning constantly produces new growth and keeps the bushes compact and dense. In March or April, cut them back by one third to generate lots of new growth. Use these cuttings to propagate new plants for yourself or your friends.

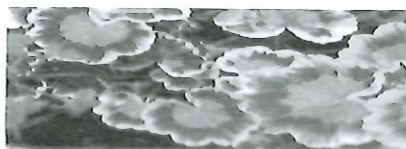
Hybrid Geraniums thrive in sunny, dry spots; form tight compact shrubs, many of which self clean (so the flowers fall off when they die); and are ideal for pots or look fabulous in a cottage or perennial garden. They can be divided into three separate varieties:

Zonal geraniums - distinguished by circular bands of colour on light green leaves that are round to kidney shaped. They have low bushy habit and heads of brightly coloured flowers during warmer months.

Regal Geraniums - have frilled flowers in spring that look rather like Azaleas. The leaves are distinctive with a serrated edge and three lobes, flowers range from white to black.

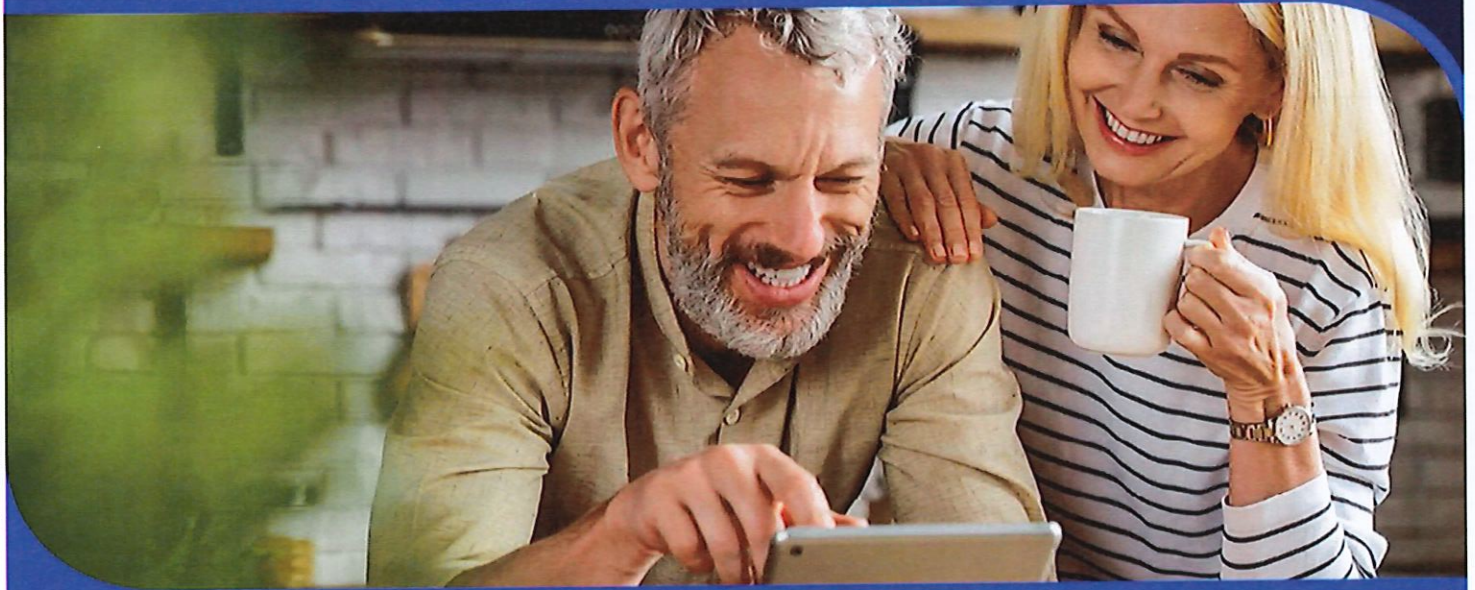
Ivy-Leafed Geraniums - flower from spring to autumn in clusters of white, pink, red, magenta and purple blooms. Their habit ranges from compact miniatures to sprawling scramblers, and they are ideal for hanging baskets.

