

WATERSHED NEWS

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

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Wickepin Arts & Craft



Group meets from 9.30 every Wednesday



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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

June/July Birthday Wishes to:

- 24th Judy Lock
- 26th Cejay Hill
- 27th Ruth Bailey
- 28th Jacqui Martin
- 30th Kyle Flavell
- 2nd Aiden White, Jade Bushby
- 3rd Lucy Miller
- 5th Andrea Cooke-Bennier
- 6th Leah Taylor
- 7th Caitlin Pauley



Births

Congratulations to Tim and Justina Ashton on the arrival of a baby girl, Aleksandra Sofia. Congratulations also to Peta and John Bushby on the arrival of baby Frances, a sister for Ollie and Wyatt

Seekers In Narrogin

A big thankyou to Wendy our for making arrangements for the Clients here to attend the "Seekers" concert held at the Senior Citizen's Venue Narrogin on the 10th June 2025. What a wonderful 2 hours of their songs of yesteryear and most of them we remember so well, word for word. "Georgie Girl" a real favourite. There was a lovely tribute film for the late Judith Durham who died some years ago and was an integral and talented singer of the "Seekers" Band.



Seekers Band in the Sixties

Keith Potger also of the late band is a very passionate and great entertainer along with his partner and very competent technician who kept the show 'ticking' along nicely with several witty humorous jokes; with no swearing or ribald suggestions.

Thankyou also to the gentleman in charge of organising this great show and also for such a lovely lunch on the cold and showery morning. We were so fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend. (The other two gentlemen of the late Seekers are still with us and Keith still has lunch with them from time to time. Keith is now one of us in years of 80 plus.)

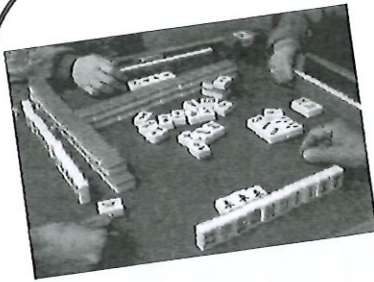


Ambulance Officers Appreciation

A very big thankyou to our very kind and capable Ambulance Volunteers who we had to call this week. What a fabulous and prompt service considering the distances these wonderful people need to travel into Wickepin before hand to pick up the Ambulance.

Get Well Soon

A special get well and speedy recovery to Daphne Tetlow who is in Fiona Stanley Hospital after a fall. Thankyou to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Narrogin Hospital Staff.



Yealering CWA Room

Friday 27th June 2025

Come for a catch up

or a game of Mahjong, Scrabble, Chess, or cards

from 1pm or anytime for a cuppa!

Donations appreciated-

all proceeds to

Yealering Progress Association

All welcome, see you there!



CLASSIFIEDS

2009 Nissan Navara 2.5 Ute

237 kms Dual Cab

Registered 1DWX 915

\$3500 ono

Also free take away semi wrecked Nissan

Navara plus extras

Phone Henry 0400 311 479

Found

Sunglasses found just off Central Avenue in the lane at back of passionfruit vine opposite Chris Moore's chooks.

Collect at the CRC

Help Us Celebrate Our Own Local Heroes

We know there are many unsung heroes right here in Wickpin — 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.

Too good to not share 🍷

- 1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.**
- 2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.**
- 3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.**
- 4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.**
- 5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.**
- 6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.**



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We recently bid farewell to our Acting CEO, Peter Clarke, who has made a significant impact during his time with us. Peter leaves behind a legacy of commitment, professionalism, and strong leadership, having played a key role in guiding both the Council and staff through periods of transition. We wish him all the best as he moves on to new opportunities.

We're also thrilled to welcome David Burton as our new CEO. With David's arrival, we're excited for the fresh perspective and renewed energy he brings. We look forward to the new opportunities and growth ahead under his leadership.

COUNCIL MEETING

Ordinary Council Meeting was held on 18 June 2025 where Council adopted the Fees and Charges for 2025/2026 financial year. These can be inspected at the Shire Office during normal opening hours or downloaded from the Shire's website.

The 2025/2026 Community Grant Applications received were also reviewed at the June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting. To view the Council decision, please refer to the June 2025 Council Meeting Minutes, available on the Shire's website under the 'Council Meetings' tab.

SHIRE WORKS

The Shire's Depot crew has worked extensively this year to complete a series of road construction works, by completing works along Rabbit Proof Fence Road, Wickpin-Pingelly Road and the general maintenance of grading throughout the shire.

The Shire's Gardening crew has been preparing townsites for the winter rains, and we thank the community for promptly reporting fallen trees, which helps our works crew respond efficiently. Please continue to report maintenance issues via the Shire's website or by calling 9888 1005.

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Dog owners are reminded to be responsible when walking their pets in public areas. Please ensure you clean up after your dog to help keep our community spaces clean and pleasant for everyone. Let's work together to maintain a tidy and welcoming environment for all.



RATES – END OF FINANCIAL YEAR & 2025/2026 RATES

30th of June is fast approaching to the end of financial year. If you are a pensioner and have not yet paid your rates, please contact us at admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au for assistance and to claim your rebate if you are eligible.

The 2025/2026 rates will be issued in the coming months. To ensure you receive your rates notice and to alleviate possible interest charges on late payments, please make sure we have your correct postal address on record and advise if any changes of ownership are required.

WICKEPIN RUBBISH TIP ATTENDANT

To help ensure smooth operations at the Wickepin Rubbish Tip, please remember to stop and speak with the Rubbish Tip Attendant upon arrival. Let them know what items you're disposing of—this will be recorded—and they will direct you to the correct disposal area.

**SPEED REMINDER THROUGH TOWN**

Residents and visitors are reminded to slow down and adhere to the 50km/h speed limit when driving through Wickpin. Please pay attention to all road signage and help keep our town safe for everyone.

**APPOINTMENT OF BUSH FIRE RELATED OFFICERS 2025-26**

Each year Council appoints Bush Fire Related Officers for the District. Mr Luke Lansdell has been appointed as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Mr Toby Russell to the role of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. A full list of Fire Control Officers and other Bush Fire Related Officers will be posted at a later date closer to bush fire season.

Wickpin Winter Weekend

of Country Music and Dancing
27, 28, & 29 June 2025
Old Time Dance & Line Dance
at the
WICKEPIN TOWN HALL

FRIDAY NIGHT: 7.30pm Music by Campfire Country - Old Time Dance
SATURDAY: Dance Sessions / Guest Artists - 10am to 4pm

Line Dancing
Old Time/New Vogue Dance
Fundraising Luncheon SATURDAY
(tickets will be available Friday night)

SATURDAY NIGHT - 7.00pm
GUEST ARTIST CONCERT

SUNDAY MORNING: Dance Session 9.30am - 11.30am

\$10 Friday Night only
\$15 Saturday 10am-4pm
\$20 Saturday Night only
\$40 Weekend ticket
Payable at Door

FUNDRAISING FOR ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

Caravan Parking (toilets and showers included) available at the Wickpin Community Centre (opposite the Town Hall) \$10 per van per night, payable at the gate.

Other accommodation available:
Wickpin Caravan Park 0434 172002 (Beryle)

David 0429 109 334 / Therese 0448 387878

campfirecountry@gmail.com

Wickepin Unsung Heros & Local Legends

Phillip Watson

Phil was the 'Go to fix it' man of Wickepin be it mechanical, domestic or community related he would tackle anything. If he couldn't fix it, he would find the person who could or find a replacement to get you going.

Phil was the favoured Ambulance officer of the Wickepin branch who didn't panic and thought clearly at an emergency. He would assess situations quickly and take control which included knowing exactly where everything was in the Ambulance and its purpose.

He was an Ambulance Officer for Wickepin for 50 years. He was never happier than when he was in his shed changing the gear box or diff in an older vehicle.

He would spend hours sourcing parts on line until he found the right one for any old machine. YouTube would help him with the difficulties he might come across with installing something he hadn't encountered before, proving he was always willing to learn. Many an older farm machine was given an extended life not just in Wickepin but around the Ag region, due to Phil's expertise.

Wickepin's own Machinery Whisperer.

Phil died in 2021 leaving behind a grateful community and his working accomplice in Tom who is now doing the work and favours for 2 people.

If you have any stories of Phil you would like to share, please send them in to the Watershed.

Phil was nominated by Kevin Pauley as a
Unsung Hero and Local Legend of Wickepin.

Written by Hazel Green

WA Budget Breakfast Presentation

by Hon Sabine Winton MLA

Early Start for many who attended Narrogin Highschool Hilltop Cafe for breakfast & presentation featuring Special State Budget 2025 items relating to the Wheatbelt region. Attending were many from Local Government Shires in the region and Politicians such as Peter Rundle and Steve Martin. Also Tina Astbury from Facey Group and others from Allied Health, Education, Farming & West Australian Regional Group to name a few.

Uncle Basil Kickett performed Noongar Welcome to Country following his amazing story leading to his 20 years, still at Narrogin Primary. Wonderful catering by students at the Highschool. Eggs Florentine, perfectly cooked.

Of interest to myself & to our community was a strong undertaking in this budget to resurrect regional rail in our region by in first instance returning rail in the bush to State Government control.



Pictured is Sue Mearns, local Registered Nurse, Mable member, working to help facilitate "staying at home" programs, with Hon Sabine Winton MLA discussing relevance of budgetary allocations to our area.

Also pictured is Hon Sabine Winton MLA, Hon Klasey Hirst MLC & Head Prefects Rick Nulla & Kate Cousins.

Cr John Mearns
Wickepin



Calling all country cooks and baking legends!



Ever been asked to "bring a plate to share" and wished you had a cracker recipe up your sleeve? Well, dust off your aprons because we're stirring up a community cookbook packed with all the best morning and afternoon tea treats!

We're looking for those tried-and-true recipes that always disappear first – trusty scones, no-fuss slices, or cakes that make everyone ask for seconds. Don't be shy! Send in your favourites, and here's the fun part: we'd love you to share a memory or a funny story that goes along with your dish.