Scented Geraniums are usually grown for their foliage which comes in all shapes and sizes. Crush their leaves between your fingers and you can smell peppermint, lime, rose, ginger, nutmeg, orange, cinnamon, apple, sweet lemon – and the list goes on! Flowers appear mainly in Spring and Summer, and the bushes just need good drainage to thrive. They can grow in semi shade, and if they are planted next to a path or the washing line the scents will be released as the leaves are touched. The leaves of the Scented Geraniums are edible, so they can be infused as herbal teas; used in sauce flavourings, or placed into the pot when stewing fruit to add flavour.



Connectivity Without Confusion

Understanding Your Internet
and Phone Connection Options



*Join Rachael from the Regional Tech Hub
for a down-to-earth session on choosing
the right connectivity for you!*

WHEN: 10.30am, Thursday 5th June

WHERE: Wickepin CRC

Light morning tea provided

Call the CRC on 9888 1500 or email us at
admin@wickepinrc.com.au to secure your place



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CANVA DESIGN WORKSHOP

Date Tuesday 10th June

Time 10.30am to 12.30pm

**Unleash
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Join us for this interactive workshop, and
learn how to:

- Transform your creative visions into stunning realities with Canva's intuitive interface
- Effortlessly elevate your brand with Canva's vast library of resources.
- Create professional marketing materials and stunning visual content quickly and easily
- Empower your business to stand out and grow

Book your spot today

Contact the CRC on 9888 1500, or
email us at admin@wickepincrc.com.au



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**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.

Quick creamy chicken and sweet potato bake

1.1kg sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into 5mm-slices
300ml Creme Fraiche
125ml (1/2 cup) Cooking Cream
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon
200g meat from barbecue chicken, shredded
2 green shallots, chopped
105g (1 1/4 cups) grated cheddar cheese



Place

Cover with

Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan forced.
the sweet potato in a large microwave-

safe bowl with 60ml (1/4 cup) water.
two sheets of plastic wrap. Cook in the microwave on High for 8 minutes or until tender.
Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, lightly grease a 6cm-high 30 x 20cm (base measurement) baking dish.
Combine the creme fraiche, cooking cream, garlic and tarragon in a jug. Season.
Layer the sweet potato, chicken, shallot and 80g (1 cup) of the cheese in the prepared dish, pouring a little of the cream mixture between each layer. Pour the remaining cream mixture over the top. Scatter over the remaining cheese and bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden and the cheese is melted and bubbling.
Set aside for 10 minutes before serving.

Air fryer caramel blooming apples

4 (about 200g each) red apples
60g butter, melted
25g (1/4 cup) walnuts, finely chopped
4 Jersey Caramels, finely chopped
Ice-cream or double cream, to serve



(Jersey Caramels)

Cut the tops from the apples, then use a melon baller to scoop out the core without going through the base. Use a small sharp knife to score 2 circles into the cut side of the apples, going as deep as you can without cutting all the way through.

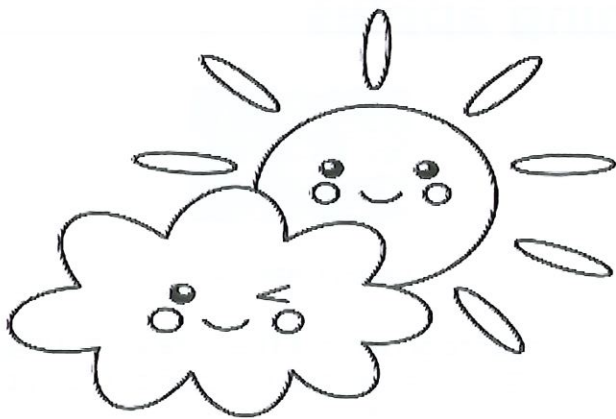
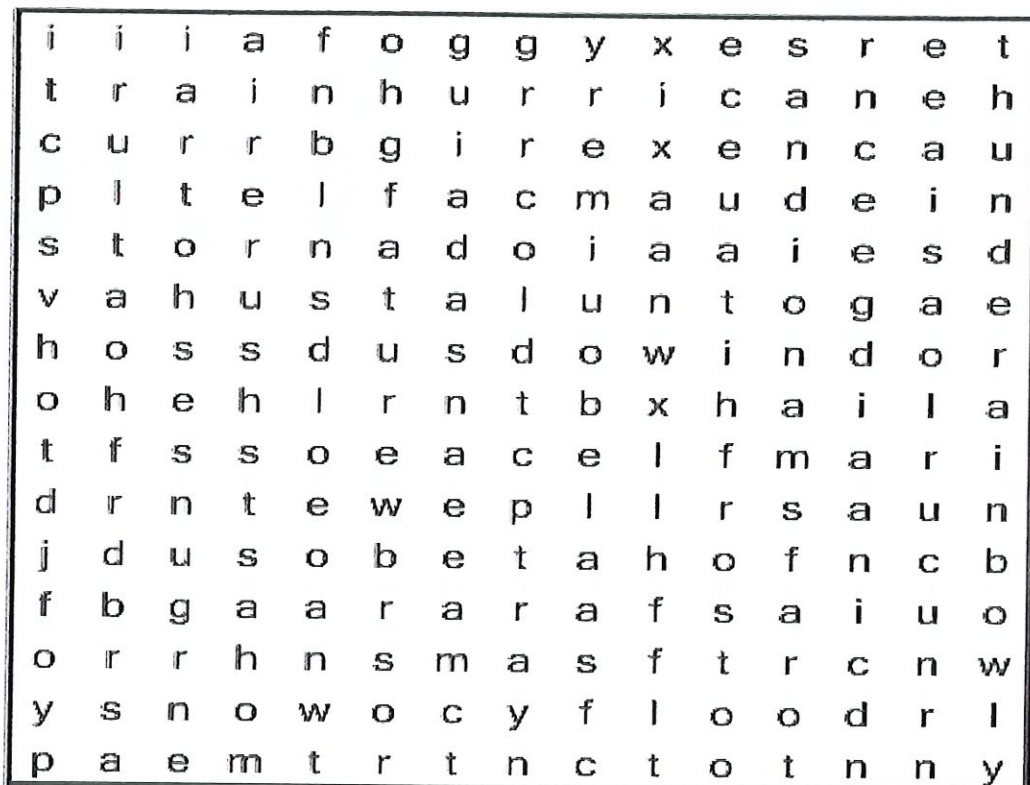
Use tongs to transfer apples to a plate. Divide walnuts and caramel pieces among Cook apples for a further 10 minutes.

Serve with ice-cream or double cream



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Weather Word Search



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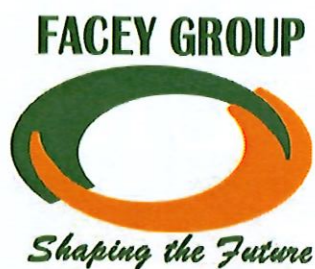
2025 WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

'Thriving Through Transition'

Thursday | 31st July 2025

From career pivots to farm safety, body transitions to mental wellbeing —rural women are navigating it all!

Join us for a day of shared stories, wisdom, & inspiration.



FACEY GROUP

AgREC UPDATE



Smarter Nitrogen Use and Trial Insights

Nitrogen Risk in Focus

Nitrogen (N) fertiliser remains the largest variable cost in grain production — and a major risk factor. In partnership with CSIRO's RiskWi\$e program, Facey Group is helping growers make informed, evidence-based nitrogen decisions that strike a balance between yield potential and profitability.