Maybe it's the recipe that saved the day at the last Faries fundraiser, or the one that's been in your family for generations. Let's fill this book with not just recipes, but with the heart and soul of our community!

WICKY ON A PLATE

Food that feeds memories

Drop your recipes in to us at the Wicky CRC,
or email them to admin@wickepinrc.com.au

Communi-TEA

Come along for an afternoon dedicated to celebrating four essential elements of life: good Cake, good Coffee, good Conversation, and most importantly, amazing Community.

Friday July 4th 1.30 pm
at Wickepin CRC



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

August 1st
September 5th
October 3rd

November 7th
December 12th



Wickepin
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

SUPPORT WORKERS NEEDED

Wickepin CRC is seeking additional support workers to assist seniors in our community

As an Independent Support Worker, you can enjoy:

- *Flexible hours - work as much or as little as you prefer
- *The ability to set your own pay rates
- *The opportunity to make a meaningful impact
- *No formal qualifications required

You can offer a range of services, including:

- Social visits and outings
- Transportation
- House cleaning
- Meal preparation
- Home maintenance
- Assistance with errands
- Light gardening



Contact Wickepin Community Resource Centre for more Information on (08) 9888 1500 or email eo@wickepinrc.com.au

Wickepin Arts & Craft

Joyner Street, Wickepin, WA, 6370

Contacts: Kathy 0416 007 164: Elaine 0428 898 025: Charlotte 0437 418 289: Irene 0437 801 026

The Wickepin Arts & Crafts commenced in 1984 in what was the Roads Board office building, generously given to the Arts & Crafts group by the shire. The Roads Board office moved to the then new Town Hall. The R.S.L. and Freemasons previously occupied the Roads Board office building. The building also comprises a hall which was used for public meetings, Church services by the Catholic Church and as the venue for the first Wickepin show (1915)

In the past the craft centre has accommodated patch workers, china painting, pottery and ceramics, cake decorating, macrame and card making. Now that our numbers have dwindled, the centre accommodates sewing, diamond dotz, painting, colouring in, knitting and crocheting, with each member bringing in their own project, however we still enjoy weekly meetings and enjoying each others company. On occasions, where there is interest – workshops.



We were very proud to be included in the Intergenerational Programme when the students came and, under supervision, used sewing machines, making lolly bags for the senior's Christmas lunch. Most of the students had previously used sewing machines and we had positive feedback on their experience.



Our craft ladies now make skirts, shorts, jewellery bags, scrunchies, toilet bags, carry bags, marble bags, teddies, dolls and beanies. Once a year we have a community gathering to pack the shoeboxes for the Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes. The boxes are taken to Perth to be checked and packed into a sea container then sent to children in different third world countries – the only gifts they receive all year.



We also join with the Toolseum for a sausage sizzle after the packing.



The Arts & Crafts also support Wheelchairs for Kids, supplying knitted toys and knitted or crocheted blankets. The factory is in Malaga and well worth a visit. The wheelchairs are made by volunteers in a very large warehouse.



We also enjoy serving our Devonshire teas on our fundraising days at markets with the opportunity to sell our crafts.

Our craft group meet every Wednesday from 9.30am. We welcome those who would just like to have a look at what we do, enjoy a cuppa and a chat or even bring in a craft you are enjoying at home. If you have a craft you enjoy and feel you could share, we would love to have you.

Vegetable and Barley Soup

Ingredients (10)

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium brown onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled, halved lengthways, chopped
- 4 Thin Sliced Streaky Bacon Rashers, trimmed, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 400g can whole peeled tomatoes
- 1 large zucchini halved lengthways, chopped
- 1 tbsp Chicken stock powder
- 6 cups cold water
- 1/2 cup pearl barley, rinsed



Method

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, carrot, bacon and celery. Cook for 10 minutes or until onion has softened. Add tomato, zucchini, stock powder and water. Bring to the boil. Add barley. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, partially covered, for 40 minutes or until barley is tender. Garnish with chopped celery leaves, if you like. Stir into soup. Serve.

Easy Golden Syrup Pudding

Ingredients

- 1 sheet puff pastry defrosted
- 1/2 cup golden syrup
- 1/2 cup milk



Method

Preheat oven to 220C (200C fan-forced). Set aside a small baking or gratin dish.

Spread golden syrup over the pastry sheet.

Take one corner and fold 3cm towards the centre, then continue to fold over and over.

Fold pointed ends to the centre and place in a small baking dish. Pour the milk evenly over the roll.