Field Trials Target Better N Use

RiskWi\$e nitrogen banking trials are in full swing across wheat, barley, canola, and lupins. The focus is to compare traditional nitrogen budgets with modern decision-making tools like Yield Prophet® Lite and N banking strategies. The goal is to close yield gaps and increase fertiliser efficiency, especially in higher rainfall seasons.

Soil Amelioration and Canola Response

The third year of Facey Group's RiskWi\$e Soil Amelioration and Nitrogen Fixation trial continues in 2025, now focused on canola following lupins and wheat. Three soil treatments are being assessed:

- No soil amelioration
- Gregoire Besson One-Pass Finisher
- K-Line Speedtiller

Each is being tested under variable nitrogen rates to determine how improved soil structure influences N responsiveness and input efficiency. Early results suggest ameliorated soils may boost fertiliser uptake and crop yield.

New Barley Varieties Under the Microscope

The RiskWi\$e Time of Sowing (ToS) project is examining optimal sowing windows for emerging barley varieties. Late frost is becoming more frequent, complicating sowing decisions. Using DPIRD's 'FlowerPower' tool and on-site sensors, Facey Group aims to identify sowing times that maximise yield while avoiding frost and terminal heat stress.

What's Ahead

These research trials are equipping WA growers with better tools to navigate seasonal uncertainty and input pressures. Findings from the 2025 season will refine nitrogen and sowing strategies tailored to local conditions.

Stay tuned for trial results and more updates in future editions.



Keeping On Point with the Legumes

Why Legumes, Why Now?

Out here in Wickepin, legumes have been quietly proving their worth. Over recent seasons, our trials have shown that wheat following legumes yields better, with stronger biomass and benefits lasting up to two years. And timing matters—mid-April sowing gave the best results.

Faba beans topped the charts as the most profitable legume, delivering a solid boost to gross margins and laying the groundwork for future crops. But these results raise more questions:

- Which legumes best suit your soils?
- Can returns be pushed further?
- And what about quiet achievers like vetch?



Image: Vetch RM4 sown in 2022 for the Grain Legume Trial

What's Happening in the Paddock

Vetch is gaining attention around Wickepin—dry-season tough, soil-friendly, and surprisingly versatile. We're trialling it in a few ways:

- Grain, hay, or manure? We're comparing each use and benchmarking against lupins.
- Grain and graze? Testing how hard we can graze it and still bring in a harvest.

Legumes Under Saltbush—A Community Approach

In a new community project, we're trialling annual and perennial legumes beneath saltbush on saline and marginal land. The aim is to build a feedbase that's more resilient and keeps livestock covered through the leaner months. Other forage crops are part of the mix too.

The goal:

- Consistent feed
- Productive saltland
- Smarter mixed farming



Image: Saltbush and understory system in summer 2023

What's Next—and How You Can Join In

There's still plenty to figure out in the legume stage:

- What agronomic package helps legumes fix the most nitrogen?
- What other soil benefits can they bring?
- How consistent are they across different soil types?

As the season rolls on, we're keen to hear from you. Got a legume you've been keen to try? Want to hear more about our saltbush and understory work? Or maybe just curious how vetch is stacking up?

Get in touch with Franco Renteria at agrec@faceygroup.org.au, call 0415 813 729, or just swing by the office for a cuppa—we're always happy to see you.

CALLING ALL LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS!

We want to hear from you!

Facey Group will be reaching out to local livestock producers over the coming weeks to discuss their enterprises, explore recent changes or directions they're considering, and hear about the key issues or ideas they may have. This initiative is part of an effort to build stronger community collaboration and ensure local voices are shaping the future of our livestock sector.

By connecting with producers on the ground, Facey Group hopes to gain valuable insight into the current state of livestock enterprises across the region. These conversations will help identify opportunities, shared challenges, and priorities that can guide future programs, support, and advocacy. Livestock producers are encouraged to engage in the discussion and help shape a resilient and innovative farming community.

For more information or to share your thoughts, please contact Erin Murray – AgREC on 0483 831 149 or at agrec2@faceygroup.org.au.



Making the Most Out of the eID Mandate

With the mandatory rollout of Electronic Identification (EID) for sheep underway in Western Australia, producers are being encouraged to not only comply with the new requirements but to also explore how to get real value from the technology on-farm. Beyond meeting traceability standards, EID can be a powerful management tool—helping producers track individual animal performance, improve flock health, enhance reproductive performance, and make informed decisions backed by data.

Facey Group is supporting local producers during this transition by offering EID scanning equipment for loan or hire. This gives producers the chance to trial the technology, learn how to capture and interpret data effectively, and integrate EID into everyday management practices. It's a chance to turn a regulatory change into a productivity gain.



Image: eIDs being used to record and draft ewes during pregnancy scanning at Windorah Farms

To access equipment or find out more, contact Facey Group today!

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GRAIN AUTOMATE EXPO + MACHINERY DEMO DAY

THURSDAY 3RD JULY

GET YOUR FARM FUTURE READY!

Full details released soon!

Contact Facey Group office for more information
98881223

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



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Monday 26th May: 9am – 3:30pm

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*Please phone the Wickepin Health Service on 9888 2222 to
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Get in touch

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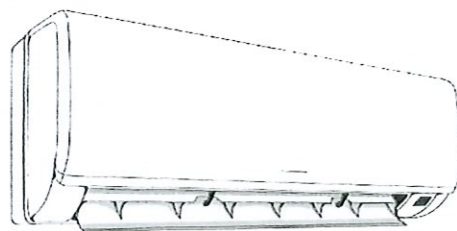
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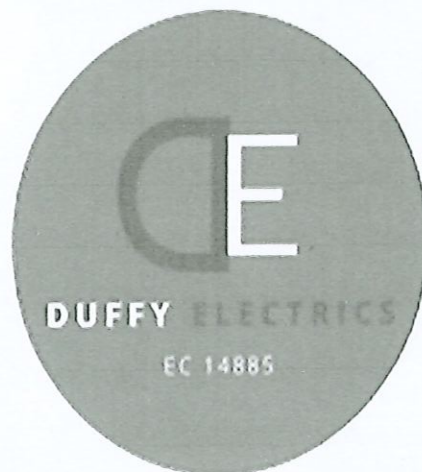
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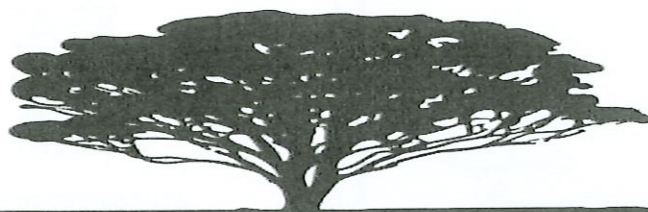


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SPORTS NOTES

Lake Yealering Bowling Club

The Lake Yealering Bowling Club Members would like to sincerely thank everyone for the support from Sponsors, Trophy Donors, Volunteer input and donations for the 24/25 Season.

Fantastic to see the Club participating in the Pennant Competition again and to finish Runner-up in the Upper Great Southern Bowling League Second Division finals was a major achievement.

Members are looking forward with energetic enthusiasm for the 25/26 Season and celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Club in October 2025 (Date to be determined).

Annual General Meeting held on the 29th April 2025 elected the following Office Bearers

PRESIDENT: Brian Shipley
SECRETARY: Daphne McKenzie
TREASURER: Christine Hill (Subject to approval)
CAPTAIN: Darrel Sims
VICE CAPTAIN: Carl McCombe (Subject to approval)
CATERER: Lois Shipley
BAR MANAGER: Todd Hill

COME AND GIVE LAWN BOWLS A GO.