Bake for 25 minutes

KIDS PAGE

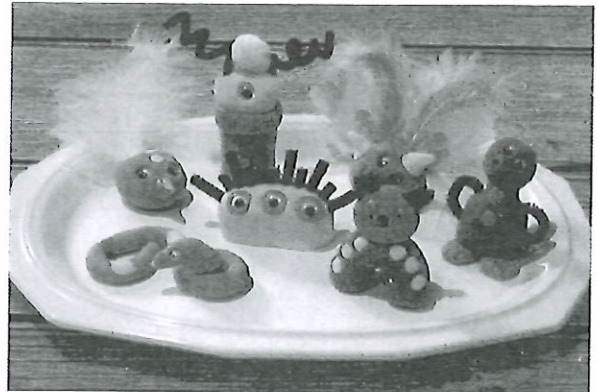
ARTS & CRAFTS

How to Make Clay

It's easy to make your own homemade clay with four simple ingredients: baking soda, cornstarch, water and food coloring. If you really want to get fancy, break out some optional googly eyes, feathers, chenille sticks, craft sticks or pompoms! Here's all you need to do to make this simple and fun craft with your kids.

What You'll Need

2 cups baking soda
1 cup cornstarch
1 1/4 cups water
Food colouring
Wiggle eyes, feathers, chenille sticks, craft sticks, pompoms (optional)



What to Do

1. Pour the baking soda, cornstarch and water into a pot.
2. Cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring until it looks like mashed potatoes.
3. Let the clay cool; then divide it into four pieces.
4. Add food colouring and knead until smooth.
5. Turn your clay into amazing shapes and fun things.
6. Add wiggle eyes, feathers and other craft supplies to make cute critters!
7. Leave your art in a sunny place to dry.

KIDS BIRTHDAYS





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 UPDATE

Big Day Out in Wickepin – Grain Automate Expo + LIVE Machinery Demo Day!!

When: Thursday 3 July 2025

Where: Wickepin Community Centre & Walsh Road, Commodine

If you've ever wondered what the future of farming looks like or want to see some serious metal in action, clear your calendar for Thursday, 3 July!

The day kicks off bright and early at the **Wickepin Community Centre** with the **Grain Automate Expo** (8.00 AM – 1.30 PM). This is your chance to get hands-on with the latest ag tech, hear from automation experts, and figure out how this wave of innovation could work on your farm. Whether you're automation-curious or already halfway there, there's something here for everyone.

Don't forget to bring your laptop! There'll be a hands-on **Variable Rate Workshop**, where you can link up your digital farm using tools like MyJD, CNH FieldOps, SMS/Ag Leader or PCT/AgCloud. If you're already set up, you can work through path planning software and leave with a field-ready variable rate prescription. And if you're not set up yet? No worries — there'll be experts on hand to help you take that first step.

We'll finish the day with a casual **sundowner and sausage sizzle** in the shearing shed, so stick around for a chat and a cold one.

Brought to you by Facey Group, SPAA, MADFIG and WANTFA, with support from GRDC.



Grain Automate Expo **WICKEPIN**

and **WANTFA** Live Machinery Demo Day

3 JULY

Powered by Facey Group

A big day of innovation, automation and action.

Morning and afternoon sessions packed with hands-on learning, expert insights, and live demonstrations — all designed to future-proof your farming business.

Morning Session: Grain Automate Workshop

8.30am | Registration

9.00am – 1.00pm | Wickepin Community Centre

- Digital success, not data mess – Map your farm processes and set up boundaries to kickstart automation.
- Field to figures – Design and analyse on-farm trials to turn data into decisions.
- Better than blanket – Use field data and software to zone, prescribe and profit with VRT.

Afternoon Session: WANTFA Live Machinery Demo

2.30pm – 5.00pm | Walsh Road, Commodore

- Watch live soil amelioration machinery in action.
- Hear from the experts, swap ideas and 'talk shop' with fellow growers.

Sundowner

5.30pm – 7.00pm | Location TBC

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL. Be ready for a 9.00am sharp start!

For more details [click here](#) or scan the QR code



Grain Automate Expos

MERREDIN AND WICKEPIN

Facilitated by Bindi Isbister from Agrarian Management, this practical, hands-on workshop will help you turn digital data into better decisions.

Learn how to implement VRT with confidence, design and analyse on-farm trials, and take real steps toward farm automation.

MERREDIN

Workshop 1 July

TAMMIN

Paddock Walk 2 July

WICKEPIN

Workshop 3 July

Digital success, not data mess

- Map your pathway to automation
- Set up your digital farm and boundaries

Better than blanket - smarter VRT

- Use field data to drive profit
- Understand data layers and zoning strategies
- Real case studies

WANTFA Live Machinery Demo

- **Merredin:** Spreaders and sprayers
- **Wickepin:** Deep ripping and soil amelioration gear

Field to figures - on-farm experimentation

- Design and run trials with confidence
- Monitor in-season and analyse yield data for real insights

Software breakout session

- Tailored sessions by platform
- Create VRT prescriptions and analyse trial results

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

For more details [click here](#) or scan the QR code



**What
to bring
on the
day**

Variable Rate Workshop

- **Bring your laptop** to get hands-on and maximise the value for your farm business. If you have access to a digital version of your farm — MyJD, CNH FieldOps, SMS/Ag Leader, PCT/AgCloud — even better!

You'll have the opportunity to link your digital farm with VergeAg's path planning software and leave with a field-ready variable rate prescription.

Not set up yet? Have a chat with your local dealer or precision ag specialist to get started on your path to autonomy.





FACEY GROUP UPDATE

A New Heart for Local Research: Facey Group Shed Opens in Wickepin

It might have been a brisk June evening, but spirits were high as the Facey Group officially opened its brand-new GRDC Research shed in Wickepin on Monday, June 16.

Locals, growers, and industry folks turned up not just to check out a shiny new building but to celebrate something much bigger: a new chapter for grassroots research and local farming know-how.

Like any good farm shed, it's already shaping up to be the practical heart of operations. A place where trials are launched, ideas are exchanged, and muddy boots are welcome. As most farmers will tell you, a shed isn't just four walls and a roof; it's where the action happens.



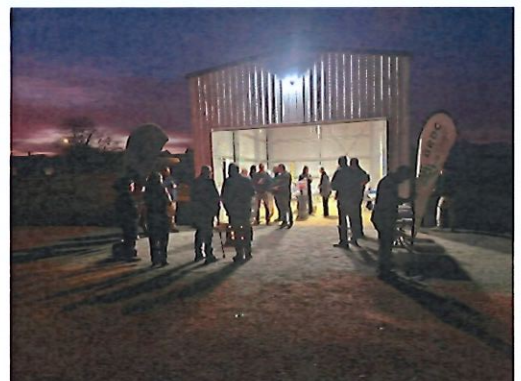
This one is no different. The new shed gives Facey Group a permanent home for key equipment like the trial seeder and soil sampler, while also allowing room to grow into future needs. As Facey Group President Sam Horley put it, "It gives us the space and tools to keep pushing innovation relevant to this region."

Behind the scenes, the shed was years in the making, and much of that momentum came from the tireless efforts of Facey Group Deputy CEO Bronwyn Dew. Bronwyn's dogged determination helped turn a big idea into a real building. She

not only wrote the successful grant to GRDC, but also wrangled the tricky logistics to bring it all together. Her work hasn't gone unnoticed; the new shed is a testament to her tenacity.

The event had grazing boards, a barbecue, cold drinks, and warm conversation. Lifetime member and GRDC Western Panel Chair Gary Lang opened the evening with thoughtful remarks and a Q&A about GRDC's role in regional research. Later, another Lifetime member, Audrey Bird, had the honour of officially cutting the cake to mark the occasion.

For a small organisation, this shed is a big leap. And while we are still moving in by installing the sink and drying oven, its purpose is already clear: to support local growers with practical research, close community ties, and a space that brings it all together.

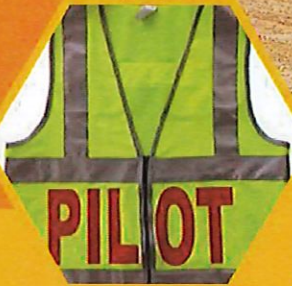


Eastough's Ag

2nd & 3rd September

Wickepin

Heavy Vehicle Pilot & Refresher Course



Eastoughs Ag Training is rolling into town with hands-on, industry-ready training courses designed for the ag sector.

Whether you're upskilling or starting fresh, don't miss this opportunity to boost your future close to home!

COURSE INCLUDES

- TLIB002 Carry out vehicle inspection
- TLIC3010 Pilot or escort oversized and/ or overmassed loads
- TLIE3009 Use pilot and escort communication
- TLIF3013 Coordinate breakdowns and emergencies
- TLIF3060 Control traffic as a pilot vehicle operator

Refresher

1 day

\$600

Refreshers can be completed from 12 months before expiry

Full Course

2 days

\$1400

(inc. Vest)

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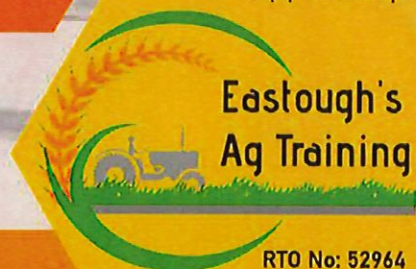
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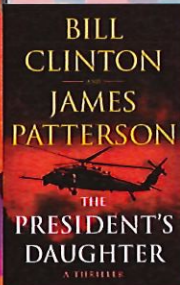
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New books at the Wickepin Public Library



ADULT THRILLER LARGE PRINT: *The Presidents Daughter* — Bill Clinton and James Patterson

Matthew Keating, a one-time Navy SEAL and former US president, has always defended his family as fiercely as he has his country.

Now these defences are under attack. And it's personal.

Keating's teenage daughter, Melanie, has been abducted, turning every parent's deepest fear into a matter of national security.

As the world watches, Keating embarks on a one-man special-ops mission that tests his strengths — as a leader, a warrior and a father.

Because Keating knows that to save Melanie's life, he may lose his own . . .



ADULT FICTION: *The Things We Leave Unfinished* — Rebecca Yarros

Two sworn enemies. One unfinished manuscript. The love story of a lifetime...

When Georgia Stanton discovers that her late grandmother, Scarlett, the infamous romance author, did not get the chance to finish her last book, she is determined to share her story. But first, it needs to be written.