Lake Yealering Golf Club

Saturday 3rd May 2025

Cool overcast and windy conditions for the day. 6 golfers teeing off for a stableford round. The best on the day was S. Baker with 37 points followed by P. Stribling with 33 points.

Novelties went to:-

Longest putt on No 2 S. Baker,
Best Third on No 16 P. Stribling,
Nearest to the Pin No 18 T. Sands.



Saturday 10th May 2025

5 Players teed off. Sunny, warm with a very light breeze, perfect conditions for golf (though the scores would indicate otherwise)!! Best on the day was S. Davidson, with 30 points followed by S. Dicks with 29 points.

Novelties went to:- Nearest to the Pin No 18 S. Dicks. No other novelties were anywhere near!!

Wickepin Football Club

Round 2 Budget Notes Wickepin

Wickepin D grade notes

Our first home game for the 2025 season saw us take on the Wagin Bulldogs. The Excitement continued from last week's win with everyone keen to get their hands on the ball early. It was a tough but even contest throughout the game with limited goal scoring opportunities, not scoring a major until the 3rd quarter. With Mia Ewen dominating the ruck again it allowed Dylan Miller and Jasper Steere a good look at the ball though with good pressure from the opposition it made it hard to score. Goals from Phil Turvey and Jasper Steere kept us in the game but Wagin eventually ran out winners by 2 goals. It was a great even contest which I'm sure all enjoyed. Best players for the day where Mia Ewen, Dylan Miller, Jasper Steere, Logan Pike, Logan Ratcliffe and Bailee Pike.

Reserves Notes

11:27am the masses flood into the change room and with 22 on our side you could hardly move in there. There was bad news for Wagin however, not only was I in fine form following my strict pregame ritual but now we had a Wagin boy playing for us with this year's pick up Dylan Conway. I just knew in the moment they were done for, how did Bulldogs stand a chance? Getting our eye in with some hand balls, the new physio walks in and in a matter of moments chests were puffed out and beer guts were sucked in, Cuballing's most eligible bachelor putting her to the test, getting both ankles strapped, a shoulder, a knee and 5 rub downs over the course of the day. Finally we were all primed and ready for the bounce. First quarter was all against us looking into the sun and kicking into the wind we came off at quarter time going down 4 goals to 1 early but spirits weren't killed yet as Mav ensured us it was definitely a 4 goal breeze. The start of the second quarter was confusing for some as we changed ends. Forgetting we had some first time players one of the first timers grabbed the ball out the back of a contest and darted back just about kicking a goal for Wagin. The sweet relief of half time gave us a chance to regroup and try to find our flow. Our new resident kiwi cemented himself in the forward line taking a few key marks and making sure we all knew where his chest was by wearing a jumper about 3 sizes too small for him. We found ourselves with more questionable rotations from the higher powers that command our bench again this week, at one point having 3 rucks running through the guts. By the time the 4th quarter rolled around we were all pretty gassed and just let Wagin run amuck. All in all pretty good game with Bulldogs taking the win, thanks to everyone that played and hopefully we can keep our good numbers going forward.

League Notes

After a good win against Narrogin, coach Dion was keen to continue the form against a much-improved Wagin side.

An inspiring Pope Francis quote from the coach before the boys ran out certainly must've tugged at the heart strings of Kayle Kirby who started on fire kicking 3 in the first quarter which saw us coming into quarter time 4 goals up. A strong fight back from Wagin in the second forced a few things to be addressed at half time but a solid second half secured our second win for the year. Awards went to Roachy with another strong display in the midfield, Kirby who along with Wittwer combined for 8 goals, Kailen who showed his class and players player went to Hank with a dominant display in the ruck.