Enter Noah Harrison, the bestselling and most charismatic romance author of his generation. When Georgia meets him, she is distraught - although he's charming and handsome, there's nothing beneath the surface. But as they start working together, Georgia begins to see that there might be more to Noah than meets the eye.

Together, they realize that Scarlett was saving the greatest love story of all until last - her own. While serving in World War Two, she fell in love with the handsome and enigmatic pilot, Jameson. But are Georgia and Noah about to discover that not all love stories have a happy ending...



ADULT FICTION AUDIOBOOK: *The Paris Seamstress* — Natasha Lester

1940: As the Germans advance on Paris, young seamstress Estella Bisette is forced to flee everything she's ever known. She's bound for New York City with her signature gold dress, a few francs, and a dream: to make her mark on the world of fashion.

Present day: Fabienne Bisette journeys to the Met's annual gala for an exhibit featuring the work of her ailing grandmother - a legend of women's fashion design. But as Fabienne begins to learn more about her beloved grandmother's past, she uncovers a story of tragedy, heartbreak and family secrets that will dramatically change her own life.



JUNIOR FICTION: *Avatar The Rift* — Gene Luen Yang

In this collection of *The Rift* (Books 1-3), Avatar Aang and friends honour an Air Nomad holiday that hasn't been celebrated in over one hundred years. However, when cryptic visits from the spirit of Avatar Yangchen lead Aang to a refinery operating on land sacred to the Airbenders they soon find themselves in peril as a dangerously powerful ancient spirit awakens with vengeance and destruction on its mind!

This stunning paperback omnibus continues the long-running official story of the hit Nickelodeon animated series *Avatar: The Last Airbender*!



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Wickepin Hotel Co-operative Now Registered

And What a Night We Had!

We're thrilled to announce that the **Wickepin Hotel Co-operative Ltd** is now officially registered — a huge milestone in bringing our beloved local pub back to life as a community-owned venue.



To celebrate this exciting step, we hosted an **Open Evening at the Wickepin Hotel on Thursday 29th May**. What a fantastic turnout! Locals, friends, families, and potential investors came together to see the progress made, share a burger and a beer, and swap ideas for what comes next.

It was heartening to see so many people exploring the space, chatting about future plans, and reconnecting with the vision of what the hotel can be. The energy in the room proved once again that this is truly a project by the community, for the community.

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along, helped out, or simply showed up with enthusiasm and support.

Your involvement is what will make this project thrive.

If you missed the night but still want to get involved, membership applications are now open.

Let's keep this momentum going — and raise a glass to our community's future!



Contact Brett Doncon (0429 881 201) or Tina Astbury (0415 804 628) for more information.

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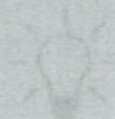
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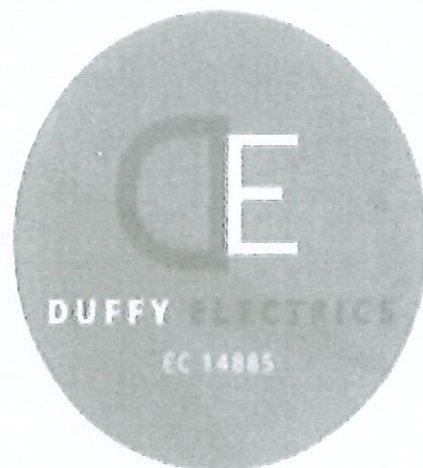
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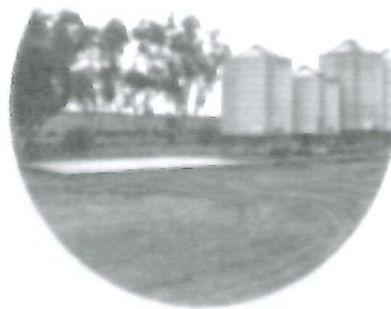
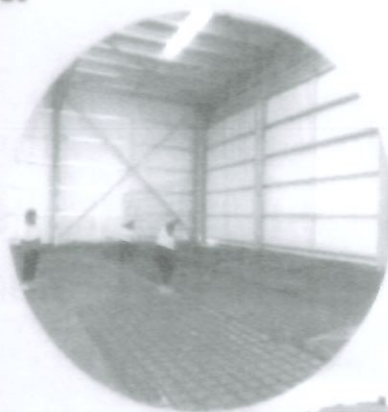
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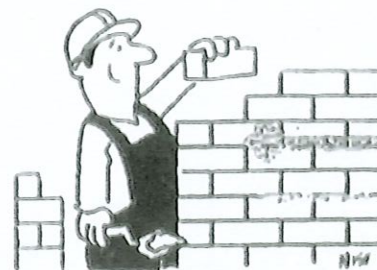
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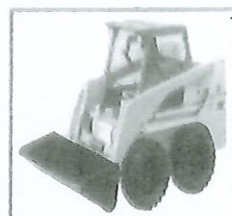
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SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

Budget Notes Wickepin

Reserves

Hit the road once more this week, this time to the coldest place on the planet. A few old heads back on the side meant we had to give a player away so at least one of us got to taste winners' beers. Worked it out and between the 7 old heads that returned they have a combined total of 342 years of football experience, only 4 hours of that was spent at trainings. The first half wasn't kind to us as we were as slow as Crouchy's urea truck but once we got going in the second half things started falling into place, our forwards had them on ice and our backs controlled the ground like masterminds. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough as we couldn't quite secure the victory going down by only 3 points. Maybe now seeding's out the way some of us can start some pre-season!

League

The league ran out a different looking side thanks to a rough run with injuries. The boys started slowly finding it hard to convert and Kukerin were certainly on top in the first half with the boys going in at half time 6 goals down. After being told to look at the score board in an exchange of words with the opposition, a few things were tweaked at half time and the midfield went to work in the second half to pull off a great come back. Awards went to Roachy, Flynn and Royce.



Wickein Football Club Invites Players, Family and friends to 1975 Grand Final Reunion

Saturday 5th July 2025

come and watch the League Boys
take on Narrogin Hawks while
bragging about your talents in
1975

Enjoy a cuppa at half time and some of that
famous Wickepin afternoon tea (\$5), then grab a
beer with your mates while talking about the
win. Bar open during the game Eftpos available

Wickepin Netball Club are providing dinner for a small fee
after the awards, we hope you can join us.

Our club is holding a quiz night at 7.00pm on the evening.
If you would like to get a table of 8 or join a table contact
Nick Schorer on 0477135631. Tickets \$20 per person

To RSVP or for further information contact:
Sue Spark : 0427832015 [wickeinfc@live.com.au](mailto:wickepinfc@live.com.au)
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Wickepin Football School Photo

How many did you recognize???

Coach- Peter Lawler

Back row L-R Murray Woodward, Greg White, Wayne Kirby, Lindsay Hemley, Karl Sartori, Geoff Sims, Ken Martin, Tim Heffernan

Middle row L-R Konrad Blasch, Stephen Lewis, Graeme Wyllie, Steven Martin, Hilton Kirby, Tim Fleay, Craig Bain, Lance Knox

Front Row L-R Grayden Lang, Jeffrey Pauley, Mark Fulford, Greg Snow, Brad Pauley, Rodney Hemley



Revised Songs of the 60s for Baby Boomers

Herman`s Hermits – Mrs Brown You`ve Got a Lovely Walker.

Ringo Starr – I Get By With a Little Help from My Depends

The Bee Gees – How Can You Mend a Broken Hip

Roberta Flack – The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

Johnny Nash – I Can`t See Clearly Now

Paul Simon – Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

The Commodores – Once, Twice, Three Times to The Bathroom

Procol Harum – A Whiter Shade of Hair

Leo Sayer – You Make Me Feel like Napping

The Temptations – Papa`s Got A Kidney Stone

Abba – Denture Queen

Helen Reddy – I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore

Lesley Gore – It`s My Hormones and I Will Cry If I Want To

Willie Nelson – On the Commode Again

SPORTS NOTES

LAKE YEALERING GOLF CLUB

Saturday 14th June 2025

Third qualifying round. Mixed weather for the day. 8 Players teed off.

Winner of the day K. Coxon

Nearest to the Pin C. Nelson

Longest Putt K. Coxon

Best Third C. Jespersen

Saturday 21st June 2025

Due to Members supporting Harrismith Mid Week and Corrigin Open Day, a social day was held over 8 holes in inclement weather.



INDOOR BOWLS

At the Recreation Centre on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm. We've had a bit of a lull for a few weeks due to holidays, appointments etc. Last week was really enjoyable, we had a lot of camaraderie and banter. Colin Marsh has not been well and is in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and miss his company.

A large poster for the Pingelly Auskick Carnival. It features a group of children playing Australian Rules football on a field. The text 'PINGELLY AUSKICK presents' is at the top, followed by a large stylized 'P' logo. Below that is 'PINGELLY TRANSPORT' in a box, and 'Auskick CARNIVAL' in large letters. The text 'JOIN US IN PINGELLY!' is below that. Further down, it says 'WHAT: EXCITING EVENT FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS AGED 5-12', 'WHEN: SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025', and 'WHERE: PINGELLY RECREATION & CULTURAL CENTRE (PRACC)'. At the bottom, it says 'PLAYERS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL YOUR AUSKICK CENTRE TO REGISTER!!'. There are logos for 'COUNTRY FOOTBALL WA', 'Hay', and 'AGRI PARTS & REPAIRS' at the bottom. The word 'Nutrien' is also visible on the left.

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The Wicky Weekly

16 June 2025

Kaya,

I hope everyone is well and recovering from all the coughs and colds we have had as the seasons have changed now to winter – Makuru. This spans from June to July. It is known as the coldest and wettest time of the year in the southwest of Western Australia, characterised by strong winds and frequent rain. The colour associated with Makuru is dark blue, symbolising rain and cold weather. Traditionally, it was a time when people moved inland from the coast to find food and shelter, focusing on land-based resources like kangaroos.