Round 3 Results

D Grade Wickepin 6 – 1 (37) Brookton/Pingelly 4 – 11 (35)

Reserves Wickepin 4 – 7 (31) Brookton/Pingelly 12 – 7 (79)

League Wickepin 18 – 8 (116) Brookton/Pingelly 5 – 8 (38)

Wickepin Netball Club

ROUND ONE SUNDAY 4/5/25 - Thank you to our incredibly generous sponsors and volunteers for making the Wickepin Netball Gala Day a huge success! It may not have been our day on the scoreboard, but we sure did bring the passion, the determination and the sportsmanship! Thank you to all the spectators who came from near and far to support us, we are so grateful! Thank you RSM Narrogin, our major sponsor and Warranella Ag for your contribution in making the day possible!

A1 – Wagin 66 defeated Wickepin 36

Thank you, Helen and Tom Sands, The Remedy Physio + Pilates and Min Studio for donating the following awards:- Wickepin Best on Ground: Bri Schorer: Wagin Best on Ground: Regina Kickett, Players Player: Georgia Dawes

A2 – Wagin 47 defeated Wickepin 29

Thank you, Mullan Family, Duffy Electrics and Great Southern Fuels for donating the following awards: Wickepin Best on Ground: Olivia Hann, Wagin Best on Ground: Hannah Dunkeld, Players Player: Christina Smith

A3 – Wagin 51 defeated Wickepin 37

Thank you, Wickepin Motors, Schorer Tiling and Sportspower Narrogin for donating the following awards: Wickepin Best on Ground: Olivia Stott, Wagin Best on Ground: Emmaline Winmar, Players Player: Alex Hall

ROUND TWO FRIDAY 9/5 AND SATURDAY 10/5

A1- Wickepin 1 versed Williams on the weekend, a strong game however ultimately defeated 44 to 59.

A2- Wickepin 2 were defeated by Waves 1 on Friday night. It was a fast paced and exciting game. Wicky worked really well together reading the play and being spatially aware. End score was 28-37 with Olivia Hann scoring 17 of Wickepin's goals. Best players were awarded to Willow West and Christina Smith.

A3- In the second game together against Flames Fury, a fast and competitive game was played with the A3's showing great cohesion across the court, strong defensive efforts and a fluid attacking connection. Despite the loss, we kept the score close and celebrated a standout intercept from a first time player- great and exciting signs of growth and teamwork

Pot Club

Pot Club starts Sunday 18th May.
9.45am -12pm

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Indoor Bowls

Big Thank You to John Menegola and John Meddings for getting our equipment back in working order.
We shall be trying them out on Wednesday afternoon



The Wicky Weekly

5 May 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Happy days everyone!

Welcome back to school after the break and I trust everyone had the break they needed and/or wanted. Students have returned to school with smiling faces and happy, positive attitudes. We are delighted to welcome the children back to school for another wonderful term ahead.

Following a recent recruitment process, Ms Gillian Spargo was the successful applicant, and we welcome her as our School Officer for 12 months. Ms Spargo brings a wealth of school administrative experience and will be delighted to support all families with any queries and/or requests.

Please remember if you have any concerns regarding your child/ren or need to share information regarding health and wellbeing or pick up/drop arrangements, that a phone call to the school office is the best way to have this information shared quickly with teaching staff or an email can be sent to the teacher for non-urgent matters. Your child's teacher will respond to an email as soon they are able to but within 48 hours.

This term we have our new Chaplain – Mark Balnaves- working with us and today is the first day of our new initiative – the Brunch Club! This will take place each Monday morning at recess thanks to a kind donation of money to start this up from Central Aicare and the enthusiasm of Mark. Hot toasted sandwiches, toast and fruit are on offer for all students to enjoy.



The Gardening Club will also commence today with an afternoon session for students with Mark. There is talk of growing the biggest pumpkin in the area – watch this space for further details!

A Chess Club will also begin each Tuesday lunchtime from week three outside Room 3. I look forward to welcoming children along to learn to play this wonderful game – an opportunity to strategise, problem solve and develop critical thinking skills.

We have several fabulous incursions, sports clinics and events taking place this term including Musica Viva and Pillow Talk puppet performance and workshops. Please do check the term calendar to keep up to date and follow us on our school Facebook page. We will also attend an Inter School Cross Country event on Friday 6 June in Narrogin as well as a Winter Carnival on Thursday 26 June at St Matthew's Primary School in Narrogin for Years 4-6 students.