We are looking forward to Spare Parts Puppet Theatre group visiting us tomorrow and all students will attend the performance in the undercover area at 9.30am. Two puppet making workshops will follow with all students creating their own puppets. I look forward to seeing all the creativity in action!

The winter carnival is almost upon us with Miss Conway and Mrs Joldescu will take selected students to Narrogin to participate in this annual event. Letters, permission slips and lunch orders have already been sent home – might be worth checking school bags if you have not seen these yet!

All students have now completed a survey to share their thoughts and feelings about our school which was a goal in the Strategic Plan. Parents/caregivers were also provided with an opportunity to complete a survey in May, and we had roughly one third of our community respond, which by usual standards of research, is the typical response. Thank you to families for sharing their thoughts with us and I will provide further information around these surveys next term. The staff survey will be completed in week 9-10 this term. It is important to listen to feedback and then identify our next steps as we all work together to drive student improvement and continue to provide the best educational experiences for our children every day.

Mornings are a very busy time for teaching staff, they are setting up for the day, finishing planning and organising resources for the day ahead. Once children arrive in classes the teachers are focussed on the students and this is a time for wellbeing check-ins and the first chance to see the students, greet them and welcome them back into the classroom space. This is our priority. If you need to speak with a teacher, please book an appointment with them via email for after school when the teacher can give you their 100% attention, time and focus. Our teaching staff are committed to your children and care deeply about their wellbeing, and education. Staff will always make time to sit down with you to listen to concerns or share information. After school is the best time for this to happen without any distractions and to avoid conflict of interest with the teacher's duty of care for their students. Thank you for your continued support regarding this.

Our newly formed School Council meets this Friday for our termly meeting and we look forward to working with our 5 parent representatives, 2 community and 2 staff members. The School Council supports and promotes the school in the community and provides an additional layer of assistance and governance for the school. They do not make operational decisions but can be asked for feedback in decision-making processes.



As part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum and to compliment current Health lessons with Miss Conway, a free incursion has been arranged for all students, **please note the date has changed to next Monday (23 June 2025)**. These sessions will take place with qualified instructors and Miss Conway.

Our usual clubs/activities will take place this week:

Monday – Brunch Club and Gardening Club

Tuesday – Chess Club

Wednesday – 0-4 Storytelling session with Mrs Hull

Friday – Lunch with the Principal for Wicky Way winners and role models

Have a wonderful week

Boorda

Kind regards,
Hazel Herd



Dates to Remember

JUNE	
17	Pillow Fight Puppet Incursion
20	Principals Lunch
23	Incursion St John
26	Winter Carnival
JULY	
1	Reports Home
2	1:30pm Wicky Way Assembly

WHAT'S ON IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

Monday

Fit Pursuit 5.45-6.30 am, Wickepin Community Centre.

Tuesday

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 are welcome. During school terms. Tara: 0427 333 171

Wednesday

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 is open from 5pm for Happy hour 6-7pm.

Thursday

Fit Pursuit 5.45-6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre.

Friday

Wickepin Playgroup 9-11am during school term. Ages 0-5, Playgroup Building, Campbell St.

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

Saturday

Banksia Bowmen Archery –Winter Shoot Time Saturday 1 – 4pm, Wickepin Community Centre

Sunday

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2025

JUNE

Mon-Tu23-24 th	Auschem Skill Set, Narrogin TAFE
Thurs 26 th	Winter Carnival
Fri 27 th	Yealering Games Afternoon at CWA rooms
Fri-Sun27-29 th	Wickepin Winter Weekend

JULY

Wed 2 nd	School Asembly 1.30 pm
Thurs 3 rd	Facey Group Grain Automate Expo & Machinery Demo
Fri 4 th	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Fri 4 th	School Term 2 end
Sat 5 th	Wickepin Football Club 1975 Grand Final Reunion
Mon 7 th	Watershed News
Mon 7 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue 8 th	Kids Origami Workshop, 10-12pm Wickepin CRC
Tue 15 th	Drum Muster, Contact Shire of Wickepin to book 98881005
Thu 17 th	Movie Day, Mufusa 10-12pm Wickepin CRC
Mon 21 st	Watershed News
Mon 21 st	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 21 st	Term 3 Starts
Thur 31 st	Facey Group Annual Women In Agricultural Event

AUGUST

Fri 1 st	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Mon 4 th	Watershed News
Mon 4 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed 13 th	Wickepin CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Mon 18 th	Watershed News
Mon 18 th	Recycle and Bin Day

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 st	Watershed News
Mon 1 st	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue/Wed 2-3	Eastough's Ag Heavy Vehicle Pilot & Refresher Course Wickepin
Fri 5 th	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Mon 15 th	Watershed News
Mon 15 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri 26 th	Term 3 Ends
Mon 29 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue 30 th	Watershed News

OCTOBER

Fri 3 rd	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Wed 8 th	Wickepin CRC AGM 5.30pm
Mon 13 th	Watershed News
Mon 13 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 14 th	Term 4 Starts
Tue 21 st	Drum Muster Contact Shire of Wickepin to book 98881005