Walk to School Day is on Friday 16 May with children encouraged to walk or ride to school where they can do so safely. We have been sent lots of lovely stickers to hand out on this day and children will be provided with an additional outdoor play opportunity on this date to support being active and a healthy lifestyle.

Assemblies have moved to a Friday afternoon in Terms 2 and 3 – we have carefully considered the start time to reflect the needs of our students, teaching and learning and minimising disruption for families. I am pleased to confirm the start time for these assemblies will be 2.15pm.

We look forward to a productive and enjoyable term with all children and continuing to welcome all families to work in partnership with us.

Kind regards,

Hazel Herd



Dates to Remember

May	
16	Walk to School Day
19	Musica Viva Incursion
21	National Simultaneous Storytime
June	
4	Book Fair
6	Cross Country 4/5/6
6	Assembly Y2/3
13	Transition NSWHS
17	Pillow Fight Puppet Incursion
July	
1	Reports Home

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.

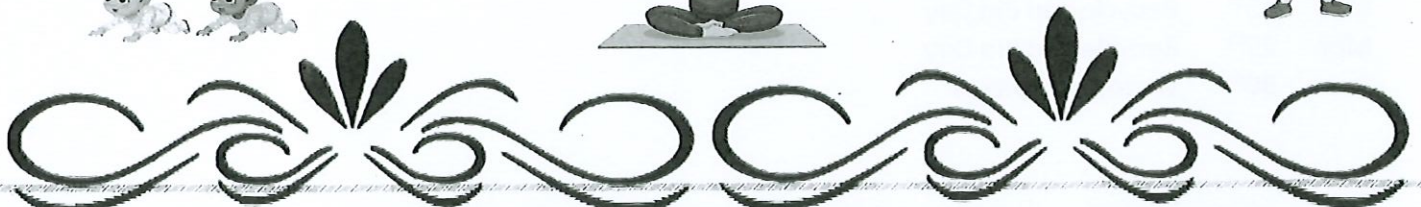
Wickepin Sports Club open from 5pm for Happy hour 6-7pm.

Saturdays

Banksia Bowmen Archery – Winter Shoot Time Saturday 1 – 4pm @ Wickepin Community Centre. Equipment is available for come and try.

Sundays

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2025

MAY

Mon	26th	Watershed News
Mon	26th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	27th	Biggest Morning Tea CRC 10.30am
Thur	29th	Wickepin Hotel Open Evening from 5pm
Fri	30th	Revegetation Funding Closes

JUNE

Mon	2nd	Public Holiday WA Day
Wed	4th	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Thur	5th	Connectivity without Confusion 10.30am CRC
Fri	6th	Communi - Tea
Tues	10th	Canva Design Workshop 10.30am – 2.30pm CRC
Mon	9th	Watershed News
Mon	9th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	16th	Facey Group Shed Opening 5.30pm
Mon	23rd	Watershed News
Mon	23rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri-Sun	27-29th	Wickepin Winter Weekend

JULY

Thurs	3rd	Grain Automate Expo & Machinery Demo
Fri	4th	Communi Tea
Mon	7th	Watershed News
Mon	7th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	15th	Drum Muster, Contact Shire of Wickepin to book 98881005
Mon	21st	Watershed News
Mon	21st	Recycle and Bin Day
Thur	31st	Facey Group Annual Women In Agricultural Event

AUGUST

Fri	1st	Communi Tea
Mon	4th	Watershed News
Mon	4th	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	13th	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Mon	18th	Watershed News
Mon	18th	Recycle and Bin Day

SEPTEMBER

Mon	1st	Watershed News
Mon	1st	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri	5th	Communi Tea
Mon	15th	Watershed News
Mon	15th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	29th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	30th	Watershed News